



AIA OVR

AIA Ohio Valley Region 2009 Annual Report

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AIA Mission Statement: *“The AIA is the voice of the Architectural Profession and the resource for its members in service to society.”*

1. INTRODUCTION: This report is intended to provide our region's three states -- AIA Indiana, AIA Kentucky and AIA Ohio – with an annual report that includes the major events, actions and accomplishments of this past year (October 2008 – October 2009) plus the current and future issues facing the Institute's components and its members. Any member of our region who wishes to have more information on these or any others, please feel free to contact Deb, John or Jack.

2. MEMBERSHIP: The Institute now counts over 78,000 members, which is a decline from recent years. Member categories are continuing to be reviewed. Changes to International Membership were rejected at the Annual Meeting during the Convention while the addition of a Public Member category also failed as a resolution. A resolution to allow Associate Members to serve as Regional Directors on the National Board failed to become a By-Law change.

3. DUES: This has been a challenging issue at all levels of the AIA. The 2010 national dues will remain at the 2009 level, the Board voted to suspend the dues indexing for this year. Understanding the financial challenges our members face, the dues waiver and dues payment plan are both options for members at the national level again in 2010. It is anticipated that all components will also participate in these options. It is clearly understood the cash flow and revenue impact these options present, but retention of members is a much more significant goal.

4. AIA STRATEGIC PLAN: This year has seen the National Board again, actively engaged in updating the strategic plan for guiding the AIA in both the short and long term. The membership is being engaged in the process by a widespread effort at all levels to develop an efficient delivery of services and activities that are not duplicated, but allocated to the appropriate component level. Board discussions, decisions and allocation of funds are guided by their relation to this Strategic Plan, so your participation in the process will enrich the product. Deb Kunce, AIA, is a member of that Strategic Initiatives Committee and will keep you informed.

5. AIA Governance: The Task Force was updated this year to continue to become a more strategic Board and lead the AIA into the future while being more effective and efficient. Deb Kunce, AIA, is a member of that Task Force and will keep you informed.

6. 2010 BUDGET: The AIA's Finance and Audit Committee, on which both Hal Munger, FAIA, (as Treasurer) and John Rogers, AIA, ACHA serve, is working on a reduced 2010 budget to align with the Strategic Plan and an Operating Plan is being developed in conjunction with the national staff. The 2010 Budget will reflect a drop in revenue that will challenge us to develop a balanced budget we are required to provide. A close look at services and activities is underway. Many changes have occurred this year with consolidation of committees and some Knowledge Communities while sun-setting others and a shift to Task Forces, rather than committees to assure focus on issues in a timely and cost effective manor. Other changes are likely to occur. This process has made it clear that there are no “sacred cows” that escape scrutiny of value to our members. Scholarships, including those transferred from the AAF, have moved from operational budgeting to endowment funding for consistency and separation from budget fluctuations.

7. ANNUAL CONVENTION / San Francisco: Themed - Power of Diversity, Practice in a Complex World, drew over 22,000 in attendance, and provided the opportunity for members to participate in the daily general sessions live via the web. This was done to help members in the challenging economy. Clark Manus, FAIA, was elected First Vice President for 2010; he'll assume the presidency in 2011. Mickey Jacobs, FAIA and Peter Kuttner, FAIA were both elected Vice Presidents while our own John Rogers, AIA, ACHA was elected Treasurer, all with two year terms starting in December this year. The 2010 convention in Miami will also be great. Plan to attend!

8. GREENING THE HEADQUARTERS / “THE “21ST CENTURY WORKPLACE” Planning for this project continued this year. This also continues to be a “demonstration project” for Integrated Project Delivery (IPD), and the team led by STUDIOS Architecture with Syska Engineering as systems consultant and DPR Construction as constructor. The Detailed Design Phase was completed and cost estimate developed. Due to the challenging economic climate we are experiencing, a priority for seeking a tenant for the upper floors of the building was set. Developing a revenue stream while allowing the construction to proceed in phases was approved by the Board at its recent meeting in Philadelphia. The project will get us to 60% carbon neutrality and being done in phases will allow us to take advantage of new technology being developed over time to improve the performance of the building, perhaps beyond the current goals. Hal Munger, FAIA is the very capable chair of the Building Committee for this project.

9. OVR MEMBERS / COLLEGE OF FELLOWS: The San Francisco Convention included the investiture of William Browne, FAIA of IN and John Hedge Jr., FAIA of OH into the College of Fellows. Congratulations to Bill and Jack as outstanding OVR colleagues!

10. ADVOCACY: Our legislative efforts this year, are continuing to show how much impact the AIA has at all levels. The Sustainable Design Education Bill, Green Act, Transportation for America and many others, are tangible examples of our efforts. The exposure of our 2030 Commitment (carbon neutral buildings by 2030) has achieved traction across the country and endorsed by many governmental agencies as well as other organizations that impact communities across the country. ArchiPAC funds are essential to maintaining our voice and effectiveness, please consider donating!

11. ISSUES: Many things continue to be important issues through presentations and discussions, such as diversity, the culture of practice and integrated web strategies. These engender discussion and debate while providing a platform for “thought leadership” for members. The AAF returned ownership of the Octagon to the AIA as well as some scholarships this year.

12. POSITION STATEMENTS: Annually the AIA reviews and adopts, amends or sunsets our position statements. Twenty-nine were approved, six extended and two sun-setted this year.

13. COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE: The use and effectiveness of both RUDATS and SDATS across the country continued. Indianapolis is scheduled to have an SDAT later in October 2009.

14. CODE OF ETHICS was updated this year and two items were added. Providing professional services that advance sustainability of our built environment and our communities as well as providing pro bono services are now part of the AIA Code of Ethics. Tony Costello, FAIA, of the OVR, was very involved in the development of the Pro-Bono guidelines.

15. CHAS SCHRECKENBERGER, AIA, and BRIAN McALEXANDER, ASSOCIATE AIA, LEED AP - ELECTED: Chas Schreckenberger, AIA, was elected in mid September to succeed John W. Rogers, AIA, ACHA, as the Ohio Valley Regional Representative to the AIA National Board. He will take office at the Dec. '09, Board meeting in Washington, DC, and serve through 2012. He joins Deb Kunce, AIA as OVR representative. Brian McAlexander, Associate AIA, LEED AP was elected Associate Regional Director to replace Jack Baumann, AIA, LEED AP. CONGRATULATIONS, Chas & Brian!

16. A PERSONAL NOTE: I would like to take this opportunity to officially thank every member of the Ohio Valley Chapter of the AIA, including the officers and executives of our three state chapters during my tenure (2006-2009) on the National Board, for allowing me to represent you at the national level. I have been truly honored to serve, first with Tony Costello, FAIA, and then Deb Kunce, AIA, in representing our region and continuing to build on the reputation of its members who serve at the national level. Also, working with Chris Bowling, AIA, and Jack Baumann, AIA, LEED AP as Regional Associate Directors during my term, was a wonderful opportunity to experience their growth in leadership to our emerging professionals and service to our profession. As I move on to National Treasurer, I am humbled by the support and encouragement I received from everyone in the OVR during my campaign and election this year. I am committed to do the best job I can and will continue to rely on your feedback and help with the many issues and challenges we will face together in the next two years. It's been three years that my wife, Cheryl, and I will never forget! Many Thanks..... John

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