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The American Institute of Architects (AIA) is the professional organization that helps architects serve the public's needs and builds awareness of the role of architects and architecture in American society. The organization was created in 1857. Today, with headquarters in Washington, DC, and nearly 300 local chapters, the organization represents 70,000 licensed architects and associated professionals.

AIA West Jersey (AIA WJ) is a local section of AIA New Jersey. The section was formed in 1925, uniting the architects of the Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, and Salem Counties by merging the local group with the five other sections that make up The New Jersey Society of Architects. (AIA New Jersey)

A Farewell Message from Our 2011 President



William J. Cohen, AIA
*2011 AIA West Jersey
President*

Dear Fellow AIA West Jersey Members:

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as President of the American Institute of Architects, West Jersey Section for 2011. It is hard to believe that the year has come and gone so fast.

When I joined the Executive Board five years ago, I was determined to get involved and make a difference. Despite the downturn in the global economy, our Chapter continues to grow, generate new membership and creative ideas. Our strongest growth has been experienced in our young associates division, now known as the Committee of Emerging Professionals in Architecture (CEPA). Under the leadership of Bob O'Reilly, Jim Del Grosso and Jason Lutz, we have assembled over 40 young and emerging professionals within our jurisdiction. We have provided study aids for the for the A.R.E. exams, mentoring opportunities, assisted with IDP requirements, and created a forum in which CEPA and our members can interact. Our young professionals are the future of our organization and we must continue to support their needs and efforts. Our profession depends upon them.

Over the past 12 months, we have worked hard to re-tool our Section in order to meet the needs of our changing profession. I am proud of the efforts that our Executive Board

has made and I want to thank them for their dedication, as well as the many hours they donated. Aside from CEPA, we have restructured the Executive Board, revamped our website and newsletters, realigned ourselves with our affiliate members and builder's associations, and introduced new educational and mentoring opportunities. We continue to provide quality programming, field trips and special events to our members throughout the year, and I know that this coming year will be no exception.

In order to keep the momentum, we need your assistance. 2013 is only 12 months away. We are looking for motivated, creative and dedicated individuals to join our Executive Board. The future of our Section depends upon the commitment of our members.

I want to wish Bob O'Reilly a hearty congratulations and wish him the best of luck as the 2012 President of AIA West Jersey.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve and I pledge my continued involvement and support as Past President 2012.

Very truly yours,

William J. Cohen, AIA

2011 AIA West Jersey President



AIA WJ Student Design Competition March 2011

Photo of AIA West Jersey Student
Design Competition 1st Place Winner
Steven Davis

2011 AIA West Jersey Student Design Competition

On Tuesday, March 29, 2011, AIA West Jersey held its Annual Student Design Competition at the Haddon Fortnightly in Haddonfield, New Jersey.

The 2011 Guest Jury Panel included Van B. Bruner, Jr., FAIA, Bruce Turner, AIA, Kirby Wu, AIA, & Angelo Cataldi.

Students from the Architectural Programs at the University of Pennsylvania, Drexel University, and Philadelphia University, were picked by the Studio Critics to present one of their Studio Projects chosen by themselves & their Professor.

All three Architectural Students presented their chosen projects to the Guest Jury Panel, where they were all critiqued on their thought process, design process, and final design solution. All three Architectural projects were completely unique, which brought a level of curiosity and intrigue to the Guest Jury Panel.

At the end of night, the Student Design Competition Jury selected Steven Davis, of Philadelphia University as the 1st Place Winner of the 2011 AIA West Jersey Student Design Competition.

AIA West Jersey would like to say Thank You to all of those AIA West Jersey Members and Associates who came out to support the Architectural Students of tomorrow. The Executive Board of AIA West Jersey would also like to give a special Thank You to all of our 2011 Jury Members for volunteering their time, thoughts, and Architectural Critique.

“I had an especially nice time tonight and would like to thank AIA West Jersey for continuing to support an event like this that helps future Architects to creatively open their minds and share their thoughts with the public.”

Van B. Bruner, Jr.,
FAIA



AIA WJ Community Service Day April 2011

Photo of AIA West Jersey Board
Members Bob O'Reilly, AIA, & David
Lummis, AIA, at Fullerton Park

AIA West Jersey Volunteers Help Rebuild a Local Playground

On Saturday, April 30, members of AIA West Jersey assisted in a community service project of rebuilding a playground at Fullerton Park in Moorestown, NJ.

Fullerton Park is located in the heart of Moorestown and has been a community based park for decades. The original play set and surrounding fixtures were installed in 1992 by local residents in memory of Frank Fullerton, a Moorestown police officer, who was tragically killed in the line of duty in 1979. Time had taken its toll on the playground, and the Township recently identified significant safety and health issues with the playground. It was time for the playground to be replaced.

Leathers & Associates, who specialize in community-built playgrounds, designed the Fullerton Park playground, and provided supervision for the project. AIA West Jersey members were divided into several teams, each working on a section of the playground with other community volunteers.

The playground was completed on the following day and children immediately enjoyed the result of the volunteer's efforts. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their Saturday for this worthwhile effort.

"I grew up in this town, and I want my children to have the same experiences that I had growing up, so this is really, really important to me."

Mary Schlindwein

Moorestown
Resident

Credit Courtesy of CBS3 News



AIA WJ Fall Trip – Solar Decathlon October 2011

Photo of AIA West Jersey's Tour Group
out front of Team New Jersey's Solar
Decathlon Zero Energy Home.

