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## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well summer is here and the year is proceeding smoothly. I recently returned from the national AIA convention in Los Angeles. It was an interesting trip and I hope the national officers that were elected will serve us well. Frank Gehry's Disney Concert Hall, The Schindler House and of course the U of A's Reception were some of the highlights of the trip. If you have not attended the national convention I would certainly encourage you to do so. If I'm not mistaken, next year's convention will be held in San Antonio which should be a great venue and a lot closer.

In May we went to Tunica for the Gulf States retreat. After a series of meetings the main agenda item to update the by-laws to reallocate the Gulf States Officer rotation was agreed upon. Overall it was a positive meeting which Arkansas AIA gained in rotations to better reflect our current membership numbers, however the real highlight was watching Brent roll the dice later that night.

The planning for the state convention is ongoing, and Wallie and his committee are working hard in their preparations. Please note that design award submissions are due in the next couple of weeks. Also, please do not forget to contribute to the ARCHIPAC. Brent has been touring the state in an effort to have us better prepared for next year's legislative session. I'd also like to thank John Sloan @ WD&D for his special effort in this area as well as those of you who have already contributed. It is much appreciated!

In closing, I hope that the Central Section will respond to Russ's recent letter which requests volunteer dues to help support local programs and establish a U of A scholarship. Russ and Eldon have worked hard to nurse the Central Section along and it is important that we support

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## Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities

"The state of Arkansas is taking a lead in the support of its many school districts with financial programs legislated toward assisting districts in the upgrade and repair of its many facilities. From a 2004 assessment of Arkansas Facilities, a number of funding programs have been developed to provide financial incentive to local districts to begin an upgrade of facilities deemed in major need of repair and replacement. This tremendous effort has begun and is expected to last for many years to come and one which can not be successful without the support of the states architectural community.

Teaching philosophies have changed tremendously over the last few years from the simple one teacher – one subject concept to team teaching, grade teaching, schools within schools not to mention the growth of academic subjects and specialty areas of education. These have all changed the footprint of the school house to one of a vastly expanding, changes environment that must be designed to meet the school needs. As we progress with this multi year program more and more architects will become involved with school

design and renovation. To meet this need we must have architects who are knowledgeable in the latest school philosophies and most certainly in the state laws that govern the school house design process. To those architects beginning their expansion into school projects for the first time, I recommend becoming familiar with: school planning organizations that can provide training and up to date information on national trends in education; State of Arkansas School Facilities Manual and the Arkansas Annotated Codes dealing with school construction. This information may be found through such organizations as AIA and CEFPI; [www.arkansasfacilities.com](http://www.arkansasfacilities.com) and the Arkansas Codes and laws.

To make the schools of Arkansas equitable and to meet the ever increasing need for well educated children we must rely heavily on the architectural community to change our ideas and goals into physical reality."

Douglas Eaton  
Director Public School Academic  
Facilities and Transportation

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2006 AIA State Convention  
Hot Springs Convention Center  
Hot Springs, Arkansas  
November 15-18, 2006

**Addition to Wilcox Group**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (June 7, 2006)

The Wilcox Group Architects is proud to announce the addition of Chris Thomas, Assoc AIA to their growing design firm.

Thomas, a Chancellor's Scholar and Governor's Distinguished Scholar graduated from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville in 2005 with a Bachelors of Architecture. In addition, Thomas was on the Dean's List from 2000 - 2005 and in 2005 received the prestigious AIA Certificate of Achievement, an honor awarded to the second-ranked

member of the graduating class of the School of Architecture.

Established in 1989, Wilcox Group Architects is a full-service architectural firm whose work includes the College of Public Health at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, the new Arkansas Department of Health Public Health Laboratory, Baptist Springhill hospital and medical office building, Camp Aldersgate as well as numerous other healthcare, educational and non profit facilities.

