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Notes from Myself

A MESSAGE FROM AIA ARKANSAS PRESIDENT THAD KELLY

Leap Year momentum

Leaping Lizards! Hello AIA Arkansans. It is so cold up here in Fayetteville that I am reminded of one of my favorite philosophers. In one of Bill Waterson's Calvin and Hobbes comic strips, Calvin is explaining to Hobbes that "The weather is perfect! Because it's so cold, it freezes your boogers!"

The New Year has jumped upon us. It is already the end of January, and even though this is the start of AIA Arkansas' new year, we need to continue our quick start. Let's make the most of this Leap Year 2008!

First, the news. The 2008 AIA Arkansas Board held its annual planning retreat Jan. 11-12. We had a great turnout, and from the amount of topics that were covered, it is obvious that there is a very lively energy in your staff, board, and officers. The mission of AIA Arkansas is to develop, promote, educate and support the practice and practitioners of architecture; your current board is dedicated to building on the strengths and shoring up the weaknesses of your organization.

First and foremost, AIA Arkansas is each and every architect member, and your AIA leaders are volunteers.

Please remember to thank the individuals and firms of the 2008 board for their donation of time, effort and support to promote the ideals of AIA Arkansas.

I implore everyone to utilize our website. If possible, please place a link to it on your firm's webpage. WWW.AIAAR.ORG is the address. The chapter's events calendar is on the website. If you want to know what's happening in Arkansas, check out the calendar. Upcoming events include:

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Polk Stanley, UACDC earn AIA Institute Honor Awards

Four Arkansas projects were among 28 recognized nationally as 2008 recipients of the AIA Institute Honor Awards, the profession's highest recognition of works that exemplify excellence in architecture, interior architecture and urban design. Selected from over 800 total submissions, the 28 recipients will be honored in May at the AIA 2008 National Convention and Design Exposition in Boston.

The Arkansas winners included an Honor Award for Architecture for the Heifer International World Headquarters in Little Rock, Polk Stanley Rowland Curzon Porter Architects of Little Rock, and three Honor Awards for Regional and Urban Design for projects from the University of Arkansas Community Design Center.



Polk Stanley's Heifer International headquarters building earned another national award.

2008 Institute Honor Awards for Architecture

The 2008 Institute Honor Awards for Architecture recognize 13 unique projects. The types of projects range from museums and arts centers, to trend-setting residential projects. These projects, which span the U.S., Canada, the U.K. and South Korea, spotlight sustainable building practices and distinguished architecture.

[Heifer International World Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas](#) [Polk Stanley Rowland Curzon Porter Architects](#)

The Heifer International Headquarters is designed as a series of ringed bands that radiate outward. Its narrow corridors ensure that all offices have access to natural sunlight, and a bevy of green features earned the design a spot on the AIA Committee on the Environment's Top 10 Green list and LEED® Platinum certification.

2008 Institute Honor Award for Regional and Urban Design

Five projects were selected to receive the 2008 Institute Honor Award for Regional and Urban Design. The University of Arkansas Community Design Center won three of the five awards in this category, displaying an unprecedented concern and devotion for improving the quality of their urban environment.

[Campus Hydroscapes, Fayetteville, Arkansas](#) [University of Arkansas Community Design Center](#)

Urban growth from the surrounding campus is disrupting a stream's ecosystem and causing erosion, flooding, groundwater pollution and the loss of aquatic life. Ranging from small arrays of "hydrology pixilation" of streams and wetlands to a large "total marsh," each "hydroscape" proposal uses the purifying processes of natural streams and wetlands to rehabilitate the site.

[Habitat Trails: A Low Impact Development, Rogers, Arkansas](#)
[University of Arkansas Community Design Center](#)

Habitat Trails is a residential low-impact development (LID) consisting of 17 dwelling units for a nonprofit affordable housing provider committed to detached housing. The five-acre development incorporates LID technologies and a range of conservation planning strategies supportive of unit clustering that preserves a third of the site as commonly held open space.