2011 AIA West Jersey Fall Trip to the Solar Decathlon in Washington, D.C.

AIA West Jersey hosted a trip to the National Mall's West Potomac Park in Washington, DC on Saturday October 1st. Twenty AIA members from West Jersey, South, Shore and Newark/Suburban along with five spouses made the trip to the site of this year's U S Dept. of Energy 2011 Solar Decathlon. It is an award winning program that challenges 20 collegiate teams to design, build and operate solar powered houses. The winner of the competition is the one that best blends affordability, consumer appeal, and design excellence with optimal energy production and maximum efficiency. This year's overall winner was the University of Maryland. Each structure, between 600 - 1000 square feet, was required to be transported for assembly to Washington, DC.

Although the weather did not completely cooperate with rain, and wind temperatures in the 50's it did not dampen the enthusiasm of the group and AIA West Jersey is hoping to repeat the trip to the 2013 Solar Decathlon.

Congratulations to Team New Jersey and the students at NJIT on their Zero Energy Home design being showcased at the 2011 Solar Decathlon!



2011 AIA
New Jersey
Scholarship
Foundation
Awards

Photo of Kyle Ryan (second from right) with the other Scholarship Recipients with Larry Parisi, AIA – 2012 President AIA New Jersey

AIA West Jersey's Kyle Ryan, Fifth Year student at Tulane University, is awarded top scholarship by the AIA New Jersey Scholarship Foundation

The 2011 AIA New Jersey Scholarship Awards were presented at the 2012 AIA New Jersey Inaugural Banquet and Kyle Ryan of Voorhees, New Jersey, was awarded the top scholarship by the AIA New Jersey Scholarship Foundation.

Kyle Ryan is a part of the AIA West Jersey Section & Region.

All of AIA West Jersey would like to say **Congratulations!**

The AIA New Jersey Scholarship Foundation Inc. maintains a program of scholarship grants to qualified architectural students from New Jersey or attending architecture school in New Jersey for the purpose of recognizing scholastic achievement, demonstrated talent, and potential for success in the profession of Architecture. Financial need is also a consideration for the award of scholarship funds. It is noted that funds for the program come from contributions and fundraising efforts of AIA New Jersey members, interested sources in the construction industry, and private individuals located in New Jersey.



AIAWJ – BLSJ Proudly Announce a Newly Formed Affiliation

AIA WJ & BLSJ to Collaborate

AIA West Jersey and the Builders League of South Jersey are proud to announce their newly formed collaboration. The AIA West Jersey and the Builders League of South Jersey will expand the reach of both groups and strengthen their roots by promoting the direct interaction and socialization of active members from both organizations at chapter events, meetings, and in shared view political agendas.

The affiliation between AIA West Jersey's 175 members and the Builders League of South Jersey's 400 members will enhance opportunities for League Builders to meet new Architects and Architects to meet new Builders. The potential to grow new professional relationships will help to create new avenues of different project types for both professionals including new design elements like solar panel systems integration through Architectural detailing and Sustainable/Green Design through Architectural planning and design.

Since 1940, the Builders League of South Jersey (BLSJ) has been "the voice of the industry" to builders, remodelers, home improvement contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, consulting professionals and others involved in new home construction and remodeling in southern New Jersey. A highly effective trade association consisting of professional builders, developers, remodelers and associated businesses in Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties, BLSJ is committed to promoting balanced solutions for solving New Jersey's housing needs while planning for preservation, environmental protection and economic growth. BLSJ is affiliated with the New Jersey Builders Association and the National Association of Home Builders.



2011 AIA WJ Photo Competition

Photo of the "Skydome" at the British Museum, London, England. Photo Courtesy of Robert W. O'Reilly, AIA.

2011 AIA WJ Photo Competition

For the 6th year, AIA West Jersey sponsored its juried photography competition to celebrate architecture and the built environment.

Images from past years entries have highlighted architecture from around the globe. The 2010 Best Overall Award captured an interesting perspective of old and new at night in Montreal. Selected photographs for the 2011 Award are included in AIA WJ 2012 calendar.

The competition is open to all AIA members and affiliates, students and the general public.

A minimum of 13 Winning entries were chosen for inclusion in the printed 2012 calendar and silent auction.



2012 AIA West Jersey Presidents Inaugural Banquet Sponsors

2012 AIA West Jersey Presidents' Inaugural Banquet Sponsors

AIA West Jersey relies on the help of its members and affiliates in order to serve its members. Over the years AIA West Jersey has had many different affiliates so we would like to recognize all of them by saying **Thank You!** for supporting continuing to support the AIA West Jersey and provide all of the Section Members with multiple avenues to expand their Professional Knowledge base.

AIA West Jersey would like to especially recognize and say **Thank You** to all of the 2011-2012 Affiliates who sponsored the 2012 AIA West Jersey Presidents' Inaugural Banquet which is being held on January 28, 2012, at the Mansion in Voorhees.

Thank you all and AIA West Jersey wishes all of you a healthy and prosperous new year!

Thank You to the Sponsors of the 2012 Inaugural!!

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AIA West Jersey is grateful to our 2011-2012 Affiliates and look forward to continuing those affiliations in 2012. Thanks to their generosity and continued support throughout the year, AIA West Jersey is able to provide educational programs to our members and our long standing Scholarship Program for architectural students. We encourage all members to familiarize themselves with our affiliate members and if possible use their products and services whenever possible.

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