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## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope that everyone had a great summer. It's certainly nice to go outside and actually be able to breathe now that August is in our rear view mirror. There are a few items that we have been working on that I'd like to briefly update you on.

By now you should have received your state convention registration packet. Wallie and company have done a great job assembling a wide range of topics and speakers that I'm sure we'll all enjoy. I hope that you will make the effort to come to Hot Springs and spend a few days with us. We'll begin as we did last year with a golf tournament on Wednesday. The committee has worked very hard on this year's convention. I'd like to thank the members for their effort thus far: serving as chair for the second time - Wallie Sprick, speakers - Anthony Taylor and Chris Smith, design awards - Michael LeJong, graphics - Bryan Adams, Associates - Candi Adams, Facilities - Rich Harris. I'd also like to thank our Allied Members. With their help, we have been able to continue to improve and expand the convention. Their participation has become an integral part of this event and is much appreciated.

The State AIA Board and an ad hoc committee are currently engaged in working with Doug Eaton and Legislators to reword documents with regard to Academic Facilities Partnership Program. We have engaged a lawyer to review the documents and, to say the least, we are all getting an education on contract law. I hope that we will be able to reach a resolution to this issue in the next couple of weeks with our upcoming meetings. We'll keep you updated on our progress.

We are also developing a group to enter a dialogue with legislative members of the oversight committee to help educate them on misconceptions that have been spreading throughout the capitol the last couple of months concerning fees and the various forms of contracts.

In an effort to strengthen alliances and

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## Arkansas State Board of Architects

Fellow AIA Members,

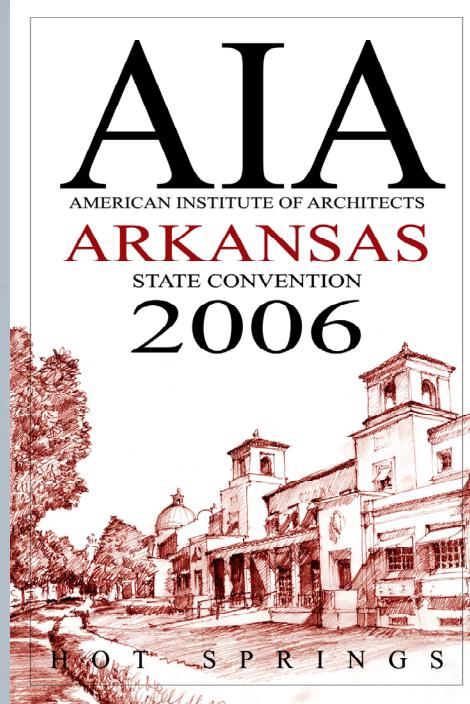
As most of you are aware, the NCARB Board of Directors proposed a policy change in February allowing candidates to begin taking the Architectural Registration Examination once the candidate completed 250 Internship Development Program Training Units, with one to three divisions of the ARE reserved until all IDP training requirements were satisfied. As noted in the Fast Facts press release in February, implementation of the policy would require a change to NCARB's Model Law, which was to be presented to the Council in the form of a resolution at the June 2006 NCARB Annual Meeting in Cincinnati.

In our May meeting the Arkansas State Board of Architects heard a presentation by a committee of intern-architects (Candia Adams,

Murrye Bernard, Russell Fason, Debra Roberts Rogers, and Andrijana Vukovich . . . all Assoc. AIA) regarding the possibility of ARE/IDP concurrency in Arkansas. The committee offered several points for the Board's consideration, as well as the results of the statewide survey on the topic and letters of support for the concept. It was an excellent presentation . . . well-researched and informative. After discussion following the presentation, the Board members were in unanimous support of ARE/IDP concurrency . . . which in fact has been discussed on numerous occasions over the last 6 or 7 years.

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As debate about the proposed policy and Model Law resolution got underway in Cincinnati, numerous jurisdictions expressed concerns over specific implementation details, such as the appropriate threshold for access to the ARE (number of IDP Training Units vs. employment time), which divisions of the ARE would be reserved until IDP completion . . . arising out of the knowledge that a new version of the ARE would be unveiled in 2008 and that the IDP was being evaluated for potential modification, grandfathering provisions, etc., etc. In the end, the Council approved by a large majority (including Arkansas) an amended resolution endorsing the new policy but delaying its taking effect until such implementation details and concerns were fully resolved and brought forward at the 2007 Annual Meeting for approval by the Council. In our August meeting,

the ASBA reaffirmed its intent to embrace ARE/IDP concurrency, but felt it appropriate to delay a rules change allowing such until the final details were approved by the Council in order to ensure that our rules were consistent with the new policy.