**SURVEY SAYS!**



Thank you to those of you who responded to the email survey regarding ARE+IDP concurrency. The graph below explains the results of that survey, in terms of percentages in favor of a concurrent policy. Overall, 77% of all respondents were in favor of allowing ARE eligibility concurrent with IDP enrollment. Percentages from the survey show 65% of Architects, 92% of Interns and 100% of students surveyed are in favor of ARE+IDP concurrency. A group of associates discussed this issue with the State Board of Architects on May 2, and it was decided at that meeting that the Arkansas Board will continue the discussion following the upcoming annual NCARB meeting in June. Depending on the approval of an NCARB model law change to be voted on at this meeting, the Arkansas Board will be faced with the decision whether to pursue a policy change to the Arkansas Rules and Regulations, either by creating its own policy or by following an approved policy change proposed by NCARB. Again, thank you to those of you who responded and agree that this is such an important issue.

**East Arkansas Section**

Summer is typically a slow time of year for the Northeast Arkansas Section. But, not this summer. Thanks to Steve Schoettle we have three programs scheduled for July. We will have a program on their roofing products on July 13th;

a program on siding products on July 20th; and a program on Polycarbonates on July 27th. We look forward to seeing you at each of these programs.

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## Associate Member Committee

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Hey Arkansas AIA!!

I need your help!! I will be proposing to the AIA Arkansas Board of Directors to establish an **Associate's Committee**, and I would like **you** to get involved.

I'm looking for 6-8 motivated, dedicated Associates/newly licensed folks, who are looking to improve the variety of Associate events sponsored by AIA Arkansas. Architects, if you would like to recommend someone for this committee, please contact your section chair and/or the Associate. Ideally, I would like to get someone from each section (East, Central, Ft. Smith, and Northwest), but the most important qualification you can have, is that you really want to impact our organization, and consequently, our profession. If you think you are interested in joining the team, please contact your section chair at the email address listed below:

East	Mark Cahoon	mark.cahoon@cahoonsteilingstudio.com
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NW	Rich Brya	erbrya@3gdinc.com

Other AIA's around the country have Associate Committees that sponsor Associate events such as ARE study seminars, Design/Build Competitions, Associate specific interest groups and lectures, and even mentoring, networking and job opportunities. Most of these AIA's represent a single city, but I believe AIA Arkansas, **in representing interns across the state**, should definitely try to incorporate this into our organization.

If you have any suggestions/questions, please contact me directly at [arassociateaia@yahoo.com](mailto:arassociateaia@yahoo.com). I appreciate your time, and look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

Candi Lynn Adams, Assoc. AIA  
Associate Director, 2006, Arkansas AIA

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## BELL-CORLEY CONSTRUCTION NAMED 27th IN ENTREPRENEUR'S HOT 100

Entrepreneur magazine and PricewaterhouseCoopers have ranked Bell-Corley Construction (BCC) 27th on the "Hot 100 for 2006" list of America's fastest-growing new businesses.

The only Arkansas-based company recognized, BCC has managed projects in 10 states for Bancorp South, Gander Mountain, TGI Friday's, Walgreen's, Furniture Row, O'Reilly Auto Parts and other major financial, real estate,

retail and food services companies. BCC's CEO, Matt Bell noted, "Always putting our customers first is our 'success secret.'"

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:  
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## Calendar of Events

**July 25**

Central Section Lunch & Learn

**October 27**

Fort Smith Section Golf Tournament

**November 15**

State Convention Golf Tournament

**November 16-18 2006**

State Convention

## Classifieds

### Bell-Corley Construction Open House

BCC is hosting an Open House in their new facility located at 100 Gamble Road in West Little Rock, behind Bale Chevrolet. The Open House will begin at 4pm on Thursday, August 17.

