

Third Quarter, 2009

Special points of interest:

- 2009 AIA Montana Annual Fall Conference: Sustainable Practice October 8-10 in Bozeman, Montana
- All Vendor Booths have been SOLD. Other opportunities open: Reception and Tailgate Party
- Results of Design Award will be announced at the Awards Banquet on Friday—October 9 at MSU/SUB Ballroom A

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AIA Montana News

President's Message

Jeff Sandholm, AIA, President

Architecture Matters ?

True or False? To design a commercial building in Montana you need to be a licensed Architect?

Many of you may be surprised at the answer. In Montana anyone can design a commercial building. In fact, the laws regulating who can call themselves an Architect in Montana are stronger than the laws regulating the practice of Architecture.

The Montana chapter of the AIA has spent a considerable amount of time over the last ten years working to strengthen the laws regulating the practice of Architecture in Montana. I have attended countless meetings with the State Board of Architects, Department of Labor, Building Codes Bureau and various state Legislators in an attempt to change our current statutes. This effort by the Montana AIA came to a conclusion last spring as the bill brought forward in the Legislature to change the definition of "public building" was pulled due to overwhelming resistance.

One of the primary reasons given for opposing our change was that utilizing an Architect (or Engineer) to design a building simply adds cost to a project. The many positive reasons we all understand for using an Architect, (protection of public safety, added value, better design, etc.) were all perceived as insignificant. This leaves the State of Montana as one of the few in the country with such weak laws governing the practice of Architecture.

The effort required to change the Architecture statutes in Montana has grown beyond something the Montana AIA can accomplish on its' own. We have had to accept the fact that the Legislators of our state do not appreciate the value of Architects and put our attempts to effect change on hold. Only a grassroots effort involving the entire Architect membership of the state will be sufficient to educate and convince our Legislators that Architects should be required to design commercial and public buildings, and that Architecture does matter.

Up Coming Events:

- AIA Montana 2009 Annual Fall Conference – Bozeman, Montana – October 8-10, 2009
- Montana Architect—AIA Montana's Annual Magazine – Advertising Due October 15, 2009
- Greenbuild International Conference & Expo – Phoenix, Arizona, – November 11-13, 2009
- Grassroots 2010— Washington, D.C. – February 2-7, 2010

AIA Montana Fall Conference 2009 Speaker Line-Up

*Chere LeClair, AIA, Secretary/
Treasurer and Fall Conference Chair*

Mark your calendars now for the 2009 Fall Conference to be held October 8th-10th in Bozeman on the MSU campus. This year's theme, *Sustainable Practice*, will focus on strategies to keep firms competitive during this economic down turn as well as emphasis on sustainable design solutions.

OPTIONAL THURSDAY

"Beyond BIM: Collaboration is Reshaping Conceptual Design and Estimating" The Adoption of BIM by contractors requires an entirely new skill set and is transforming construction delivery. This session will highlight how JE Dunn Construction, one of the nation's largest general contractors has integrated BIM into their business process and increased productivity and quality in the built product. Examples of innovation in cast-in-place concrete construction, subgrade coordination, and quality management will be presented. Beyond BIM, Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) is rapidly changing the design and construction landscape. IPD, an approach to project delivery that integrates individuals, technology, business processes and systems in such a way that the specific talents and expertise of all project stakeholders is maximized, resulting in the delivery of a fully optimized project with increased value and reduced waste throughout all phases of the project lifecycle. As opposed to traditional project delivery, IPD eliminates the "silo" effect in which the owner defines a business case for development, the architect's team delivers a concept and a contractor provides an estimates based on that information. The session will present examples of JE Dunn and Anderson Mason Dale have implemented technology-enabled collaboration and reshaped the conceptual design and estimating process. Presenters are Rodd Mechant is the VP of Engineering Services and Design Build for JEC Dunn Construction's Denver Office and David Pfeifer is partner at Anderson Mason Dale Architects—also of Denver. Addition Fee—Thursday Course

FRIDAY FALL CONFERENCE

"Collaborate Early for Sustainability, Connectivity, and Profitability" Tomorrow's facilities can no longer be independent islands of development. Those that are part of the built environment are learning more and more that connectivity is essential for sustainable, enduring communities. The concept of connectivity—from the facility to the earth and the community extends even to the design team. Early, effective collaboration with the design team has become even more critical to producing the cost effective, resources responsible project that the client wants and future generations deserve. In this interactive session, you will learn how to tap into the skills and knowledge of your design partners to maximize your budget and minimize design time, while creating more livable communities. Presenters are both from Sanderson Stewart. Michael Sanderson, PE, PTOE, LEED AP is the Managing Director and Danielle Scharf, PE, PTOE, LEED AP is Senior Transportation Engineer and an Associate.

