

## AIA MIDDLE PA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

*GBA Joins AIA and ASHRAE*

### 2009 LEED Changes Discussed

The Annual AIA Middle Chapter / ASHRAE joint meeting focused on the changes that are happening to the LEED rating system in 2009. Ms. Aurora Sharrard of the Green Building Alliance presented a synopsis that succinctly reported ratings and how they differ from the old.

Ms. Sharrard reported that new book shelf units will be available for Green Building Design and Construction, Interior Design and Construction and Operations and Maintenance — all 2009 editions. She also reported that after June 26, 2009, all new projects will have to be registered under LEED 2009.

In the 100 point certification process, the following are the levels of certification for points awarded: A total of 40 points will constitute a LEED



certified building; 50 points, Silver; 60 points, Gold; and 80+ points will be a Platinum Certified building.

Ms. Sharrard discussed the new LEED Certification Protocol and reported that the USGBC promises regular updates — every two years. There have been changes and additions on the standards side and the addition of Regional Bonus Credits. This permits each region to put emphasis on areas that are of particular importance to them. Of the six regional bonus credits, the professional may choose four for the project under consideration.

Presently, there are over 100,000 LEED Accredited Professionals (AP) in the world. These will be called Legacy AP's when the new system begins. USGBC is working through the various organizational issues that invariably occur when there are changes to existing systems. The new user-friendly interface with LEED online and streamline reporting will help professionals get through the next few months.

◀ AIA Middle Chapter members gather to learn more about the 2009 LEED changes

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▲ Aurora Sharrard, Green Building Alliance, presents to joint meeting attendees



▲ ASHRAE members join the Middle Chapter for a presentation outlining the 2009 LEED changes

## NEXT MID POINTS

Deadline for articles and information for the next newsletter is:

**June 26, 2009**

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- Executive Committee Minutes
- Membership Information
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## Message From the President

Rick Cyman, AIA

I hope this letter finds you all well, still gainfully employed, and professionally challenged. Over the last year, changes in the business environment and economy have raced along at such a pace that I sometimes feel overwhelmed and unable to keep up with all of the transformations that are taking place. Regardless of your political point of view, it is hard to argue with the thought that we are most likely entering uncharted waters. I believe that in these difficult times, the AIA can play a key role and be a beneficial resource in providing valuable industry information that will help guide us through future changes.

As promised in the March newsletter, the results to the Chapter Member Survey have been compiled and are included with this newsletter. Therefore, if you have an interest in this kind of information, you may enjoy reviewing the results. Also if you recall, I mentioned in the last newsletter that over 30 surveys were returned to us, but in fact, we only received 21, which represents a 22% response rate. After reviewing the survey responses a number of times, there were several items that stood out most in my mind. Below, I have highlighted the statistics that I find most interesting:

- 90% of the respondents feel that chapter meetings should always provide an opportunity for continuing education credits.
- 86% of the respondents feel that being an AIA member is beneficial to their career.
- 71% of the respondents indicated that the chapter should be focused on attracting new members.
- 71% of the respondents feel that the chapter newsletter provides essential information and updates but only 33% use the website on a regular basis.
- 71% agree that broadcasting e-mails to all members about architectural related events is the most efficient way to communicate.
- 52% of the respondents do not feel that they are engaged in chapter activities.
- 52% of the respondents indicated that they would be more involved in the chapter if they had more free time.
- 33% of the respondents feel that they would be more involved in the chapter if the presentations were more interesting.

I would like to thank all those members who completed the Chapter Surveys; I think they provide some valuable insight into what we, as a chapter, are doing now and what we can improve upon in the future.

On March 18<sup>th</sup> we held our first Continuing Education Luncheon and had 15 participants. To refresh your memory, these luncheons are offered free of charge and provide an opportunity to attend up to three one hour classes, earn three credits, have a nice lunch, and visit with your friends and colleagues. Our next event is scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup> in State College. Detailed flyers were sent out to let you know of this opportunity, so if your schedule allows please consider participating.

