Happy New Year everyone! I hope this year brings our entire membership peace, prosperity and good health. I’d like to start by thanking you all for affording me this opportunity to serve as your Chapter President. I am truly honored and am looking forward to this great challenge. I will do my best to follow the footsteps of our previous great Presidents who have made this Chapter what it is today.

Speaking of previous great Presidents, I’d like to give a special thanks to Dave Albright for his service and mentorship over the past two years. With all of the new requirements of the Member Services Plan being implemented by AIA National, Dave worked tirelessly to ensure our Chapter was able to maintain its autonomy and continue to operate as an individual Chapter. While the majority of our membership may not realize the time and effort that was required of Dave throughout this process, it certainly did not go unnoticed by me and the rest of the Executive Board. Our sincere thanks Dave!

I’d also like to thank those who continue to volunteer their time and serve the various roles on our Executive Board and other committees. Without you, this Chapter simply would not exist. One observation that I’ve made during my years of involvement with the Chapter is that the same small group of people typically attend our functions and serve on our Board. I understand that not everyone has time to volunteer or attend every event we offer, but I would love to start seeing some new faces at our Chapter meetings, dinners, and building tours. Your participation in events like these is vital for the ongoing success of our Chapter. With that said, if anyone has any suggestions or ideas for an event that would be of interest or continuing education opportunities, I would love to hear them.

My goal as president over the next two years is to try and spark some enthusiasm throughout our Chapter and get more participation and collaboration among our members. Membership in the AIA has some amazing benefits, not least of which is the comradery and friendships that are formed among our fellow architects. So next time you see a flyer for a building tour or a dinner, I hope you’ll consider joining us and take advantage of all our Chapter has to offer!

Cheers to a great 2017!

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Save the Date!

20 Years of AIA-MPC Symposiums

Planning is underway for our 2017 Symposium, scheduled for Thursday, October 26 at the Nittany Lion on the campus of Penn State University.

As always, we’ll have a strong line-up of presenters, exhibitors and special events planned to celebrate the 20th anniversary of our biannual conference. Plan to join us – and spread the word to colleagues, exhibitors and others who may be interested. Details will be announced shortly. Be sure to check your in-box and your mailbox for updates.

For more info or for any questions, please contact Anne McGrath at annefmcgrath@gmail.com or 814-242-6079. See you on October 26!
GOOD OF THE ORDER

It happened yet again. Another terrible incident that drives home the importance of holding dear to us our No. 1 goal, protecting the health, safety and welfare of the building occupants. The Ghost Ship’s horrible fire in Oakland CA claimed 36 lives due to the failure of the building to live up to following Code. The building was not big by Oakland’s commercial building standards, 10,000 square feet but big enough to pack in 50 – 100 people on the second floor – a second floor that had two stairs, both leading to the first floor. They gave no direct access to the outside. Neither were constructed per Code. Thirty six people lost their lives on Dec 2, 2016. How this building flew under the radar will probably be investigated for a long time. Holding dear our No. 1 goal is ever so important.

Until next time,

Tom
AIAS Representatives Attend Annual Forum Conference

Over winter break, ten members from our chapter at Penn State attended the annual FORUM Conference held in Boston this year. For four days, students from Architecture schools all over the country attended workshops, lectures, firm tours, and walking tours of Boston, learning about the rich history and hearing from inspirational speakers about the most popular and pressing issues in the world of architecture today. Keynotes such as David Gamble and Ellen Watts talked about urban regeneration, carbon neutrality, and energy-positive designs. During the conference, we got to explore Quincy Market, walk the Freedom Trail, and take a tour of Harvard’s Architecture studio. We celebrated the new year at the Westin in Copley Square, where the conference was held, with a masquerade Beaux Arts Ball. As well, we voted on the 2017-2018 National AIAS Board of Directors.

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News From Our Affiliates …

From Stahl Sheaffer Engineering, LLC

Canstruction® is a unique charity art exhibition & event featuring structures made entirely of full cans of food. Please pass this along to anyone you know who might be interested in entering a team, sponsoring the event, or viewing the structures at the Nittany Mall in April (weekend of Blue/White game). The Committee is also looking for volunteers. Here’s some key info:

- CANstruction is an engineering-related community outreach event (design and build of a structure made entirely of canned goods).
- All proceeds and cans of food will go to the Centre County Food Bank.
- Team Entry is now open! Deadline is February 1.

For more info, check out https://www.facebook.com/statecollegecanstruction/ or contact Cristina Barnes, Stahl Sheaffer Engineering, at 814.880.5732 or cbarnes@sse-llc.com.

To All of Our Affiliate Members …

Please accept our sincere thanks for your membership and support of our initiatives throughout 2016. We look forward to continuing our partnership in 2017 and beyond. More information on 2017 membership, including options to combine your 2017 membership with a 2017 Symposium booth reservation, is coming soon.

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**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
- Feb 3 | "City, Energy, Information" Symposium
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