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## Applied Technology Group, Inc. Receives Platinum Club Award from Autodesk Inc. May 1, 2006

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Autodesk announced today the winners of Platinum Club 2006, a prestigious group of channel partners awarded for top performance and excellent customer service in fiscal year 2005. Platinum Club is reserved for the top performers

in North America. Applied Technology Group would like to extend our gratitude to all of our loyal customers and the members of AIA for helping us win such a prestigious award.

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**To Feed the Hungry.  
To Lift the Spirit.  
To Change the World.**

After a long hiatus, the Arkansas Chapter of the Society for Design Administration is pleased to announce its 2nd Annual Construction™ Competition — Construction™ is a design/build competition showcasing the talents of design and construction industry professionals. At events held around the world, teams are expected to defy expectations, logic and gravity as they build fantastic sculptures from cans of food. Driven by the knowledge that their structures will change lives - by lifting the spirits of those in need, raising public awareness and most importantly, by filling the shelves of the local food banks, teams work tirelessly to bring their creations to life.

Construction™ 2006 will begin on October 6th at the William J. Clinton Presidential Library and will receive great media coverage. Working with the Clinton Foundation, we will continuously spotlight firms and their exhibits during the event.

Call to Entry's for this year's competition will be mailed out the first week of July. Unfortunately, there is only room for 8 - 10 entries

at the library site so it is important that you return your team's entry early. Entries received after the first 8 will be located in another facility in the River Market area.

Construction™ is using one can as a catalyst for change. One can to represent the building blocks of these massive sculptures. One can to prove that every act of kindness makes a difference.

We hope your firm will join us this year in making a difference in the lives of Arkansan's in need.

For more information on Construction visit the website at [construction.org](http://construction.org) or if you have questions please contact Donna Csunyo, SDA at Wilcox Group Architects - 501.666-4546 or [dcsunyo@thewilcoxgroup.com](mailto:dcsunyo@thewilcoxgroup.com)

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## NW Section Report

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### 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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# WILCOX GROUP ARCHITECTS CONGRATULATE NEW LICENSEES

## Two Wilcox Group Employees earn Architecture License

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (May 3, 2006.) -

Michelle Teague, AIA and Mark Littrell, AIA have both earned their architecture license from the State of Arkansas.

**Mark Littrell**, AIA, earned a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture from Louisiana Tech University in 1997 and is Vice President of the American Concrete Institute's Arkansas Chapter.

**Teague** earned a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture from the University of California at Berkeley in 1996 and a Master of Architecture from the University of Oklahoma, Norman in May 2004. She is a LEED Accredited Professional and a board member with the Arkansas Chapter of the USGBC.

Wilcox Group Architects specializes in design for healthcare, recreation and higher education organizations but has enjoyed

success in other project areas as well. In August of 2005, their design of the Camp Aldersgate Commons was awarded the United States Green Building Council's LEED Gold Medal green building certification, the first in the state of Arkansas.

## Fort Smith Section Report

The Fort Smith section has turned into a bunch of pyromaniacs! Chris Caldwell of Capital Structures sponsored a luncheon for our section on April 19th to demonstrate 'No-Burn'. 'No-Burn', is a new product to apply on wood structures to control fire. There were three different wood framed doghouses, one not-treated, one treated on the inside, and one treated both inside and out. Fires were started in each one simultaneously to see how fast they would burn. Everyone was impressed by how quickly the non-treated structure became engulfed and how the two treated structures just smoldered.

The Fort Smith Fire Department was on hand to keep us and the fires under control. On May 25th, we had a lunch and learn on metal framing and products. Then again on May 31st, another lunch and learn on coiling fire doors. We're taking June and July off summer vacations, but will be meeting the first week in August with Ready-Mix Concrete.

Fort Smith Section Chair  
Michael Lewis LeJong, AIA



## Central Section News

The year is already half way over! We've had a lot going on so far this year... lectures, lunch and learns, setting up the associates ARE study guide library, and we've established Central Section's independent account with the Central Section's annual dues that the members approved on May 30th! Thanks to everyone who's attended the events and meetings so far this year, and we have some fun things planned for the rest of the year.