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## AIA Associates Corner — 2009 Links

### **Seth H. Wentz, Associate AIA**

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## Business Cents

Occasional comments on the business of design by J. Richard Fruth, AIA

How is the great recession hitting you? Newspapers have been plentiful with articles on architecture, going green and self help. A sampling of a few of them from the Wall Street Journal:

Friday, April 24, Section W included a feature on how the global slowdown has resulted in an end to the 'sky is the limit' mega projects. The article focused on several international firms and how their projects have slowed and stopped. The lesson seems to be that 'very spectacular and iconic' design is out and that 'improvisation' is in.

Maybe because of 'down time' the WSJ was able to commission several architects to draw up plans for the most energy-efficient houses that they could imagine. These appeared in the April 27 Energy section. Designs were presented by Cook + Fox, Rios Clementi Hale Studios, William McDonough + Partners and Mouzon Design. I liked the environmental skin of the Cook + Fox house which changes with the sunlight. A related article questioned the effectiveness of the smart electric meters that have been promoted in other parts of the country.

Strategies for Survival was the subject in the April 23 Journal. Eight features stretch your mind on how to deal with the downturn. A ninth article, We've Been Here Before, discusses what Henry Heinz, Procter & Gamble and Tom Watson, Sr. did during the depressions of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. It ends with the thought that maybe some of us are 'hunkering down' too much when we need to relentlessly pursue the opportunities that this economy presents.

You can catch these back issues at your library on on-line at [wsj.com](http://wsj.com). And you can stretch your mind and sharpen your skills for the economic bounce back in 2010 at the Middle Pennsylvania Symposium mentioned elsewhere in this issue of Mid-Points. This is an opportunity to make sure that you are up to speed on the latest green regulations and how they impact your clients and create possibilities for new innovations. See you there!



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# 2009 BRUEGGEBORS MEMORIAL DESIGN COMPETITION

## TO HONOR WILLIAM H. EALER

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ARCHITECTURE AT THE PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

This year's competition focuses on designing a Memorial Garden in memory of William H. Ealer, an assistant professor of architecture from 1965—2009 at Penn College and its predecessor, The Williamsport Area Community College.

### Competition is open to ALL students enrolled in ACH122 Site Design

The top ten projects, as determined by the instructor, will be eligible to compete for the following awards:

1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$500 Gift Certificate

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$250 Gift Certificate

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$100 Gift Certificate

(Gift Certificates are for the Penn College Bookstore)

**Member architects of the AIA Middle PA Chapter will  
judge the final ten projects on May 11, 2009 at 2pm.**

\* Special Thanks to Fernsler Architecture, State College, PA for sponsoring the first place prize in honor of Charles E. Brueggebors, AIA (1940 - 2008) former president of the AIA Middle Pennsylvania Chapter who served 27 years as Penn State University's campus architect responsible for campus master planning, building, and landscape design at all Penn State locations.



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## President *(Continued from Page 2)*

Because a large number of members are struggling due to the economic climate, the AIA has adopted a yearly dues payment program. Rather than paying in a lump sum, the program allows members to make installment payments. Our Chapter has chosen to opt into this program, so if any member wishes to participate, further information is available by contacting AIA National.

We are still in the process of planning our Habitat for Humanity Project. Presently, we are awaiting a decision by the Habitat Board of Bedford County on the selection of a family and site. Our fund raising initiative for the project is doing very well; to date we have collected over \$15,000, as well as numerous donations for material. I am hopeful that we can still get the project started this summer, but we really cannot do much more until the Board makes its selection.

We are still in need of volunteers and have a few opportunities on the board if you would like to become involved at that level. If you have the time and inclination, please consider getting involved in the chapter. Personally, I have found that the more involved I am with the activities, the more I get out of it....perhaps this is the right time for you.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Regards,

Rick

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## SAVE THE DATE!

