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President's Message - Happy 150th

by D. Hunter Johnson, AIA, NCARB

On February 23, 1857, thirteen New York area architects gathered to form a new professional society intended "to unite in fellowship the architects of this continent and to combine their efforts to promote the artistic, esthetic, scientific and practical efficiency of the profession.". Now 150 years young, The American Institute of Architects boasts over 80,000 members with some 300 charter organizations throughout the United States and abroad.

Closer to home, The Central Pennsylvania Chapter will soon reach its Centennial birthday in 2009. Coincidentally, the local component is presently managed by a Board of Directors of thirteen licensed and associate members, and throughout 2007 we have seen great advancements for the profession and its relevancy. Moreover, through careful stewardship of our resources and new fiscal planning strategies, our Chapter's financial health is strong and our programs continue to grow in frequency, attendance and significance.

The past year showcased numerous highlights including the first award of scholarships to two area high school students beginning their college tenure in accredited architectural degree programs. Working closely with the ACE Mentoring Program, the Chapter has created a funding mechanism to help encourage qualified area students beginning their university studies (see related article in this issue of Architext). Through the generous support of business underwriters and local architectural practices, the proceeds of the AIA CPC Lecture Series has begun to fund scholarships directly benefiting area students pursuing architecture as a profession.

In 2007, the annual Chapter Lecture Series featured noteworthy practitioners from both coasts at events in Harrisburg and Lancaster. In May, Victoria Meyers, AIA of hanrahanMeyers architects presented her most recent works at the Commonwealth Keystone Building in the capital city, while more recently, John Enright, AIA discussed "Latent Context" during his presentation at the Armstrong World Industries Corporate Campus in early October. The Lecture Series continues to expand in 2008 with events planned in each of the three major cities of the Chapter.

Intent on providing quality opportunities for continuing education within an affable social context, the Chapter supports quarterly gatherings of its membership. Alternating venues in each of the three major urban centers of Harrisburg, Lancaster and York, the Chapter partnered again with several complimentary organizations including the Construction Specification Institute (CSI) and Architectural Woodworking Institute (AWI) in 2007.

Not to be outdone, the Associate members of the Chapter held two exceptional events in 2007 providing occasions for young professionals to grow in the Internship Development Program. Earlier this year, the Associates gathered over 40 members at the Appalachian Brewing Company in Harrisburg to hear a presentation by Art Sheffield, State IDP Coordinator about the Architect Registration Exam. Later this fall, the group toured the Gettysburg Visitors Center. Each of the programs was free of charge to participants.



D. Hunter Johnson



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President's Message - Continued

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Closing out the year's Chapter events, design professionals, owners, building contractors, product representatives and other service providers from around the region gathered at the Sovereign Bank Stadium in downtown York for the annual Excellence In Design Awards Gala. Featuring the fine work of area firms, the event continues to gain prominence as a multi-disciplinary function bringing together all participants in the development of new construction, adaptive re-use, historic preservation and rehabilitation work.

With creative vision, careful planning, and hard work, the volunteer Directors of the Central PA Chapter and its dedicated staff continue working to provide meaningful and germane programs and events for its members. Please join us in 2008 as we approach our 100th year as a charter organization of The American Institute of Architects. Ultimately, your participation creates a stronger, more active and relevant professional society which advances the practice of architecture. □

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AIA Fall Lecture 2007

by Chris Dawson, AIA

Central PA AIA Fall Lecture – John Enright: “Latent Context”

Armstrong World Industries hosted this year’s Fall Lecture by John Enright, AIA which was underwritten by Reese Lower Patrick & Scott. In addition to providing a quality setting for the event, Armstrong provided tours of their newly LEED EB Platinum Certified Building 701. AIA Central PA is grateful to all those that sponsored this year’s lectures thereby directly supporting our mission, “To advance the practice of Architecture.” We are optimistic that support for the Lecture Series will continue to grow and that we will be able to meet our goal of offering three enriching lectures each year – one each in Harrisburg, Lancaster, & York.

