I hope everyone is enjoying the cold weather (insert sarcastic laugh here). Two important dates are coming up in March.

1. Grassroots will be held March 6-8. Our Vice President, Jose Pareja, will be attending this three day seminar. Grassroots is AIA’s annual leadership and legislative event for elected chapter leaders and chapter staff. This year’s agenda emphasizes chapter and community leadership, with workshops designed to help officers become more effective chapter and civic leaders. Attendees share information, ideas, and best practices with their counterparts from around the country, and are given the opportunity to provide input on AIA initiatives. There are also many networking opportunities with the AIA national staff. This year’s theme is “People. Purpose. Partnerships.” They will feature content that highlights the voice of the profession, the value of architects in society, and the connections and collaborations necessary to improve the quality of the built environment for all people.

   www.aia.org/events/6088228-grassroots-2019

2. Prairie Grassroots will be held Tuesday, March 19th. This is AIA Illinois’ 15th annual lobby day in Springfield where attendees meet to discuss issues with elected officials at the state level. It’s also a great networking opportunity with other dedicated professionals from across Illinois, as well as a quick education on what it’s like to lobby for a bill to help make better, fairer laws. The registration deadline is 5:00pm March 12, 2019. We will be emailing further instructions regarding bus pickup times/locations once they are finalized.

Jonathan Murawski
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Moisture Penetration Resistance of Concrete Masonry

Presenter: Steve Hunt, CSI, CDT, LEED GA
Sponsor: Northfield, a subsidiary of Oldcastle APG

Our January Meeting, held on February 6th (thank you to those who could attend), was presented by Steve Hunt from Northfield, an Oldcastle Company. The presentation gave an overview of strategies to provide moisture-resistant concrete masonry assemblies, material requirements, quality design, construction practices and a brief overview of mold and mold abatement.

There are many benefits of concrete masonry, including long-term durability, fire resistance, sustainability, strength, and mold resistance. Resistance to moisture penetration is key to any design. Increasing the thermal mass of the walls is a great help for maintaining constant temperatures inside the building, all while assisting with acoustic performance. Quality materials, good design detailing and good construction practices must be used to eliminate/control the associated effects of moisture and the success/longevity of a project.

Mortar selection varies from exterior wall to interior wall, structural to below grade. Detailing joint sealants for movement capability, adhesion, and tensile strength are also important factors to specify. In addition there are verying joint sealants to use and back up materials to choose from. Waterproofing, dampproofing and proper flashing detailing and material selection are paramount in good masonry design, too. When in doubt, there are resources available with the National Concrete Masonry Association (NCMA) and their information series bulletins.

Please reach out to Steve Hunt with any questions regarding this presentation. He can be reached at stevehunt@northfieldblock.net.
Upcoming Meeting ♦ Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2019

**Rubber - A LEED Way of Thinking**

**Presenters:** Scott Maher, Regional Sales Representative, Mondo Contract Flooring

**Sponsor:** Mondo Contract Flooring

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**Program:** Rubber - A LEED Way of Thinking
The key lesson to be learned is that rubber flooring is an environmentally friendly sustainable building material. Virgin rubber is sustainable and is derived from the Hevea tree, and the manufacturing process has a low impact on the environment. Rubber flooring is highly durable and allows for versatility and increased efficiencies. At the end of the program, participants will understand the benefits of rubber flooring and the impact of rubber products on building occupants. In addition, participants will understand the performance of rubber, from the impact of installation of the products, durability, maintenance requirements, and its end of use options.

