

Architext



A message from the President: Pasquale Marchese, AIA



“MY FIRST QUARTER”

In a few days spring should be here, even though watching outside my window and looking at the outdoor thermostat, it doesn't look like it; it still means that my first quarter as your president is approaching.

Here a snapshot of what we have accomplished and/or set in motion.

- We have successfully completed one of our main Chapter events. The AIAENY Design Awards was, as in other years, a great success. I would like to thank this year's Jury (AIA Brooklyn Chapter- Ida Galea Jury Chair), our emcee Russ Davison, all the participants, all the awardees, all the sponsors, all of you that came out and shared with us a great event, and last but not least, I want to thank one more time our Design Awards Committee Chair Dave Pacheco. David's commitment to this chapter and his hard work with all of the members of the committee, made sure that we had another successful Awards Ceremony. You will find more detailed information about the event inside.
- We finalized the main bullets and due date of our Strategic Plan, and it was posted on our website for member comments – thank you to all who offered their feedback.
- During an evening brainstorming session, we decided to redesign our “Allied Members Brochure” and develop for the first time a “Marketing Packet” providing you and any other individuals and/or companies related to our industry, new marketing opportunities for our monthly and annual events, on our website and through our newsletter.



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Please contact AIAENY at admin@aiaeny.org if you find any areas that need correction in the Architext. AIA Eastern New York appreciates all comments and feedback.



Past-President:
Anna P. Campas, AIA

A message from the President *continued*

- This year, to enhance our leadership skills, and to learn new tools to influence and pursue action that can strengthen our Chapter, we will be sending two Eastern NY Chapter representative to the AIA 2014 Grassroots – Leadership and Legislative Conference (2014 President-Elect Melissa Clarke-Koonz and and myself).
- We started working on the Architects In Albany Lobby Day, for Tuesday, April 29. Dan Wilson, our NYS Director, is working to put together the schedule for that day. If you wish to attend, please let us know ASAP.

I hope with this message, you will feel more connected with your Chapter, and as usual, please let us know what we can do to help you and what we need to do to help Architecture regain its primary position in building environments and in positively affecting lives.

Ciao alla prossima, and stay warm for the next few days.

Your proud 2014 President
Pasquale Marches, AIA



faculty search

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The School of Architecture at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute is seeking qualified candidates to fill a position at the level of Assistant (tenure-track) or Associate (tenured) Professor in the Built Ecologies Program. Successful candidates will begin as early as the fall of 2014.

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The VP-Programs Corner



Dear AIAENY Chapter Members,

Following a tremendous Design Awards Program on February 20th, we returned to the Arts Center in Troy on March 4th for a Continuing Education seminar entitled, "Vertical Transportation, Choosing the Right Elevator for your Building." The seminar was provided by Noah Adams, Technical Representative for Bay State Elevator in their Albany office. Bay State Elevator is the local representative for ThyssenKrupp Elevators.

Needless to say, a lot has happened in elevator design since this steam elevator was in use at the Lord & Taylor store in New York City a century ago. Noah spoke on the differences in hydraulic and traction elevators and the more recent developments in Machine Roomless Elevators. He was also able to provide good information on the variables of energy efficiency, initial cost, and ongoing maintenance costs associated with the various products on the market today. Noah is a wealth of information and available to assist our members.

Our next Continuing Education seminar will be in early April entitled, "Bird-Friendly Buildings: Identifying Problems, Providing Solutions," which will be provided by Christine Sheppard, Ph.D., Bird Collisions Campaign Manager with the American Bird Conservancy. Collisions of birds flying into glass are a significant cause of death and as architects we can modify our designs to be much more sustainable in this way.

This program will be followed in late April by a session on Executive Order 88, a new energy-conservation directive effecting all state-owned buildings which replaces the former Executive Order 111.

In May, just in time for National Historic Preservation Month, there will be a tour of "The Bleachery," a historic building undergoing rehabilitation by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation along with a lecture and a tour of the New York State Conservation Laboratories at Peebles Island State Park in Waterford, NY.

As always, if you have any suggestions for future programs or tours, or you would be willing to organize an event in your area, please let me know at mark.thaler.aia@gmail.com.

I hope you can join us in some of our upcoming events!

