Welcome back Eastern Illinois Chapter. I was excited to lead my first board meeting prior to last month’s chapter meeting. During that meeting, we assigned committees and confirmed our 2020 calendar. We are continuing on our successes from last year and hosting many of the same well-received events. These include Casino Night, a chapter meeting at JJC that incorporates their student chapter, and the golf outing (with better weather!), to name a few. Stay tuned for more information.

In terms of our first monthly meeting of the year, I wanted to commend our chapter on the excellent turnout. We had over thirty attendees, which is exceptional engagement among our membership. Let’s keep that trend going for the upcoming year; and don’t forget...guests are always welcome so bring a colleague – we’ll buy them dinner.

For our next meeting, I look forward to sharing some information about the eleven billion dollars the Capital Development Board will make available for vertical building design and construction over the next five years. And as you know, my big initiative is to keep women in architecture and make them feel welcome in our chapter, so I will be highlighting the top three reasons why women have trouble staying in the industry.

Until Next Time,

Jose Pareja, AIA
EIC President

- The Distinguished Building Awards Program honors projects of chapter members for design excellence. Environmental harmony, economy, aesthetics, functionality, accessibility to persons with disabilities, and attention to social concerns will be important criteria for each submission considered by the jury. The program serves to increase public awareness of the outstanding services provided by architects, as well as emphasize the importance of the architect’s role in shaping the quality of the built environment.

- Registration forms must be postmarked by **July 17, 2020**, and submittals are due by **September 25, 2020**. For more information or to download entry forms and guidelines, visit the Awards section of the chapter’s website at [www.aiaeic.org](http://www.aiaeic.org).
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Presenter: Melissa S. Roberts, AIA,
USI Insurance Services Vice President
Melissa Roberts helps design firms avoid claims, manage risks, and purchase insurance. She is a past President of a/e ProNet – a national organization of insurance brokers, the AIA Northeast Illinois Chapter awarded her their service Award for Outstanding Affiliate Member, and her articles on insurance and risk management have been published by “AI Architect.” Melissa currently serves on the ACEC IL Risk Management Committee and is a past Northeast IL Chapter AIA board member.

Program: 7 Deadly Sins of Email
Emails are part of our business lives and a primary path of communication. They can be: 1). a constructive productivity tool, or... 2). a weapon that we use against ourselves. Given the litigious nature of our world, it is essential to treat this common form of communication with the attention it needs and to think very carefully about what we write and why we write it. This program is loaded with real-life examples of self-implicating and subsequently weaponized emails, and guidelines for you to use and share with staff for writing appropriate (and most importantly... defused) messages.

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.

Reservations by: Monday, Jan. 24th
Click here to register online, or go to:
https://aiaeic.org/meet-reg1.php?id=48
If you are unable to register online, contact Jonathan Murawski, AIA/EIC Program Coordinator at 815-806-0146 x3 j.murawski@rjaarchitects.com.

Payment accepted at the door.
Name This Building

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

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