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Leading Off

Celebrating Success, Looking Ahead

Wayne Mortensen, Assoc AIA
2012 NAC Chair

We are officially a month into 2012 and the **National Associates Committee** is starting to click on all cylinders. Now in our twelfth session, the Regional Associate Directors have an enviable track record of advocacy, programming and associate leadership to build upon.

Thanks to this legacy and a strategic focus of the **Institute on Emerging Professionals**, the **NAC** has never been in a stronger position to speak on behalf of associates across the country, regardless of whether they are on licensure track or leveraging their architectural training to explore a new professional direction. and YOU are invited to participate directly in the process! Stay tuned.



Wayne Mortensen, Assoc AIA, is the 2012 National Associates Committee chair/National Associate Director-elect.

Announcements

AIA 2012 NATIONAL CONVENTION AND DESIGN EXPOSITION MAY 17-19 WASHINGTON, D.C.

Convention will be here before we know it, and we couldn't be more excited for this year's program. The DC component has been working diligently to plan interactive and exciting events that are sure to appeal to everyone. Included are

several engaging seminars and open discussions tailored to current Associate issues that you will not want to miss!

The NAC is also planning several free and heavily discounted programs specifically for Associates. Last year's URBANbuild tour and volunteer STAMP project were very successful, and we want to bring even more Associate opportunities to DC.

So mark your calendars for May 17-19, 2012 and meet us in DC!

Mandy Palasik, Assoc AIA, is the 2011-2012 Mid-Atlantic Regional Associate Director.

AIA Oklahoma Announces Request for Proposals for Iconic Stage Center Building

For more information and a complete copy of the Request for Proposals, interested parties can visit [AIA-OK](#).

2012 Associate Award Winners Announced

Haley Gipe, Assoc AIA & Aisha Densmore-Bey, Assoc AIA

The AIA Associates Award is the highest award given to individual Associate members who best exemplify the highest qualities of leadership and have demonstrated an unparalleled commitment to their component or region's membership, in the community, in professional organizations and/or in the design and construction industries.

Congratulations!

Calls for Editors & Submissions

Forward

The NAC invites article submissions & editor submissions for *Forward*, the architecture and design journal of the National Associates Committee.

Forward author submissions due by 11 pm EST Wednesday, March 7th. Send submissions to nac@aia.org.

Forward Associate Director submissions due by 11 pm EST Friday, February 17th. Send submissions to nac@aia.org.

AssociateNews

The AIA and NAC invite applicants for the Editor of *AssociateNews*: the news service of the National Associates Committee.

The following materials should be submitted via e-mail:

- A one (1) page letter or statement by the nominee;
- One (1) letter of recommendation or statement by person able to speak of nominee's abilities; and
- A professional resume that includes contact information and work examples that highlight the quality and content of what candidates have accomplished with other related projects.

AssociateNews editor submissions due by 11 pm EST Friday March 17th. Send submissions to nac@aia.org.

National Associates Committee Task Forces

The NAC is also looking for Associate leaders to serve on a Best Practices task force, Convention Event Programming task force, Knowledge Community task force and Future Convention Planning for Associate Involvement task force. Recruitment for all task forces is ongoing. Read all about the open positions and how to get involved on [aia.org](#).

Jason Pettigrew Memorial ARE Scholarship Accepting Applications Very Soon

For full eligibility rules, award criteria and application procedures, visit the scholarship [website](#).



The ExBoard

2012 National Associates Committee ExBoard

William R. Turner, Associate AIA, LEED AP BD+C
2012 Senior Associate Director

William chaired the AIA National Associates Committee (2010) after having served as the AIA Western Mountain Region's regional associate director (2009). He chairs AIA Colorado's Committee on the Environment (2009-2012), and was COTE Denver Knowledge Director (2008-2009), and student director on AIA Denver's board. He has been a panelist at the 2010 AIA National Convention, and at the 2009 FORUM, the convention of the American Institute of Architecture Students. Bill is a member of the 2011-2012 AIA Council of Emerging Professionals, 2010 AIA Honor Awards Jury, and AIA 2013 Convention Planning Committee (Denver).

