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# Monthly Communiqué

## CHAPTER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

## OCTOBER 2017

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Unless otherwise noted, programs/events are held at the AIA Connecticut offices (upon entering the building, you will be asked to sign-in and show your photo ID). Registration obligates you to payment for the event, which should be prepaid. There is a \$15 fee for walk-ins, invoicing and Lunchtime Learning programs if you do not cancel beforehand. For refunds, notify AIA Connecticut 48 hours before program date. AIA membership is individual specific. AIA Connecticut does not endorse any product lines.

### THE AIA CONNECTICUT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Friday, October 6, 2017  
8:00 am-4:40 pm  
Trumbull Marriott, 180 Hawley Lane

**Conference Underwriter**  
The Sherwin Williams Company



\$185 AIA, Sr./Int'l Assoc. AIA, Affiliate, or allied organization member; \$90 Associate AIA member; \$285 non-member; No charge Premier Season Ticket holder

Featuring over fifty underwriters and sponsors representing a variety of products and services. Earn up to 6 CE credits of continuing education for the day. Conference attendees are entitled to attend one of the Procrastinator's Special on December 7 or 8, free of charge, to earn an additional 5 CE credits of continuing education.

### Keynote Address presented by George Knight, AIA of Knight Architecture, New Haven

*Conserving Kahn: An Illustration of the Cogitation, Consternation and Revelation of the Recent Conservation of the Yale Center for British Art*



George Knight, AIA formed Knight Architecture LLC, an award-winning architectural practice, in 2004. He serves as Principal overseeing all projects. Prior to this, George was a Senior Associate with Cesar Pelli & Associates in New Haven where he worked for ten years, serving as project team leader for a variety of domestic and international projects. George graduated cum laude from Princeton University in 1989 winning the Willard Thorpe Thesis Prize. In 1995 he graduated from the Yale School of Architecture where he won the drawing prize and where he teaches advanced design studio and classes in visualization. In 2015 he won the School's Professor King-lui Wu Teaching Award. He serves on New Haven's Historic District Commission, the Board of Governors at the Ivy Club in Princeton, the Board of Directors of the Foote School in New Haven and the Board of Directors for the International Festival of Arts and Ideas.

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To Design-Landscape Architects  
Vermont Verde Antique  
Versatex Building Products  
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**THE FUTURE OF THE MATERIALS LIBRARY**

Friday, October 13, 2017; 12:30-1:30 pm; 1 HSW hour  
 No charge AIA members; \$15 non-members, no-shows & walk-ins  
*A Lunchtime Learning Program*

With everything online, why do architecture firms still need a materials library? Most architects are interested in implementing online product information tools providing they guarantee increased productivity and reduced staffing and real-estate requirements. Of special concern is how to effectively manage the digital divide - harnessing product information tools embraced by those who prefer to work on the Internet without impacting older architects' productivity. Suzanne Swift, President of Spec Simple, Inc. will lead the discussion on how to integrate online sources into the traditional materials library.

**FUEL CELLS AND THE FUEL CELL INDUSTRY IN CONNECTICUT**

Wednesday, October 18, 2017; 8:45 am, registration - 3:00 pm (lunch included); 5 HSW hours  
 \$110 Sr. Assoc. AIA, Affiliate, or allied organization member; \$55 Associate AIA member;  
 \$220 non-member; No charge Season Ticket holder  
*Sponsored by the Committee on the Environment*

A review of the current state of Fuel Cells in the state and their application in design will be central to this comprehensive program. It will cover the design, economic, and regulatory challenges of integrating fuel cells and other on-site renewable energy sources in large-scale mixed-use urban projects, as well as the Connecticut Hydrogen Fuel Cell Development Plan "the CT Hydrogen Fuel Cell Roadmap" and how execution of this plan with hydrogen and fuel cell technology is beneficial for economic development, environmental performance, and energy reliability.

Morning Session, 9:00-11:30 am:

Joel M. Rinebold, Director of Energy Initiative, Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology;  
 Prabhakar Singh, Ph.D., Faculty Member, University of Connecticut, Center for Clean Energy Engineering;  
 Frank Wolak, Vice President, Sales - Americas, Fuel Cell Energy, Inc.