[Visioning Rail Transit in Northwest Arkansas: Lifestyles and Ecologies](#)
[University of Arkansas Community Design Center](#)

Northwest Arkansas (NWA) is the nation's sixth fastest growing region and is expected to double in population within the next 15 years. In the absence of strong local planning traditions, Visioning Rail Transit in northwest Arkansas is the first step in helping area residents envision smart growth development opportunities through context-responsive transportation planning at the regional scale.

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- The AIA Grassroots 2008 Leadership and Legislative Conference in Washington D.C., Feb. 20-23.
- Each of the chapter's four sections place their upcoming events on the calendar, so if you happen to have a meeting in Jonesboro, you can check out what's happening with the East Section members. Or if you have a meeting in Fort Smith or Northwest Arkansas or Little Rock, check the calendar and attend a function and visit with friends.
- The 2008 AIA National Convention will be May 15-17 in Boston. Tee time anyone?
- The State Board of Architects will post their monthly meetings, generally the third Thursday of the month.
- The deadline for licensure renewal is July 31, 2008, in Little Rock. CEU mulligans anyone?
- Our own AIA Arkansas Convention will be Oct. 23-25 in Hot Springs. Party time anyone?

2008 is a non-legislative year, but we don't need to fall asleep and neglect our AIA Arkansas ARCH-PAC. Everyone is strongly encouraged to donate \$250 or more. The political-action committee will endorse candidates that will further the issues of AIA Arkansas.

Speaking of money, the board voted to include local-section dues to the 2009 bill that you receive from AIA National. This will end confusion about the sections sending out dues notices. Visit with your section chairs and give them your thoughts on local dues and the amount charged. We are looking at \$25 for section dues.

This, plus the state dues plus national dues, equals one check and done for the year.

Fore!



Thad Kelly, AIA, LEED AP
AIA Arkansas President 2008

Architecture students help rebuild Big Easy landmark

Restaurant serves as social anchor for hard-hit neighborhood



Professor Greg Herman and 19 University of Arkansas architecture students celebrated the holiday season by swinging hammers and ripping up floor joists. The U of A School of Architecture group was in New Orleans Dec. 11-16 to work on Miss Gloria's Kitchen, a local restaurant that had been shuttered since Hurricane Katrina.

Last spring, architecture students redesigned the restaurant from foundation to rooftop. Their proposals for outdoor seating, new signage and other improvements will amplify the restaurant's role as a social anchor for Gert Town, a New Orleans neighborhood struggling to recover from Katrina.

"We plan to carry out strategic demolition and prepare the site for construction - if time permits we may build some of the new interior walls," said Herman. "This blitz build takes us one step closer to getting Miss Gloria back in business."

The students will not receive course credit for the week of heavy labor, just the satisfaction of getting the project a little closer to completion. "We wanted to help people who need it," said Caitlin Stevens, a student from Canon City, Col.

"It will be good building experience for us, too," added Stephanie Bedinghaus, a third-year student from Springfield, Mo.

Polk Stanley Rowland Curzon Porter Architects Ltd. of Little Rock, Temple Shalom of Fayetteville and individuals in New Orleans and Fayetteville provided \$38,600 for the project. An additional \$48,400 is needed to renovate and reopen Miss Gloria's Kitchen.

The weeklong build was financed in part by AIA Arkansas and the students themselves, who raised \$650 for travel expenses by selling tickets for a raffle and silent auction. Prizes were donated by Shine Salon, Renaissance Tans, Jim's Razorback Pizza, Penguin Ed's Barbeque, Qdoba Mexican Grill, the Corner Grill, the Pesto Café, Rick's Bakery and Lokomotion Golf.

Tatu Gatere, an architecture student from Nairobi, Kenya, designed and crafted Lucite key chains etched with the students' design for Miss Gloria's Kitchen. The key chains, which cost \$5, may be purchased by contacting Judy Stone at 479.575.2399 or jkstone@uark.edu.

Peter Trapolin, a principal with Trapolin Architects of New Orleans whose nephew Daniel Kuehn was on the Arkansas work crew, worked with New Orleans Fine Hotels to secure low hotel rates for the students. University of Arkansas alumnus Casey Adams, who is director of real estate for the New Orleans

chapter of Habitat for Humanity, arranged for the loan of a trailer and tools for the project.