**Location:** Flossmoor Station Restaurant and Brewery
1035 Sterling Ave., Flossmoor, IL  60442
Phone 708-957-BREW

**Time:**
- 5:00 AIA/EIC Board of Directors meeting
- 6:00 Fellowship
- 7 - 9:00 Dinner & Presentation

**Cost:**
- $30.00 / AIA/EIC Member
- $35.00 / non-member

*Dinner selections are made at the restaurant.*

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Reservations by:
Monday, Feb. 25th

Click here to register online, or go to:
https://aiaeic.org/meetinginfo.php?id=27&ts=1549518425

If you are unable to register online, contact Jose Pareja, AIA/EIC V.P. & Program Coordinator at (708) 907-3651
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*Payment accepted at the door.*

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Chapter Corner

AIA/EIC events and items of interest

Name This Building

Do you recognize this building? Please e-mail all responses by Monday, February 25th to murajon@gmail.com. Only one guess per member. The winner will be announced at the chapter meeting and posted in the next newsletter.

January winner: Steve Reardon
Building: The Sullivan Center (aka Carson, Pirie, Scott Building)
Architect: Louis Sullivan

2019 AIA/EIC CALENDAR

February
27 Chapter Meeting, see page 3

March
6-8 Grassroots - National, Washington DC
19 Illinois Prairie Grassroots - Springfield
27 Chapter Meeting, location TBD

April
24 Chapter Meeting, location TBD

May
29 Chapter Meeting, location TBD

June
5-8 AIA National Convention, Las Vegas
14 Summer Outing; Chicago White Sox vs. NY Yankees
26 Student Resume Building Workshop

July
31 Student Meeting with NCARB

August
28 Site visit, location TBD

September
20 AIA-EIC Golf Outing
25 Chapter Meeting, location TBD

October
30 Chapter Meeting, location TBD

November
20 Chapter Meeting, location TBD

December
TBD Annual Meeting
Award: Special Recognition
Project: Single Family Private Residence
Firm: Robert Juris & Associates Architects, Ltd.

The existing single family structure was a one-story raised house with existing second floor addition on the rear, resembling a vinyl-sided “box,” and an existing master bedroom in the front attic space. The owner’s program consisted of a new second floor with master bedroom suite at the front, an office, laundry and three bedrooms at the rear. Remodeling work also included a new covered side entry/mudroom and remodeled front entry. The original design could be described as a “simplified gothic” look. The remodeled home has a modern Tudor design, which integrates the original front elevation with the balance of the second floor addition detailing.  

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The 20th Biennial Distinguished Building Awards
Special Recognition Award (continued)

- 3,395 SF
- Single Family Residential
- Construction Type IV (Chicago Code)

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The 20th Biennial Distinguished Building Awards

Jury Members

Molly Rademacher, Assoc. AIA
began working at SmithGroup’s Chicago office upon receiving her Master of Architecture from the Art Institute. Her current work is in workplace and higher education markets. She was active in AIAS, served as AIA Illinois Student Director, and remains involved in the AIA at both state and local levels. She serves on the Architreasures Associate Board. Past work includes civic and preservation projects, and her research focuses on non-traditional approaches to historic preservation and adaptive reuse.

Bethany Johnson, NCARB has over ten years experience in range of practice areas. A LEED Accredited Professional, she is committed to achieving sustainability initiatives and works with clients to incorporate related practices into designs that strive for zero waste and minimal site impact through implementing passive and high-performance technologies. Her goal is to educate fresh and seasoned professionals on environmentally, socially, and economically responsible design.

Robert Yuen, Assoc. AIA, partner at Dixon & Moe, co-founder of Section Cut and Monograph, has a M.Arch and MSc. in Digital Technologies from the University of Michigan. He worked as an architectural designer in Chicago and San Francisco before moving into software. His current focus is on Monograph Dashboard, built for the small firm mindset but agile enough for larger studios. Monograph launched its project-planning platform, with the objective of shifting the myriad planning tools used by architects to a singular and cohesive application.

Todd Gabrys, RA, NCARB has a Professional Bachelor of Architecture degree from Illinois Institute of Technology and has practiced with a variety of small/mid-size firms on custom residential, institutional and educational projects. He primary accepts clients with modern taste in the residential market. There is a level of intimacy explored between architect and client when developing a residential project. He aims for unique solutions tailored to the client as they blend conversational and physical design languages. The result more accurately reflects where the client is, will be, and wants to go in the future.

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