We had a great lecture May 30th by Coleman Coker, and if you haven't seen his work lately you should make the drive over to Memphis to see some of his firm, buildingstudio's innovative work. May 23rd we had a 2 LU lunch and learn presented by Applied Technology, "A day in the Life of Two Architects." They demonstrated the advantages and challenges of developing a project through computer drafting vs. parametric modeling.

On July 25th Innerplan will be hosting a lunch and learn by Haworth on Modular Interiors and the Environment. Come out and see their new showroom and get 1 LU and lunch! We have a tour of the new Heifer International Building in the works, so be on the lookout for an e-mail with the date and details.

And I'd like to make sure everyone plans ahead for our fall lecture by Charles Rose. It should be a great lecture, and will be followed by a book signing of his new monograph "Charles Rose: Architect." October 17th 6pm at the Arkansas Arts Center.

A reminder to our section's Associates, the ARE study guides are available to check out for free from the AIA office. So, take advantage of these and go by the AIA office on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 1-4pm and check out materials on all nine divisions of the ARE.

As you've read in the last few event e-mails and news letters, we are trying to better organize the Central Section and put it in a position for many more years of service to our members. The first step, as you read above, was to establish our own Central Section accounting. For planning and funding of events, lectures and scholarships a Central Section Due was proposed. The thirty five dollar voluntary dues were voted on and unanimously approved by the members at the May 30th event. We are taking full dues for 2006 to reimburse the Central Section account for the programs we have already held, ARE central section library, and to pay for the upcoming events we have

scheduled. And if everyone will send their dues in ASAP we will also be able to offer a scholarship to a University of Arkansas School of Architecture student for the 2006-2007 academic year. So, even if you haven't attended an event, we hope you will still support the Central Section and know that your \$35 dues are being put to good use. These dues will pay for the educational and business meetings along with the U of A scholarship. The dues will not pay for social events such as the Holiday Party. If you choose not to pay the Central Section Dues but still want to attend an event you can pay ten dollars at the door for each event.

Thanks to everyone who's already sent your dues in! And those of you haven't please send your dues by July 31st to AIA Arkansas West 6th Street Little Rock, AR 72201. Please include your name and AIA number. And for firms paying for employees please include a list of the names and AIA numbers to include.

Looking forward to the second half of '06

Russell Fason  
Central Section Chair '06

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## SBIC Wins NAHB's Green Advocate of the Year Award

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Sustainable Buildings Industry Council (SBIC) is pleased to announce they have been named Green Advocate of the Year in the Group category at the 2006 National Green Building Awards Gala on Sunday, March 12. The awards were presented during the National Association of Home Builders' (NAHB) Annual National Green Building Conference in Albuquerque, N.M. The Council was recognized for driving significant changes in energy and resource efficient new home construction through its outreach, advocacy, and educational initiatives.

"As consumers show greater interest in homes that employ energy efficiency, resource conservation, and sustainable building techniques, our award winners have helped move green building beyond a niche market to mainstream builders," said NAHB Green Building Subcommittee chairman Ray Tonjes. "What our winners bring to traditional construction is a strong knowledge of green building science and expertise in construction design or education so that all home builders and home buyers can benefit." Helen English, Executive Director of the Council, accepted the award on behalf of SBIC and reiterated a few of the many contributions SBIC has made over the years to NAHB's programs. Michigan builder and SBIC Board Member, Lee Kitson praised SBIC for helping move NAHB forward in mainstreaming green home design and building.

Throughout its Residential Program, SBIC has consistently demonstrated a commitment to the principles of "green building". Back in 2001, the SBIC Green Building Guidelines: Meeting the Demand for Low-Energy, Resource-Efficient Homes® primer was developed in partnership with staff and members of the NAHB Green Building Subcommittee. It is continually updated by members of both organizations. In 2005, the Council brought a companion Green Building Guidelines® seminar series to hundreds of home builders across the nation by effectively partnering with local NAHB home builders associations (HBAs) and other grass roots organizations.

