

AIA MIDDLE PA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Denver, Colorado Site of 2013 AIA National Convention

Rocky Mountains Welcome AIA Members From Across the Country

Even though the smoke of the tragic wild fires that plagued Colorado in June clouded the majestic Rocky Mountains, glimpses were still possible of the beautiful snow caps when the wind blew some of the smoke away. This was a gorgeous setting for the 2013 AIA National Convention. The “Big Blue Bear”, seen at right, mascot of the Denver Convention Center, kept a watchful eye on all of the proceedings.

The Keynote Speaker on Wednesday was Blake Mycoskie, founder of Toms Shoes. He gave an inspiring talk about the need to use our talents and treasure for the good of those who have little. With his “buy one, give one” way of doing business, he has given away millions of pairs of shoes to needy children in distressed countries. His new endeavor involves the sale of quality sunglasses. With each purchase of a pair, a person who cannot see will receive either cataract surgery if needed or a new pair of glasses. This man and his company and partners are really opening the eyes of the world to a brighter future.



Air Force Academy Chapel

When one attends the National Convention, in addition to the vendors on the floor area offering various goods and services, several tour options are offered to attendees. Tom and I were fortunate to attend several of these. Our first was a tour of the Air Force Academy which included the iconic chapel as well as the construction site for the Center for Character and Leadership Development.

We also visited the Red Rocks Natural Amphitheater. This natural wonder has been hosting musical entertainment since the early 20th century and includes such performers as John Denver, naturally, Santana, The Beatles, Willy Nelson, The Grateful Dead and so many more. It’s acoustics are amazing, and the setting is unbelievable. No wonder Red Rocks is a National and State Historic Site.



Red Rocks Natural Amphitheater

Our final two tours took us 120 feet into the air to tour the rehabilitation of the State Capitol Dome and the development of the Lower Downtown Denver (LoDo) area. Both of these tours were very interesting and informative. We also had several opportunities to enjoy the Sixteenth Street Mall which is the longest outdoor pedestrian mall in the country. It offers a multitude of stores and restaurants to satisfy anyone’s tastes. The architecture along it speaks of all eras of Denver’s development.

Denver is a friendly, clean, environmentally conscious city, and it hosted the convention with ease and professionalism. Kudos to AIA Denver and all the volunteers that made it happen.



Air Force Academy Center For Character and Leadership Development

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NEXT MID POINTS

Deadline for articles and information for the next newsletter is:

August 30, 2013

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Message from the President

Tom Columbus, Jr., AIA, LEED AP

It almost seemed like just a few days, even though it wasn't, but there was not much time between lobbying on your behalf in Washington D.C. at Grassroots, and then going to Harrisburg to again lobby on your behalf with State Representatives and Senators. April 8 and 9 found me in Harrisburg with other AIA members from across the Commonwealth.

My team of AIA members consisted of our Middle Chapter member, Brian Hayes, AIA, Adam Trott, AIA, Northeastern Chapter, Roger Williams, AIA, Central Chapter, and me. Each team was assembled based on proximity to each other. Our assignments had the team visiting State Representatives, whose districts crossed the particular team member's Chapter area. Our team visited the offices of Representative Harris, Senator Boscola, Representative Dermody, Senator Wiley, and Representative Reed.

Depending on schedules, if the Representative or Senator was not able to have a face-to-face, an aide was on hand to listen to our talking points. We had an in-depth discussion with whomever was available from the State Office about the moratorium on the PLANCON process and how this action affected many, many architectural offices in the Commonwealth. We also discussed the required continuing education Bill for architectural registration, now in the Senate (SB 804) and in the House (HB 1096) and asked for their vote of support.

After our visits to the State Representatives and Senators, we hustled back to the offices of AIA PA and were debriefed. This was also an opportunity to advise our hired Lobbying Office to make return visits if needed to particular Representatives or Senators. Overall, an efficient and well-run endeavor.

In "Part Two" of my message in this Newsletter, I would like to call your attention to the included letter from the winner of our annual Brueggebor's Design Competition at Penn Tech College (*See Page 5*). So many times when discussing AIA membership with potential members, I am asked, "What is in it for me? What do I get out of paying the membership dues?" The benefits of being an AIA member far outweigh the cost. This would take another message (maybe two) to list the benefits.

