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President’s Message

2019 has been a busy year so far for AIA ENY, but the majority of our work has been behind the scenes. We’ve been working on transitioning our website to a new platform that we’re excited to officially launch, and have been working to become more efficient in our day-to-day operations.

Last year, AIA Eastern NY kicked off the first of a three year strategic plan meant to enhance our offerings and membership engagement, and we are looking to carry on the momentum this year. In 2018, the focus was on providing a full calendar of events and enhancing our continuing education offerings. As part of that initiative we offered 28.5 CEU’s and introduced a great new event, the Beaux Arts Ball. We’re hoping that we will continue that success this year and in the years to come.

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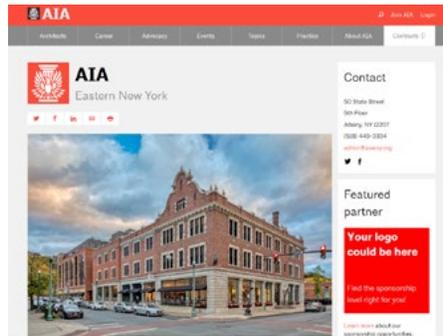
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AIAENY's new website - aia.org/easternnewyork

This year, the second of our three year strategic plan, will focus on membership engagement and growth. We have recently partnered with AIA New York State to help manage our day-to-day operations, and more importantly to help us provide more comprehensive services to our membership. We're excited about this partnership and it has already started to pay dividends. This year's Design Awards were a great success because of our dedicated Design Awards Committee, but also the support and experience of the AIA NYS staff.

We have a dedicated group of volunteers on the board of directors that commit their valuable time to helping the ENY chapter and the area's design and construction industry. I've noticed that over the last couple of years that there is an energy and optimism that we're looking to capitalize on. We've recently relaunched the COTE (Committee on the Environment) and started a partnership with the USGBC to provide sustainability focused events. We're also in the process of relaunching our K-12 Committee that will focus on outreach and partnerships with area schools. We're excited about the programs and initiatives that these committees will put together and how they'll complement our current offerings.

We've got a great core group of volunteers, but we're always looking for more ideas and insight. Our meetings are open to our membership and we welcome any comments or feedback. If you're looking to help out, or just curious about what that would entail, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your continued support and feedback. We're excited about what we've got planned for this year and the impact that our new partnership with AIA NYS will have. If you have any questions, comments, or would like to know how you can help out, please feel free to reach out to me at caseycrossleyaia@gmail.com!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Casey Crossley'.

Casey Crossley, AIA, LEED AP
2019 AIAENY President

2019 Grassroots Conference

By Paul Conant, AIA, AIAENY President-Elect



This year the AIA Grassroots Conference was held in Washington DC from Tuesday, March 5th through Friday, March 8th. The guiding principle for the Grassroots Conference in 2019 was to improve our built environment for everyone through People, Purpose, and Partnership.

The conference started off on Tuesday with an open house reception and preparations for the kick off of a

Wednesday visit to Capitol Hill to advocate to the 116th Congress for six advocacy goals. These goals included sustainability, school safety, expanding the low-income housing tax credits and create a middle-income housing tax credit, student loan debt relief, disaster relief, and to support legislation to leverage public money to increase private investment in communities and increase new projects for firms. Many that attended felt that there was good dialogue with legislative representatives on many of these topics.



After Capitol Hill day, Thursday and Friday was dedicated to developing better leaders through a series of roundtable discussions and continuing education opportunity workshops. As part of the theme of People, Purpose, and Partnerships the roundtable discussions included a city of mayor's panel which focused on building a better community by

mayors and architects working together. One panel question that resounded to me was, how can architectural professionals get involved to help solve complicated problems within their communities? I learned that cities struggle with resolving complicated issues. Not all municipalities have large budgets and funding to hire expensive consultants or to hire experts to be on staff to resolve complicated problems affecting the community at large. Many small cities struggle with these issues and rely on volunteers to forge committees and/or partnerships with local resources in order to resolve these problems or brainstorm ideas in order to plan for the future. The range of issues discussed varied from reacting and planning for severe weather events (hurricanes & severe flooding), sustainable approaches, urban planning issues (gentrification), transportation planning, etc. The architect roundtable discussion featured professionals that got involved in their local community through the projects they were involved in. Their approach made for not only a successful project

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but also for long lasting benefits for the community at large. One panelist who designed homeless shelters got participation and input from the end user early on during the design process to make sure the design team truly understood the needs and issues facing this user group. They balanced these needs with the design constraints of the site and program requirements. This professional stayed active in the community long after the project was finished and saw the benefits of their approach.