In addition to its core Green Building Guidelines® curriculum, the Council has participated in a variety of special initiatives. In late 2004, SBIC was invited to provide a witness at a hearing on "The Impact of Federal Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy R&D Programs" for the U.S. House of Representatives Energy Subcommittee / Committee on Science. SBIC member Paul Konove, President of Carolina Country Builders of Chatham County, in Pittsboro, North Carolina, presented the testimony on behalf of the Council. Paul is an NAHB member and a previous winner of NAHB's Energy Value in Housing Awards.

In January of 2005, SBIC, NAHB, and the U.S. Department of Energy joined together as Anchor Sponsors of Sarah Susanka's Not So Big Showhouse, at the International Builders' Show in Orlando, Florida. Many of the principles found in SBIC's Green Building Guidelines® were on display in the home and more than 6,000 visitors toured the house in a four day period.

SBIC members and staff also volunteered on NAHB's Stakeholder Committee as they developed their "Model Green Home Building Guidelines." Although the name sounds like SBIC's book, the NAHB document is designed to help HBAs develop their own customized green home building programs.

"This award clearly validates SBIC's contribution as an industry leader and distinguishes us from the many other 'green' organizations. Our relationships with NAHB will continue to be critical as we educate and advocate for 'Greening the American Dream,'" said Helen English.

SBIC is encouraged by the exposure that residential sustainable building is getting and hopes for more of it to make an even greater impact. To learn more about the Council's residential program visit: [http://sbicouncil.org/prog\\_res.htm](http://sbicouncil.org/prog_res.htm).

Congratulations to SBIC member Carl Seville of Decatur, Ga. who won the award for best Green Remodeled Home of the Year and to all the award winners recognized in Albuquerque.

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them in their efforts. The other sections in the state have been successfully operating in similar fashions for a number of years. I hope that the Central Section can soon catch up and that others will step up and provide future leadership in this area.

That's it. Have a great summer!



Jim Yeary, AIA  
2006 President

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## New Associates and Directors Announced at Cromwell Architects Engineers

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J. Brent Thompson, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of Cromwell Architects Engineers of Little Rock, AR announced today the election of five new associates and five new members of the Board of Directors. New Associate, Hrand DuValian and new members of the Board of Directors, Daniel K. Fowler and Robert Keltner are all members of Arkansas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

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## The Path to Lure Architects into the Benefits of Photovoltaics has come, with the release of ENERGY-10™ Version 1.8

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Washington, DC:

The Sustainable Buildings Industry Council (SBIC) has just released Version 1.8 of the award-winning Energy-10™ software. For the first time, building designers will have an easy to use tool to help them integrate Photovoltaics and Solar Domestic Hot Water in an energy efficient building. These solar features were added to Energy-10™ Version 1.8 at the urging of the solar industry. Version 1.8 offers many new features including:

- Photovoltaic module that provides the ability to model and simulate the performance of a PV system that is either stand-alone or integrated with the building.
- Solar Domestic Hot Water module provides a new solar domestic/service hot water modeling capability.
- A new library (“ASHRAELIB”) is included defining constructions (wall, roof, window, etc.) as spelled out in ASHRAE 90.1-2004.

Thousands of building designers and many more thousands of students currently use Energy-10™ to make informed decisions about the energy performance of the smaller commercial buildings and homes they are designing. The software helps identify the best combination of nearly a dozen energy-efficient

strategies, including daylighting controls, passive solar heating, and high-efficiency mechanical systems to name a few. It usually takes less than an hour at a project’s outset to produce a simulation, but that small investment of time can result in energy savings of 40-70%.

