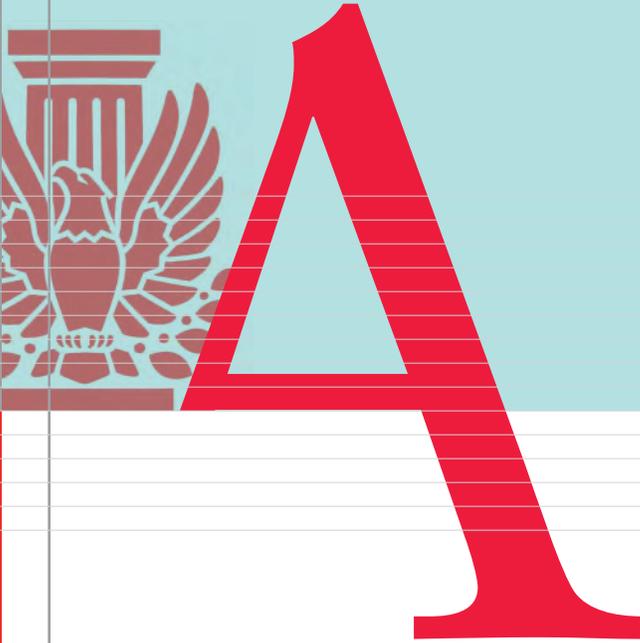


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A message from the President: Mark Thaler, AIA



It has been a busy time at AIA Eastern NY over the past several months. The Annual Design Awards, Lobby Day, Grassroots, the National Convention and numerous Continuing Education seminars have occurred. I hope that many of you will attend our annual Boat Cruise on Wednesday evening, June 15th aboard the Captain JP sailing from Troy this year. In addition to great food, fellowship, and the opportunity to meet with a number of vendors, our program will include a presentation by Troy Deputy Mayor Monica Kurzejeski and recent Planning Commission Chair Barbara Nelson, AIA on the development of Troy's new Comprehensive Plan. It's a great way to connect with friends and colleagues. Last year my office invited all of our staff and it was a great summer event! We will be doing the same this year.

Someone recently said to me that they never really paid attention to what was happening at AIA until they got involved. Honestly, the more you get involved the more you will benefit. For many years I worked for a large firm and had no need for additional Continuing Education credits. AIA was simply a credential. Then, four years ago I started my own firm as a sole practitioner and began to take advantage of the opportunities that AIA presented. I reconnected with a former client who had changed positions which subsequently led to multiple projects and a re-kindled relationship. Then I reconnected with another old friend on our annual boat cruise two years ago which led to our current partnership! Over the past four years, my sole practitioner firm has grown to be a firm of nine people and that would not have happened without my involvement in AIA.

Over the past three and a half years on the board of AIA ENY I have met many new friends, learned things about our profession and what colleagues are doing at the state and national levels, and helped our Chapter through the development of a strategic plan and last year's Membership Realignment with National AIA. It has been extremely rewarding! **There is so much that the Board of AIAENY wants to do for our members but we need YOU!**

We are now putting together an Emerging Professionals committee to help get our young professionals licensed and provide networking and mentoring opportunities. We need to reinvigorate our K-12 Education committee which was started under Anna Campas' leadership and provided architecture books to our children's schools, architects, into classrooms, and career days to talk about the profession. There is so much that you can do to gain value from your AIA membership. **Please reach out and contact me at mthaler@ltrw-arch.com and let me know how you would like to get involved!**

Sincerely,
Mark Thaler, AIA
AIA Eastern NY President 2016

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Please Welcome Our Newest Board Members!



Joe Paradis **VP of Programs**

After graduating from RPI in 1993, Joe moved to Durham, North Carolina. There, he got his start designing houses and small

commercial projects, and then, larger commercial work, winning some AIANC COTE and Honor awards along the way. In 2013, he, his wife and two boys moved back to the Albany area to be closer to family.