I found the work of Griffin Enright to be inspiring and John was very open and easy to speak with. The framework for the presentation and basis for the title was their process of uncovering meaning in architectural projects which I found often to be rooted in ideas of circulation or the corbussian notion of promenades architecturales. The work was consistently at a very high level and for a broad range of clients / project types including the Boys & Girls Club, SCI-Arc, Cal Arts, the Catholic Church, and private residential clients. In conversation, John noted that architecture is really a battle, an analogy I can certainly relate to, and it is refreshing to see the work of a firm that is scratching and clawing and ultimately winning in their efforts to enrich the built environment.

If you were unable to attend the lecture, I encourage you to visit Griffin Enright’s website at www.griffinenrightarchitects.com/ to see some of their work with the understanding that the work truly comes to life when presented by the author via our Lecture Series. I hope we will continue to see strong support for the Lecture Series both in terms of sponsorship and attendance. I’ve now organized three lectures and I find it interesting that each speaker has commented to me at the close of the evening how much they enjoyed meeting everyone but particularly the non-architects. I encourage everyone to invite friends, family, clients, etc. to the Lectures in an effort to support our mission and provide examples to not only our members but the larger community of what it means to practice architecture today. □





2007 Design Award Winners

2007 Excellence In Design Awards Gala



This year's Excellence In Design Awards Gala showcased the exemplary work of area architects at the Sovereign Bank Stadium in downtown York.

Graciously hosted by the York Revolution professional baseball team facility staff, this year's Excellence In Design Awards Gala showcased the exemplary work of area architects at the Sovereign Bank Stadium in downtown York. With representation by architectural practices from Harrisburg, Camp Hill, Mechanicsburg, Carlisle, Lancaster, Lebanon and York, the event continues to gain status as a communal event where participants in the design, engineering and construction processes share conversation, ideas and recognition for their accomplishments.

With substantial and generous underwriting assistance from area businesses, the Gala offered an elegant setting with fine fair, soothing music and cheerful banter. The evening began with light Hors d'œuvres and music by Christopher Brooks and his jazz trio. Meanwhile, the portfolio submissions of each of the more than thirty entries were displayed throughout the reception hall with additional viewing of the work available of two 42" high-definition flat screen televisions provided by World Premiere Home Theatre of Mechanicsburg.

Following the cocktail hour, attendees enjoyed a delightful dinner of various fresh seafood imports, carved tenderloin, cheeses and fruits. During the dinner, several random guests were treated to door prizes provided by the Revolution baseball team store.

The presentation program brought the evening to a close as D. Hunter Johnson, AIA, President of the Board of Directors and Design Awards Chairman, presented five awards on behalf of the peer jury of architects. This year's distinguished jury included seven members of the AIA North Carolina Triangle Chapter including Frank Harmon, FAIA and Roger H. Clark, FAIA.

Among the recognized recipients, the Award of Citation was provided to NuTec Design Associates, Inc. of York for the firm's efforts in converting an underutilized warehouse into the administrative facility for Harrisburg Area Community College. Two Awards of Merit recognition were bestowed upon Crabtree, Rohrbaugh and Associates Architects of Mechanicsburg for the new construction of Middletown Middle School for the Middletown Area School District and the development of Swatara Township Fire Company Station No. 1.

The jury presented the highest level of recognition to two firms this year. Murphy & Dittenhafer, Inc. of York received the Honor Award for its painstaking historic restoration of the Hippodrome Performing Arts Center in downtown Baltimore for the Maryland Stadium Authority. Additionally, NuTec Design Associates, Inc. attained the Honor Award for the adaptive re-use conversion of an historic 60,000 square foot cigar factory to the Greenway Tech Centre office facility.



Hunter Johnson, AIA and Richard Gribble, AIA



*Merit Award Winner: Swatara Township Fire Company Station No. 1 –
New Construction by Crabtree, Rohrbaugh and Associates Architects*



*Honor Award Winner: Greenway Tech Centre –
Adaptive Reuse by NuTec Design Associates, Inc.*



Dinner is Served



*Chris Brooks of Orpheus Acoustics
Serenades the crowd*



*Citation Award Winner: Harrisburg Area Community College –
Adaptive Reuse by NuTec Design Associates, Inc.*