2009 AIA-MPC Symposium

Just the Facts -

*Straight Talk on IBC and LEED Certification Changes*

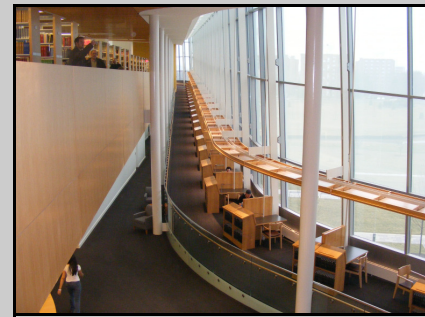
Thursday, November 5

Penn Stater

Join architects, engineers and other professionals from around the state for vital end-of-the-year updates on the 2010 IBC and LEED changes. Earn CES credits, network with colleagues, and spend time with exhibitors who will be showcasing the industry's latest products and services.

A special reception and dinner presentation will cap off the day. Look for on-line registration information in the coming months.

For vendor and sponsor information or more Symposium details, contact Anne McGrath, event coordinator at 814.539.1317 or [annefmcgrath@verizon.net](mailto:annefmcgrath@verizon.net). You can also download information at [www.aiamiddlepa.org](http://www.aiamiddlepa.org). See you in November!



▲ Study Carrels with a priceless view in the new Dickinson Law Building

## ***Dickinson Law School Building New Home To Students***

The AIA Middle Chapter was able to be a part of a tour of the completed Katz Law Building of the Dickinson Law School at University Park. The “home” to more than 500 students, this new, unique building offers views of the Penn State University not possible from any other vantage point on Campus.

Tim Hartung, Partner at Polcheck Partnership, Design Architect, discussed the LEED Certified building. The process spanned three years beginning in 2005 with building completion in December, 2008. Classes began in January, 2009.

Containing 114,000 gross square feet, the Law Library is the core function with 46,000 square feet. Additionally, there are 12 classrooms, a 65-seat courtroom, a 40-seat café, 2,000 square feet of commons area, and a 12,000 square foot green roof.

An incredible challenge, and incredible solution . . . job well done!

### **POST-MODERNISM TO GREENISM?**

All around us are references to green building design. It is very hard if not impossible to pick up a newspaper or magazine and not see an article related to green building design somewhere within it. Various government bodies have taken steps to incorporate green design in their new structures. Building material manufacturers have been and continue to address green products somewhere within their product line, if not their entire product line. The number of Architects and Engineers becoming LEED Accredited Professionals is increasing. As one involved in the construction industry and getting caught in the flow of this beneficial movement, can you not help but imagine the shape of buildings to come? Can you not imagine what architectural historians will be calling this “style” of architecture that had its real start in our lifetime,

## **The Importance of Site Selection in obtaining LEED™ Certification**

Third in a series of articles on LEED Design Projects by Jason Feidler

Opinions on the technical side of sustainable design and LEED™ certification by Jason Feidler, AIA, LEED AP

The ‘Sustainable Sites’ portion of LEED™ for New Construction contains (14) available LEED™ points. Of those (14), I would tend to classify about half of them as ‘no cost’ points and the other half as ‘negligible’ or ‘low cost’ points; and, with some minor persuasion, I may even be compelled to slide one or two of those credits into an upfront ‘potential savings’ category.

Without digging too deeply into each of the credits, the ‘no cost’ credits are a direct reflection of the building site and surrounding neighborhood. Points can be achieved simply for being in the vicinity of existing bus routes and community services or avoiding prime farmland or floodplain areas. In general; an urban, previously developed, impervious, brownfield site is the best choice for a LEED™ project while a rural cornfield near a body of water would be the worst available site option.

In regards to the ‘low cost’ points; the addition of bicycle racks, designated parking spaces, and additional landscaping to a project can continue to add to your running point total while adding minimal costs to the construction budget. Several credits also reward the project for not developing portions of the site. Limiting the amount of ‘hard surface’ paving while providing for additional open ‘green’ space can provide two additional points that could actually be considered as a reduction in the overall construction cost.