Ashley W. Clark, Associate AIA, LEED AP
2012 National Associate Director

Ashley is passionate about communicating the value of design and architecture, which is why she has gravitated to marketing and branding in her career. This is also why she has become heavily involved in the AIA. She is currently part of the AIA National Board as the 2012 Associate Director, a role she assumed after a year of service as the AIA National Associate's Committee Chair. Over the past 9 years she has served at the local, state, regional and national levels of the AIA and AIAS. She has also had the honor to serve on the AIA National Design Awards Jury as well as numerous other committees and task forces.

**Wayne Mortensen, Associate AIA, LEED AP**
2012 NAC Chair, Associate Director-elect

Wayne's service to the architecture profession began with his election to serve as the National President of the American Institute of Architecture Students. At the AIAS he initiated Freedom by Design (FBD), a program that trains architecture students to address everyday struggles of low-income elderly and disabled individuals through modest design and construction solutions. An AIA Richard Upjohn Fellow, Wayne has served on the National Boards of the AIA and National Architecture Accrediting Board (NAAB) and will Chair the twelfth session of the AIA National Associates Committee in 2012.

April O. Trojniak, Associate AIA
Ex-board At-large, Central States Regional Associate Director (RAD)
2012 Advocacy Portfolio Director

April's involvement with the AIA started during her college studies where she served as her university's AIAS Chapter president, vice-president, and secretary. April is involved in her local Construction Specifications Institute (CSI). She served on the board for two years; during her time on the board she helped organize many events which included the annual Design Expo. April is also involved in the Women in Design chapter in Kansas City. She enjoys serving the youth by being a Youth Friend and also volunteers her time teaching at the local schools.

Matthew S. Hart, Associate AIA
Ex-board At-large, South Atlantic RAD
2012 Advocacy Portfolio Director

Matt has been actively involved in the AIA since joining in 2007. He has served on his local Chapter's Board (Southwest Georgia) as the Communication/Education Chair (2007-2008) and is currently serving as Secretary (2009-Present). His responsibilities include publishing the bi-monthly AIA SWGA Angle, scheduling chapter meetings, and advocating for AIA SWGA and AIA Georgia on the local and state level. During his time at the Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD), Matt was engaged in the school's AIAS Chapter, serving as Lecture Series Chair (2006- 2007). He is involved with the local Valdosta Habitat for Humanity Affiliate and Habitat International's Global Village Work Projects. Matt is also engaged in flying lessons and hopes to have his pilot's license in the near future. He has also received the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout.

Patrick Thomas Weber, Associate AIA, LEED AP
Ex-board At-large
2012 Community & Communications Portfolio Director

Patrick is an Associate at Smith Gee Studio, LLC, a Nashville, Tennessee-based Architecture, Interior and Urban design firm he helped found in 2010. He is a member of the steering committee of the local AIA Committee on the Environment (COTE) chapter, the Tennessee chapter of the Institute for Classical Architecture (ICA) and served on a Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI) committee addressing the LEED for Homes program. He has also volunteered with Rebuilding Together as a house captain and finance committee member and on publications for the Metro Nashville-Davidson Country Historic Commission and Cumberland Region Tomorrow.

Erin Murphy, AIA, LEED AP
Director for the AIA Center for Emerging Professionals
Liaison to the AIA NAC

Erin is a staff liaison to the AIA National Associates Committee (NAC) and the AIA Young Architects Forum (YAF). She also identifies and researches trends regarding the path toward licensure and integrates this knowledge into programs, initiatives, and advocacy efforts for emerging professionals. Erin worked as an architect designing educational and institutional buildings for seven years before joining the AIA.



Coming Up

Click the button to see the full NAC calendar.

February 17, 2012

Forward & AssociateNews Editor Applications Due

March 7-10, 2012

AIA Grassroots Leadership & Legislative Conference
Washington, DC

April 3, 2012

NCARB IDP 2.0 Rollout

May 17-19, 2012

AIA National Convention
Washington, DC

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Let us know - Patrick Weber pweber31@gmail.com

