A message from the President:
Melissa L. Clarke AIA

I would like to begin by thanking all of those who have supported me in AIAENY over the past three years. What began as something of a personal experiment in “spreading my professional wings,” has become quite an unexpected and rewarding journey through the inner workings of our profession.

AIA is the network, the support system, for our profession. As you may know, AIAENY provides regular events and activities for our membership to assist with continuing education and exposure to local architecture. We issue six newsletters each year in an effort to not only communicate what is happening with the organization, but to share news about our members. We have several committees in place to establish and maintain ties with the community, as well as cultivate the profession, establish new networking relationships, and honor those who have significantly contributed to the profession. While all that AIAENY does is in the service of its membership, many members are still left asking, “What does AIA do for me?” If the question is being asked, then it tells me that we are missing a mark somewhere.

With that said, I have identified two priorities as the underlying themes of AIAENY’s work this year: “Activate the Network” and “Promote the Architect.” It is my hope that, in keeping these two goals in mind with all we do throughout the year, we can show you what AIA does for you.

There is a wealth of knowledge and experience within our membership. AIAENY alone possesses over 300 members and includes 16 counties. AIAENY is the link between all of those individuals, all of that experience and knowledge.

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2015 AIA Eastern New York
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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.
In addition, there are countless service and product providers within our territory who serve and support our profession. AIAENY has been cultivating relationships with many of these providers in an attempt to better connect them with those who need them. This year, we will be working on creating exciting opportunities to connect and network with other architects, contractors, vendors, and potential clients in an effort to meet the many faceted needs of our membership.

It is an alarming and sad fact that the general public does not know what an Architect is, what we do, what we offer, and when we are needed. This year AIAENY will be working with the press and media in an attempt to educate the public on exactly those points.

AIAENY is here to serve you, our members. We welcome your contributions and input, and more importantly, depend on it to steer our efforts to best serve you. It is in that spirit that I call upon all of our members to come together, to activate the network, and to tap into the resources available to you.

Melissa L. Clarke AIA
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A Promise Delivered
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In December 2013, the American Institute of Architects Eastern New York Chapter (AIAENY) conducted a Strategic Planning Session. The purpose of the session was to provide a forum for AIAENY leaders to brainstorm ideas, share concerns and plan for the future. Following this session, a Strategic Plan was developed and shared with members for constructive feedback before it was adopted and placed into action by the AIAENY Board of Directors. The Strategic Plan has been assisting the Chapter’s leaders in setting AIAENY’s specific strategies for the next 3 years.

The AIAENY Strategic Plan placed benchmarks on a timeline to drive the Chapter in obtaining the goals outlined for 2014-16. In prioritizing goals for this 3 year period, one overarching idea permeated the prioritization effort: Throughout 2014-2016, the Chapter is focusing on outreach to members in order to foster new leadership and encourage a more active membership.

Recently the Board of Directors met to review the Strategic Plan after the first year.

In 2014, AIAENY accomplish the following Strategic Planning goals:

- **Objective #1**
  **Foster greater committee involvement (including the Design Awards and Boat Cruise)**
  In 2014, AIAENY’s Committees expanded in number of participants and activity. This increased involvement led to more energy in the work and helped to grow our efforts.

- **Objective #2**
  **Revision of By-Laws**
  This arduous task was undertaken, bringing the Chapter into compliance with the state and national by-laws (to date). The By-Laws Committee is currently awaiting new changes from the state level and will further revise the Chapter By-Laws at that time.

- **Objective #3**
  **Boost Sponsor Involvement/Marketing Packet Inauguration**
  A brand new and comprehensive marketing packet was designed and adopted. This information offers potential sponsors and partners a complete overview of the many ways they can place their products and services before AIAENY members. The new packaging has allowed the Chapter to begin to look beyond our traditional sponsors to find greater support, which, in turn, will allow the Chapter to enhance and expand its offerings to members.

- **Objective #4**
  **Develop Blueprint for K-12 Program**
  The Education Committee surpassed this goal. Not only has a blueprint been developed, but AIAENY has already actively participated in school events, donated books, and is reaching out to schools throughout the area in order to promote the profession.

- **Objective #5**
  **Develop blueprint for a Chapter Conference**
  The Board of Directors has discussed different ideas of how the Chapter can craft an event that would provide professional development, training, networking, and an opportunity for sponsors and exhibitors. Chapter leadership will be continue to develop this idea in 2015.
Dear AIAENY Chapter Members,

Happy New Year! or as I would say “Nave Saal Diya Vadhayiaan”. We hope 2014 was a great year for all of you and wish you have a healthy and prosperous 2015.

In looking ahead at 2015, we have a robust program planned for our membership. Our most prestigious event of Design Awards is in mid-February at The Art Center in Troy. This is free event for all to attend. To serve our membership better, Lunch and Learns will be scheduled at regular intervals throughout the year along with some key events and building tours. Building on last year’s success, we will make a concerted effort to provide programs in as many locations as possible to serve members in Capital district and beyond. We hope to introduce educational programs to serve emerging professionals as well.

As always, we will share with you key events hosted by other professional organizations for your benefit.

We are always open to suggestions, please feel free to contact me at bonnied2d@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

Best Regards,

Baani Singh, AIA LEED AP
AIAENY VP-Programs 2015

Recently, AIAENY President Melissa Clarke participated in the New York AIA’s Presidents’ Roundtable, where every new Chapter President in the state gathered in Albany for an orientation and to share what each Chapter is doing. Strategic Planning was a major discussion item. There was consensus among the new Presidents that Chapters that are having success are ones that incorporate their Strategic Plan into the life of the Chapter, have aspirational, pragmatic goals, and assign benchmarks with deadlines and responsible parties. This is exactly what AIAENY is doing and will continue to do.