However, my point is that being an AIA member is not all about being on the receiving end. Dwight Knouse AIA, Brian Hayes AIA, and Jason Clapp AIA, unselfishly gave their time to travel to Penn Tech twice to discuss the competition, then again to judge and award the winners. Kudos to them! As you can see by the letter, this had a great impact on the student! Someone cared about my design! Great encouragement, great direction in pulling out the good points of the design, and great example of showing another facet of AIA membership!

Involvement of this type is an example of one of the AIA National's points in the Repositioning Movement now going on at National. Please visit their website to learn more.

Until next time,

Tom



Pictured at the State Capitol, from left to right: Mr. Adam Trott AIA; Mr. Brian Hayes, AIA; Aide for Rep. Reed; Mr. Tom Columbus, AIA; and Mr. Roger Williams, AIA

AIA Associates Corner – 2013 Links

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AIA Middle PA Chapter Has PAC Committee Representative

We are very pleased to announce that Mr. Rick Karcher, AIA has volunteered to fill the position of PAC Committee Representative for the AIA Middle PA Chapter. Rick has been active with the Chapter in the past, and we welcome him in this new capacity. Thanks, Rick, for stepping forward to take on this new challenge.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Fred Fernsler, AIA, immediate past PAC Committee Rep, for his fine service and dedication. We look forward to seeing Fred from time to time in his new role as “retiree”!!



Please join us for the

Middle PA Chapter Picnic

July 19, 2013

at The Blairmont Club

(Hollidaysburg, PA)



4:00pm

Executive Committee Meeting

5:30pm

Cocktails

6:00pm

Dinner

The Menu:

Spring Greens with choice of three dressings

Chicken Marsala with Mushrooms

Chocolate Mousse

Water, Soda, Iced Tea & Coffee

Cash Bar

* Any special dietary needs must be requested at time of RSVP



RSVP by July 12, 2013

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Dear AIA of the Pennsylvania Middle Chapter,

I wanted to take a moment to extend my sincere thanks for choosing my design in this year's Charles Brueggebers competition.

I was thrilled when I was announced the winner of first place, with the prize of \$200 dollars to the school store. It was quite the surprise to me, but I am glad my project stood out amongst the others. I plan on using the award money granted to me for future projects in order to more accurately reflect my designs.

I appreciate the time given by Brian Hayes, Dwight Knouse, and Jason Clapp on the morning of May 10th. They individually met with my classmates and me to critique and review our designs. I believe this annual contest is very beneficial for my classmates and me, as it gives us the input of professionals when designing and presenting projects.

If you would, please extend my thanks to the donors within the American Institute of Architects who made their time and this award possible.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Ty Carl Richline Jr." The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ty Carl Richline Jr.

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AIA MIDDLE PENNSYLVANIA SYMPOSIUM

ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS Partners in Progress

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2013

Blair County Convention Center, Altoona

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ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS - Partners in Progress

- Earn HSW and SD credits
- Practical information to share with clients
- Interactive vendor exhibition
- Networking with colleagues from architectural, engineering, construction and related fields

Contact Anne McGrath at annefmcgrath@verizon.net
or 814-539-1317 for more info.

Visit www.aiamiddlepa.org for exhibitor and sponsor info!



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Symposium Set for October 24!

Symposium Line-Up is Confirmed

Planning is moving full steam ahead for the 2013 symposium, scheduled for **Thursday, October 24** at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona. We've recently confirmed our slate of speakers, including:

- **Walt Schneider**, Centre Region Code Administration
- **Janel Everly**, Green Building Alliance – Pittsburgh
- **Karen Arnold and Scott Doyle**, PA Historical and Museum Commission Bureau for Historic Preservation
- **Walt Fowler**, Chatham University
- **Anthony Potter**, Powell Trachtman Logan Carrle & Lombardo

These experts will provide timely and relevant continuing education on key issues, including:

- Common coding mistakes
- Green building innovations
- State and federal historic preservation tax incentives
- "Off the grid" sustainable systems design
- Risk management updates

The Symposium is also a great opportunity to network with colleagues from across the region, and gain insights on the latest architectural and engineering products and services during the interactive vendor exhibition. Check the chapter web site and your in-box for more information and updates throughout the coming months.

