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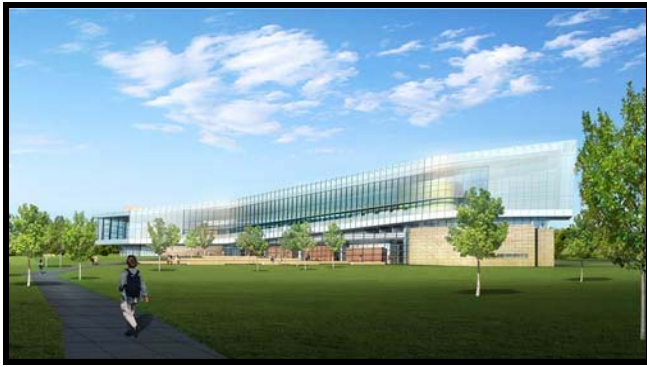
Middle Pennsylvania

Celebrating
20-Year
Anniversary

December 2006 / January 2007

Exploration of Dual Campus Environs Discussed

Dickinson School of Law Topic of Lecture Series



*Dickinson School of Law Building
Pennsylvania State University Main Campus
Polshek Partnership Architects*

In a rare opportunity, the Middle Chapter's membership was treated to an extremely interesting discussion of an unusual project. Tim Hartung of the Polshek Partnership illuminated the complicated but interesting study of the co-evolution of both the Carlisle and University Park Campuses of the Dickinson School of Law.

During his introduction, Mr. Hartung gave a brief snapshot of his firm and recently completed projects. A diversified staff, Polshek Partnership consists of members from 34 states and 10 countries with 35% of the employees women and 29% minorities. There are 9 partners, and the firm is headquartered in New York City. Recent projects include the Clinton Presidential Library, Holland Performing Arts in Omaha, Nebraska, the New York Botanical Building and

the Cornell Care Facility located in New York City.

The Dickinson project started in the Fall of 2005. The initial premise was to find a relationship between the two campuses. Because both will be contributing to the local communities, they were evaluated for environmental effects — wind, solar, site entry, views — and how best to relate the new campus to each situation. Common elements for both were evaluated as well as “zones of influence”. A major consideration at the Carlisle Campus was how to handle Trickett Hall — should it be retained and, if so, how to integrate this landmark with the new building. Hypothetical site responses were done resulting in the University Park building designed as a gateway to the campus. Public outcry against the possible removal of Trickett Hall and more questions resulted in suspension of work on the Carlisle Campus.

Mr. Hartung continued his discussion on the design of the University Park building covering topics such as the building program, in which the Library would occupy 50% of the floor plan, and materials selection. These building materials included Pennsylvania limestone as well as zinc panels for an exterior finish. However, after further investigation, an all glass building gained favor and the final design was completed. It is important to note that this design included sustainability elements, an important consideration for this project.

Construction of the Dickinson Law School Building on the University Park Campus is scheduled to begin in December, 2006 with completion scheduled for January, 2009.



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From the President's Desk

Yogi Berra once said, "If you don't know where you are going, you'll end up someplace else." I believe AIA Middle PA knows where it is going in 2007 thanks to the all the generous and talented people that have volunteered to get involved and serve our mission. Our new web site (where hopefully you are now reading this newsletter) is one example of dedication from our peers.

At our last executive committee work session we established several goals and outlined a year filled with much activity. AIA Middle PA will be represented at the annual Grassroots Conference in Washington, DC in February and at the National Convention in San Antonio, Texas in May. The Chapter will again hold joint meetings with the ASHREA Johnstown Chapter in April and with the CSI Pennsylvania Railroad Chapter in March. (Note: The regular monthly CSI meetings held in Tyrone offer architects another source for educational opportunities.)

In addition to the much heralded AIA150, the coming year is also a symposium year for our Chapter. The symposium will be held on October 25, 2007 at the Johnstown Convention Center with participation from the Green Building Alliance. More details will follow.

We certainly plan to hold our annual picnic in July. There is a special building tour in the works and some other interesting programs we are considering. Check for updates during the year at aiamiddlepa.org.