In other news, we are very pleased to announce Kingsley Glasgow as our new Executive Director. Prior to coming to the ASBA, Kingsley served as a Policy Advisor to Governor Huckabee, and we are fortunate to have him on board. He is doing an excellent job and we are all looking forward to a new era with him at our helm. Please take a few minutes to drop into our office to meet him and put faces with names!

Blake Dunn, President  
Arkansas State Board of Architects

## Autodesk University Discount

Applied Technology Group, Inc. would like to offer a special discount to those of you who plan on attending Autodesk University this year. [www.autodeskevents.com/au2006/](http://www.autodeskevents.com/au2006/)" When you register, please use the special pass code of AU06\$150 – Authorized by AM0052 and you will receive a \$150.00 discount off of your registration fee. In addition your support will help the members of Applied Technology Group, Inc. earn passes to the event as well. If you take advantage of this offer, please email me at <mailto:jjenkins@appliedtg.com> so that I can ensure that your registration was

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open avenues of communication for related construction issues we are meeting with the AGC, ABC, ACEC and the American Society of Precision Engineering.

In closing, I'd like to draw your attention to an upcoming event in Little Rock to support The Arkansas Foodbank

Network. Canstruction will be held at the Clinton Library on Friday, October 6th. There will be 7 teams constructing structures out of cans. Please come out to help raise awareness for the worthy cause of curbing hunger in our state.

Best Regards,

James M. Yeary, President 2006

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## Post Katrina: How We Build Is As Important As What We Build

In April 1906, a devastating earthquake and fire destroyed San Francisco, leveling virtually every important building and thousands of homes. After that calamity, the citizens of San Francisco set out to revitalize their lives and their city.

They were armed with hard-learned lessons. While they sought to preserve the essential character of their city, San Franciscans also understood that new planning and construction techniques were imperative to make the city safer from fire and building collapse. When the next major earthquake struck, in 1989, the city stood.

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# Dunn Re-Elected Chair of Region 3/NCARB

EL DORADO – Blake Dunn, AIA, NCARB was recently elected to a second term as Chair of Region 3 of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards. The largest of NCARB's six regions in terms of licensed architects and NCARB certificate holders, Region 3 is comprised of the Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and U.S. Virgin Islands jurisdictions. In addition, Dunn currently serves on NCARB's Regional Chairs, Procedures and Documents, and Broadly Experienced Architects Committees as well as its Practice Analysis Task Force.

Dunn is serving his second term as a member of the Arkansas State Board of Architects, and is the President of CADM Architecture, Inc. in El Dorado.

## Bell-Corley Construction, LLC Ranks #44 in Inc.'s Top 500

Each September, Inc. magazine produces the Inc. 500, a list of the nation's fastest-growing private companies. This year, Inc. ranked Arkansas-based Bell-Corley Construction, LLC. number 44 on its list. For more info, contact Bell-Corley Construction at 501-280-3433.

## C. Michael Rogers, Assoc. AIA Joins CADM Architecture, Inc.

EL DORADO – CADM Architecture, Inc. (formerly Connelly Abbott Dunn & Monroe Architects) is pleased to announce the addition of Charles Michael Rogers, Assoc. AIA to their firm.

A native of Magnolia, Arkansas, Michael is a 2006 graduate of the Louisiana Tech University School of Architecture. In addition to earning the School of Architecture's Milton Picket Award for the Most Outstanding 5th Year Student, Rogers'

greatest achievement came as Project Manager for the 5th Year students' design-build thesis project, a Habitat for Humanity home currently featured in the September 2006 issue of Architectural Record.

Founded in 1936, CADM Architecture, Inc. is a full service 9-person architectural firm with current projects in Arkansas, Texas, Wisconsin, Illinois, Montana, and Florida.