For more information, please contact Anne McGrath, event coordinator, at annefmcgrath@verizon.net or 814-539-1317.

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Make Sure You're Receiving the Latest Symposium Updates

This year, we're promoting the Symposium through Constant Contact email, including online registrations. Check your spam setting to ensure you're receiving all of the latest information. If your filter cannot be adjusted to receive Constant Contact emails, please contact Anne McGrath, event coordinator, at annefmcgrath@verizon.net or 814-539-1317, to provide an alternative email or preferred form of communication. Thank you!

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Online Registration Now Open!

No Increase in Symposium Fees in 2013

Online guest registration is now open and ready for business! Guests can register by visiting the chapter website at www.aiamiddlepa.org. Registration fees remain the same as 2011 as noted below:

Member (Register by 9/24)	\$175
Member (After 9/24)	\$200
Non-Member (Register by 9/24)	\$200
Non-Member (After 9/24)	\$225

Please note that in an effort to keep Symposium costs as low as possible, **printed registration materials will not be produced or mailed out**. However, guests can register directly through the chapter website via PayPal or download a paper registration form and mail it to:

Anne McGrath
Event Coordinator
409 Luzerne Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Be sure to budget for the Symposium now to take advantage of the early registration!

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Symposium News *(Continued from Page 7)*

More Exhibitors Sign On for Symposium

The Symposium vendor exhibition continually gets high marks from Symposium guests who appreciate having the time to talk to industry representatives about the latest products and services. Companies appreciate the opportunity, too. Here's an updated list of who has already signed on to join us, with new exhibitors highlighted for easy reference!

- Hanel Storage Systems – Mark Schuette and John Corson, mschuette@hanel.us
- Centria - Ben Marnik, bmarnik@centria.com
- Sherwin-Williams Company – Jim Geist, jim.l.geist@sherwin.com
- Smith-Schaefer – Randy Kania, rkania@smith-schaefer.com
- ELA Group – Matt Harlow and Jackie Auman, jaauman@elagroup.com
- Penn State University – COAA PA
- Fierst Distributing — Jim Tasillo, jim@fierstdistributing.com
- Keller Engineers — Randy Diviney, rdiviney@keller-engineers.com
- Supply Source — Karen Temple, karent@supplysourceinc.com
- Comfort Supply — Brendan Heckler, bheckler@comfortsupplypgh.com

Please be sure to thank these representatives the next time you see them. Look for more information on participating vendors in the weeks and months to come!

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Affiliate Corner

AIA-MPC Welcomes New Affiliate Member

Please join us in welcoming **MechoShade Systems** as our newest affiliate member! MechoShade leading provider of window shading solutions for architects and interior designers. Contact Richard Rosenbaum at richardr@mechoshade.com or Atwill Hudgins at atwill@mechosystems.com. Visit MechoShade Systems at www.mechoshade.com.





2013 Johnstown Chapter
ASHRAE Golf Outing
Thursday, July 18, 2013
Champion Lakes Golf Course
Route 711 – New Florence, PA

Check in will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You will be able to purchase lunch (hot dogs, etc.) at the snack shack or bar. Please be at your cart by 12:45 p.m. for any last-minute instructions by the golf course staff. A shotgun start is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. The format is a four-person scramble. The event will be held, RAIN or SHINE. In the event that the weather prohibits golf, the dinner and prize drawings will be held, and rain checks will be issued for use on the date of your choice.

Please consider sponsoring a hole. See attached form for details.
Thank you in advance.



Name: _____ Tel: _____
Company: _____ Fax: _____
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Sponsor a Hole - \$100.00 1st Choice: _____ \$ _____
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Guest: _____ \$ _____
Guest: _____ \$ _____

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Please have Hole Sponsorships in by **Monday, July 8th**.

To assure your golf reservations please respond by **Wednesday, July 10th, 2013**

