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## President's Message

by John Benware Jr., AIA, NCARB

It is the end of spring and the beginning of summer in Chicago. This month will be the last in-person meeting before taking our traditional summer break. By the time you read this our golf outing will have taken place. But that is not the only thing we have planned.

In early June we will have our White Sox baseball outing and tailgate party, generously presented by our friends at Assa-Abloy. That really marks the beginning of summer in Chicagoland. Regardless of the outcome on the field, this event will be a great time for all who are able to attend.

I won't be able to join you for the outing; I will be in Boston at the AIA 2025 Conference. In addition to some seminars for continuing education, I will be attending the general business session and caucuses with the national candidates. There will be votes on by-laws amendments and national offices. I have already had conversations with some of the candidates who have reached out to me.



In July, NCARB is having their annual Licensing Advisor Summit in Minneapolis. NCARB has been looking at alternate paths to licensure and documenting the required skills for practicing architects. This will ultimately result in some changes to the

national exam and internship process. This will inform not only how the academy trains students, but also how we conduct ourselves as professionals in practice.

Keep your eyes on the calendar for additional upcoming events this summer. Have a safe and enjoyable break and let's look forward to meeting again in the fall.

*John F. Benware, Jr.  
AIA, NCARB  
EIC President*

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### May 28 Chapter Meeting

Program:  
***Emerging Priorities in  
Green Building***

Presenter:  
***Vince Vicini***

Sponsor:  
***Gerflor USA***

See page 3 for registration.

# AIA/EIC Chapter History

by Wayne Babiak, AIA



Your input is welcome and requested. If anyone has any historical photos and articles regarding the AIA Eastern Illinois Chapter from years ago, please send those on to Wayne Babiak, AIA. He is chronicling our chapter history, and would like to use your memories and anecdotes for his future articles. Send questions and ideas to [web44aia@comcast.net](mailto:web44aia@comcast.net).

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# Upcoming Meeting ♦ Wednesday, May 28

Program: *Emerging Priorities in Green Building (1 LU HSW)*

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**Presenter:** Vince Vicini

**Program:** **Emerging Priorities in Green Building**

The worlds of construction and building products are evolving, increasingly focused on environmental responsibility, materials transparency, carbon impact and human health. This course explores the emerging trends and priorities of the industry to provide actionable knowledge and practical tools to help architects and designers make more informed choices and create a more resilient built environment. Green-buildings systems such as LEED, REACH and others will be examined, along with the key concepts surrounding carbon calculations, energy reduction, and the tools and technology available to employ in coming projects.

- Objectives:**
- ✓ Relate global environmental and social trends to best practices insustainable design.
  - ✓ Analyze trends related to gree-building benchmarking tools and best practices.
  - ✓ Discover key concepts and issues pertaining to net zero energy, embodied carbon and resiliency.
  - ✓ Translate these findings into your next building project to optimize environmental and health outcomes.



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Flossmoor, IL 60422

**MEETING IN PERSON**

*Please register at right.*

**Time:** 5:00 pm Board Meeting  
6:00 pm Social Hour  
7:00 pm Dinner & Program  
Presentation

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

**Reserve your spot!**

**Click here** to register online,  
or for directions and venue web-link go  
to:

<https://aiaaic.org/meet-reg1.php?id=123>

If you are unable to register online, con-  
tact **John Benware, Jr., AIA**  
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708-529-8346.

**Certificates will be e-mailed  
to registrants after the seminar.**

# Rear View Mirror

REAR VIEW MIRROR



*a look back at our April meeting*

## Commercial Applications with Structural Insulated Panels (SIPs)

**Presenter:** Jonathan Golz

**Sponsor:** Enercept SIPs



**T**hanks to our presenter Jon Golz, and our evening's Host/Sponsor Enercept.

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## THE 2025 SUMMER OUTING

FRIDAY June 6th 2025 6:40 first pitch 4:40 tailgate starts.



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Questions please contact: Dewain Peterson, dewain.peterson@assaabloy.com or 630-338-5610 or register via link provided

Members, family and friends please plan to attend this fun summer event !

**Individual Tickets: only \$45.00 | Section 154/155 confirmed**

**Single ticket Price included 1 \$5 raffle tickets additional Tickets available upon request.**

We plan to meet-up at US Cellular Field Parking Lot "A or B" for tailgating.

Food and drinks at Tailgate provided by **ASSA ABLOY.**

**Parking cost is on your own.**

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION May 1st, 2025**

[Register Here](#)

## AIA/EIC CALENDAR

### May

- 16** Spring Golf Outing & Scholarship Fundraiser  
Heritage Bluffs Public Golf Club  
Channahon, IL
- 28** Regular Chapter Meeting  
Flossmoor Station  
Gerflor Flooring (Details on page 3)

### June

- 4-6** AIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE on  
Architecture & Design 2025  
Boston MA
- 6** White SOX outing  
Guaranteed Rate Field / Comisky Park  
Chicago White Sox vs. K.C. Royals  
(See page 5 for details)

### September

- 20-21** AIAspire Student Leadership  
Conference - Springfield IL
- 24** Regular Meeting @ Flossmoor Station

### October

- 29** Regular Meeting @ Gatto's Tinley Park

### November

- 19** Regular Meeting @ Flossmoor Station

### December

- 7** Annual Holiday Meeting

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More details will be coming soon!

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