Congratulations to the award recipients and all respect and admiration to each participating firm. The event's success would not be possible without the participation of the Central Chapter's creative architectural talent. The Chapter also appreciates the assistance of the Design Awards Committee including Sharlee Van Tine, Associate AIA and Brent Stebbins, AIA. Moreover, our enormous gratitude goes to the following business underwriters of this year's Excellence In Design program:

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*Merit Award Winner:
Middletown Middle School – New Construction by
Crabtree, Rohrbaugh and Associates Architects*



*Honor Award Winner: Hippodrome Performing Arts Center –
Historic Restoration by Murphy & Dittenhafer, Inc.*



The Design Awards Presentation

ACE Central PA Holds Fundraiser Breakfast



(left to right) ACE Mentor Program of Central PA board members Bob DiFiore, Hershey Entertainment & Resorts Company, and Josh Carney, C.S. Davidson, Inc., accept a scholarship check from SMPS Central PA board members Kristi Rachael, C.S. Davidson, Inc., and Casey Waller, Benatec Associates.

Hershey, PA — The ACE Mentor Program of Central PA kicked off their program year with a fundraiser breakfast yesterday at the Milton Hershey Purcell Friendship Hall. Donations and sponsorships gathered from Architecture, Engineering and Construction industry firms totaled \$10,025. ACE program organizers also accepted a \$1,000 check presented by the Society for Marketing Professional Services Central Pennsylvania Chapter; the money will be used to award two \$500 scholarships to high school students interested in pursuing a college degree in the architecture, engineering or construction fields.

The ACE Mentor Program began in 1994, and has expanded to more than 80 cities across the United States. Started locally in 2004 by six York County building industry firms, the Central Pennsylvania ACE Mentor Program introduces local high school juniors and seniors to the wide range of career opportunities available in architecture, construction and engineering.


Industry professionals volunteer as mentors to introduce program participants to the professions and encourage them to pursue studies and careers in these fields. In return, the industry will get a much-needed boost of new talent as students graduate and enter the industry.

Sixty-seven students from across York County are currently enrolled in the fourth year of the York program, and 50 Dauphin County students have been accepted to participate in the inaugural year of the Harrisburg/Hershey program.

For more information on the ACE Mentor Program of Central PA please contact Josh Carney, P.E. at jmc@csdavidson.com, or Bob DiFiore at bdefiore@hersheypa.com. □



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Associates Article - Building Tour

By Sharlee Van Tine, Assoc. AIA



The Associates organized and held the second event of the year on November 2 in Gettysburg. Craig Campbell of LSC Design in York graciously volunteered to lead a construction tour of the Gettysburg Visitors Center and Cyclorama. As a lead designer on the project for several years, Craig's in-depth knowledge of the building provided the participants of the tour with many

interesting details. We truly appreciate his time and look forward to the opening of the building in spring 2008. For further information regarding the project visit the foundation website: www.gettysburgfoundation.org.

Look for more events like this one in 2008 sponsored by the Associates of Central PA AIA! □



(left to right) Seth Wentz, Jane Thompson, Jim Thompson, Sharlee Van Tine, Christine Juba, Craig Campbell, Michael Poster, Dan Topper Josh Millman, Tim Yon



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2008 AIA Central PA Calendar

January 1

Office Closed – New Year's

January 24

Board Meeting

February 18

Office Closed – President's Day

February 20-23

National Grassroots Conference – Washington, DC

February 23-March 2

Pennsylvania Home Show
 Includes Construction Exhibit
 State Farm Show Complex – Harrisburg, PA

March 12

Foundation Dinner – Left Bank, York, PA

March 19

Board Meeting

April 16

Day Conference & Expo – Harrisburg, PA

May TBD

Spring Lecture

May 15-17

National Convention – Boston, MA

May 26

Office Closed – Memorial Day

June 21

Board Meeting

July 4

Office Closed – Independence Day

July TBD

Summer Lecture

September 1

Office Closed – Labor Day

September 4

Board Meeting

September TBD

Fall Lecture

October 10

Design Awards Banquet – Lancaster, PA

October 13

Office Closed – Columbus Day

October 16

Board Meeting

November 18-19

Architects Day & Leadership Conference

November 27-28

Office Closed – Thanksgiving Holidays

December 13

Board Planning Meeting

December 24-25

Office Closed – Christmas Holidays