Our projects often come to us with a pre-selected or existing site, however, for those projects where we have input into site selection and where green design standards are part of the project, take some time to consider some of the potential strategies outlined in the LEED™ process. When compared side by side to some of the more costly sustainable design decisions such as introducing on-site alternative energy (solar or wind) or investing in upgraded HVAC systems and building envelopes, site selection can be an attractive alternative to offset the burden of other high cost LEED™ credits on budget-sensitive LEED™ projects.



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## COMPLIMENTARY CONTINUING EDUCATION LUNCHEON

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**May 13, 2009**

**10:45 am—2:30 pm**

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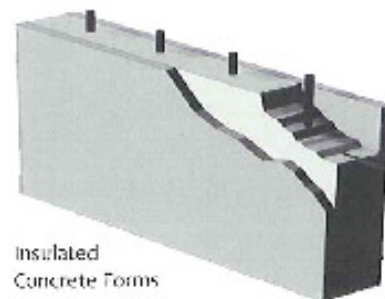
10:45 am—11:00 am	Arrival
11:00 am—12:00 pm	Pella® Windows
12:00 pm—12:30 pm	Lunch
12:30 pm—1:30 pm	Zurn—Restroom Solutions for Sustainable Design
1:30 pm—2:30 pm	Going Green with Insulated Concrete Forms
2:30 pm	Adjourn



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University Park, PA 16802

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Refer to the attached map & index of the Penn State Campus  
or visit: <http://www.compusmaps.psu.edu/print/>

To reserve your seat, please contact:

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>> RSVP by Wednesday, May 6, 2009 <<





1 The AIA dues represent a good value.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
		4	8	8	1
<p>* All three levels of AIA have gone to communicating electronically, resulting in significant savings. Wish all (3) AIA levels would pass some of their savings back to members by reducing dues.</p> <p>* National dues are high but result is good: information, conferences, documents, etc. State &amp; Local dues do not seem to get us much.</p> <p>* Dues are probably the only thing preventing some to join. Corporations such as Kimball pay thousands for employee dues. It is questionable if it has value.</p> <p>* I agree, but wish the local chapter did more.</p>					
2 Being a member of AIA is beneficial to my career.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
			3	14	4
<p>* documents, PAC, technical &amp; general information regarding practice.</p> <p>* It was beneficial.</p> <p>* It can be if you become involved.</p>					
3 The Local Board is dedicated and competent.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
			5	11	4
<p>* I haven't been involved to know.</p> <p>* Do not know the local board.</p> <p>* Many have been there a long time. Great group!</p> <p>* I haven't been here long enough yet to know.</p>					
4 The Local Board does a competent job of communicating to its members.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
		4	4	11	2
<p>* Could be better.</p> <p>* Website, newsletter, email, (flyers are a plus)</p> <p>* Maybe I'm not on the email list, but if the newsletter and other events were emailed, that would help me.</p>					
5 The local chapter should focus on attracting new members.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
			4	14	1
<p>* I haven't been involved to know.</p> <p>* One chapter I belonged to celebrated newly-registered architects by inviting them to a function as a guest of the chapter. Do we (still) do this?</p> <p>* This should be ongoing.</p> <p>* There seems to be a fair amount of non-AIA member firms in the region.</p> <p>* I don't think it needs to be a "focus" because veteran non-members in this area probably won't ever join. The focus may be on new architects or those moving into the area.</p> <p>* Always- Perhaps emphasize Associate Member, non-degree persons</p> <p>* Specifically younger members going through the IDP process.</p>					