The project to rebuild Miss Gloria's Kitchen was inspired by the December 2005 [Arkansas Summit](#) on the University of Arkansas campus. Organized by a university student group, Re_Vision, and the architecture service organization Project Locus, the conference brought together 50 designers, engineers, historians and students from across the country to discuss how design schools could help New Orleans.

Participants formed a coalition, [CITYbuild](#), which has launched design-build projects in New Orleans by the University of Arkansas, the University of Kansas, Tulane University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and other universities.

The CITYbuild Consortium of Schools recently won the 2007-08 Collaborative Practice Award from the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture. CITYbuild will be the focus of a special session at the annual meeting of the association, to be held March 27-30 in Houston.

The project also will be included in a book on the 2007-08 education awards to be co-published by the ACSA and AIA.

For more information, visit <http://www.citybuild.org/schools/glorias.html>. Cash and in-kind contributions are still needed to ensure completion of Miss Gloria's Kitchen. To support the project, contact Charlotte Taylor, director of development for the School of Architecture, at 479.575.7384 or chtaylo@uark.edu.



Spa City to host '08 state convention



The 2008 AIA Arkansas State Convention has been set for October 23-25 in Hot Springs.

All education programs, the exhibit hall and the awards banquet are set to take place at the Hot Springs Convention Center. Hotel accommodations are available at the Arlington Hotel & Spa, the Austin, and Embassy Suites. Mention AIA Arkansas to receive the group rate.

Rates vary from \$80 to \$129 depending on the location and type of room.

The Arlington Hotel & Spa – 800.643.1502

The Austin – 877.623.6697

Embassy Suites – 501.624.9200

The 2008 Convention Committee will have its initial meeting on Friday, Feb. 1. Currently serving on the committee are Frank Barksdale, AIA – Chair; Chris East, AIA; Michael LeJong, AIA; Tim Maddox, AIA; David Swearingen, AIA; Michael Rogers, Assoc. AIA and Craig Boone, AIA.

The committee will be creating a program graphic, identifying presentations and speakers and planning special events and tours. If you have an idea or speaker you would like the committee to consider, please contact Joie Ketcham at the AIA Arkansas office at 501.661.1111.

NFRC developing energy-rating procedure for nonresidential fenestration

By Jim Benney, Executive Director, National Fenestration Rating Council

Many states, including Arkansas, have energy codes in place for buildings that reference the independent rating and labeling program developed by the National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC).

Introduced in 1991, NFRC's residential program has played an important role in efforts to increase the efficiency of the nation's windows in recent years. Improvements in the energy performance of nonresidential fenestration, however, have been less dramatic than in the residential sector.

Nonresidential fenestration systems are often assembled or built on site using separate components, which can make it challenging to rate the energy performance of the finished product. In 2001, NFRC introduced a site-built program for such products.

After evaluating user feedback, NFRC decided to develop a new, alternative method. Known as the Component Modeling Approach, or CMA, this procedure uses the individual ratings of a fenestration product's primary components (glazing, framing and spacers) to determine a single energy performance rating for the entire product. The final rating will appear on a Label Certificate, which will be filed on the construction site.

Using a consensus-oriented approach, NFRC is working with all sectors of the industry – from glass manufacturers and glazing contractors to code officials and architects – to ensure that CMA will be fair, easy-to-use and cost-effective. For example, NFRC solicited input from the American Institute of Architects and other associations on CMA's draft-certification document.

CMA will provide benefits to many stakeholders, including the design community. This program will provide an independent and standardized method for determining the energy performance of nonresidential fenestration products, particularly useful for bids and estimates. Using an online library of approved components, architects will be able to simulate design changes to learn how they affect energy performance. In addition, CMA allows the party responsible for the energy performance of a building's fenestration products to prove that the products are provided as specified in the construction documents.

Other stakeholders also will benefit from this new approach. Manufacturers will be able to show architects and specifiers that their products meet energy codes and bid specifications. CMA also will help engineers more accurately determine a building's energy performance. And, the program will help building officials enforce local and state energy codes for fenestration.