Cordially,

*Mark Thaler, AIA
AIAENY VP-Programs 2014*

MATERIALS FOR THE **Architext**

To include your member news, please go to the AIA ENY Publication Page on the website for guidelines to submit your news. <http://www.aiaeny.org/publications.html>

Do you want to be a part of it?

The Architext Submission deadline for Volume 24, Issue 3 is May 9.

Design Awards



When: February 20, 2014

Where: The Arts Center of the Capitol Region, Troy, NY

What: The Design Awards are a local awards program intended to honor the design accomplishments of our members, highlight the excellence of their creations and bestow upon them the much deserved recognition for their remarkable contributions to the built environment. This year's focus will be on the enduring power of architecture and its ability to improve and transform the built environment. Projects should present architecture as a well-conceived, insightful and professional response to specific project challenges and illustrate for the public how AIA architects create architecture that enhances the world around us.

Each year a small but dedicated volunteer team works behind the scenes to make the Design Awards program and reception possible. The 2013 committee includes

- David J. Pacheco, AIA (*Co-Chair*)
- Melissa Clarke Koonz, AIA (*Co-Chair*)
- Anna Campas, AIA
- Tina Mesiti-Ceas, AIA
- Jeffrey Morris, AIA
- Daniel Wilson, AIA
- Sarah Butensky, ENY Executive Assistant

The Design Awards Committee would also like to give special thanks to this year's sponsors, whose generous support keeps this popular event free to our members.

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Design Awards

Winners

RESIDENTIAL - SMALL PROJECT

MERIT AWARD

James Dixon Architect, PC

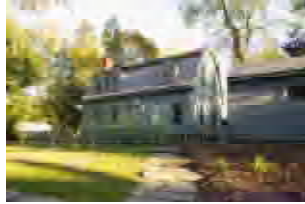
Village House: Transformed

Kinderhook, New York

Submitting Member Architect:
James Dixon, AIA

Design Team:
Matthew Herzberg, Project Architect

Client: Sigrid Gray



Jury Comments:

The renovation to the existing modified cape creatively adds additional height without compromising scale. The use of existing restored finishes and structural elements previously hidden honor the history of the existing building while demonstrating conservation of material.

RENOVATION / ADDITION / ADAPTIVE REUSE

MERIT AWARD

JMZ Architects and Planners

Fulton Campus at River Glen

Fulton, New York

Submitting Member Architect:
Karen Kilgore-Green, AIA

Design Team:
David Holbrook
Jodi Emmons
MEP Engineer: Sack & Associates
Structural Engineer: Ryan Biggs & Associates
Construction Manager: L.P. Ciminelli

Client: Cayuga Community College



Jury Comments:

The conversion of a strip mall into a college school campus was innovative in concept and design. The challenge of creating a college campus feel is explicit in the spacious and naturally lit spaces that encompass the learning environment.

RESIDENTIAL - LARGE PROJECT

MERIT AWARD

James Dixon Architect, PC

Party Barn

Sharon, Connecticut

Submitting Member Architect:
James Dixon, AIA

Design Team:
Kertis Weatherby, Project Designer
Structural Engineer: Archer Engineering, Inc.

Client: Deborah Van Eck



Jury Comments:

The renovation of the existing barn is empathetic to its surroundings as it was developed within the confines of the existing structure. The thoroughly modernized building preserves the overall appearance of the existing barn with new elements that meld the exterior environment into the interior spaces.

RESIDENTIAL - SMALL PROJECT

HONOR AWARD

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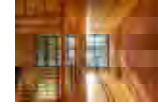
Brass Residence

Avenill Park, New York

Submitting Member Architect:
Scott Townsend, AIA

Design Team:
Scott Townsend, Principal -in-Charge
Kevin White, Project Manager
John Ferraro, Project Team Member
Landscape Architect: Craig Church
Structural Engineer: James Baker

Client: Rob and Ruth Brass



Jury Comments:

Simplicity in design and concept yet sophisticated in its use of its surrounding environment. The home becomes one with nature growing from the ground while being sensitive to the natural elements of the existing site. The glazing of the rear facade allows nature to become the buildings canvas.

