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NEW! SGN “Now & Then” Photo Contest! Send a current photo and one of yourself from 1991 for a special SGN Meeting event. If each component sends at least one photo, every component in attendance will receive a GREAT prize! Due: 4/3/2015.

Do you have photos from past SGN Meetings? Send them our way!

Would your component like to be next month’s “Around the Nation” spotlight state? Let us know!

Interested in conducting an advocacy training or strategy session at your component? The AIA Advocacy team can come to you. Contact Advocacy staff to arrange a date and time.

Do you have content for next month’s newsletter? Send a BRIEF write-up to bryansoukup@aia.org by December 19, 2014.

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NATIONAL UPDATE

Our Department is receiving a facelift! The new Department, headed by Jessyca Henderson, AIA, is divided into three divisions: emerging policy (Zachary Hart); practice policy (Yvonne Castillo, Bryan Soukup, and Kristen Stewart); and built environment policy (Rachel Minnery and Paul Karrer). All three divisions are at the ready to serve all AIA members; however, our SGN-member readers will still coordinate through Yvonne Castillo and Bryan Soukup.

The Federal Advocacy Team (helmed by Andrew Goldberg) will temporarily be smaller with the departures of Directors Adam Melis and Jessica Salmoraghi, but will structurally remain the same.

Our Division is proud to report that on December 9, 2014, AIA National will cohost a State Legislator Roundtable on Infrastructure Delivery with Governing Magazine. The event, to be held alongside the National Conference of State Legislatures’s Fall Forum, will provide lawmakers with an overview of public-private partnerships and its unique utility for state and local public entities struggling to meet infrastructure demand, a roadmap to critical legislative provisions to ensure successful, quality performance, and sample model legislative provisions (in the form of a brand new element guide) that can be tailored to each state’s own statutory framework. Many SGN members suggested lawmakers they’d like to see attend. We’ll update you on the outcome of the Roundtable in next month’s SGN News.

During November, AIA National hosted its second call on its new nationwide infrastructure and energy project and an initial call on Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) legislation. If your component is exploring PACE legislation, please contact zacharyhart@aia.org.

The next model code development cycle is just beginning! The 2018 ICC Group A code cycle is underway now, updating major portions of the IBC, IEBC, IRC, and more. All code change proposals are due January 12, 2015. AIA needs YOU to help identify major code issues encountered in your practice every day to begin developing proposals. Help us out by participating in discussions on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, AIA KnowledgeNet (AIA members only), or by emailing codes@aia.org. Please get in touch before December 5.

AIA staff will be hosting a Twitter chat to solicit code development feedback from members on Wednesday, December 3 from 2:00-3:00pm EST. Using the hashtags #aiachat or #aiacodes, we’ll pose questions for you to answer and discuss with your colleagues. We’ll begin the questions with Q1, Q2, etc., and, depending on the number of participants, we’ll devote about 10 minutes per question.

Finally, with appreciation for your friendship and support, we on Staff extend to you our sincere wishes for a joyous holiday and happy New Year!

- Bryan J. Soukup, Esq., Manager, State & Local Government Relations

Happy Holidays from AIA National

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AROUND THE NATION  ❯ ARKANSAS

**AIA Arkansas Hosts Gubernatorial Candidate Forum**

This Fall, more than 500 attendees gathered in Hot Springs, Arkansas for the AIA Arkansas State Convention from October 15-18, 2014. On the 17th, attendees participated in a discussion/debate with the Arkansas Gubernatorial candidates, Asa Hutchinson (R) and Mike Ross (D). Ross and Hutchinson squared off in the November general election to succeed outgoing Democratic Governor Mike Beebe who was elected to the position in 2006.

The debate was moderated by AIA Arkansas Executive Director Brent Stevenson. Discussion included how local legislation affects the architecture profession with special emphasis on public welfare. The candidates discussed how the role of the architect affects the safety and integrity of the design process and how the role of the architect can increase awareness among elected officials and other policymakers.

In the November election, Hutchinson bested Ross by nearly 15 percentage points and over 100,000 votes to become the state’s first Republican governor since Mike Huckabee left office in 2007.

AIA Arkansas is proud to have played such an important role in the 2014 election cycle and recommends hosting this type of candidate forum to fellow AIA components.

- Michael L. Lejong, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, AIA Arkansas

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**COMPONENT CONVERSATIONS:**

For current aggregated responses, please contact bryansoukup@aia.org

- “In brief, all of the requests for proposals put out by local public bodies indicate that the responders must identify all of the points of disagreement within the contractual terms referenced by the RFP. If the responders do not, it is explicitly stated that they agree with the terms... Does this particular risk-management issue extend beyond Virginia?” - Duncan Abernathy, Director of Government and Industry Affairs, AIA Virginia Society (to respond, contact dabernathy@aiava.org).