NFRC is inviting all stakeholders to comment on CMA before the program's launch. If you would like to comment on CMA, please call us at 301-589-1776, or register for the NFRC Spring 2008 Membership Meeting, scheduled for March 3-6, in Nashville, Tenn.

For more information on CMA, or NFRC in general, please visit our Web site at www.nfrc.org.

New board installed; sets '08 agenda

The AIA Arkansas Board of Directors met on Jan. 11-12 at Big Cedar Lodge near Branson, Mo. to set the wheels in motion for 2008.

Thad Kelly, AIA, newly-elected President, opened the meeting early Friday morning. Important items directly affecting AIA Arkansas in 2008 were covered during the two-day meeting.

Each director gave his respective reports. These reports included a financial updated and budget review; a University of Arkansas School of Architecture update; a State Board of Architects update; a legislative update, and Section Chair updates.

Other items covered were the State Convention review of 2007 and plans to hold the 2008 convention in Hot Springs, a Gulf States report, and an Associates update.

The board discussed the current Design Awards Program and agreed to review the current guidelines regarding the program as a whole and in regards to a built category and an un-built category. The board requested feedback from the membership on January 22, 2008. Be looking for the outcome of the review in the Spring Edition 08 of Columns.

The board attended an inductee dinner for the incoming officers for the 2008 fiscal year. The officers were sworn in by Steve Miller, AIA, the representative for the State Board of Architects on the AIA Arkansas board.

Officers sworn in were: Thad Kelly III, AIA – President; Wallie Sprick, AIA – Vice President; Jerry Brackett, AIA – Treasurer and Frank Barksdale, AIA - Secretary.

A wonderful turnout for the planning retreat indicated the sincere concern that is taken by the board members for their assignments. AIA Arkansas members are urged to contact any board member if interested in getting involved in activities of the chapter.

2008 Board Members: Thad Kelly III, AIA – President; Wallie Sprick, AIA – Vice President; Jerry Brackett, AIA – Treasurer; Frank Barksdale, AIA - Secretary; Galen Hunter, AIA—Past President; Don Renshaw, AIA; Tad Price, AIA; Jeff Shannon, AIA; Steve Miller, AIA; Michael Rogers, Assoc. AIA; Dan Fowler, AIA; Mark Cahoon, AIA; Travis Bartlett, AIA; Eldon Bock, AIA; Tim de Noble, AIA; Chris Smith, Assoc. AIA; David McKee, AIA; Larry Hall, AIA; Hardy Little, AIA.



Newly-elected AIA Arkansas board officers were inducted at the Branson retreat.

Website offers comprehensive career guide

A RCHcareers.org is the official comprehensive guide to careers in architecture. It assists in learning more about the process of becoming an architect:

Education; Experience; Examination.

ARCHcareers.org

There you will also find information about the American Institute of Architecture Students, which provides educational and professional development resources for all students. Further information is provided for emerging professionals from The American Institute of Architects.

HBG establishes program to benefit Arkansas architecture students

Hnedak Bobo Group (HBG) of Memphis has established a competition-based scholarship – The Hnedak Bobo Group International Design Award – to benefit the architecture program at the University of Arkansas.



Coupled with a donation from a recent design award, the scholarship further increases HBG's support of the University's architecture program.

"As a graduate of The University of Arkansas School of Architecture, my time at the University gave me the educational foundation for a successful career," said Mark Weaver, AIA, HBG partner. "HBG is pleased to support the School of Architecture's continuing mission to produce open-minded, creative, talented design students.

The award sponsored by HBG is the first of its kind for the University. As a design-oriented rather than strictly academic-based scholarship program, it provides an annual prize of \$5,000 to a rising fifth-year architecture student or team of students who participate in one of the school's approved international programs, including both semesters at the Rome Studies Center and the summer in Mexico.

The purpose of the award is to recognize these architecture students for exceptional work completed during this inspiring period abroad.

In addition to the yearly award, HBG will donate the \$2,500 received from the 2007 *Metal Architecture* Design Award to the School. HBG received this award for its design of the Riverwind Casino in Goldsby, Okla.