During his 20 years in North Carolina, Joe was very active in the local AIA chapter. In 2009, he helped found the AIA Triangle Education Outreach Committee. It started out as a group of architects, with spouses as teachers, wanting to introduce architecture and design to kids. Initially, the Chapter bought age-appropriate books to deliver to each school in the 10-county area. Then, the group developed outlines of topics and activities for architects to use when presenting to kids at schools. Eventually, the group was helping the state education department write curricula to introduce architecture through science and art into classrooms.

Joe served as Durham's Director for the AIA Triangle Chapter from 2011 until the day he left North Carolina for New York.



Brennan Drake, Secretary

Brennan is originally from Watkins Glen, New York. He first became interested in architecture in 8th grade when he joined the Architectural Awareness Club at his middle school.

He kept an interest through high school by taking mechanical drafting and architectural modeling courses. He attended undergraduate at SUNY Alfred and graduated in 2009 with a Bachelor of Science in Architectural Technology. He worked for Anne Hersh,

AIA in Corning, New York. There, he worked on a variety of projects ranging from small commercial to high-end residential in the Finger Lakes region and the Caribbean. In 2016, he received his Master of Architecture degree at Boston Architectural College. He currently works at Balzer + Tuck Architecture where he has been since 2011.

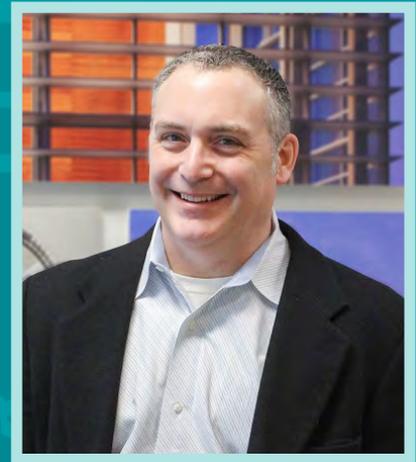


Mark Landon **Board of Director**

Architect/Project Manager providing exceptional team leadership with 30 years of practice in Architecture. He is currently employed at EYP Inc. in Albany NY. Mark lives in Queensbury

with his wife Judy McNealus and has three grandchildren. Project experience includes College and University, Educational, Judicial, Commercial, Federal and Public Safety. He served as AIAENY President in 2002, AIAENY Secretary in 2006, and Director AIAENY to New York State AIA in 2003.

The VP-Programs Corner



Dear AIAENY Chapter Members,

Thank you for continuing to be a part of AIA and the Eastern New York Chapter.

As in years past, we have many programs being offered throughout this year. Regularly scheduled “Lunch and Learns”, key events like the popular social mixers and boat cruise, as well as some building tours are regularly announced via e-mail and posted to our website. The recent “Conquering the Energy Codes” program for commercial projects was very successful, and we are looking forward to the residential component later this year.

Another exciting development under way are programs and mixers geared towards our emerging professionals. Please encourage the emerging professionals in your circles to participate, as these are great opportunities to develop networking skills while gaining education.

Every New York State licensed and registered architect must take continuing education in appropriate subject areas offered by approved sponsors. To renew your registration as an architect, New York State Education Law requires you to complete 36 hours of continuing education in each three-year registration period. Our goal is to provide programs that interest our members, are beneficial to our profession, and help members accrue the required learning units to keep membership in good standing. However, we also need your help and input to make that happen. Please contact our office for any events that you feel can be beneficial to our professional community or know of some vendors who would like to sponsor these events.

Again, thank you for your membership. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

With the best regards,
Joseph M. Paradis, AIA, LEED AP, AIAENY VP-Programs 2016
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The AIA ENY Design Awards took place on February 24th at the Troy Arts Center.

Through the month of January, the North Carolina Triangle Chapter deliberated over 25 submissions and awarded a total of 6 awards across four categories; institutional, residential (single family detached) unbuilt, and interior.

Master of Ceremonies, Paul E. Scoville, distributed awards and offered the mic to each honor and merit award winner. Though each of the 7 winners spoke about a different theme, each spoke about the brilliant project team that enables the quality of work that was displayed - a common theme that could be heard throughout the night.

