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Twenty Years of AIA Middle PA Chapter Symposiums

Bi-Annual Symposium Marks Another Successful Event

The AIA Middle PA Chapter once again held its bi-annual symposium at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College, Pa., on October 26, 2017. Attended by approximately 60 professionals, the day was filled with educational sessions and a Exhibitor Fair which was located in the ballroom.

The education sessions featured Walter G. M. Schnieder III, PhD, PE, CBO, MCB who addressed the top 5 accessibility problems observed in plan review. Mindy Gulden Crawford, Executive Director, Preservation Pennsylvania, discussed Historic Resources + Development + Economic Vitality + A Sense of Place. The third session featured Peggy Fayfich, Founder and President, Strategic Retreats Co-Founder, Leadership Lab Mentor, presented Executive presence Communicating Across Generations. AIA 2017 Documents was the subject of the fourth education session by Michael Cremonese, Attorney at Burke Cromer Cremonese. The final session of the afternoon covered Ethics and Claims and was presented by Katherine Wrenshall, Attorney at Burke Cromer Cremonese. Those attending all of these sessions earned a total of 5.5 LU hours.

When not attending the continuing education sessions, attendees were able to interact with 21 vendors in the Exhibitor Fair. These companies included Adams, An Old Caste Company, ATAS International, Inc., Avail Business Systems, Bobrick/Architectural Resources, Bricks and Stone, CENTRIA, CFI Knoll, Comfort Supply, Cosentino, Daltile (& Natural Stone), E. B. Endres, Inc., Fierst Distributing Company, Fishman Flooring Solutions, Forbo Flooring Systems, Glen-Gery Corporation, Keller Engineers, Inc, Modernfold, Ollinger Brick, Portico Systems, The Sherwin Williams Company, Stahl Sheaffer Engineering, LLC. We thank each and every one of the vendors for participating in the 2017 symposium and helping to make it another success.

The day was not without delicious meals. Lunch was served in the ballroom, and we were privileged to welcome Bill Bates, Vice President of Real Estate at Eat'n Park and Vice President/President Elect of AIA National. Mr. Bates addressed the attendees and discussed the various activities and causes undertaken by the National organization.

The evening reception and dinner wrapped up the day in the ballroom. Anthony S. Potter, Esquire, Attorney/Shareholder Powell Trachtman, was the guest speaker, and he addressed an Overview and Introduction to Architectural Ethics. A tour of the Penn State Department of Architecture SALA Building concluded the day.

Thank you to Pamela Crooks who did an outstanding job as the organizer/coordinator of the 2017 Symposium, and to Tom Columbus, Jr., AIA, LEED, who has taken the helm of this event since the inception of this event and once again came through with an outstanding effort. Also thank you to all our vendors that participated once again and provided an important and essential segment. The vendors have been essential to the success of the symposium from the beginning. Finally, thank you to all who attended. We hope you gained important information and insight for your role as a professional in architecture and that you will benefit in the future from attending.

See you 2019!!!

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Diviney & Associates, Structural Engineers, LLC beginning January 1, 2018 **Randy Diviney, P.E., Announces Establishment of New Firm**



I am pleased to announce the formation of Diviney & Associates Structural Engineers, LLC.

Our new office will be located in downtown Hollidaysburg. You will not notice any difference in service as the entire structural department from Keller Engineers will be transitioning to the new firm. Terry Triest and Darin Decker will be joining me as associates. An official correspondence is forthcoming. We will continue to work out of our current location until January 1, 2018. Information will begin to appear with the Diviney & Associates logo. We will be proactive in letting you know which projects fall under the new firm name. Please forward this information to your staff.

Thanks for your continued support and we look forward to a smooth transition.

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I am not sure if you have seen it or not yet, but the Senate Finance Committee is in the process of marking up the Senate's version of the tax reform legislation to rewrite our nation's tax code. Modest improvements were made to protect the Nation's current Historic Tax Credit, but not in full as it stands now. Currently, exclusion of lower small business tax rates (affecting a multitude of small architectural firms) and exclusion of the tax deduction for energy efficient commercial buildings (179D) are still part of the new tax laws. I am sure I need not "preach to the choir" on how much this will affect your business. One of the many benefits of AIA is to stay on top of issues such as this and alert our membership in order for our group to contact our Legislators in mass and become part of the larger AIA squeaking wheel. For your own firm's good, do not hesitate in contacting your Federal Senator on the above matter. As always, feel free to visit the AIA Website for more info.

Until next time,

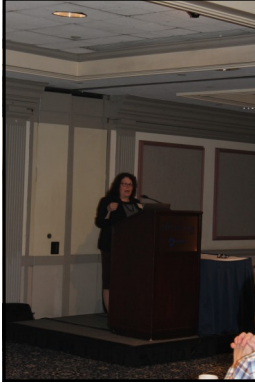
Tom

Pennsylvania Architectural Registration Exam Study Materials

We are happy to announce that Mr. Rick Karcher, AIA, has arranged for 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!



Some Photos from the 2017 Symposium



*Ms. Mindy Gulden
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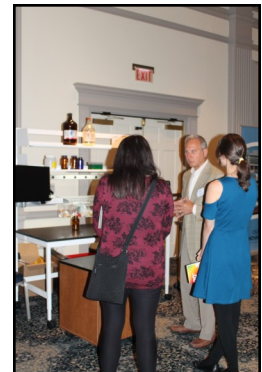


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