WD&D promotes Clark, Wenger, Adams in Little Rock office

Wittenberg, Delony & Davidson, Inc. is pleased to announce the promotions of three staff members in its Little Rock office.

Jay Clark, AIA, has been promoted to Senior Associate. Clark joined WD&D in 1996.



Jay Clark

Aaron Wenger, AIA, has been promoted to Associate. He is also a LEED (Leadership in Energy Efficient Design) Accredited Professional. Wenger joined WD&D in 2001.



Aaron Wenger

Bryan Adams, AIA, has been promoted to Associate. He is also a LEED (Leadership in Energy Efficient Design) Accredited Professional. Adams joined WD&D in 2002.



Bryan Adams

All three are licensed architects and graduates of the University of Arkansas School of Architecture.

WD&D is a full service architectural firm with offices in Little Rock and Fayetteville. The firm also provides interior design, space planning and master planning services. With 41 employees, WD&D is among the largest architecture firms in the state.

Some notable projects include the 14-story First Security Center in Little Rock's RiverMarket District, Arkansas State Hospital in Little Rock, Fayetteville Town Center and the UofA Center for Academic Excellence.

Johnson named Principal at Williams & Dean

Firm announces achievements; interior-design division wins ASID awards

Williams & Dean Associated Architects, Inc. of Little Rock has named a new Principal of the firm among the following individual achievements:

- Project Architect John Johnson, AIA, has been promoted to Principal of the firm.
- Matt Galbraith, AIA, has recently passed the Architect Registration Exam.
- Melissa Mitchell, LEED AP, Allied ASID, recently joined the Interior Design Division.
- Brandy Thomason, Allied ASID, recently joined the Interior Design Division.
- WD Interiors, the firm's interior-design division, recently received three awards at the ASID South Central District Chapter Meeting (AR, MS, LA) in Natchez, Miss.

Johnson, a 1992 Bachelor of Architecture graduate of the University of Arkansas, joined the firm in September of 1996. After receiving his license in 2006, he was named Project Architect. Johnson has been responsible for the design of many of the firm's multi-family housing projects and banking facilities.

Galbraith has been with W&D since November of 2006. He received his Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Arkansas in 2000.

Mitchell has been with W&D since April 2007. She received her Bachelor of Interior Design degree from the University of Arkansas in 2005.

Thomason has been with W&D since October 2007. She received her Bachelor of Interior Design degree from the University of Arkansas in 2007.

WD Interiors recently received one Bronze and two Gold awards at the ASID South Central District Chapter 2007 Professional Design Competition in Natchez, Miss. The Gold awards were for Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home – Williamson Wells Hall in Monticello and Pinnacle Ford in Little Rock. The Bronze award was for Corporate Health America in Little Rock.

Honorary scholarship established by ARE

In recognition of his contributions to internship, licensure, and the profession—including his own pursuit of the Architect Registration Exam (ARE)—the National Associates Committee has established a national ARE scholarship in honor of Jason Pettigrew, Assoc. AIA.

The purpose of the award is to recognize the significant contributions of interns at an early stage of their career and to help encourage them to complete their licensure by helping with the cost of the exam.

Awards are not based on financial need as much as they are based on contributions the intern has made to the profession and his or her community. Kaplan is a key sponsor of this award program.

Scholarship recipients will receive Kaplan ARE study guides and reimbursement for the cost of passing all divisions of the ARE one time. Applications must be received via e-mail by Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, at 4 p.m.

For more information and to download a copy of the application, visit aia.org/nac_AREscholarship.

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Building Authority seeks applicants with design, site improvement experience

Duties: Review capital improvement plans and specifications for state funded projects in accordance with Arkansas Building Authority Minimum Standards and Criteria (ABAMSC) and applicable building codes and for completeness prior to bidding or construction and provide written commentary. Prepare plans and specifications and provide project management and contact administration through project closeout for renovations, repairs and alterations to state buildings currently under ABA jurisdiction. Review progress of construction work and process payment applications from contractors and outside design consultants on assigned projects. Provide assistance, design or direction on architectural and building code issues building records as necessary for the maintenance and operations of buildings owned and operated by ABA. Provide technical support and assistance to state agencies for the proper maintenance and repairs of buildings and respond to inquiries regarding architectural construction laws and practices, ABAMSC and applicable building codes. Provide training and information to state agencies on architectural issues and changes in ABAMSC and/or codes and cross training of ABA staff in areas of architecture, landscape design, and related issues. Serve on committees as assigned and provide assistance and advice to state agencies on the selection of architectural design consultants.