Norm Weaver, a professional engineer from Steamboat Springs, CO, involved in the development of Energy-10™ since 1999, is excited about this release, “Among the many updates in Version 1.8, the biggest feature is the introduction of integrated PV and Solar DHW modeling. With the growing interest in “net zero” buildings, Energy-10™ can be used to rapidly close-in on workable alternatives.”

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- Has multiple levels of technical support,

including free or hourly direct support for professionals seeking assistance with beginning through advanced simulations, and SBIC’s free Energy-10™ NetForum, which allows users to discuss the program and share ideas. Visit [www.Energy-10.com](http://www.Energy-10.com) for details.

Energy-10™ Version 1.8 is now available for purchase online through SBIC at: [www.Energy-10.com](http://www.Energy-10.com). Upgrades, academic and professional site licenses are also available for purchase on-line.

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## Gulf State Design Award Recipients

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (June 7, 2006).

Wilcox Group Architects in association with RPPY Architects are recent recipients of the 2006 Gulf States Regional Design Award of Merit for the “Camp Commons” at Camp Aldersgate. Camp Aldersgate is a nationally recognized camp for medically challenged kids and families.

## Gulf States Revises Terms

Representatives of the Gulf States Region (Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Louisiana) met in Tunica, Mississippi on May 5th and 6th to discuss a number of issues including the existing rotation of Gulf States Directors. The meeting was led by current Gulf States Directors Marion Fowlkes (Tennessee) and Jim Eley (Mississippi). Arkansas was represented by President Jim Yeary and President-Elect Galen Hunter along Executive Director Brent Stevenson.

The existing rotation of directors had been set by the By-Laws which were approved by the Board in January 1988. The rotation pattern was based on the AIA membership of each state as of that date. At that time Tennessee and Alabama had the largest number of members and one of the director positions was rotated between those two states every three years. (Each Director serves a three year term). The remaining Director position was shared by Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana with Louisiana getting the position every three years because of their greater number of members. This left Mississippi and Arkansas with a nine year gap between their terms on the board. Further complicating the issue was the fact that membership in Louisiana and Arkansas had grown to the point where Louisiana currently was second in number of members (804), and Arkansas (551)

had grown to almost the same number of members as Alabama (599).

On Friday, three proposals were presented by Marion Fowlkes which provided different ways to determine the rotation of the Director positions. Unable to resolve the issue on Friday, the meeting was continued on Saturday morning where a compromise proposal was presented which reflected the current membership levels of each state. Based on this proposal, Tennessee and Louisiana would rotate one of the director positions while Arkansas, Mississippi, and Alabama would share the other position. Because Arkansas and Alabama have almost an equal number of members, 551 and 599 respectively, and Mississippi (249) has approximately half the number of members of the other two states, Arkansas and Alabama will each get two rotations to Mississippi's one. The rotation would be AL, AR, AL, MS, AR, AL, AR and MS...and so on. Each rotation would be three years in

length. For Arkansas, this means a rotation of every three or every six years (an average of every 4.5 years) as opposed to the previous rotation which gave Arkansas a Director's seat every nine years. The new rotation was approved with the caveat that the membership levels would be reviewed every five years with corrections made as necessary.

The Leadership Retreat concluded with a presentation by AIA Louisiana about their 14 year effort to change the way that architects in Louisiana are compensated for State work. The process employed economists, mathematicians, architects, and government representatives to determine the erosion of fees based on inflation, increased deliverables (additional services not required when the previous fee schedule was adopted), additional business expenses, and the Building Cost Index. The new formula which was recently adopted by the State of Louisiana utilizes the previous fee formula adopted in 1975 as the basis of the new formula and is designed in such a way as to factor in the continuing changes in the way architectural services are provided. The Louisiana study, which was partially funded by AIA Gulf States, has been made available to all the States in the Gulf State Region.



