Hello and Happy New Year. I am excited and honored to be your new AIA/EIC President for the 2020 calendar year. Before I go any further, I would like to thank our Immediate Past President, Jon Murawski, for leading AIA/EIC for the previous two years. The board and I will continue to build on past success and propel the organization forward.

A little background on your new Chapter President...
I started JP Architects, Ltd. four years ago on a folding table in my basement. Fast forward a few months; we joined AIA/EIC and expanded into a small, windowless office. Now, JP Architects, Ltd. is located in Palos Heights with five employees focusing on residential design, commercial architecture and public planning / capital improvement projects.

I have always been an advocate for taking on leadership rolls within the organizations I belong to. From my experience, it’s the best way to meet decision makers and benefit from your membership. Additionally, work / life balance is at the center of my values, as well as my company culture. Outside of work, I spend time with my family and root for the Cubs -- sorry White Sox fans. (Hint: there may be a AIA/EIC Cubs outing in the future.)

The theme of 2020 is growth - individual, professional and organizational. As President, it is my goal to help all our members benefit from their membership and expand our overall organizational presence. We will accomplish this through a variety of tactics – continuing efforts that worked and instituting new.

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President’s Message

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1. We will continue to support new Student AIA chapters under our geographical boundaries. Jon and the board put a great deal of time and effort into helping the JJC chapter become accredited. We will continue to nurture this relationship and engage that student chapter, while also looking for new opportunities to create interest among other student populations.

2. We will sustain our chapter and ensure its health for years beyond my tenure as President. By exploring new sponsorship opportunities and growing our membership, we will make sure all the work that went into starting and accrediting our chapter is not wasted.

3. We will explore how we can collaborate with other AIA chapters. While geographically there are differences between our chapters, professional growth reaches beyond boundaries. In an effort to provide our members with a productive experience, I believe it’s important to use resources available within our industry.

4. We will grow our membership by nurturing prospective members — starting with graduating architecture students. Establishing interest early in professional life is imperative to long-term membership.

5. We will continue to have captivating and practical monthly meeting sponsor presentations. I appeal to current membership to share our continuing education credit opportunities with those in your network. If we bring guests to our meetings, they experience the value we’re providing, which ultimately secures our future as an organization with added membership.

Here’s to a productive and successful 2020! Until Next Time,

Jose Pareja, AIA
EIC President
Sponsors and Advertisers
2020 AIA/EIC Opportunities

In order to support the Eastern Illinois Chapter’s mission of advancing the practice of architecture in our part of Illinois, we offer groups and individuals the ability to sponsor and advertise at events we host during the year. This also allows our sponsors opportunities to network, educate and participate in AIA/EIC activities. Sponsorship openings include the following:

- Advertising (1-year of business card & company logo ads)
- Allied Membership (Local Chapter)
- Monthly Meetings (Typically Last Wednesdays)
- Annual Golf Outing - End of September
- Annual Dinner - Early December
  ...and more

If you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact Edvin Mertdogan at admin@aiaeic.org. More details can also be found at the links below.

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We held a highly attended (fifty-two members/guests) Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 8, 2019 at CD&ME in Frankfort, IL.

The evening started out with four presentations by Joliet Junior College students. Chapter members and guests had time to critique their projects and discuss their design methodology.

Bob Bohlmann thanking the chapter for their monetary donation to the Bradley House

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New Executive Vice President of AIA Illinois, Stacey Pfingsten, formally introduced herself to our chapter and discussed 2020 goals for the state.

President Jonathan Murawski gave a brief summary of the year which noted several highlights:
1. started an AIAS chapter at JJC including separate scholarship fund for undergraduate students
2. received national accreditation as a chapter
3. financially stable as a chapter
4. membership is at 99 members.

Appetizers and dinner, catered by Scrementis out of Crete, were a huge hit for the second year in a row. Live music played throughout the evening by Logical Confusion.

The night ended with a presentation by Dan O’Brien, Architectural Associate for Capital Projects at the Museum of Science & Industry in Chicago. His vast knowledge of the building was surely impressive. Look for a chapter tour later this year.

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This CEU explores the six (6) pillars that must be considered when designing and selecting healthy, sustainable flooring. This course reviews flooring through the environmental and social lens of sustainability, and explains how the six pillars relate to the health and well-being of building occupants. Key attributes of sustainable flooring such as biophilia, lighting, acoustics, indoor air quality, life cycle thinking, and safety will be discussed along with LEED credits, building code requirements, and WELL Building Standard features that relate to these key attributes.

Learning Objectives:
* Identify the six pillars of healthy, sustainable flooring which will relate to the intent of LEED v4 and WELL v1 materials transparency.
* Describe Feature 88 - Biophilia l Qualitative - in WELL v1 as it applies to flooring.
* Describe how Feature 11, Fundamental Material Safety, applies to flooring.
* Describe how Feature 25, Toxic Material Reduction, applies to flooring.

Location: Flossmoor Station
1035 Sterling Ave
Flossmoor, IL 60422
http://www.flossmoorstation.com/

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.
Chapter Corner

Items of Interest and Notable Notes

Thank you for instilling trust in me as chapter president for the last two years. I am very pleased with the progress we are making with Joliet Junior College. Although they are not an accredited NAAB school, spreading the knowledge and interest of AIA is something we should all support.

One area I know I struggled was increasing membership amongst Emerging Processionals (EP’s). This struggle seems to be nationwide as well. If we approach this issue holistically as a chapter, I know we can start gaining interest and ultimately members at the college graduate age.

I look forward to representing the Eastern Illinois Chapter the next four years as Illinois Council Delegate, and I am excited to see what the future holds for our growing chapter. Have a happy and healthy 2020.

Jonathan Murawski, AIA, NCARB

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