"The Importance of Collaborative, Interdisciplinary Design Practices" This session will be led by award winning Canadian architect Marc Boutin, the director of the University of Calgary's School of Architecture and principal of the Marc Boutin Architectural Collaborative, Inc. The work of his firm reflects the philosophy of "imprintable", sensory-based architecture based on direct experience and embracing the elements of light, structure, material and technique. His research and critical practice has focused on the design opportunities that lie at the confluence of different disciplines. Boutin will explore the importance of collaborative, interdisciplinary design practices given the emergence of a global environmental consciousness and new digital-based design and fabrication processes. A series of design projects will be discussed within the context of the architects' opportunities for both leadership and design innovation.

"Public Architecture—A 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization" Liz Ogbu will speak about Public Architecture (www.publicarchitecture.org), a 501(c)(3) charitable organization established in 2002. The organization began with the vision of a single architect—Tim Culvahouse. He felt his firm, and the profession of architecture have a role to play in affecting social change. It is that vision based on a belief that designers have the unique ability to identify problems as opportunities, and that it is the profession's responsibility to use their skills and expertise to advance the public good. Designers' contribution to a more sustainable world can not only foster a healthy planet, but healthy communities as well. More than 500 U.S. architecture firms, ranging from sole practitioners to Perkins & Will and HOK, participate in The 1%, Public Architecture's program encouraging and supporting systematic pro bono service as part of a firm's successful business model, as well as its professional obligation. These firms have pledged over 200,000 hours per year to service in the public interest. Liz Ogbu, LEED AP, serves as Staff for Public Architecture promoting environmentally and socially sustainable design.

"An Architectural Firm's Multidisciplinary Approach" Josh Shelton with Kansas City based el dorado architects will be discussing his firm's multidisciplinary approach to modernism that is changing the face of Kansas City and points beyond. Through the engagement of architecture, urban planning, public art, industrial design, fabrication, and education, the partners at el dorado have developed a shared language capable of tackling a wide range of project typologies and scales. The New York Architectural League included el dorado in the 2008 class of Emerging Voices. The firm's projects have been published on a regular basis, both nationally and abroad.

Get your registration in TODAY!

AIA Montana's
Annual Fall Conference:
"Sustainable Practice"

October 8-10, 2009
Bozeman, Montana

"This year's theme, Sustainable Practice, will focus on strategies to keep firms competitive during this economic down turn as well as emphasis on sustainable design solutions."

These Vendors are Exhibiting at the 2009 Fall Conference!

ALL vendor booths have been sold for at the 2009 AIA Montana Fall Conference. THANK YOU! We are still looking for a tailgate sponsor and someone to share in the hosting of the award's reception.

It is not too early to begin making your plans for advertising in this year's annual Montana Architect Magazine. Cecilee is just beginning to make initial contracts with firms, vendors, and allied members. We are hoping

our second issue is bigger and better than the first – AND most thought that was pretty good. Don't get left out – many complained that they were missed. Contact the office if you are interested.