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 25, Issue 2 is March 24
On the weekend of February 7, 2015, one of our colleagues left us way too early: Maria Sciocchetti, AIA, 48, of Clifton Park.

Personally, I met Maria when I first moved in the Capital Region and over the years our family became closer and closer, and we found ourselves going to Sciocchetti family celebrations and events.

Maria was the laughter. She was the life of every party, the butt of every joke, and the source of the most entertainment at every family gathering. Maria was the person you could always count on for the fun times, sarcasm and humor. A continual practical joker, she was a tough one to outwit.

Born in Schenectady on March 11, 1966, Maria was a 1984 graduate of Shenendehowa High School. She received her B.S. in architecture from the University of Buffalo in 1989. Maria was a licensed architect and AIA member, who left a legacy of her work on many notable structures throughout New York.

She worked in some of the most well-known architectural firms in the region. With experiences in both construction and architectural business, Maria had a broad perspective and knowledge of the design and construction industry that most architects would feel fortunate to attain.

Maria was the most creative person and could make useful art out of anything. She had a passion for antiquing and was a master organic gardener who took joy in sharing her harvests and creations with family and friends. Maria had a love for animals and is now resting with her beloved dog Max.

She will be deeply missed.

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Pasquale Marchese, AIA

2015 AIAENY Past-President
2014 AIAENY Design Awards
Stay tuned for an in-depth overview of the event coming in Issue 3

Brian Baker receives an award on behalf of Architecture +.

Brett Balzer of Balzer + Tuck accepted two awards on behalf of his firm.

Daniel Woodside accepts the award on behalf of CSArch.

A full theatre honored this year's award winners.

Michael Dobereiner accepts the honor on behalf of Hyman Hayes Associates.

Michael Phinney and Tara Borodin of Phinney Design Group accept their award.

Sari Lipnick, Tina Mesiti-Céas and Greg Klokiw accept their honor on behalf of CSArch.

Alison Leonard receives an award for her firm, Architecture +.

NewsChannel 13's Jason Gough emcees the Design Awards.

An award recipient shares insights on a project with attendees.

News Channel 13's Jason Gough greets AIAENY President & Design Awards Co-Chair Melissa Clarke, Treasurer & Co-Chair Tina Mesiti-Céas, and Executive Assistant Sandra Kidd.
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• Direct employees and consultants at all levels to ensure that proper steps and procedures are taken and that the work is completed as planned, budgeted, scheduled and in conformance with design intent.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:
• Licensed as a professional Architect in the State of New York.
• Minimum 10 years experience in a role requiring leadership of projects from inception to completion successfully.
• Demonstrated knowledge to understand and interpret Construction Scheduling, Contracting / Contracts, Building Codes, AIA Documents, Construction Process Documents, Estimates, and Building Standards.
• Thorough knowledge of architectural drafting, detailing, building codes, materials, design and construction theories and practices.
• Demonstrated proficiency using AutoCAD and Revit.
• Experience using word processing, spreadsheet, database, internet and e-mail and scheduling applications.
• Experience in a role requiring effective verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills.
• LEED credential required within 12 months of employment.

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER (10 + Years)

RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:
• Prepares and modifies architectural documents, elevations, sections, details, etc. as directed by others utilizing Building Information Modeling (BIM)
• Develops solutions to technical and design problems following established standards.
• Works closely with design team and assists to complete projects on aggressive schedules.
• Develops a comprehensive understanding of clients’ program requirements and standards and policies for completion.
• Prepare 2D and 3D presentation/design drawings.
• Compiles data and performs elementary design computations.
• Performs product research; assists project designers and project architects with materials selection and system research.
• May mentor and direct the work of intern staff.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:
• Bachelor’s degree in architecture required.
• Minimum 10 years experience.
• Basic hand and CAD drafting skills.
• Proficiency in AutoCAD/Architectural Desktop.
• Proficiency in MS Office, including Word, Excel and Outlook.
• Proficiency in Photoshop, Illustrator, Sketchup, and InDesign graphic software preferred.
• Proficiency in Revit and BIM preferred.
• Basic knowledge of architectural building systems.
• Ability to communicate verbally and in writing.
• Ability to work in a team environment.
• Ability to effectively meet deadlines.

Please submit resume, design portfolio and references via email to Smith+Associates Architects, attn: Ken Smith kens@smithassociatesarch.com

SENIOR ARCHITECT / DESIGNER

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Qualified candidates must be experienced in detailing and documenting all standard types of construction, must have strong communication skills and possess the ability to convey concepts and ideas through hand-drawn sketches.

Proficiency with Autodesk Revit, Sketchup and Photoshop should be clearly indicated on resumes for consideration.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:
Professional Degree (B. Arch. Or M. Arch.)
Minimum (10) years experience
Self-directed and motivated
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Long term employment with excellent growth potential

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING WITH SUBMISSION OF YOUR RESUME:
Cover letter
Minimum (3) professional references
Project design sketches (freehand only)
Revit Construction Document examples
Computer and/or freehand renderings
MISSION

To provide meaningful value and services to member architects and assist in their professional development and success

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 nurture young architectural professionals to become our future leaders

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

To highlight the achievements of our members

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

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

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