## Calendar of Events

- October 10  
BACE- Masterminding for the Future  
October 17  
Central Section Art & Architectural Lecture  
October 27  
Fort Smith Section Golf Tournament  
November 15  
Golf Outing  
November 16-18  
Education Convention and Expo

## Welcome New Members

Josh Danish, Assoc. AIA  
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Arkansas was the first state to officially recognize AV Week, October 22 – 28, 2006. Governor Mike Huckabee signed a proclamation July 17, 2006, honoring the many contributions of the audiovisual industry to provide enhanced educational experiences, help protect our national security with command and control centers and provide state-of-the art entertainment technologies.

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## Applied Technology Group, Inc. is Pleased to Announce the Addition of Darren Bobbitt to our Team

Applied Technology Group, Inc. (ATG) is pleased to announce the addition of Darren Bobbitt to the staff as the newest member of their team. Darren Bobbitt; a graduate of the University of Arkansas Little Rock brings with him a wealth of experience in the engineering field as well as a successful history as a sales representative for Autodesk products.

After graduating with a Batchelor's of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering, Darren accepted a position in sales with his previous employer; CAD-Scan, Inc. and he has been serving accounts in Arkansas and the surrounding states for the past four years. "The addition of Darren Bobbitt will help unify our position in this market." said Jeff Jenkins, Sales Manager for ATG. "Darren Bobbitt will bring a much needed asset to our company by providing us with the additional support needed for our rapidly expanding customer base." said Scott Landers, CEO of ATG. "I am looking forward to the opportunity that has been presented to me and I am happy to be a part of the great team that ATG possesses." said Darren Bobbitt, Autodesk Sales Specialist of ATG

About Applied Technology Group, Inc.  
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# Northwest Section News

Northwest Arkansas Chapter AIA members have been offered numerous continuing education opportunities this year. These have all provided a forum for both learning and fellowship. One noteworthy seminar organized by the NWAAIA executive committee was held on August 8th at the Town Center in Fayetteville, AR. The topic for the well-attended seminar was the America Disabilities Act. Christie Thomas from Accesology inc. provided a very clear and organized presentation on a topic that has become more and more important to architects and designers. One of Ms Thomas's tasks was to explain the various sections of the ADA and how the updated guidelines will differ from the previous ones. Ms Thomas also made note of the service her company provides in reviewing accessibility issues for buildings. A BIG thank you goes out to all who attended and the helpers who made the day such a success.

## Addition to Polk Stanley Rowland Curzon, Porter Architects, Ltd.

Laura Stanley has joined the Fayetteville office of Stanley received her B.F.A. in Photography in 1997 from Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois and most recently her Masters degree in Architecture from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, graduating with honors in 2005.



There is planning underway by the planning committee to use the funds generated from the ADA seminar to host a reception for NWA architects and their firms to display boards and models highlighting their work. The intent would be to provide an event that will familiarize the general public as well as other business of the incredibly talented architects and firms in this area. Although still in the planning stages we hope to set a time and date so that architects from around the state would be able to participate.

David McKee  
NWAAIA sec/treas.  
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Recent work of Charles Rose Architects

Since his graduation from Harvard University's Graduate School of Design in 1987, Charles Rose has developed a body of work which consistently integrates architecture with tectonics and landscape to produce dynamic forms. His current lecture explores the contradictory presence and spatial ramifications of both order and disorder in his recent projects. This talk focuses on the generation of plan and form in response to historic and cultural contexts, climate, and topography.

In his presentation, Mr. Rose considers the occupation and registration of topography, the promenade as an essential architectural experience, light at the intersection of volume and form, and his studied resistance of standardization and building commodification. He also discusses his preference for fresh paradigms in juxtaposition to a more typologically-based design.

**October 17th,  
Little Rock, Arkansas**

### Arkansas Arts Center, Lecture Hall

**Reception 6pm, Lecture begins at 6:30pm**

The lecture will be followed by a book signing by Charles Rose of his recent monograph, Charles Rose, Architect. There will be a limited number of books on sale at the lecture, feel free to bring your own copy.

And after the lecture we will be inviting everyone to a local haunt (TBA) to mingle and catch up with your other chapter members and chat with our guest Charles Rose.

This should be a very engaging lecture. I invite everyone to check out his website; because after seeing his work I know you'll want to come hear more about his practice. [charlesrosearchitects.com](http://charlesrosearchitects.com)

Also mark your Calendar for December 5th. 6pm @ the Arkansas Arts Center for a Lecture by UofA School of Architecture Assistant Professor Korydon Smith. "Boom!: Dilemmas in Housing and Aging in Arkansas." This presentation will discuss the dilemmas faced by Arkansas and the South as a result of the aging baby-boom generation and current housing trends and design solutions to these needs.