Afternoon Session, 12:30-3:00 pm:

Chris Halpin, President, Celtic Energy, Inc.;  
 Bruce Redman Becker, AIA, AICP, Principal, Becker and Becker Associates, Fairfield



**President's Column By George Fellner, AIA**

September 20, 2017

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As we are now ready to enter the fall season, please note that there are two major events coming up very soon. The AIA Connecticut 2017 Conference is happening on Friday, October 6 at the Trumbull Marriot in Trumbull, CT. This annual event offers our membership a series of continuing education seminars covering diverse themes and subjects. Up to 6 CE credits can be earned and Conference attendees are also entitled to attend one of the Procrastinator's Specials in December for an additional 5 CE credits. The expo includes over 50 underwriters and sponsors representing a wide assortment of products and services. The highlight of this Conference is the Keynote Address: *Conserving Kahn: an Illustration of the Cogitation, Consternation and Revelation of the Recent Conservation of the Yale Center for British Art* presented by George Knight, AIA of Knight Architecture, New Haven, CT. This Keynote promises to be very informative as well as enlightening.

The other upcoming event is the 2017 AIA QUAD Conference (Quality Unites Architectural Design) happening on November 9-11 in Albany, New York. This Conference is a collaboration of AIA Connecticut, AIA New Jersey, AIA New York State, and AIA Pennsylvania. Providing multiple opportunities for learning and networking, this event includes continuing education seminars, networking events, expo of products and services, as well as the QUAD State Design Awards Presentation. Although it is not always possible for our members to attend the AIA National Conferences, this regional Conference offers an opportunity to participate in an alternative venue.

All in all, please consider attending these Conferences, as they provide a plethora of opportunities for furthering our professional development and overall experience as architects.

George Fellner, AIA

**AIA CONNECTICUT ROUNDTABLES — UPCOMING**

All AIA Connecticut members are invited at no charge, however, registration is requested. Unless otherwise noted, meetings with speakers earn attendees 1 CE hour.

**SMALL FIRMS ROUNDTABLE, 4:00-5:30 pm; 1 HSW**

Wednesday, November 15, 2017—**Opening Protectives: New Perspectives in Fire and Smoke**

Join Wes Roussel from Smoke Guard to learn about the building code requirements, specifically the 2012 IBC, for fire and smoke protection throughout the constructed environment and the innovative curtain solutions available for elevator openings, atrium spaces, stairs, and escalator openings.

**PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE ROUNDTABLE, 4:30-6:00 pm**

Wednesday, October 25, 2017—**Succession Planning: Passing the Reins**

Discussion led by Bill Silver, AIA and Jim McManus, FAIA. Principals must establish a process for recruiting and preparing future leaders of the firm. Potential topics include:

- Understanding long-term goals and objectives
- Identifying employees' developmental needs
- Determining workforce trends and predictions

**CHANGES IN THE CONNECTICUT ACCESSIBILITY CODES**

Thursday, November 2, 2017; 1:00-4:00 pm; 3 HSW hours

\$65 AIA, Sr. Assoc. AIA, Affiliate, or allied organization member; \$35 Associate AIA member; \$130 non-member; No charge Season Ticket holder

By demand, this program is a reprise of the successful February 8 program on the Accessibility changes in the 2016 State of Connecticut Building and Fire Codes. Presenters are David Arai, AIA, Maier Design Group, LLC, Hartford; Greg Grew, AIA, Grew Design Inc., Woodbury; and Don Vigneau, AIA, the AFK Group, Boston. If you did not attend the February program, this is your opportunity to gain expert information on the code changes.

