

## AIA MIDDLE PA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

### Archival Chapter Documents Shared With Membership

The following is the oldest piece of chapter business President Dave Albright could find in the archives he inherited as president. It's possibly the first formal meeting of area architects starting the process to form the Middle PA Chapter and break away from Central PA. There are many more historical documents that will be shared over the coming months.

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#### MEMORANDUM

TO: Registered Architects of Middle PA  
ON: Special Dinner Meeting of Central PA Chapter of the  
A.I.A. - September 26, 1985 at 5:30 p.m.  
PURPOSE: Petition for Formation of New A.I.A. Chapter

#### ATTENDANCE:

Hallock	Reffner
Wheeler	Rishel
Whitby	Schettig
Brown	Slonaker
Grube	Suckling
Haas	Summers
Hayes	Wedge
Hermalik	Lee
Hudson	O'Donnell

Guests: C. Balazs  
Foltz  
Hoffman

#### DISCUSSION:

1. Arguments for a new chapter vs. a section of the CPC A.I.A. were presented.
2. A new chapter was preferred with the name of "Middle PA Chapter". There are forty (40) Registered Architects prepared to join as of September 26, 1985.
3. John C. Haas, A.I.A. as President and Robert E. Wedge, A.I.A. was Vice President/President Elect of the proposed new chapter signed the petition with members approving same by their signatures.
4. Richard L. Grube, A.I.A. signed as President of CPC - A.I.A.
5. Richard L. Grube, A.I.A. and Francis D. O'Donnell, A.I.A. will obtain the signatures of the President of PSA and the Institute Director.

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## NEXT MID POINTS

Deadline for articles and information for the next newsletter is:

**November 11, 2016**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Planning for 2017

On October 20, 2016 the chapter Executive Committee and members of the Leadership Team will meet to plan our calendar and priorities for 2017. This will be the final planning meeting of my office, and basically the first for Brian Endler who will assume the role of chapter President in 2017. I'm sure I can speak for every member of the committee and leadership team that we welcome any input from the membership in preparation for this meeting, including attendance. Having said that, I've asked repeatedly over the last two years for member input on various issues but have never heard from anyone that doesn't sit on the executive committee and leadership team. Just saying.

I know no one wants to be chastised or shamed for not being involved in a leadership role for the chapter. But those of us that are involved find are increasingly concerned about the decreasing participation in chapter business, meetings, and continuing education opportunities. Last January I wrote an article concerning AIA National's new accreditation process for all chapters. With great difficulty I was able to present enough evidence to demonstrate that we met an adequate level of member services to garner a one-year, probationary accreditation. I anticipate with the efforts we're making this year to document our attempt to provide member services that correspond to the national requirements; we will achieve a full three-year (two additional) accreditation. If not, we lose our status as an independent chapter and will be absorbed by another; with less access to programs and higher dues. I'll do everything in my power and ability to make sure that doesn't happen but I only have so many tools to work with.

Part of our planning meeting will be looking for new candidates to fill board and committee positions. We recently lost our very committed Treasurer of the last couple years, Rebecca Griffith, to relocation for a new job; and we need a new Vice President not to mention several vacant committee positions. Our ability as a chapter to fill these positions will weigh heavily on our viability as a chapter to exist.

I was fairly inactive in chapter activities for several years in the early stages of my practice, but I am so pleased to have regained my relationship with the excellent colleagues that work hard for the continuation of the chapter and for the comradery with my peers throughout the chapter when we can share a drink and a meal together. I became an associate in the chapter when I moved back to Altoona in 1987 after graduation, and was fortunate to serve as Program Director and spend time with the engaged and active core of members that worked to form this chapter for better service to the Middle PA membership. I'm committed to making sure the efforts of the John Haas', Ann Balazs', Fred Fernslers', Bob Wedges', and many more weren't in vain.

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## AIA Associates Corner — 2016 Links

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## *GOOD OF THE ORDER*

The time of the year has come again. It happens every two years. Our local AIA Middle Chapter will be having elections by the end of the year. Our current Vice-President, Brian Endler, AIA has accepted the nomination of becoming our President for 2017 and 2018. We are heading into some stringent times. AIA National had demanded certain services be available to AIA members. Being an unstaffed Chapter, this demand is an extreme challenge for all of us. This is especially true due to the loss in our Chapter of a strong supporter, Hayes-Large Architects. We are currently reaching out to many parties in the hopes of everyone doing a small part in order to provide the National AIA requirements. I look forward to doing my part and hope you will also do yours.

