Hello Eastern Illinois Chapter.

I wanted to use this month’s “EastWords” to update you on some happenings over the last three months.

Being president of our chapter provides the opportunity for exposure to our national organization. AIA / National has been very proactive in their communications and conversations in regards to diversity and inclusion. Earlier this summer, I took part in a conference call about this topic. It was reassuring to hear about the initiatives and tangible support our professional organization has in place to ensure robust equity throughout all areas of architecture.

In addition to this conversation, I had the pleasure of casting my vote for delegate and the national board.

I would like to congratulate Chicago’s very-own Ryan Gann, AIA (Ross Barney Architects) on being elected as a Director-at-Large for AIA National.

I bring attention to these two occurrences because participating in AIA National meetings makes me realize how special our Chapter truly is. We have several unique aspects that give our Chapter energy. From our events and monthly meetings to our relationships with our local educational institutions, as well as a commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, we have much to look forward upon our return to normality. Additionally, we are one of the more active suburban chapters, and I want to thank each of you for making our Eastern Illinois Chapter one of the best in the nation. Continued...

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Chapter Meeting

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In other news, we had to forego the golf outing this year. However, I do look forward to seeing and talking with everyone at our next meeting.

One more thing – the White Sox clinched a playoff spot for the first time in twelve years. So I guess, it’s finally time I congratulate all our Sox fan members and say your team doesn’t stink anymore. The perfect ending to 2020 would be a Cubs vs. White Sox World Series with the Cubs winning, of course. Let’s keep our fingers crossed for that. (P.S. Who am I kidding? Me congratulate a Sox fan? No way.)

I hope everyone is staying healthy and busy.

Until Next Time,

Jose Pareja, AIA
EIC President
Steve Reardon Relocated to North Carolina

by Steve Reardon, AIA

This pandemic has accelerated our plans to move near my daughter’s family in North Carolina. This has been especially difficult because we have always lived in the south suburbs of Chicago, and most of our family still lives here. But my son’s family is in Wonder Lake, IL, which isn’t Wisconsin, but you can see it from there. So we have to travel to see one child or the other; we are just switching which one.

My history with AIA Eastern Illinois extends back to its beginnings. I attended the very first Chapter’s holiday party in 1978 as a guest of chapter charter member Tom Carpenter, where I met Terry Williams. A few months later I landed a position at Interplan Practice, working with Ray Chocholek, Lou Narcissi, and Craig Podalak. I learned my trade with their support, and consider them close friends to this day. Terry was a good arm twister, and in 1980 I joined AIA Eastern Illinois as an Associate member, and soon I was a Board member. After passing the licensing exam, I was elected treasurer, and in 1988 Chapter President, and then Illinois Council Delegate for two years. It was so much fun, I repeated being Treasurer from 2008 until 2013 and President in 2015. Hopefully, I did it better the second time. And, I have been a member of the Historic Resources Committee during that time, beginning with George Terp, Chuck Gregerson, and Wayne Babiak, a fantastic team that photographed many of the historic structures in the Chapter territory.

I cannot begin to name or thank all the people in AIA Eastern Illinois that have supported me over the years, and I will greatly miss my friends there. I will always be proud of the feisty southside chapter that kept its independence rather than be absorbed within a larger chapter, no matter how much work that took. I hope to attend future chapter meetings when we are back in Chi-town to see family (and COVID-19 is in our rear view mirror). Thanks for everything!

Steve Reardon, AIA

Past AIA Eastern Illinois Chapter Presidents at the 2009 Annual Dinner Meeting

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That’s our 2020 AIA/EIC Golf Outing, folks, and it sits on the rim.

Oh no... it’s not going to happen. Gaaa - so close! It seems, like many things this season, we are forced to forgo the annual event. The Eastern Illinois Chapter AIA golf outing has been postponed until the spring 2021, rather than officially cancelled at this time. Please stay tuned and stay involved at the meetings for further developments and to sink that putt!
AIA Eastern Illinois Chapter Call for Entries

21st Biennial
Distinguished
Building Awards
Program 2019/2020

- 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.

- INTENT TO PARTICIPATE EXTENDED
Submittals are due this September, 2020.
For more information or to download entry forms and guidelines, visit the Awards section of the chapter’s website at www.aiaeic.org.
The year of Zoom! As most agencies, AIA Illinois has gone predominately digital this year. The last two quarterly AIA IL meetings were held via Zoom, for obvious reasons.

A few topics that have become paramount are diversity and inclusion in architecture. There is also a strong focus in promoting architecture amongst K-12 students. AIA Illinois has created task forces and subcommittees to address these issues. There was a powerful Zoom session with AIA National in order to address racial injustice and inequity within the profession of architecture. We hope to have a diversity presentation sometime by the end of the year to address this issue within our chapter and at a local level.

Another topic that has circulated is the need for emerging professionals. Currently, Eastern Illinois Chapter is the only chapter in the state without an EP. If you know someone who has recently graduated or recently became licensed, please have them reach out to me directly. We would love to have an emerging professional voice in the conversation, and collaboration throughout the state and at the national level. The EP Network exists to connect the Illinois Emerging Professional Community, and to shape / elevate the future of architectural practice by empowering members to do the following:

- Champion a new generation of leadership.
- Uphold the legacy of IL Architecture.
- Challenge the status quo.
- Gather people and ideas.
- Become better architects and designers.

Jonathan Murawski, AIA, NCARB
Illinois Council Delegate

Contributing to the Illinois Architects Political Action Committee is an important way to participate in the political process. Coupled with a positive and proactive lobbying approach, IAPAC plays an ever more important role in maintaining the visibility of architects in the governmental process. AIA Illinois encourages chapter members to contribute the financial equivalent of one billable hour to make IAPAC stronger.

Scholarships

Are you an architecture student looking for a scholarship? Educational scholarships are available for qualifying architecture students.

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Upcoming Meeting ❖ Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2020

Program: ADA Showers Using Linear Drains

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Program: ADA Showers Using Linear Drains
This course examines the use of linear drains and its design and construction of a zero-barrier entry, ADA and Universal Design showers. The course will cover design, layout, construction, waterproofing methods and its potential problems and solutions. We will explore the options of creating a barrier-free environment and how it can be customized to include modern design elements while keeping in line with Universal Design.

Location: On your device screen, wherever you are comfortable. ZOOM Link, Meeting ID & Password will be emailed to registrants.

Time: 5:00 pm Board Meeting
      7:00 pm Presentation

Cost: Free

Reservations by Monday, Sept. 28th  Click here to register online, or go to:
https://aiaeic.org/meet-reg1.php?id=54

ZOOM Link, Meeting ID & Password will be emailed to registrants. If you are unable to register online, contact Jonathan Murawski, AIA/EIC Program Coordinator at 815-806-0146 or j.murawski@rjaarchitects.com.
Sponsorship Opportunities

As a non-profit, volunteer-run organization, our chapter depends on members and sponsors to meet our group expenses and achieve our goals in architecture and design. There are many ways to partner with us, such as advertising, allied membership, programs, dinners and other social events. For a complete list of opportunities to support our chapter, click here and visit our website!

https://aiaeic.org/Sponsorship_Opportunities