



KANSAS MASONRY INDUSTRIES COUNCIL

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Going to Boston for Convention?

Don't miss the AIA Central States Events: Please note, the breakfast cost is \$25.

Breakfast - Thursday, May 15, 2008; 6:45 am - 8:00 am, Marriott Copley Place, 110 Huntington Avenue – Yarmouth Room, Boston, Massachusetts, Cost \$25 – please send a check to AIA CSR in care of AIA Kansas

Reception - Friday, May 16, 2008; 6:00 – 7:00 pm; Complimentary Appetizers & Cash Bar; Marriott Copley Place; 110 Huntington Avenue – Suffolk Room; Boston, Massachusetts. Reservations not needed for the reception.

If you will be a delegate and want to know what the candidates are thinking, see the AIA California Candidate Forum at <http://www.aiacc.org/cgi-bin/htmllos.cgi/00609.2.2950544351820594775>

Government Advocacy Update

As you probably already know, HB 2744 that removes the **fee cap on state architectural services** and removes the requirement for an in-state office to be eligible for state work was passed and approved by the Governor. The elimination of the fee cap in statute has been a legislative priority for 18 years! It is nice to be able to cross one thing off the list!

The House continues to try to override the governor's veto of the **Coal Plants Bill**. The legislative session could be over as early as today if the House was willing to wrap up without overriding the veto, but that seems unlikely to happen. There is lots of arm twisting and horse trading going on at the Capitol.

SB 485 – **Alternative Delivery for Counties and Schools was passed**. The bill allows counties to use either design/build or CM @ Risk for projects; and allows schools to use CM @ Risk.

Measurers defeated:

Thank you to all our members who have responded to our legislative alerts. We can't thank you enough for your assistance. **We have been able to avoid disaster on several fronts** – The part of a bill that would have allowed lesser codes and standards to be used instead of the codes and standards passed by Kansas was removed. The bill that would remove the Kansas Board of Technical Professions ability to hold their own hearings is dead for the session. Another bill that would have put home inspectors under the Kansas Board of Technical Professions was amended to take this out.

Committee Happenings

Committee on the Environment- register at www.aiaks.org/committees/cote

Emerging Professionals

The AIA KS Emerging Professional Committee Meeting will be held via conference call on May 9th at 3:30 pm in promoting sustainability and reducing fossil fuel emissions. Anyone interested in participating, please email Jennifer Ryg at jr@spangenbergphillips.com for the call number.3

Professional Development

AIA Kansas presents: LEED® for New Construction (LEED-NC) Exam Workshop - Preparation for the accreditation exam for: Architects, Engineers, Contractors, Facility Managers, Interior Designers and other building professionals, Friday, June 20 from 9:30 am -5:30 pm - 7 Hours Sustainable Credit.

Cost \$80 for AIA Members and \$100 Non-members. Materials: LEED NC Reference Guide, Third Edition and highlighter highly recommended! Purchase book at www.usgbc.org (suggest two-weeks lead time). For more information go to <http://www.aiaks.org/members/education/members/education/leed%20flyer> to register, go to <http://www.aiaks.org/leed>

Greening the Heartland Conference - Embrace Change in 2008 - June 22-24, St. Louis. For more information and to register go to <http://www.greeningtheheartland.org/>

AIA Kansas City presents the 2008 AIA Central States Design Excellence Awards

A stellar jury will recognize the best of the best design in our region. Jurors will comment on and present the awards at the region's first ever "Academy Awards" style celebration on the evening of October 24, 2008 at the award-winning Bartle Hall Ballroom. For more information go to the CSR website - <http://www.aiakc.org/aiacs2008/home.htm> scroll to the bottom of the page and click on awards.

CSR Graphics Competition

The Challenge: Create a graphic logo that will be used to market the AIA Central States Region Emerging Professionals. Submit your best ideas by May 23rd and your design just might be the ONE! For more information go to <http://www.aiaks.org/members/members/aiacsr.html/members/csrgraphic>

Job Board Please visit the AIA Kansas web page for up to the minute listings.

Calendar

MAY

- 8 AIA Kansas Committee on the Environment [Lunch & Learn](#), [Register](#)
- 9 AIA Kansas Government Affairs Committee, 3pm, Celtic Fox, Topeka
- 15-18 AIA National Convention, Boston
- 15 AIA Wichita Tour, 3:30pm
- 20 AIA Kansas Conference Committee, 4pm, Law/Kingdon, Wichita
- 28 AIA Kansas Emerging Professionals, Wichita

JUNE

- 20 [LEED Seminar](#), 700 SW Jackson, Florentine Room, [Registration Form](#)
- 22-24 Greening the Heartlands Conference, St. Louis