Until next time,

Tom

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6. It was decided to specify the counties to be encompassed in the new chapter as listed below:

Tioga	Mifflin
Lycoming	Fulton
Clinton	Bedford
Centre	Cambria
Union	Clearfield
Blair	Cameron
Huntingdon	Potter

7. Non-members are requested to join the CPC.- A.I.A. now. Please contact President Grube (814)865-9535 or Terry Slonaker, A.I.A. (717)846-4242 for form. They will be transferred to the new chapter upon approval of the Board of Directors of the A.I.A.

NOTE: Next meeting of proposed new Middle PA Chapter

October 24, 1985 at 6:00 p.m. in Altoona (exact location will be at a later date) for up-date on new chapter. Cost for dinner: \$10.00 to \$12.00 per person. Please verify attendance with Bob Wedge (814) 946-0451 or William Whitby (814)237-6551.


Next meeting of Centre Co. Architects:

October 10, 1985 at 12:15 p.m. All invited. Please verify attendance with Bob Hoffman (814)466-7811 or William Whitby (814)237-6551.

Respectfully submitted,

Organizational Committee

C. Herbert Wheeler, F.A.I.A.  
Won K. Lee, A.I.A.  
Richard L. Karcher, A.I.A.  
Robert H. Hoffman, R.A.  
William F. Whitby, Jr., A.I.A., Chairman

  
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William F. Whitby, Jr.

## AIA PA Promoting Advocacy and Leadership Mentoring Program

AIA PA is launching a new state initiative, the PALM (Promoting Advocacy and Licensure through Mentorship) Program. The purpose of the program is to create a dialogue between registered architects, aspiring architects and architecture students regarding advocacy, career experiences, goals, and thoughts on the past and future of the profession. This is a unique opportunity for architects and architectural students from all over Pennsylvania to share a similar experience that will be executed on a local level.

Each mentor group will have a college students, a graduated aspiring architects, recently licensed architect, and an experienced architect. The advantage of having one person from each level of experience is that the short term and long term goals of each individual can be realized. The PALM Program provides an opportunity for mentoring up and mentoring down. The PALM Program integrates the knowledge of multiple generations within the design industry, aligns different peer groups and evokes informed conversation about the role of architects in the built environment ad society as a whole.

The program is a minimum total of three hours over three months. Each group should meet at least three ties averaging once every 3-4 weeks for an hour each time. The hope is that these will be face to face meetings where the individuals can shake hands and trade stories. The program is modeled after PEA: Philadelphia Emerging Architects local mentoring program which had over 100 participants in each round in the past, The goal of PALM is to bring a quality mentoring program to individuals in Pennsylvania that may not have had such an opportunity in the past.

This information was sent to Mark McWilliams, AIAS President at Penn State University by Joe Adiutory, Jr., State Associate Director, AIA Pennsylvania and Chair of the emerging Professionals Committee. Mr. Adiutory participated in this program in Pittsburgh and will act as a resource for all Penn State architecture students. With this new state-wide program launching this Fall, Mr. Dave Reasinger, Associate AIA will be the coordinator of this program for the AIA Middle PA Chapter.

We hope that many Middle Chapter members will agree to participate in this very important program whose aim is to encourage and bolster young architects, par-

### ***Penn State University AIAS Officers***

Listed below are the officers and Advisor of AIAS at Penn State for this 2016/2017:

***Mark McWilliams President***

***Anna Zaat Vice President***

***Taylor Conrad Secretary***

***Mieke Kissick Treasurer***

***KENDALL MAINZER Advisor***

### **Pennsylvania Architectural Registration Exam Study Materials**

We are happy to announce that Mr. Rick Karcher, AIA, has arranged for his firm, McKissick Kasun, to house the study materials for anyone embarking on the registration process to use. The materials are archived at their Hollidaysburg office at 412 Allegheny Street, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. Thanks, Rick!



# Stuckeman School Lecture Series

Each year the Stuckeman School Lecture and Exhibit Series hosts vibrant, thought-provoking professionals, educators, builders, artists, and icons from the fields of architecture, landscape architecture, and graphic design. We house exhibits showcasing spectacular projects and bodies of work that challenge us to achieve more than just the obvious or adequate. Our guest lecturers and exhibitors come from around the world, and span disciplines and approaches to reveal new ideas and technologies, provide professional focus, and inspire.

All lectures and events are free and open to the public. Unless otherwise noted, all lectures take place in the Stuckeman Family Building Jury Space at 6:00 p.m. Exhibits are housed in the school's Willard Rouse Gallery.

## ***2016-17 Schedule***

### **LECTURES**

- Sept 09 | Mike Webb, Corbelletti Competition
- Sept 21 | Michael Fox
- Oct 05 | Peggy Deamer, Kossman Lecturer
- Nov 09 | Richard T.T. Forman, Bracken Fellow
- Jan 25 | David Gouverneur
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