It is important that we continue the dialogue with architectural students, particularly AIAS members at Penn State started by our Past President, Fred Fernsler. In place already is the lecture series at PSU SALA building which is a great opportunity to visit the educational environment of today's students. This year we would also like to reach out to students from Penn College in Williamsport. Penn College has graciously accepted to host a Chapter meeting enabling members and affiliates around that area to attend a meeting more conveniently. The date still needs to be determined.

Lastly, there are three New Year suggestions for getting involved in 2007: 1) If you missed the *Pennsylvania Builds 2006: A Regional Design Showcase of New Buildings*, there will be opportunity to submit for the 2007 issue. The publication is a joint effort of Pennsylvania Business Central and the AIA Middle PA planned to promote architectural design accomplishments in our region. 2) Make a Political Action Committee (PAC) Contribution/ Pledge for 2007. AIA PA estimates that if every registered architect member of AIA Pennsylvania gave just \$25 the PA PAC would have close to \$50,000 to support the preservation of the Architectural Profession. 3) Contribute an article for the newsletter. Send articles to our editor, Dee Columbus, at tdta2000@comcast.net. We would like to hear from you.

Brian W. Hayes, AIA
President, AIA Middle PA Chapter



2007 Leadership Set for Middle Chapter

Tentatively our new Executive Committee is now in place as a result of our November 1, 2006 meeting. Brian Hayes is our new President who will serve us well.

President.....	Brian Hayes
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Appointments/2007 Leadership Team	
Programs North	Kevin Dunham
Programs South	Tim Hoffman
Continuing Education Registrar	Brian Mayko
Webpage Committee	Giselle Lewis
2007 Symposium.....	Tom Columbus, Chair
Past President	Fred Fernsler
AIA 150 Chair.....	Program Withdraw
Membership	Dan Roe
-State Membership Committee Representative	
Government Affairs.....	Rick Karcher
-State Government Affairs Committee Representative	

We have yet to fill the position of 2nd Vice-President. We need a volunteer! Someone please step forward.

A few final comments are in order as I step down and return to my practice.

Unfortunately we cancelled our AIA 150 project for 2007 as no one stepped forward to assume Rob Schuster's role as "Champion" with his sudden departure to California.

On a bright note our Chapter income has slightly exceeded our expenses for the year. A proposed budget for 2007 has been proposed under the watchful eye of our excellent Treasurer, Doug Henry, as follows:

2006 Surplus	\$ 460.35
<u>Income Budget 2007</u>	
Membership Dues	\$ 6,700.00
Dinners	\$ 3,100.00
Dinner Sponsorships	\$ 1,200.00
Interest-Checking	\$ 0.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 0.00
Newsletter Ads	\$ 3,150.00
Symposium (October 2007)	\$ 0.00
Architectural Film Series	\$ 550.00
AIA Document Reimb.	\$ 700.00
Affiliate Dues	\$ 2,380.00
Convention Reimb. from Fred Fernsler	\$ 0.00

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2007 Leadership



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Expenses

Newsletter/Postage	\$2,400.00
Miscellaneous Printing and Postage	\$350.00
Dinners	\$3,000.00
Speakers	\$260.00
Public Relations (AIA 150)	\$0.00
Travel	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$200.00
AIA Liability Insurance	\$575.00
Post Office Box	\$80.00
AIA Pittsburgh	\$0.00
Webpage	\$1,200
Symposium (October 2005)	\$0.00
Architectural Film Series	\$550.00
Contributions	\$1,000.00
AIA Grassroots	\$360.00
<i>National Convention</i>	<i>\$4,000.00</i>
Total Project Expenses	\$13,975.00

Net Balance (Surplus) \$3,805.00



Check out Anna Childe's masterpiece website at aiamiddlepa.org.

Look forward to Symposium 2007 under the outstanding leadership of Tom Columbus.

Tune in for more action with ASHRAE and "green" buildings and CSI.

Hopefully we can find a little extra in our wallets to support our PAC which will make a difference. A little from everyone will help a lot.

As I finish my article as now Past President, I look back on the terrific support of the Executive Committee and the many new faces I have met this past year.

Best wishes to Brian Hayes as our respected leader.

Thanks for the privilege and for reinvigorating my interest in my profession.