The continuing education opportunities were sessions focused on developing chapter leadership. Session opportunities ranged from sustainability, law & ethics, public speaking, designing communities for equity, membership marketing, City Architect in local governance, etc. There was also a series of deep dive workshops which were a more hands on learning approach and deeper understanding of topics discussed.

One of the other aspects of the conference which I enjoyed was networking with other design professionals from around the country. Specifically, I felt that meeting with other component

leaders throughout New York State was very informative and eye opening. I got a glimpse of how other chapters in New York State are run and how we are all working toward similar goals but tackling them with our own unique approach. It was interesting to see what events they are planning, how their monthly meetings are set up and run, their struggles, their successes, and the initiatives they are pursuing.

The biggest thing I took away from the conference is to see the role of architect in the bigger picture. I was reminded that the role of architect is not just to create contract documents and oversee construction, but to be an advocate for the community and consider the impact of our designs on the area outside of the project limits. Each project is an opportunity for engagement for People, Purpose and Partnership.

2019 AIAENY Design Awards



*by Katrina N. Pacheco, AIA, LEED AP BD+C
Co-Chair, 2019 AIAENY Design Awards*

The Design Awards program is one of the most popular and best attended of the AIAENY programs, and this year's Awards was no exception to the trend. Staff reports that we had more than 85 in attendance! Thank you for coming out on March 20 to honor our professional colleagues.

Each year, a small but dedicated volunteer team works behind the scenes to make the design awards program and reception possible. Much effort goes into the many components of the process – everything from setting the schedule, selecting the jury, to receiving the results and producing the reception. It is important for the membership to know that every effort is made to create an experience worthy of the talent it is intended to celebrate. We want to thank the Central NY Chapter of the AIA for acting as jury and thank Dean Evan Douglass from RPI's School of Architecture for emceeding the event.

Every day, AIAENY members are working passionately, using the power of architecture to make the world a more extraordinary place. The Design Awards celebrate 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 we celebrate a total of ten award winners, consisting of two Honor Award projects (the highest award we bestow) and eight Merit Award projects.



Thanks goes out to all who helped make this celebration a success, including Melissa Clarke, AIA, and Katrina Pacheco, AIA, Co-Chairs for this years event.

Special Thanks to Our Allied Members!



Program Schedule

We're excited to offer a comprehensive schedule of continuing education opportunities and events this year. Here is the calendar of events for what we have planned so far for 2019.

THURSDAY

MAY

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Owens Corning Tour

WEDNESDAY

MAY

15

Singh Residence Tour

FRIDAY

MAY

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**Scavenger Hunt
with IIDA & ASID**

SATURDAY

JUNE

8

**Omega Tour
with USGBC**

THURSDAY

JUNE

20

Summer Mixer

Scavenger Hunt

with IIDA & ASID

Friday, May 31, 2019



It's the moment we've all been waiting for!

Registration is now open for the 3rd annual Architecture and Design Industry Scavenger Hunt!

Hosted by ASID NYU/CE, IIDA Albany City Center and AIA Eastern New York. Join us for an evening of fun and search for Schenectady's best-known landmarks and hidden gems while completing a few fun tasks along the way. Extra points will be awarded for thinking outside of the box! So, put on your walking shoes and join us for an evening of fun, adventure and explore downtown Schenectady.

Scavenger Hunt Co-Host

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MONDAY
JULY

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**Albany Land Trust
Roundtable Discussion**

FRIDAY
JULY

19

Manhattan Boat Tour

WEDNESDAY
AUGUST

21

**LEED for Cities
Lecture with USGBC**

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER

21

**Sharing Springs
Tour and Lecture**

THURSDAY
OCTOBER

24

Beaux Arts Ball

TUESDAY
DECEMBER

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Holiday Mixer