### Dr. David Thaddeus scheduled to speak at 2006 State Convention

We are excited to announce that we have booked a very highly requested ARE seminar to be presented at this year's AIA convention in November!!! Dr. David Thaddeus, a professor with the University of North Carolina, who travels nationwide conducting highly acclaimed structures seminars, will be presenting an 8-hour structures seminar, hosted by Arkansas AIA.? We are also trying to schedule additional events and seminars, please watch your emails for further announcements and information.

For further information or suggestions for Associate events, please email [arassociateaia@yahoo.com](mailto:arassociateaia@yahoo.com) anytime!!

Thank you,  
Candi Lynn Adams, Assoc. AIA  
Associate Director, Arkansas AIA, 2006

### New Resource Available

The Planning Group has created RFQ Notification Listservs for upcoming University of Arkansas projects. This is a new resource available to Arkansas Architects & General Contractors who wish to work on the University of Arkansas Fayetteville Campus. By subscribing to the RFQ Listservs, design and construction professionals can be notified of upcoming projects requiring professional services. E-mail notification will be sent to all subscribers on the day that an advertisement appears in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette.

To subscribe, fill out the appropriate form at <http://planning.uark.edu>.

### David McKee Announces Opening of New Firm

David W. McKee is proud to announce the opening of his new architectural firm, DAVID McKEE, Architect located in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

McKee is a sixteen year associate with the E. Fay Jones & Maurice Jennings firm, founded by Jones and subsequent partner in the firm Maurice Jennings & David McKee Architects for the past eight years. The new firm is proud to continue approaching architecture and design espoused by Frank Lloyd Wright and E. Fay Jones.

Contact David McKee at (479) 841-0007 or (479) 839-2633.

# NCARB Certification Upholds Public Welfare and the Profession

Washington, DC—

Over its previous fiscal year, the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) increased Certificate holders by 2.3 percent, totaling 35,761. The NCARB Certificate demonstrates that architects meet the highest professional standards by registration boards responsible for the health, safety, and welfare of the public. And many jurisdictions require NCARB certification for non-resident architects.

“Globalization” and “a talent shortage in architecture” are two trends reported in NCARB’s current strategic plan, indicating the value of national recognition for architecture expertise in coming years that can lead to more work opportunities. To facilitate widespread recognition, NCARB certification allows architects to apply for registration in any U.S. jurisdiction and Canadian province without re-documenting credentials. According to a NCARB 2005 Survey, architects today are registered in at

least two different jurisdictions on average. The ability to practice in multiple jurisdictions simultaneously is more important than ever because it creates more opportunities and potentially increased earnings.

What are the requirements? Certification candidates must:

- Earn a professional degree from an NAAB-accredited or CACB-accredited program, or complete the Broadly Experienced Architect (BEA) process.
- Satisfy the Intern Development Program (IDP) requirements.
- Pass the Architect Registration Examination (ARE).
- Receive a license from one of NCARB’s 55 member registration boards.

Architects need to be prepared for project opportunities in locations other than their licensed jurisdiction beforehand. Obtaining the NCARB Certificate involves an extended—but critical—qualification review process. Examining a candidate’s application can require several weeks to validate reported

information. The document review phase requires approximately six to eight weeks, followed by a final review of an applicant’s qualifications. Ultimately, the length of time necessary to process requests for NCARB certification ensures reliability in the evaluation of the candidates’ qualifications. Candidates must meet the Council’s rigorous standards. Among the applicants, 85 percent of the architects receive the NCARB Certificate.

Upon obtaining the Certificate, architects are broadly recognized as experts and leaders in the profession. Certification is a significant factor many firms consider in hiring practices and promotions. For architects seeking career advance mentor starting a new job search, certification is an excellent way to enhance their marketability—now and in the future.

For more information about certification, contact NCARB at 202-783-6500 or [www.ncarb.org](http://www.ncarb.org).