The program will cover:

- New Accessibility Code Requirements for Single-family and Multi-family Residential Projects
- Examples and Tips
- Differences between the old and the new requirements
- Changes in ANSI 117.7, including those in commercial areas
- Requirements of the Connecticut Amendments
- Means of Egress
- Scoping: Definitions and Divisions; Residential and Commercial
- Plumbing: Family Rest Rooms, Public Bathrooms

David Arai, AIA, President of Maier Design Group, has over 25 years of architectural experience including 23 years at Maier Design Group and is a registered architect in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. During his career David has worked on a multitude of project types including complex infrastructure projects, historic restoration and adaptive reuse projects, ADA compliance projects and residential design modifications for individuals with disabilities. He has overseen the design of over 100 residences for individuals with developmental and physical disabilities in Connecticut and Massachusetts and worked with the Office of the State Fire Marshal to develop new building code language reflecting the specific requirements of Small I-2 Group Homes.

Milton Gregory Grew, AIA works in the both the public and private sectors of the Connecticut construction industry. Greg is sole proprietor of his own architectural design and code consulting practice as well as Director of Inspections & Permits for the Town of East Hartford. He is licensed as a building official and licensed as an architect in Connecticut, New Jersey and New York.

Don Vigneau, AIA Emeritus, has been a registered architect since 1966. He is a former Connecticut State Codes & Standards member; the Connecticut State Building Inspector; a local Connecticut Building Official; and is currently a Building Energy Codes Program Manager/Analyst. He has served on several ICC Committees, most recently the Energy Exam Development Committee and the Residential Energy Code Development Committee for the 2015 ICC code cycle. He has worked on the ICCF expert team to develop Afghanistan Building/Fire Codes; managed three CT code updates; and developed courses and trained local Connecticut officials on energy codes.

**AIA CONNECTICUT ANNUAL MEETING**

Monday, November 6, 2017; 8:30-10:00 am; meeting at 9:00 am

All AIA Connecticut members are invited to attend.

There is no charge. Coffee will be served.

Board Officers and Committee Chairs will give reports. Election of officers for 2018.

Information on the 2018 slate of AIA Connecticut officers and directors and a proposed by-laws change will be sent to members.

**ANTIQUENEW ENGLAND HOMES**

Wednesday, November 15, 2017; 9:00 am-4:00 pm; 6 HSW hours

\$135 AIA, Sr. Assoc. AIA, Affiliate, or allied organization member; \$65 Associate AIA member; \$210 non-member;

No charge Season Ticket holder

There is something about antique homes that captures the imagination. Maybe it's their pleasing proportions; maybe they remind us of a simpler time; or maybe we sense that these venerable old survivors that were built when our country was young have seen it all. But how many of us have bothered to listen to the stories that they tell or tried to understand what makes them tick?

Join Jim DeStefano, AIA, PE author of the recently published *Antique New England Homes & Barns: History, Restoration, and Reinterpretation* for an informative and entertaining program that will reveal the essence of antique New England homes—their history, why they were built the way that they were, and how to restore them without losing their character.

Learn to identify architectural features from different periods, how to design and strategize a restoration, and how to approach it systematically, from the timber frame to the fireplaces, millwork, windows, finishes, and landscaping.

Jim DeStefano, P.E., AIA, F.SEI is a structural engineer and architect with DeStefano & Chamberlain, Inc., located in Fairfield, Connecticut. He is a leading expert on timber frame structures and historic preservation and a frequent presenter of AIA Connecticut continuing education programs on a variety of topics. He is the author of *Antique New England Homes & Barns: History, Restoration, and Reinterpretation*, Schiffer Publishing.

**SCHOOL FACILITY WORKSHOP—"Making the Most of Your Limited Funding"**

Friday, December 1, 2017; 8:45 am-1:30 pm

*Sponsored by Connecticut School Construction Coalition*

Workshop attendees: \$95 per attendee

This timely program includes a Grant Process Update and panel discussions on:

- The Importance of Early Work
- Innovative Project Solutions
- New Technology and Energy Savings

No exhibitors will be present. More information and registration may be found on the AIA Connecticut website.



**GREATER THAN OURSELVES: A REPRISÉ**  
Tuesday, December 12, 2017; 5:00-7:00 pm

A continuation of the fascinating June 22 conversation led by Duo Dickinson, FAIA and Barry Svigals, FAIA exploring the "why" of what we do, rather than the "what".

**CONFERENCE**

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