Prepare feasibility studies (including flood plain review), space planning and programming, and cost estimates for proposed construction projects or renovation projects. Inspect existing facilities for compliance with the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code and suitability for use by state agencies. Complete reports of findings and take necessary actions to correct deficiencies. Consult with public officials, consulting engineers and architects concerning recommendations for design modifications of projects. Performs related responsibilities as required or assigned.

Minimum Qualifications: Licensed as an Architect by the Arkansas State Board of Architects. Other job related education and/or experience may be substituted for all or part of the basic requirements upon approval of the Qualifications Review Committee.

Preferred Qualifications: Proficient in the use of AutoCADD 2007 or 2008 and Microsoft Office Suite. Experience in the fields of general architectural design related to buildings and site improvements and knowledge of basic landscape architecture design. Proficient in space planning design, programming and cost estimating. Experience in building code reviews desired.

Employment is conditional upon successful passing of a drug test and some positions are subject to Freeze Committee Approval.

A State Application must be completed and submitted to the ABAHR office.

Contact Info: Arkansas Building Authority, 501 Woodlane, Suite 101N, Little Rock, AR 72201. You may apply by submitting a state application to the ABAHR office. Applications may be obtained from the HR office 682-5545, or downloaded from the ABA website: www.ArkansasBuildingAuthority.com

NLR firm seeks architects, interns, managers

Clements & Associates Architecture, Inc. of North Little Rock is seeking experienced Architects, Intern Architects, and/or Project Managers for immediate full-time positions. Clements & Associates offers competitive salaries and benefits. Candidates should have good verbal, written and visual communication skills. Qualified individuals should fax their resumes to 501-375-8231 or email them to connie@clementsarchitects.com. All inquiries will be kept confidential.



**University of Arkansas campus in Fayetteville , Arkansas
Thursday, February 21st, 2008
Arkansas Union 5th Floor Alltel Ballroom
9:00 am - 5:00 pm (lunch break from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm)**

***A portfolio preview event will be held the night prior
Wednesday, February 20th, 2008***

**U of A Vol Walker Hall, 2nd Floor Paul Young, Jr. Gallery
(Architecture Building)**

5:30 - 7:00 pm

featuring pizza and student attendance with portfolios

Career Day will showcase regional and national architecture and landscape architecture firms, co-sponsored by the University of Arkansas School of Architecture and Career Development Center . *Architect, landscape architect, horticulture, urban design, planning, engineering, graphic design, and interior design students will be in attendance.* You can have a flexible day with any combination of drop-in traffic or scheduled interviews, as you wish. Interview schedules can be arranged by contacting Lori Magar, 479-575-2804 or recruit@uark.edu

The fee to attend the fair is \$200. This fee includes, breakfast, lunch, the employer hospitality room, parking, booth space, and advance promotion of your firms attendance.

Register at this link: http://career.uark.edu/employers/careerfairs/emp_archfair.asp

To view firms registered (updated daily): <http://career.uark.edu/students/career-fairs.asp>

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IMPORTANT DATES IN '08

- Jan. 28 — Grassroots housing closes
- Feb. 8 — Grassroots registration closes
- Feb. 20-23 — AIA Grassroots Leadership and Legislation Conference
- May 2 — Central Section Golf Tournament
- May 15-17 — 2008 AIA National Convention and Design Expo
- Oct. 22 — AIA Arkansas State Convention Golf Tournament
- Oct. 23-25 — AIA Arkansas State Convention and Expo

'WE THE PEOPLE'

The 2008 AIA National Convention and Design Expo will take place in Boston May 15-17 at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. This year's theme, "We the People," will explore how architecture works on behalf of all people and society.

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