RENOVATION / ADDITION / ADAPTIVE REUSE

HONOR AWARD

CSArch Architecture | Engineering | Construction Management

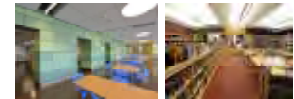
Malone Central School District Malone Middle School

Malone, New York

Submitting Member Architect:
Randolph J. Collins, AIA

Design Team:
Daniel D. Woodside, Principal-in-Charge
Thomas Kenney, Project Architect
Tina Mesiti-Ceas, Lead Designer
Christopher Persbacher, Design Team
Peter Naimo, Design Team
MEP Engineer: M/E Engineering, PC
Structural Engineer: Ryan-Biggs Associates
Site/Civil Engineer: The LA Group

Client: Malone Central School District



Jury Comments:

The addition clearly transforms the existing building into a more inviting space capturing the essence of the original facade through a modern glazing pattern. The weightlessness of the materials used for the addition give the illusion of a smaller scale building leading the eye to the anchored main entry.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

MERIT AWARD

architecture+

Exterior Rehabilitation of Husted Hall University at Albany, Downtown Campus

Albany, New York

Submitting Member Architect:
J. Michael Bergen, AIA

Design Team:
Anthony Garner, Associate
Kristin Maki, Intern Architect
Structural Engineer: Spring Line Design
Hazardous: Watts Architecture & Engineering, PC

Client: State University Construction Fund /
University at Albany

Jury Comments:

The restoration of the existing historical trim was structured in a seamless manner merging the existing cast terracotta with the new GFRG. The use of a more modern material to create a classic detail along with a longer life span proves the dedication taken in research and technology.



INSTITUTIONAL

MERIT AWARD

architecture+
(collaboration with Ellenzweig)

Worcester Recovery Center and Hospital

Worcester, Massachusetts

Submitting Member Architect:
Francis Murdock Pitts, FAIA

Design Team:
Anthony Garner, Associate
Sara Wengert, Associate
Lisa Hayes, Senior Architect
Rogean Cadieux-Smith, Architect
Peter Church, Senior Designer
Stephen Kervin, Intern Architect
Laurel Pietrykowski, Intern Architect
Stephanie Todero, Registered Interior Designer
Alison Cisek, Intern Architect/Interior Designer
Kimberly Relyea, Interior Designer
Amy Wong, Intern Architect



Client: State of Massachusetts

Jury Comments:

The extensive research for the program and the sensitivity to the occupants needs generated a design as a gradual progression eminent in the structure of the complex. The design of the individual components are sympathetic to the use, comfort and recovery of the occupants.

Design Awards



MC Russ Davidson, President Pasquale Marchese and Design Awards Co-Chair, David Pacheco



Attendees enjoy refreshments and food provided by Illium Café



Attendees view the boards of Design Award entrants



Left: Design Awards Co-Chair, David Pacheco, AIA

Top: Platinum sponsor Turner Construction talks about its services during the Awards Ceremony

AIA Eastern New York Chapter Design Build in New York State?

Jeff Mural, AIA

AIA New York State Vice-President for Government Advocacy



Will we ever be permitted to practice design-build in New York State? The answer is yes, and I think it will happen soon. AIA New York State is actively engaged in conversations to help shape legislation and regulations by which design-build contracts may be permitted in New York State.

Design-build is already permitted for specific state projects, such as the Tappan Zee Bridge, by special legislation, and for the private sector in the developer model where the developer designs and constructs buildings for itself. Additionally, special legislation already grants temporary permission for the Thruway Authority, Department of Transportation, OPRHP, DEC, and the NYS Bridge Authority to enter into design-build contracts for horizontal infrastructure projects.

The Governor's proposed 2014-15 budget includes legislation that extends these temporary provisions, and creates permission for the Department of Health to enter into alternative project delivery contracts to Design, Build, Finance and Maintain new laboratory buildings for the State's Wadsworth Labs.

As the Vice-President for Government Advocacy I am representing AIANY in conversations with the New York State Board for Architecture about how design-build can be practiced in NYS. The Board for Architecture has outlined principles by which they believe that public entities can be permitted to enter into design-build contracts, while maintaining provisions that protect the public welfare and maintain the independent judgment of the architect. While the State Board intends their position paper to apply only to state agencies and authorities, if successful, they envision that design-build can eventually be permitted for private projects as well.

