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# Monthly Communiqué

## CHAPTER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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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.



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

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As we begin to feel the autumn season for 2017, AIA Connecticut continues to serve as an active organization representing our 1,300 members comprised of architects, interns seeking licensure, students, and a variety of professionals in affiliated fields. We would like to thank all of our members who had attended the AIA Connecticut 2017 Conference, held in Trumbull, CT. Our continuing education seminars covered a wide assortment of themes and the expo offering products and services provided the opportunity to meet with our many sponsors. In addition, the keynote address by George Knight, AIA about the Yale Center for British Art was quite informative.

Another regional conference event, happening this weekend of October 20-21, is the AIA New England 2017 Conference and Awards program, held in Portsmouth, NH. Alan Lagocki, AIA, President-Elect of the AIA New England Regional Council, and I will be attending this event, representing CT.

Please keep in mind the upcoming 2017 AIA QUAD Conference happening on November 9-11 in Albany, New York. We hope that you will consider attending this new event for additional opportunities for continuing education seminars and the expo of products and services. The QUAD State Design Awards Presentation, organized, implemented, and presented by AIA Connecticut, will be held on the evening of November 9. Many thanks to Joanne Rees, Program Director, for her work in coordinating the jurying process in Washington DC.

The AIA Connecticut Transition Committee, led by Chairman Art Sanders, AIA, continues its work in the search for a new Executive Director, and will soon commence with the interviewing of candidates. We will keep our membership informed about our progress.

On another note, AIA Connecticut is in the process of adding a custom website development for a new "Find an Architect" feature for its website. In essence, this new feature will provide opportunities for our members to have their architectural firm portfolios available on the AIA Connecticut website. More detailed information will be provided as we get closer to completing the programming work.

Ultimately, it is our professional organization's ongoing collective goal to be instrumental in helping the design community achieve the highest standards of practice, address the responsibilities for serving the public, and maintain a continued presence in the evolving art and science of architecture.

George Fellner, AIA

### 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

This is a reprise of the successful February 8 program on the Accessibility changes in the 2016 State of Connecticut Building and Fire Codes. Presenters: David Arai, AIA, Maier Design Group, LLC, Hartford; Greg Grew, AIA, Grew Design Inc., Woodbury; and Don Vigneau, AIA, the AFK Group, Boston. 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

**AIA CONNECTICUT ANNUAL MEETING**

Monday, November 6, 2017; 8:30-10:00 am; meeting at 9:00 am (coffee will be served)

All AIA Connecticut members are invited to attend at no charge. Board Officers and Committee Chairs will give reports. Members will elect officers for 2018. Information on the 2018 slate of AIA Connecticut officers and directors and a proposed by-laws change was sent to members and may be found on the registration webpage.

**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, November 29, 2017—**Contract Administration for Interns** with Leo Rodriguez-Coss, AIA

The roundtable will focus on the processes, challenges and project documentation that mark the construction phase of the project, with emphasis on effective communication and document management during contract administration.

Potential topics include:

- Addenda, RFI's and substitutions
- Supplemental instructions, field reports and meeting minutes
- Submittal review and approval
- Payment certification and change orders

**ANTIQUA NEW 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.

**AIA Connecticut Awards Reception**

Monday, December 4, 2017; 5:30-8:00 pm;

TheaterWorks, 233 Pearl Street, Hartford, CT

\$46 per person; No charge Season Ticket holder

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Join us to celebrate the recipients of all the AIA Connecticut 2017 Awards programs. The gala reception and cocktail party will be held at TheaterWorks, the historic 1927-built property known as City Arts on Pearl. We will honor the recipients of these 2017 award programs: Design Awards, Alice Washburn Awards, Business Architecture Awards, Chrysalis Awards, Emerging Architects Awards, Public Service Awards and Connecticut Treasures.

**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.

**PROCRASTINATOR'S SPECIALS**

Both days: \$135 AIA member; \$70 Associate AIA member; \$280 non member;

One day: \$75 AIA member; \$35 Associate AIA member; \$150 non member;

Attendees of the AIA Connecticut 2017 Conference may attend **one** of Procrastinator's Special at no charge;

No charge "Premier" Season Ticket holder

**Thursday, December 7, 2017, 9:00 am–4:00 pm**

4 hours HSW, 1 LU; A light breakfast and lunch are included.

**9:00 am—Architectural Vertical Opening Solutions with Bob Goulet—1 HSW:** This course will discuss vertical operation doors, their construction and operating mechanisms, and their architectural applications and contributions to sustainable initiatives.

**10:15 am—Paint 201: High Performance Coatings with Mark Weiner—1 HSW:** This course looks at some of the harsh environments found in commercial settings and provides information needed to determine the choice of a particular coating.

**11:20 am—Green Assistance, Incentives, & Financing for Multifamily Housing: Tools for Advising Clients on Reaching Their Sustainability Goals with Kim Stevenson, Marissa Westbrook, Ron Araujo, Kathy Dorgan, FAIA—1 HSW:** An exploration of the tools necessary for architects to advance green housing development at both the design and construction phases.