6	The local chapter presentations are beneficial and informational.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
			1	3	13	2
<p>* Could be - seem to occur when I have other on going mtg commitments (Nans &amp; Wads are bad for me for AIA mtgs).</p> <p>* Have never attended a meeting.</p> <p>* Topics not always relevant.</p>						
7	The local chapter presentations are held at a convenient time.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
		1	1	7	11	1
<p>* Time is OK, but locations are difficult to get to.</p>						
8	Chapter Meetings should always provide an opportunity to receive continuing education credits.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
			1	1	14	5
<p>* Major advantage for chapter membership.</p> <p>* Maybe not ALWAYS, but certainly most of them.</p> <p>* Not always, but an occasional opportunity to receive credits would be nice.</p> <p>* The more, the better.</p>						
9	I feel I am engaged in chapter activities.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
		1	7	4	2	3
<p>* Not active.</p> <p>* I live in a very rural area, so its difficult to make any meetings. Additionally, the AIA seems unsure of what chapter to put me in, so they switch me year to year.</p> <p>* Unfortunately not.</p> <p>* I plan on making a better effort this year.</p>						
10	If I had more free time, I would be more involved in the local chapter.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
			5	5	9	1
<p>* Involved now.</p> <p>* Unclear value at this time.</p> <p>* Distance is biggest factor.</p> <p>* "more free time" - what's that?</p> <p>* Involvement is simply a choice.</p> <p>* Possibly...</p> <p>* My free time isn't the issue, it's more about communication and not seeing as many others like myself at the events.</p>						
11	If the presentations were more interesting, I would be more involved in the chapter.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
			3	9	7	
<p>* I cannot comment on this (I have not attended).</p>						

12	I would come to more chapter presentations if there were no fees.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
		1	10	6	4	
<p>* Costs come out of my personal budget - not paid by business where I work.</p> <p>* Some events should be free to members - or included as part of the dues.</p> <p>* This seems like an obvious one, but it makes sense for someone who is young in the profession.</p>						
13	The Chapter Newsletter provides essential information and updates.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
			1	5	13	2
<p>* The newsletter is very well done. Who designed the template?</p> <p>* Nice</p> <p>* It provides OK info, not sure if it is essential</p> <p>* It needs to be issued regularly so members know when it is coming and the information is timely and pertinent.</p>						
14	The Newsletter should be our primary means of communication.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
			6	1	9	2
<p>* Email.</p> <p>* Consider electronic/online management.</p> <p>* I think the chapter's executive committee contacts just the right amount.</p> <p>* Yes, but it is one of several</p> <p>* It also communicates to non members by being on our site.</p> <p>* It is too infrequent.</p> <p>* Email is essential these days!</p> <p>* Not primary.</p> <p>* The newsletter works very well, but emailed announcements are another great way to communicate.</p>						
15	Broadcasting emails to all members about architectural-related events is the most efficient way to communicate.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
			1	3	11	4
<p>* However, if attendance is lacking, follow-up phone calls might help.</p> <p>* It is another way - especially last minute reminders</p> <p>* It is most instant.</p> <p>* One of the ways...</p> <p>* Emailed announcements are a great way to communicate.</p>						
16	The AIA Middle Chapter website is a useful tool.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
			3	6	7	1
<p>* Have not been on it.</p> <p>* So much comes via email that it is spam, most immediately wiped out except for known names. I do not have time to search and check website.</p> <p>* Don't know, rarely use it.</p> <p>* Gee - I never knew that.</p> <p>* It needs to be.</p> <p>* I agree, but sometimes it seems like it's being under-utilized.</p>						

17	The AIA Middle Chapter website is user-friendly and easy to navigate.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
			2	6	8	1
<p>* Have not been to it.</p> <p>* Can't comment - do not go to it often, if at all.</p> <p>* Rarely use it.</p> <p>* ? I'll check it out.</p> <p>* Room for improvement.</p>						

18	How often do you use the website?	Never	Seldom	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
		5	6	5	1	1
<p>* Have not used this.</p> <p>* Have not been to it.</p> <p>* Strictly for business purpose @ work - for only "fun" @ home.</p> <p>* Due to lack of useful info.</p> <p>* Need link to AIA Home Page.</p> <p>* Bi-monthly - when newsletter comes out.</p> <p>* I'm new to this chapter and have not yet used the website.</p>						

19	The bi-annual Middle Chapter symposium is beneficial.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
				7	8	4
<p>* Can't answer, I haven't been involved to know.</p> <p>* Never attended.</p> <p>* Historically it has given the most CEUs.</p> <p>* I haven't attended since I haven't been a member long enough--looking forward to it.</p>						