News Around the Chapter

CSARCH ANNOUNCES THREE SENIOR STAFF PROMOTIONS

Tina Mesiti-Céas AIA and Edwin Anker AIA were each promoted from a Senior Associate to a Principal. Scott Wolfe, who works as the Director of Construction Management, was promoted from the level of Principal to Managing Principal.

An architect with more than 16 years experience in the design of educational, mixed-use, and public facilities, Tina leads projects through all phases of planning and design. She has also devoted much time to the AIAENY Design Awards Committee.

Also a new Principal and an architect, Ed has been with the company since 1999. He is involved in the programming, design, construction administration, and production of construction documents for housing and educational facilities projects.

Scott is a veteran in the construction industry with more than 25 years experience. His responsibilities include overseeing the construction process and acting as a liaison between the owner, contractors, and internal staff.



Tina Mesiti-Céas, Principal



Edwin Anker, Principal



Scott Wolfe, Managing Principal

2014 Architext Submission Dates

Issue 3: May – Materials due by May 9

Issue 4: July – Materials due by July 6

Issue 5: September – Materials due by September 7

Issue 6: November – Materials due by November 8



News Around the Chapter

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
CSARCH PRINCIPAL, EDWIN
ANKER, FOR BEING RECOGNIZED AS AN HONOREE
IN THE ALBANY BUSINESS REVIEW'S 40 UNDER 40
CLASS OF 2014!**

Well-deserving of this recognition, Ed has made great contributions to his business profession and community. In addition to being a firm leader responsible for managing projects and helping maintain the firm's strategic goals, Ed approaches his work as an involved community member seeking to positively influence the Capital Region.

Officially announced earlier this week, award winners will be recognized at a luncheon that draws upwards of 800 people to celebrate the up and coming business people in our community. Connect with CSArch and Ed on LinkedIn for more details!

ABOUT THE AWARD

40 Under 40 is a project of The Business Review that recognizes 40 young professionals under the age of 40 who are making a difference in their businesses and communities. Honorees were selected by an advisory board from more than 500 nominations, based on their career accomplishments and focus on success.

2014 Meeting Dates

Executive Committee/Board of Directors

(4th Wednesday of every Month)

March 26, 2014	April 23, 2014*
May 28, 2014	June 25, 2014
July 23, 2014*	August 27, 2014
September 24, 2014	
October 22 - Annual Business Meeting*	
November 19, 2014	December 2014 TBA

Somewhere Only We Know



Think you know it?

A photographic puzzle: The world through architects' eyes can reveal unique images of architectural details and spaces. This is a puzzle that challenges you to figure out what building in the Eastern New York Chapter region is represented in the unaltered image below. Have a look and dive in. Good luck!

Email your answer, including the name of the building, the architect (if known) and the city it is in by May 1 to: **admin@aiaeny.org**,
Subject: Somewhere Only We Know

All winning entries will be published in the next issue of Architext.

AIAENY Upcoming Programs

April 30, 2014 at the Hudson Harbor House,
Albany, NY offering 1.0 LU/HSW



A Tour of “The Bleachery” at Peebles Island State Park
May 20, 2014 | 5:30 – 7:30 PM | 2 LU/HSW



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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Learning how to successfully rehabilitate an historic building.
2. Learning how to insert a new steel structural frame into a vacant historic building.
3. Learning how to remove hazardous materials from a building carefully, to not further damage the structure.
4. Learning how to conserve historic materials such as masonry, wood, furniture, fabric, artwork, drawings and archeology.

.Invited participants: American Institute of Architects (AIA), Construction Specifications Institute (CSI), and Society of Professional Engineers (SPE). 5:30 pm Tour of Bleachery (HARD HATS REQUIRED) 6:30pm On-site Buffet Dinner & Presentation 7:30pm 'til 8:30pm Tour of Conservation Labs at the Collections Care Center.

Directions: Peebles Island is located 12 miles north of Albany. The entrance to Peebles Island State Park is on Delaware Avenue, off Ontario Street (Rte. 470) in Cohoes, near the 112th Street Bridge to Lansingburgh. There are two bridges between Peebles Island and the mainland, a North bridge from Waterford and a South bridge from Cohoes.