**1:15 pm—Pitfalls and Pratfalls of Using Dollars per Square Foot for Estimating, with Lew Finkle—1 hour:** This program will outline the dangers of dollar-per-square foot estimating.

**2:30 pm—Improving Façade Design; Automated and Manual Solar Shading with Donna Thiele and Russell Horowitz—1 HSW:** A program on shading systems that provides an understanding of innovative design trends related to solar shading and compare high performance glass vs. high performance shading.

**Friday, December 8, 2017, 9:00 am–4:00 pm**

4 hours HSW, 1 LU; A light breakfast and lunch are included.

**9:00 am—Due Diligence as the Foundation Design of Quality Site Development with Rich Derosiers, David Barstow, and James Hutton—1 HSW:** This presentation will discuss the critical component of project development: early due diligence to assess the impact on schedule and budget of resiliency, green energy efforts, and geotechnical and environmental challenges.

**10:15 am—Daylighting Design with Shading Systems with Jared O'Mara—1 HSW:** An overview of how daylighting, combined with shading solutions, can help attain better energy conservation.

**11:20 am—Val U with Sue Hurley and Scott Smith—1 hour:** This case study highlights a prime architect and interiors and mechanical sub-consultants in the development of a multimillion-dollar hotel complex on a university campus.

**1:15 pm—Advancements and Solutions for Overhead Doors with Rich Cunningham—1 HSW:** A comprehensive review of the materials, components, processes, and size and safety requirements for selecting and customizing various overhead doors.

**2:30 pm—Performance Glazing and Building Envelope Optimization with Dave LoCascio, Assoc. AIA—1 HSW**

This course describes how Low E coatings work from scientific and applications perspectives.

**RESILIENT CONNECTICUT: HELPING COMMUNITIES TO PREPARE FOR WEATHER AND CLIMATE CHANGES**

Thursday, December 14, 2017; 8:45 am-4:30 pm; 5.5 HSW hours

(lunch is provided for full day and AM or PM attendees)

\$85 full day, \$45 AM or PM AIA, Sr. Assoc. AIA, Affiliate, or allied organization member;

\$42 full day, \$22 AM or PM Associate AIA member; \$190 full day, \$80 AM or PM non-member;

No charge Season Ticket holder

*Co-sponsored by AIA Connecticut and Connecticut Flood Managers Association (CAFM)*

In this all-day program, you will learn the latest best design practices, details and code requirements to address Connecticut climate challenges and opportunities, zoning and building to prepare for a resilient and prospering future.

The program will cover:

- The most recent expert guidance, building code and zoning regulations for mitigation and adaptation to future probable climate and weather conditions.
- Funding sources available to Connecticut communities, businesses and residents to build better and build well.
- Lessons learned and peer networking for architects to help advance Connecticut's initiatives for resilient and sustainable communities.

**PART I - MORNING SEMINAR:** Leading experts report on most recent developments.

8:45 am - Registration

9:00 am - Introductions: Kathleen Dorgan, FAIA and Don Watson, FAIA

9:10 am - Flood Resistant Provisions of Connecticut's Newest Building Codes with Laura Ghorbi, P.E., AECOM

9:40 am - Legal Issues of Forward-Looking Climate Science with William R. Rath, Esq. and Joe MacDougald, P.E. UConn School of Law

10:15 am - Break

10:30 am - Southeast Connecticut Regional Resilience Guidebook with Adam Whelchel, PhD., The Nature Conservancy

11:00 am - Panel: Funding Resilience Initiatives with Moderator Emmeline Harrigan, CAFM Chair

12:00-1:30 pm - LUNCH (lunch is provided for full day and AM or PM attendees):

Petcha-Kutchka: a rapid-fire show and tell of current climate-resilient projects by Connecticut architects and engineers.

Attendees are invited to bring jump-drives with not more than 4 slide images of one current project to highlight KEY ISSUES & ANSWERS. Five-minute rule will apply.

1:30 pm - Departure of AM Only Attendees

**PART II - RESILIENT DESIGN PRACTICUM:** What architects need to know to design for climate resilience.

1:45-3:30 pm - Architectural design and construction details for climate and weather extremes: Ilya Azaroff, AIA and Don Watson AIA. Attendees are invited to bring drawings of projects "on-the-boards" for design and construction reviews.

3:30 pm - Break

3:45-4:30 pm - Panel: Looking forward with Moderator Kathleen Dorgan, FAIA

**TOY DRIVE TO BENEFIT TOYS FOR TOTS***Sponsored by the Emerging Architects Committee*

Please help make a child's holiday joyous by bringing an unwrapped, new toy to the AIA Connecticut office by December 15.

Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

**ADDENDUM:**

**NCARB PRESENTATION**

Monday, November 13, 2017

5:30-7:00 pm

Mike Ayles, FAIA, Architect Licensing Advisor, Connecticut will present a program on the ARE 5.0 exams and updates to AXP. We welcome all NCARB Candidates as well as Firm Advisors. Members of the Connecticut Architectural Licensing Board will be on hand to answer questions. There is no charge for this program, however, registration is requested.