Frederick J. Fernsler, NCARB, AIA
Past President

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

Remember —Brian L. Mayko, Associate AIA, is the Continuing Education Registrar for the Middle Chapter. Don't forget to get your information to Brian to make sure that all of your credits are counted.

HEY!! LET'S STAY CONNECTED

Please remember to make sure that Dave Reasinger receives any changes and/or additions in your mailing address and contact information including email addresses. Also, please make sure that Dave receives information for new members in the Middle Chapter. **Thanks!**



Save the Date!

Symposium Set for October 25, 2007

Network, Earn CEUs and Check Out Latest Industry Products!

Mark your calendars for the biannual AIA-MPC Symposium, set for **Thursday, October 25, 2007** at the Frank J. Pasquerilla Conference Center in downtown Johnstown.

The day-long conference is shaping up to focus on the "greening" of the architectural industry, as well as extensive interpretations of the 2006 International Building Code. This is a great opportunity to earn CEUs, and catch up with friends and colleagues. And our Vendor Exhibition will give you an insider's look at new products and services available throughout the region.

Check your mailbox and email for more information in the coming weeks and months. Contact Anne McGrath, event coordinator, at 814.539.1317 or annefmcgrath@aol.com for more information. She's also interested in any leads you may have for vendors or sponsors. See you then!

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Questions or vendor leads?

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FORENSIC ARCHITECTURE

LARGE ROLL TOILET PAPER DISPENSER MOUNTING HEIGHT LOCATION:

This edition's article is a request. If any reader is able to provide another solution to solve this problem we all would like your help. Most times these days Owners are using vendor provided large roll toilet paper dispensers. These dispensers hold a large roll of paper that lasts longer saving house-keeping labor. Most times they are also mounted below the grab bar. This low discharge opening makes it impossible to see and hard to feel for the torn end of the paper. Probably in the interest of uniformity the dispensers are also located too low in the non-accessible stalls. Recommend we show the location of the large roll toilet paper dispenser, even if it will be Owner furnished, so that they end up being more user-friendly. Following the ADA Guidelines the dispenser can be mounted with its paper source at a maximum height of 48" high above the finish floor. Recommend we show the bottom at 48" in all stalls so you can see the elusive end of the paper; rather than having to feel for it. At 48" the roll is high enough above grab bars to not interfere with paper use.

Respectfully Submitted.

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The Middle Pa. Chapter AIA welcomes comments and questions regarding this and future "Forensic Architecture" articles. Please direct your thoughts to Toby at L. Robert Kimball and Associates, Ph. 814 472-7700 Ext. 342. Better yet, email Toby at toby-roberts@lrkimball.com.

2007 Tentative Calendar

Jan

18 Chapter Meeting: Penn State University, SALA Building; "Immersive Construction Lab and Presentation by AIAS

Feb

7-10 Grassroots Conference: Washington, DC; Grand Hyatt; AIA 150 – Celebrating the Past Designing the Future

March

15 Bedford Springs Hotel Tour: Bedford, PA; Joint CSI/AIA Meeting

21 Chapter Meeting: Penn College, Williamsport, PA; Outreach to Williamsport Area Firms

April

18 Joint ASHREA/AIA Meeting, Altoona, PA

May

3-5 AIA National Convention: San Antonio, TX; Growing Beyond Green

June

TBA Web Site and/or Newsletter Committee

July

TBA Annual Picnic: Loretto, PA, Klein Immergrun

Sept

TBA Chapter Meeting: Flight 93 Memorial, Somerset, PA (Seven Springs) or Carpenters Union, Gallitzin, PA Insulated Concrete Structures

Oct

25 2007 Symposium: Johnstown, PA Green Building; Green Building Alliance

TBA PA Builds: **Project Submissions**

Nov

13-14 AIA PA: Leadership Conference & Architect's Day, Harrisburg, PA

Nov/Dec

TBA PSU/AIAS – Lecture & Election of Officers, Penn State University, SALA Building

Dec

TBA Retreat: 2008 Planning Session

AIA Associates Corner

Here are your links in 2006

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DON'T FORGET!!!
Deadline for articles for the next
newsletter is February 23, 2007