20	What would you like to see happen within the Middle Chapter in 2009?					
<p>* Possibility of regional mini-chapters for local issue research, collective learning credit events, more participation for members in AIA activities.</p> <p>* More Atlanta Meetings</p> <p>* Some how move events to different days of the week - not majority of time on Weds., plan events a year ahead with info to and long term plans to attend.</p> <p>* Have the symposium; Tours of members' projects.</p> <p>* More attendance / participation from members.</p> <p>* Higher participation, especially from PSC faculty &amp; students.</p> <p>* The planned calendar looks good.</p> <p>* Let's begin more Grassroots Lunches - 1 Hour+ to encourage interaction.</p>						

21. If you could change one thing within/about the chapter, what would it be?
- \* Provide better communication link with AIA-PA which in pursuing state level issues critical to our practice so we can be informed & engaged.
  - \* Aids toward Licensure
  - \* Lower dues (for a one-person firm - \$300+ is a lot of money!)
  - \* Consider moving meetings to Tuesday or Thursday.
  - \* Get graphic Center - It is more convenient for us to go to Harrisburg or Wilkes-Barre.
  - \* Point persons to reach out to non-members that can be members.
  - \* Overcome the limitations of an all volunteer staff.
  - \* More member interaction through informal luncheons, work sessions, and Q&A sessions.
  - \* All in all, I would like to see more interns going through IDP at the events, more events for less money, and better communication.
22. Additional Comments:
- \* Integration with ASHRAE, CSI, USGBC, maybe with connection to larger chapters -- Philadelphia/Pittsburgh -- for added learning and awareness, professional development.
  - \* Pre-set our direction when learning credits become state mandatory (already AIA mandatory but un-enforced.)
  - \* Since I have been an Emeritus member for many years, my interest in the chapter is minimal. Please keep up the good work; I do not practice.
  - \* Would like Newsletter to specifically define relationship with AIA Pittsburgh & what benefits are available to Middle Chapter members via same.
  - \* As one who volunteers for many other committees, etc. I appreciate all that the board does. It is just difficult for those of us in Lycoming, and Union Counties to be involved. We are split between 3 AIA chapters and as a result do not feel part of the AIA/PA Chapter any more than we do the NEPA or Central PA Chapters.
  - \* Thank you for this feedback.

## Survey Results

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
1 The AIA dues represent a good value.		4	8	8	1
2 Being a member of AIA is beneficial to my career.			3	14	4
3 The Local Board is dedicated and competent.			5	11	4
4 The Local Board does a competent job of communicating to its members.		4	4	11	2
5 The local chapter should focus on attracting new members.			4	14	1
6 The local chapter presentations are beneficial and informational.		1	3	13	2
7 The local chapter presentations are held at a convenient time.	1	1	7	11	1
8 Chapter Meetings should always provide an opportunity to receive continuing education credits.		1	1	14	5
9 I feel I am engaged in chapter activities.	4	7	4	2	3
10 If I had more free time, I would be more involved in the local chapter.		5	5	9	1
11 If the presentations were more interesting, I would be more involved in the chapter.		3	9	7	
12 I would come to more chapter presentations if there were no fees.	1	10	6	4	
13 The Chapter Newsletter provides essential information and updates.		1	5	13	2
14 The Newsletter should be our primary means of communication.		8	1	9	2
15 Broadcasting emails to all members about architectural-related events is the most efficient way to communicate.		1	3	11	4
16 The AIA Middle Chapter website is a useful tool.		3	6	7	1
17 The AIA Middle Chapter website is user-friendly and easy to navigate.		2	6	8	1
19 The bi-annual Middle Chapter symposium is beneficial.			7	8	4
	Never	Seldom	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
18 How often do you use the website?	5	6	5	1	1

Out of 95 Surveys, 21 surveys were returned (22.1%)



Years of Membership	# of Members	
Up to 5 years	4	III
5 > 10 years	3	III
10 > 15 years		
15 > 20 years		
20 > 25 years	3	III
25 > 30 years	2	II
30 > 35 years		
35 > 40 years	2	I
40 or more years	1	Ref

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