## 17th Annual Central Section AIA Golf Tournament was a Huge Success!

The 17th Annual AIA Golf Tournament was held May 19th, 2006 at the Country Club of Arkansas in Maumelle. The two-person scramble was a huge success, thanks to the tournament sponsor Innerplan Office Interiors, an AIA Arkansas Silver Ribbon sponsor. The weather was perfect for the 8:00 am shotgun start and everyone seemed to enjoy the morning of golf and fellowship with friends. The course was in great shape and filled with 37 two-person teams, competing for trophies, cash and prizes. The beverages were cold and Lunch was provided after the tournament.

A special thanks to Chris Cerrato, Jim Narup and the staff at Innerplan who gathered prizes, stuffed goodie bags, registered players, drove the drink carts and made sure everything went smoothly. The giveaway prizes at the end of the tournament included office chairs, shirts, golf balls, towels and gift certificates, to name a few. The \$455.00 collected from the mulligan sells went to benefit Arkansas Children’s Hospital.

We would like to thank those Allied Members who donated items for the tournament: Southern Reprographics, an Allied Member of AIA Arkansas Gold Ribbon Sponsor: Nabholz Construction Co, an Allied Member of AIA

Arkansas Gold Ribbon Sponsor, Acme Brick, an Allied Member of AIA Arkansas Gold Ribbon Sponsor and KI/Glen Jones & Associates, an Allied Member of AIA Arkansas Blue Ribbon Partner.

This was Innerplan’s 7th year to sponsor the event. The tournament has grown in the number of participants and prizes thanks to their sponsorship.

Congratulations to all the winners in each flight as well as the giveaway prize winners.



FIRST FLIGHT – FIRST PLACE Jim Hall / Steve Libby

FIRST FLIGHT – SECOND PLACE Richie Brown / Grant Jordon

FIRST FLIGHT – THIRD PLACE Jimmy Alessi / Tom Fennell

SECOND FLIGHT – FIRST PLACE Brent Stevenson / Darren Bobbit

SECOND FLIGHT – SECOND PLACE Terry Rasco / Sam Cummings

SECOND FLIGHT – THIRD PLACE Todd McGuire / Randy Rowe

THIRD FLIGHT – FIRST PLACE Brian Beck / Jay Gellespie

THIRD FLIGHT – SECOND PLACE Melissa Stickford / Bram Keahey

THIRD FLIGHT – THIRD PLACE Reggie Corbitt / Brian Corbitt

There was no winner in the Putting Contest but the winners of the Longest Drives were Phillip Phelps and Larry Kirchner and the Closest to the pin winners were Bill Scholl and John Connell. Each received a gift certificate from the pro shop.

# Steve Kinzler Named Business Executive of the Year

*CEO of The Wilcox Group Honored at 2006 Arkansas Business of the Year Awards*

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (March 15, 2006) –

Steve Kinzler, chief executive officer of The Wilcox Group Architects, was named Executive of the Year during the recent Arkansas Business of the Year Awards, hosted by Arkansas Business Publishing Group.

Kinzler assumed leadership of the architectural firm in 1999. Since then, Kinzler has steered the company in a new direction including focusing on sustainable design practices. Considered one of the leading design firms in the state, Wilcox Group Architects has grown from a 12-person firm to a 25-person firm under Kinzler's leadership.

Wilcox Group Architects specializes in design for healthcare, recreation and higher education organizations but has enjoyed success in other project areas as well. In August of 2005, their design of the Camp Aldersgate Commons was awarded the United States Green Building

Council's LEED Gold Medal green building certification, the first in the state of Arkansas.

One of the firm's largest projects is the \$200 million major development for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock. The Wilcox Group is serving as co-manager of the project along with Polk Stanley Rowland Curzon Porter and the nation's largest healthcare design firm.

Kinzler, a 1973 University of Arkansas graduate, has over 35 years' experience in the industry and is a past president of the Arkansas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. He serves on the Executive Board for the Boy Scouts of America Quapaw Area Council and is a member of the Rotary Club of Little Rock. He is a graduate of the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Greater Little Rock program.

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