

**Happy New Year**

**2008 President's Report**

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The profession of architecture has many meanings and many paths. It is our passion, our livelihood, our good times and our bad times. It allows us to express thoughts and feelings through the built environment. An environment seen, touched, experienced and hopefully enjoyed by the public we serve.

Serving the public is a segment that we often forget. The licensing of architects, in the 54 American jurisdictions, is by law in each individual jurisdiction. As a licensed architect you should be very proud of your accomplishment. You have achieved what very few can. Stop for a moment and pat yourself on the back and enjoy the moment.

Now, we move on to AIA Kansas and 2008. This will be my year as President of AIA Kansas. I bring a different outlook, approach and enthusiasm than the recent past presidents. You will notice I am older, grayer and slower. The years I spent on AIA Kansas Board with Rich, Mark, Jan and Doug were rewarding. I learned a lot. Many programs and events were accomplished. AIA Kansas is solvent and in good hands. Along with the older, grayer and slower will come delegation of tasks, duties and assignments.

This is the point where I am to talk about my goals for AIA Kansas' membership for the 2008 year. Of course my first goal is to continue the very successful committees and programs we currently have. The committee chairs last year performed exceptionally well and I have asked that they return again. There are a few areas of special interest that I will watch and pursue during the year. Those include, with some discussion:

**Operations:**

I promise, Trudy and Carol, not to stick my nose in where unwanted. AIA Kansas is so fortunate to have Trudy Aron, Honorary AIA and Carol Maxim, Honorary AIA Kansas taking care of us. You will hear me singing their praise often and loudly this year. It is always a good idea to stop and ask yourself would/could you do that job. Do you want to? Every year I have been on the Board we discuss how overworked they are and then commit to lightening the load. It truly is a commitment but it has always failed. There is the legislative session and Trudy is there carrying AIA Kansas' messages, the conference with the vendors and our registration and then the special projects that pop up...like Greensburg, Kansas and AIA 150. We cannot stop Trudy and Carol as they know they shouldn't over commit but they do it for you and me, AIA Kansas. What a commitment. One of my goals for 2008 is to encourage Trudy and Carol to delegate many of the tasks. An advantage I have is that I am in Topeka and I plan to meet with them at least once a week to define how WE can help. WE must step up and carry our load, AIA Kansas.

The day to day operations and the fiscal management must remain in their very capable hands with little or no interference. They have been so committed to AIA Kansas and frugal with our monies, no one could replace them. The standing committees will be charged with taking notes and providing minutes in a timely fashion. The President will step up and attend the meetings with AGC, government agencies, allied professionals, etc. and allow Trudy and/or Carol only when needed.

**Emerging Professionals:**

The future of architecture and the profession of architecture are in our emerging professionals. Old, graying and slow does not always stay up with or understand the emerging professionals. This last year I had the privilege to

serve on the Central States Region Task Force on Emerging Professionals. What an energetic and enlightening experience. That experience renewed my faith in our profession; it is in very capable hands. We had better look and listen or the emerging professionals will run over us. We must do more as firms and practitioners to mentor these young aspiring architects. We must encourage them to get licensed. There is so much we can learn from them not just teach them. I intend to include more emerging professionals on committees (which as firm owners we must support them). There is much that they will bring to us on integrated practice and sustainable design. These are issues they read about and study as it is the future of architecture, if we are to survive.

AIA Kansas and Local Components:

I am concerned about leadership and involvement coming from our membership at the local component level. We have become complacent and willing to hope "someone else will do it, I'm too busy". Soon the ones who have been willing move on, retire or are burned out and no one is there to step up. As the world's greatest procrastinators, architects often wait too long and the fix is a major overhaul. I will have a task force of the presidents of Flint Hills, Topeka and Wichita to discuss the future of the local components and how to make them work. This group will meet before or after Board meetings. Topics may include modifying what "local" means, regional component structure, how to get members involved, how to grow leadership, is there a disconnect. I am available to address any local component on what is happening at the state or on disaster assistance, just ask.

## **AIA Committees Meet on January 25th**

As is our tradition, AIA Kansas will kick off our committees with a meeting on Friday, January 25 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm in the Florentine Room in the Jayhawk Tower in Topeka. All committees will meet at this time and the members of the 2008 Board of Directors will attend one or more committee meeting to better understand what the committees are working on and their goals for the year.

Committee Meetings: 1:00 – 3:00 pm Committees are encouraged to hold their first 2007 meeting on this date and at this time.

See the committees and their charges below:

**Conference Committee** – Chair TBA. This committee plans the Annual Conference, Design Awards and other events in conjunction with our Annual Conference, Exhibition, and Awards. The 2008 Conference will be held in Wichita on October 9-11.

**Emerging Professionals Committee** – Chair Jennifer Rygg, Associate AIA. The committee will provide opportunities for interaction between architectural graduates, young practitioners, and the profession. The Committee will explore ways to serve and assist our members who are not licensed or are newly licensed. Meetings are held in local areas as well as state-wide meetings quarterly.