Allied Professional Membership

How Allied Professional Membership Benefits You

Who should be an Allied Professional Member?

Allied Professional Membership was created to promote communication among all members of the design and construction professions. Allied Professional Members of AIA Eastern New York include:

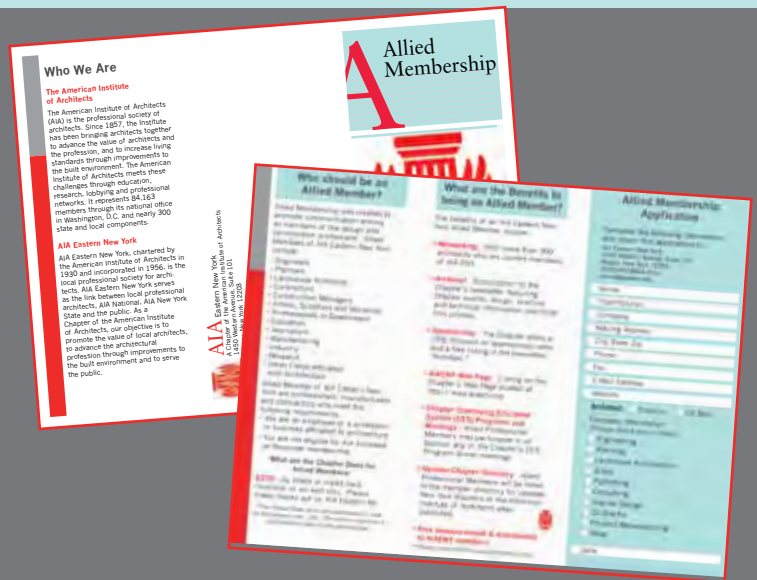
- Engineers
- Planners
- Landscape Architects
- Contractors
- Construction Managers
- Artists, Sculptors and Muralists
- Professionals in Government
- Education
- Journalism
- Manufacturing
- Industry
- Research
- Other Fields Affiliated with Architecture

Allied Professional Member of AIA Eastern New York are professionals, manufacturers and contractors who meet the following requirements: You are an employee of a profession or business affiliated to architecture. You are not eligible for AIA Architect or Associate membership

What are the Benefits to being an Allied Professional Member?

The benefits of an AIA Eastern New York Allied Professional Member include:

- Networking - With more than 300 architects who are current members of AIA ENY.
- Architext - Subscription to the Chapter's newsletter featuring Chapter events; design, practice and technical information; and local firm profiles.
- Sponsorship - The Chapter offers a 25% discount on sponsorship rates and a free listing in the newsletter, "Architext."
- AIAENY Web Page - Listing on the Chapter's Web Page located at <http://www.aiaeny.org>.



- Chapter Continuing Education System (CES) Programs and Meetings - Allied Professional Members may participate in or sponsor any of the Chapter's CES Program dinner meetings.
- Upstate Chapter Directory - Allied Professional Members will be listed in the member directory for Upstate New York chapters of the American Institute of Architects when published.
- Free announcements and distribution to AIAENY members (please see AIAENY's Announcement Policy)

NEW FOR 2014 - AIAENY Annual Vendor Marketing Packet

AIAENY is excited to introduce its new Marketing Packet! With so many great new changes happening we wanted to extend the invitation to our Allied Members, as well as other companies who are interested in what we do, to support our Chapter. Marketing opportunities include website advertising, newsletter advertising, event sponsorship and much more. Take a look and see all that AIAENY has to offer!

Please note: all Allied members receive a 25% discount on all rates within this packet - take a look and see all you can get for a great price!

For more information on Allied Membership and our Marketing Packet, please contact the AIAENY office at 518-694-5365, or at admin@aiaeny.org.

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To promote the profession and practice of architecture in the Eastern New York area through public outreach and be a visible point of contact to the local community

To develop opportunities for members to dialogue and interact with one another in substantive ways

To nurture young architectural professionals to become our future members and leaders

To highlight the achievements of our members

To responsibly maintain a stable organization from which to pursue our mission

To support architectural initiatives which seek to improve the quality of the built environment and create livable communities

To act as a conduit between our members and AIA New York State and AIA National – the voice of the architectural profession and the resource for its members in service to society

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