Malisani, Inc.
Great Falls, Montana

Vann's Inc.
Missoula, Montana

J. K. Lawrence Photography
Bozeman, Montana

Innovative Laboratory Systems
Rockford, Minnesota

Big Sky Acoustics, LLC
Helena, Montana

ASSA Abloys Door Security
Aurora, Colorado

Sierra Pacific Windows
Missoula, Montana

Minot Builders Supply
Billings, Montana

Montana Plans Exchanges
Great Falls, Montana

Nordic Development
Billings, Montana

Montana Contractors Assoc.
Helena, Montana

Pella Windows & Doors
Billings, Montana

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Belgrade, Montana

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Hamilton, Montana

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Butte, Montana

Better Bricks
Seattle, Washington

JCCS, PC
Missoula, Montana

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Chicago, Illinois

Tri Jack Design Products Co.
Billings, Montana

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Billings, Montana

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Missoula, Montana

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Billings, Montana

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Carnation, Washington

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Helena, Montana

Ingersall Rand Security
Missoula, Montana

APi System Integrators
Billings, Montana

Energetechs, Inc.
Missoula, Montana

Formica
Cincinnati, Ohio

Cosella-Dorken Products
Beamsville, ON Canada

Roseburg Forest Products
Silverton, Oregon

The Mohawk Group - Bigelow
Belgrade, Montana

The Masonry Center, Inc.
Spokane Valley, Washington

Serious Materials
Sunnyvale, California

Lake Glass
Bozeman, Montana

Timber Roots Distribution
Butte, Montana

*“Vendors add
quality and value to
our conference –
many thanks to all
from AIA
Montana!”*

Vendors will show
October 9, 2009
MSU–SUB
Bozeman, Montana

GRAND DOOR PRIZE:
\$1,000.00 CASH

Collect your raffle tickets
from the Vendors for your
chance to WIN!

Drawing will be held during
the Awards Banquet–YOU
MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.



Montana Chapter of the
American Institute of
Architects

**NCARB's new
website:
www.ncarb.org**

Have you contacted Cecilee at NewsletterInk to have your firm's profile included in the 2nd Annual Montana Architect Magazine?

Recent Changes to IDP and the ARE

*Shannon Peterson, Associate AIA,
Associate AIA Director, IDP Liason*

NCARB has recently made several important changes to the Intern Development Program (IDP) and the Architect Registration Examination (ARE). These changes affect all Associate members who are currently on the path to licensure.

NCARB's 6-Month Rule is now in effect for interns who begin their NCARB record after July 1, 2009. Under the 6-Month Rule, interns are required to submit training units in reporting periods of less than six months and within two months of the completion of each period. Interns will not be affected by delays caused by their supervisors or by NCARB. Of course interns may and are encouraged to report more frequently than every six months. For interns who established their NCARB record before July 1, 2009, the 6-Month Rule goes into effect on July 1, 2010. At that time, any training units earned before November 2, 2009 will no longer be valid. For all the procrastinators out there, this means it is time to report all the training units you have been holding on to so you do not lose them.

NCARB has also gone green by

discontinuing the use of paper reporting forms. NCARB's new e-EVR, or electronic Experience Verification Reporting, system allows interns to track their training units online. When an intern submits a report, an e-mail notification is sent to their supervisor. Supervisors must create a profile in e-EVR to review and approve their interns' reports. NCARB's goal with the new system is to provide transparency into the IDP process and help interns meet the requirements of IDP.

Another significant change is the State of Montana is now allowing interns to concurrently complete IDP and the ARE. To be eligible for the ARE, interns must complete the license application form from the Montana Board of Architects and Landscape Architects website, provide verification that he or she has started IDP, and pay the proper exam application fee. To verify you are enrolled in IDP, request transmittal of your NCARB record through NCARB's website and check "ARE Early Eligibility". It is important to note that interns are not licensed architects in the State of Montana until they have both completed IDP and passed the ARE.

In addition to the recent IDP

changes, NCARB transitioned to ARE 4.0 on July 1, 2009. This new version includes 6 hybrid divisions and 1 graphic division, instead of the 6 multiple-choice divisions and 3 graphic divisions previously found in ARE 3.1. The hybrid divisions contain multiple-choice, check-all-that-apply, and fill-in-the-blank questions along with graphic vignettes. ARE 4.0 emphasizes the problemsolving skills interns use on a daily basis and condenses the subject matter so interns can study for subjects all at once. The five year "rolling clock" implemented in 2004 is still in place for ARE 4.0 candidates.

NCARB has also announced the addition of a "Security & Development Fee" to all ARE divisions. ARE fees will increase \$40 each to \$210 per division for exams scheduled on or after October 1, 2009. This increase is due to recent exam content disclosures by ARE candidates. NCARB has estimated that it will cost \$1.1 million to develop and replace exam content and cover administrative and legal costs related to the disclosures.

