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Leading Off

Celebrating Success, Looking Ahead

Members of the 11th and 12th sessions of the National Associates Committee (NAC) met recently in Raleigh, NC at **AIA North Carolina's** newly-completed **Center for Architecture** to review goals and strategize for next year. Much of the weekend's discussion centered around the role of the Associate member in the Institute as a whole, and how to encourage Associate members to get more involved on a regional and national level.



If you have any questions or want to know how to get more involved in the NAC or AIA National, let your **RAD** know.

Best of luck to the members of the 12th Session of the NAC (2012):

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Announcements

Forward is here!

The Fall 2011 edition (No. 211) of the NAC's bi-annual design journal is here!

Thanks to the hard-working volunteer editorial team, headed by *Forward* Director **Christina Noble, AIA**, the journal is showing off a new web-friendly graphic layout and a wide range of articles for and by Emerging Professionals.



You can find the latest (and past) editions of *Forward* in your e-mail, as well as on aia.org/nac.

ENYA Competition Reminder

Don't forget - there is still time to enter the Emerging New York Architects Committee (ENYA) design competition 'The Harlem Edge - Cultivating Connections'. Submissions are due January 16th, 2012, with winners announced in February, 2012. Full site and registration information is available on the [ENYA Competition website](#).

2012 AIA EP Annual Exhibition

Submit your design work to be exhibited at AIA National in Washington, DC!



All Emerging Professionals (Architecture students, Associate and recently-licensed members) are encouraged to submit their design work in any or mixed-media by **January 13, 2012**. Work will be on display in February and during the 2012 annual AIA Grassroots Leadership Conference.

Click [here](#) for more information and submission instructions.

NCARB News: IDP 2.0 and more

The final phase of IDP 2.0 is rolling out in April. Are you ready? Check out NCARB's [website](#) for all the details, and check back frequently for a schedule of upcoming webinars discussing the changes.

While you are at ncarb.org, check out the 6 Architectural programs which received a **2011 NCARB Grant** for the Integration of Practice and Education in the Academy. A total of \$75,000 was awarded.



Regional Spotlight

Casey Nicholson, AIA
2011-2012 New England RAD

Recently at our regional AEC industry conference, **Build Boston**, I teamed up with New England's Young Architects Forum liaison and our College of Fellows representative to discuss licensure and mentorship. Specifically, we were considering the idea of Laddership (referencing **AIA Seattle** and **AIA San Francisco** chapters' success with this form of mentorship) and how this program can be reformatted to apply to our region's specific needs.



In 4 local chapters, the emerging professionals groups are approaching these issues/opportunities from different angles. **AIA Connecticut** is hosting a series of roundtable discussions with their Professional Practice Committee and the College of Fellows, with themes focusing the value of developing business skills to build a successful architectural career. **AIA New Hampshire** is strategizing with local AIA staff and YAF/EP members via their monthly Draughting Club and plans to develop a formal mentorship program soon. **AIA Rhode Island** recently wrapped-up a 4-part series of dialogue sessions themed on licensure and how this relates the 'Pursuit of Practice,' with each session led by a local firm principal, who reviewed their unique perspectives and experiences to open up the discussion. At the **Boston Society of Architects**, the incoming chapter leadership has identified EPs as a key 2012 focus, and is working to develop a program that will cultivate and mentor future BSA leaders.

One of the differences we see with implementation strategies across our various chapters is the issue of critical mass. In Boston and Providence, there is a range of students/interns/professionals/fellows, but in most other locations, our membership is spread out and getting all the players to the table is problematic. How do you get the mentorship relationships started within these various contexts? And can this help to support our members through their individual licensure paths?

At our most recent **AIA New England** Board meeting, these various activities were discussed with the regional representatives to see how we can help facilitate these efforts to engage the local emerging professionals and I'm excited to see what we discover over the next year - Hopefully we will be developing some best practices to share amongst other NAC communities!

Doug Milburn, Assoc AIA
2010-2011 Illinois RAD

AIA Illinois held its Annual Conference on November 4 & 5, 2011 in Lisle, Illinois. The theme of the conference, COLLABORATION / INNOVATION, was selected to represent the current state in which the profession finds itself.

The opening plenary, titled "Future Forum 2+2", brought together **Carol Ross Barney, FAIA; Peter Exley, FAIA; Mark Schwamel, AIA** and **Douglas L. Milburn, Associate AIA** in a discussion ⇨

moderated by Matt Dumich, AIA. The group had a lively discussion on topics ranging from the future of the profession to the relevance of the profession to upcoming challenges facing the profession and concluded by engaging the audience in a Q&A session that could have lasted as long as the plenary itself.

World-leading visionary, innovator, designer, and author, Bruce Mau, gave an inspiring keynote presentation and challenged the audience to think of Global solutions to local problems and noted that our current problems are from successes, not failures.

With an increased focus on emerging professionals in recent years, the conference continued the recent trend of hosting an Emerging Professionals



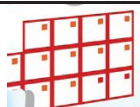
AIA ILLINOIS

COLLABORATION | INNOVATION
2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
NOV 4-5 | LISLE IL

Reception. Sponsored by AIA Central Illinois, AIA Northeast Illinois and AIA Illinois, the reception continued its growth and relevance amongst the conference activities with an attendance of 50-60 and several attendees convening at the hotel after returning from the reception to continue the conversations started.

Saturday morning's General Session hosted the AIA Illinois Annual meeting, focusing on the AIA Illinois Year in Review, Advocacy Initiatives and Looking Ahead, setting the stage for the conference's next keynote speaker, Futurist David Zach. David asked the audience what kind of future we wanted, presumably for the profession and the built environment, and then shared the "World Builder" video by Bruce Branit. For me personally, this was a poignant moment in his presentation and challenged the role of the Architect vs. that of the Graphic Designer as our world becomes increasingly digitized. Another comment he shared during his presentation that resonated with me was, "When confronted by change, don't first figure out the solution; figure out the foundations that must not change".

All in all, the conference continued it's tradition of providing excellent learning, networking and fellowship opportunities for members and sponsors alike and hopefully it will continue to engage Emerging Professionals in the conference and the conversations of our profession moving forward.



Coming Up

Click the button to see the full NAC calendar.

January 13, 2012

Submissions for 2012 Emerging Professionals Exhibition due

January 16, 2012

Submissions for ENYA Design Competition 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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