**Intern Development Program** – Co-chairs Greg Sims, AIA, and Lynn Walker, AIA – This committee helps architectural graduates understand IDP, assists in finding mentors, and provides updated information to students, graduates, and practitioners.

**Committee on the Environment** – Chair Katie Nichols, Associate AIA. The committee is working on a series of education programs to assist members in understanding ways to help clients to save energy, provide sustainable design and provide leadership in the reduction of global warming.

**Government Affairs Committee** – Co-chairs Bob Fincham, AIA, and Dale Glenn, AIA. The Government Affairs Committee develops (for Board approval) and promotes state legislative and regulatory policies in the interest of the profession, maintains liaison with legislators, regulators, and allied organizations.

**Historic Resources Committee** – Chair Julia Manglitz, AIA. The committee provides practitioners with current technology in preservation and assists communities in their preservation efforts by helping them evaluate their older buildings for possible adaptive reuse.

**Public Relations Committee** – Chair Jane Huesemann. The Committee promotes the profession through a variety of means and media; assists architects in promoting themselves, and provide assistance with a new website design

**Board Meeting:** The 2008 AIA Kansas Board of Directors will hold their first 2008 meeting at 3 pm. All members are invited to attend.

Register for these events at [www.aiaks.org/members/committees/sign-up](http://www.aiaks.org/members/committees/sign-up)

## Legislative Session Begins January 14th

This year's session is looking like a very active one for us. Several of the issues before the legislature will be:

Adoption of common language for a/e for state work – this includes:

Repeal of the Fee Cap for State Architectural Services

Repeal of the requirement of a state office to see work from the State

Change "make periodic visits to inspect the progress and quality of work for compliance with contract documents and make recommendations to the secretary of administration" to: "make periodic site visits to determine that the progress and quality of work is compliant with contract documents and make recommendations to the secretary of administration thereon..."

Instead of language for architects and language for engineers, combine language to make it identical for both professions (this does not including allowing one profession to provide the services of the other.)

AIA Kansas supports the changes.

Requirements for reduced energy use in state buildings and school buildings:

The secretary of administration shall adopt rules and regulations prescribing energy efficiency performance standards requiring that all new construction projects by state agencies and public school buildings for school districts be designed, constructed and certified to achieve energy consumption levels that are at least 25% below the levels established under the ASHRAE standard or the IECC, as appropriate, if such levels of energy consumption are life-cycle cost-effective for such projects and buildings.

The secretary of administration shall adopt rules and regulations requiring that water systems designed for such new construction projects and public school buildings shall be designed and constructed to use a minimum of 25% less potable water than the indoor water use baseline calculated for the building after meeting the fixture performance requirements prescribed by the American society of mechanical engineers efficiency recommendations in effect on the effective date of this act. The secretary of administration shall adopt rules and regulations for calculation of the indoor water use baseline for new construction projects and public school buildings in accordance with the department of energy federal emergency management program standards using water usage data from new construction projects and public school buildings constructed in the state during the 2006, 2007 and 2008 fiscal years. Outdoor potable water or harvested groundwater consumption of state agencies and school districts shall be reduced by not less than 25% over the amount of water consumed by conventional means through water use efficient landscape materials and irrigation policies, including, but not limited to, water reuse and recycling.

The state agency, school district and the building architect or designer shall compare metered data from the first year of building operation with energy design standards adopted by the secretary of administration and shall

submit a written report concerning each such building to the secretary of administration within two months following the first year of operation.

If the average building energy or water consumption over the one-year period following the date of beneficial occupancy is 85% or less than the energy efficiency or water consumption performance standards established pursuant to this act, the building architect or designer, state agency or school district, the contractor or the construction manager at risk, as the case may be, shall investigate, determine the cause of the failure to achieve the standard, and recommend corrections or modifications to meet such energy design standards.

AIA Kansas supports the concept but has questions about some of the language.

AIA Kansas will update members on legislative activities as they happen

## **Professional Development**

Scoler-Peterson Concrete Conference on Thursday, February 7th at Kansas State University. For more information and registration go to <http://www.dce.ksu.edu/conf/scholer/>

Kansas Masonry Conference on February 13th at Kansas State University. For more information and registration go to: <http://www.dce.k-state.edu/conf/masonry/>

2006 IBC Performing Commercial Building Inspections – at Overland Park Convention Center on February 13, 14, 15. These classes will appeal to intermediate level building inspection staff seeking professional development and design professionals who wish success in the commercial inspection process. Learn how to verify whether a building complies with the 2006 IBC, from an experienced ICC expert. This class will give you the professional tools and techniques for conducting an organized, proven method of commercial inspection. For more information call Sean Reid at 913-715-2236 or [sean.reid@jocogov.org](mailto:sean.reid@jocogov.org).



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