Looking forward to seeing you at these events,

Russ Fason,  
AIA AR Central Chair

## NORTHWEST SECTION GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Northwest Section Golf Tournament was a huge success, and great fun was had by all. Thanks to all those who came up from other sections. We raised enough money to replenish our scholarship funds, and may be able to add an additional scholarship next year.

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The reconstruction of areas in the Gulf obliterated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita demands we follow the lead of San Francisco 100 years ago. America holds an extraordinary opportunity, not to simply replace what was lost – and once again preserve the character of that unique region -- but to radically improve the methods we use to build. And those processes are in dire need of change.

How do we ensure we do so in the face of pressure to rebuild as quickly as possible – and the inevitable scramble and waste that will accompany tens of billions of tax dollars heading for the Southeast? It is up to policy makers at every level, from Congressional appropriators to local planning commissions, to ensure we meet this challenge.

Getting the best value out of those tax dollars – as much as \$100 billion – won’t be easy.

Thousands of buildings – homes, offices, stores, and schools– will need to be designed accurately and quickly, but under new building codes and planning guidelines that will surely be radically revised. Building materials – some, like lumber and structural steel, already in short supply – must be produced and distributed on a massive scale, and tens of thousands of construction workers organized and deployed efficiently.

It’s hard to be optimistic that today’s building processes are up to this task. Anyone who has built or renovated a house is familiar with the litany of problems that haunt almost every construction project. There are tensions among owner, designers and contractor, unpredictable schedules and unwieldy budgets – all yielding results that, bluntly, rarely meet original targets. Worse, research suggests that as much as 30% of the cost of every construction project is wasted through a combination of inaccurate design information, miscommunication among the players, wasteful use of materials and labor, and worksite injuries.

Assuming this holds true in rebuilding from Katrina and Rita, we’re talking about \$30 billion in wasted taxpayer funds – only slightly less than the entire budget for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

It is possible, with the right combination of processes and modern technology, to both eliminate waste and move quickly to rebuild devastated areas. To do so, however, we must fundamentally rethink basic approaches to construction.

Architects, engineers and contractors today operate at arms length, each with different training, attitudes and expectations about results. Intense pressure to perform within strict budget constraints becomes paramount, even more important than getting the desired performance from the building itself. And everyone is ever watchful for the inevitable lawsuit that is the last phase of many projects, using precious time and energy creating paper trails rather than

furthering the progress of the job.

We must replace this traditional split and its conflicts with new models where design and construction teams are integrated, then measured and compensated based on the successful completion of the project itself. Decision-making should rely on the highest quality information, shared early by everyone. Traditional barriers between design and construction processes should be eliminated, and risk shared in accordance with the ability to manage it.

One major source of improvement can come from simply improving communication by dramatically reducing the role of paper that is the primary collaboration medium in today’s construction projects. Modern methods of digital information creation and exchange are largely missing from this industry, extraordinary in our modern age where the car you drive was created and tested extensively (even crashed) as a digital model long before the first model rolled off the assembly line.

Yet, sophisticated technology exists that could bring construction into the 21st century. This technology allows architects and engineers to create shared “living” three-dimensional models of a building, “constructing” it virtually before a spade of dirt is turned.

Replacing 2D paper drawings with these 3D models gives everyone in the process a far more complete understanding of a design. It ensures that the inevitable changes in a design are made immediately and accurately, so nobody is working from an outdated paper copy. It provides a way for owners, neighbors, taxpayers and others who lack professional training to “see” what a building will be like in the context of its surroundings. These models can predict energy use, and eliminate construction waste. And that’s before the thousands of dollars saved on overnight shipping charges for delivery of revised drawings that can be delivered over the Internet.

All of this, and more, are possible if we discard tradition for modern approaches and reconceive construction. Federal, state and local authorities, who will spend those billions of dollars and guide reconstruction, are faced with the same epic challenges of 1906 San Francisco. It is vital they work with the private sector to reinvent construction for this century as we restore the Gulf Coast.

Phillip G. Bernstein is an architect who teaches at the Yale School of Architecture. He is Vice President at Autodesk, Inc., a leading provider of design and collaboration technology to the building industry.

By: Phil Bernstein

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