For more information on the issues discussed in this article check out NCARB's new website at www.ncarb.org.

The Montana Architect - AIA Montana's Annual Magazine

The Montana Architect is published annually with a circulation of more than 1,500 per issue. Last year was AIA Montana's premiere issue – the issue was well received. This second issue promises to be even larger and better.

Cecilee Shull of NewsletterInk will again serve

as AIA Montana's Sales Representative. Cecilee can be reached at 1-800-639-0465 or at cecilee@newslettersink.net

The magazine will include a complete listing of all AIA Montana Memberships, this year's design award winners, firm profiles, technology in design and construction,

sustainability practices, how to add value and relevancy to client services and much more. The publication serves to strengthen the relationship between AIA Montana, its members, vendors, and others concerned with the built environment. This is a valuable marketing tool for all AIA Montana Members!



**October 8-10, 2009
Bozeman, Montana
Conference
Registration**

Please Print Neatly:

Delegate Name _____

Membership # _____

Firm _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

+ AIA + Associate Member + Professional Affiliate + Student + Non-Member

Guest/Spouse Name (if attending BANQUET) _____

USE ONE REGISTRATION FORM PER DELEGATE—MAKE ADDITIONAL COPIES IF NEEDED

Conference Registration Fees:

Optional Thursday Additional Pre-Conference Fee _____ @ \$125.00 = _____

• Regular Conference Registration for AIA Montana Member _____ @ \$ 75.00 = _____

• Regular Conference Registration for Non-Member _____ @ \$125.00 = _____
(Receive \$50 Credit towards AIA Membership*)

Guest for Friday Night Banquet _____ @ \$ 35.00 = _____

Football Ticket (Optional) (Limited to First 50 Takers) _____ @ \$ 9.00 = _____

SUBTOTAL _____

Sponsor MSU Student to Conference (Optional) _____ @ \$ 35.00 = _____

Must be Paid by Check *(cannot take credit cards)* TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

The following are part of a Regular Registration: Information is for planning purposes-please complete.

Do you plan to attend the Banquet? Yes or No

Do you plan to attend the Tailgate Party? Yes or No

Total learning units available –all Health Safety Welfare – for Regular Fall Conference Registration is 4.0.

Total learning units available –all Health Safety Welfare – for Regular Fall Conference Registration with Pre-Conference Option is 7.0.

Return Registration Form with Check to: AIA Montana Office
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If registering after September 25, 2009, please contact the AIA Montana Office: 406-259-7300.



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Through a culture of innovation, the American Institute of Architects empowers its members and inspires creation of a better built environment.

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From the AIA Montana Office

Continuing Education is a great way to take your career or your firm in a new direction. Have you or your firm been too busy to consider moving into a different area design expertise? Now might be the time to strike out!

Is your firm looking for more work? Have you recently had your hours shortened or been laid off? Now is the time to take full advantage of membership in AIA.

Continuing Education is a GREAT way to take your firm or your career in a new direction. The AIA Montana Fall Conference is exploring directions that will bring new skill sets or a new direction for your firm/career path to take. The Fall Conference is a great way to network with fellow members—to problem solve, to partnership, to collaborate during this economic downturn. Don't count out the Vendors that will be at the Fall Conference—these folks might be looking for someone with your expertise. Now more than ever, it

is the time to look outside the box!

In past years, AIA Montana has maintained a file of resumes of members that are looking for a position. The office is getting calls and sharing those resumes that are on file. For those firms that wish to advertise a position, AIA Montana will do so at no charge at www.aia-mt.org.

In the past 68 weeks, the office has been contacted by several large firms from around the country looking to partner with Montana firms for different phases or parts of the new federal courthouse that will be built over the next several years. When these and other requests come in, the office shares the entire AIA

Montana membership at no charge with these firms with a copy of the 1st Edition of the Montana Architect.

AIA, both National and State levels, will keep dues rates the same – no increases in 2010. In addition to this news, AIA National will be offering all members the option to pay their dues in smaller monthly payments – instead of in one lump sum.

Now, more than ever, is the time to use your AIA membership to your advantage.

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