

Chapter News

Chapter Membership Meeting Thursday, 19 February 2009

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Join us at the Erie Art Museum for a:

Sustainable Design Panel Discussion

2 AIA SD CEU (sustainable design credit)

The program's objective is to examine sustainable design from a designer's viewpoint.

Panelists will discuss how to determine the appropriate definition of sustainable design based on the project, how to develop design language based on project goals, the differences between generative and performative design approaches as well as how to explain sustainable design results.

Panel Members:

Dennis A. Andrejko, FAIA
Principal, Andrejko + Associates
University of Buffalo School of Architecture

Adil Sharage-Eldin Ph.D.
Kent State University College of Architecture & Environmental Design

John Folan
Carnegie Mellon University School of Architecture

Panel to be moderated by chapter member Adam Trott, AIA



LOCATION	Erie Art Museum 411 State Street, Erie PA 16501
5:30 pm	Social
6:30 pm	Dinner and Grassroots 2009 Report
7:00 pm	Panel Presentations and Discussion
Menu	BrewErie Pub
Cost	\$20.00

For Reservations Call:
Jamie at 836-8500

Please call before 3:00pm, Monday, 16 February 2009.



Notes from the President:

I look forward to serving as president of our local chapter for the next year and am excited about the programs we have planned. Thank you for the opportunity to attend Architects Day in Harrisburg and the Grassroots conference in Washington. Both events allowed me to network with fellow architects throughout the Commonwealth as well as the country and provided valuable insight into our profession and the state of our practice. Please feel free to contact me at any time with any suggestions or if there are any issues that you feel are important to our chapter.

2008 Architects Day:

Chapter officers Scott Landis, Adam Trott, Gary Matczak and Mike Grab attended last year's annual Architect's Day and Leadership Training in Harrisburg in November.

Several important issues which impact each of our practices were highlighted during the trip, including:

- The establishment of the Uniform Construction Code Review & Advisory Council was lauded. The Council will evaluate proposed revisions to the UCC and make recommendations to the Department of Labor and Industry and the state Legislature.
- The importance of passage of the Historic Preservation Incentives legislation. In the last legislative session, the proposal passed the House unanimously, but stalled in the Senate. Pennsylvania is one of only eight states with no incentive program for private sector rehabilitation of historic buildings. The Commonwealth currently loses hundreds of millions of dollars in investment, new income, new taxes and community development annually by not fully capitalizing on historic rehabilitation as a means of economic growth.
- The passage of Special Session House Bill 1, now Act 1 of 2008, was applauded. The Act incorporates high-performance building incentives allocating \$25,000,000 for loans or grants as well as several other energy-related programs. Homeowners and small businesses will be eligible for incentives to build energy-efficient structures or renovate existing buildings to improve energy efficiency. The implementation of the program will take place this year.
- The hopeful passage of Special Session House Bill 4, which promotes green buildings through Green Design Standards for state-funded projects.

While in Harrisburg, we met with staff members from the offices of Representative Curt Sonney and Senator Jane Earll to discuss these issues as well as to inform them of the role architects play as community design partners.



John Hill (AIAPA Past President),
Caroline Boyce, Adam Trott, Scott
Landis, Gary Matczak, Mike Grab

2009 Grassroots:

Chapter officers Scott Landis and Adam Trott attended this year's Grassroots event in Washington, D.C. in February.

The timing of the event this year could not have been better planned, with the Senate debating the economic recovery package as we met. The AIA has developed a comprehensive plan, "Rebuild and Renew", which urges Congress to prioritize funding to projects that will stimulate the design and construction industry and enable architects to help create safe and modern infrastructure and energy-efficient buildings.

The AIA 2009 Policy Agenda for Congress was discussed. The AIA hopes to:

- Ensure economic recovery funds for the best-designed projects.
- Expand the Energy Efficient Tax Deduction for commercial buildings.
- Promote healthy and safe communities through transportation funding.
- Eliminate retainage rules on architects and engineers.
- Make health care more affordable.

While in Washington, we met with staff members from the office of Representative Kathy Dahlkemper.



Adam Trott, Dan Hill, Scott Landis

2009 AIA Northwestern PA Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Program / Location</u>
16-Jan-2009	Executive Committee Meeting	Andy's Pub
4-7-Feb 2009	AIA National Grassroots	Washington DC
19-Feb-2009	Chapter Meeting / Seminar	Sustainable Design Panel Erie Art Museum
20-Feb-2009	Executive Committee Meeting	Andy's Pub
20-Mar-2009	Executive Committee Meeting	Andy's Pub
15-Apr-2009	Chapter Meeting / Seminar	Liability Insurance Program
17-Apr-2009	Executive Committee Meeting	Andy's Pub
30-Apr/2-May-2009	AIA National Convention	San Francisco
15-May-2009	Executive Committee Meeting	Andy's Pub
17-Jun-2009	Chapter Meeting / Seminar	Keynote Speaker / AIA PA Visit to Erie
19-Jun-2009	Executive Committee Meeting	Andy's Pub
17-Jul-2009	Executive Committee Meeting	Andy's Pub
21-Aug-2009	Executive Committee Meeting	Andy's Pub
16-Sep-2009	Chapter Meeting / Seminar	Project Tours
18-Sep-2009	Executive Committee Meeting	Andy's Pub
21-23-Sep-2009	AIA-PA Architect's Day in Harrisburg	
16-Oct-2009	Executive Committee Meeting	Andy's Pub
21-Oct-2009	Chapter Meeting / Seminar	2009 Code Review
20-Nov-2009	Executive Committee Meeting	Andy's Pub
08-Dec-2009	Executive Committee Meeting	Andy's Pub
09-Dec-2009	Chapter Meeting / Seminar	Design Awards

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Architecture is a small piece of this human equation, but for those of us who practice it, we believe in its potential to make a difference, to enlighten and to enrich the human experience, to penetrate the barriers of misunderstanding and provide a beautiful context for life's drama.

Frank Gehry