A few of us at the event noted the high volume of outstanding residential projects, several of which received awards. We discussed the implications and all agreed, it a sign of good times, as home owners are hiring architects. Yet, while this region experiences growth in high quality, residential Architecture, a great majority of citizens remain underserved by our profession. The 2015 Pritzker Price recipient Alejandro Aravena is unlike past Pritzker Price laureates. Beyond artful, beautiful projects that we expect from all Pritzker recipients, Aravena's work is socially engaged, providing economic opportunity to the less privileged while addressing challenges of the 21st century.

As I introduced, Mr. Scoville, I mentioned the importance of this event, as it is one of the few events that brings our professionals together to celebrate our work. As the design awards committee co-chair for the past couple years, and the 2016 Chair, my hope is for this event to spur dialogue and action - how can we, as a community, go beyond our client's goals and programmatic concerns, and address social and environmental goals, demonstrating that great design serves everyone.

Past President, Melissa Clarke, AIA - Co-Chair
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News Around the Chapter

ARCHITECTURE+ HOSTS LEARNING COLLABORATIVE

architecture+ is hosted a week long forum that is brought an international group of health and healthcare leaders to Troy for their tenth annual meeting. Members of the Learning Collaborative represent diverse participants in the health and healthcare industry and come from five countries. Participants include medical professionals, architects, and manufacturers. They share the common goal of improving health and healthcare for everyone, everywhere.

The Learning Collaborative was founded and is led by Dr. Wayne Ruga, FAIA. Dr. Ruga, is a world-renowned architect, scholar, and visionary. He has devoted his career to designing life-enhancing environments for health and healthcare. His contributions include founding the National Symposium on Healthcare Design in 1985, now known as the Healthcare Facilities Symposium & Expo, and the non-profit Center for Health Design in 1992, which is widely credited with initiating the evidence-based design movement through sponsored research.

Francis Murdock Pitts, FAIA, FACHA, President of architecture+, has been a member of the Learning Collaborative for three years. Mr. Pitts is internationally known for his planning and design work with psychiatric facilities and is also an active researcher, presenter, and publisher on topics related to improving the inpatient mental health environment.

All members of the group are thought leaders in their respective fields with the ability to influence the health and healthcare environment. They come together annually to share advances and innovations in their respective fields and inspire each other to initiate positive change.

architecture+, located in Troy, New York, has been serving clients in healthcare, government, education, and other cultural and community organizations in the Capital District for over thirty years.

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ATTENTION ALL ARCHITECTS:

Please help us in supporting the future architects of our region! AIA Eastern New York is building an ARE resource library for emerging professionals. We are collecting all used ARE 4.0 study materials that will help those preparing for their exams. Please contact Meghan McGrath by phone at (518) 694-5365 or email at admin@aiaeny.com to submit your used ARE study materials. Any little bit helps!

CSARCH PROMOTES DESIGN PRINCIPAL TO MANAGEMENT TEAM

ALBANY, NY – CSArch, one of the leading architecture, engineering, and construction management firms in the Capital Region, promoted AIAENY's own Treasurer, Tina Mesiti-Céas AIA LEED Green Assoc. to Managing Principal in January 2016.

"Tina's leadership in design, project development, and mentoring was a driving force in the decision to promote her, which will be Tina's second promotion in two years" says Randolph J. Collins AIA, President of CSArch.

"We are thrilled to have her on our team as Managing Principal." As an award-winning designer and architect with more than 17 years of experience in the design of educational, mixed-use, and public facilities, Mesiti-Céas is recognized among colleagues and clients for her innate ability to design spaces that translate client needs into opportunities.

"I am delighted to join our team of leaders and continue to serve our clients and community with the utmost attention, thoughtfulness, and creativity," says Mesiti-Céas of the promotion. Congratulations to Tina on behalf of the AIAENY Board of Directors!

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