We did it! We received our accreditation from AIA National. A big thanks to Valerie Nawaolski, Edvin Mertdogan and John Benware for compiling and coordinating countless documents for National’s review and approval. A special nod to past president Ron Weszelits for his initial research and compilation of chapter documents as well.

My plead for board involvement worked last year, so it is worth asking for help once again. We are seeking to add at least one chapter member to the 2020 board, and I would like to take this opportunity to extend an open invitation to join our Board of Directors. There are several sub-committees that could surely use a fresh idea, inventive thinking or a lending hand; we would love to hear creative insights, whether it be from new members, previous board members or chapter members that finally want to speak their mind! As for the time commitment, it is as much as you desire with a minimum of a few hours a month for our meetings. Nominations will be voted on at our November 20th monthly meeting. If you are at all interested or have any questions, please contact me directly by email at murajon@gmail.com. Hopefully, we can strengthen and grow the chapter together.

Jonathan Murawski
AIA, NCARB
AIA/EIC President
On September 26th, the Eastern Illinois Chapter board met with Joliet Junior College’s AIAS board for the first time prior to our monthly chapter meeting. The student board then gave a tour of their studio and also reviewed current and past projects for the semester. We are committed to help the students as they start their first full year as a new student chapter. We had nearly forty participants at our monthly meeting, which has been one of the largest attended meetings in recent history. A big thanks to Laura Cotner, Maria Anna Rafac and Nancy Collins for bringing several students to the meeting.

Sierra Pacific sponsored the evening and gave a presentation on powder coatings. A full summary of the presentation will be in next month’s newsletter.

Jonathan Murawski, AIA, NCARB
Upcoming Meeting ♦ Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2019
Program to be announced

Presenter: TBA
Sponsor: TBA
Program: TBA

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.

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Reservations by: Monday, Oct. 28th

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Once again our annual AIA EIC Golf Outing was held at the beautiful, prestigious Cog Hill Country Club. Over the many years we have rarely had any issued with the weather, however September 27, 2019 did not prove to be the same. The forecast was dicey, but we had to go forward and hope for the best. Despite the weather, a field of about fifty-eight golfers came out and made the best of it, making the outing a success. Cog Hill allowed us to move the dinner time up (now lunch), and inside the clubhouse. Although some teams only got 9-11 holes in, most made it to the competition holes.

We ran a 50/50 contest this year on some of the par three’s; Sam Source and Luis Sanchez were the winners. Jim Cross was the lowest score winner, and Jon Murawski, in a new category this year, was the highest score winner. Millies Engineering Group was out again with their ‘Beat the Engineer’ challenge. We had Sierra Pacific Windows as a new hole sponsor this year, visiting and handing out small gifts and drinks.

All in all, despite the weather, the outing was again a success. A total of $1,300 was raised for our annual scholarship supporting the future architects of the world – OK, the south/southwest suburbs of Chicago. Thank you again to all that supported, sponsored, and attended our annual event. The outing and scholarship would not be possible without your generous support!
AIAspire 2019

by Valerie Vawojski, AIA

AIAspire, the Student Leadership Summit of AIA Illinois took place this year in Chicago during the first week of September. The goal of AIAspire is to inspire the next generation of architects by connecting them to thought leadership, creative professionals, and to each other. The summit brought fifteen students from throughout Illinois together for various sessions on collaboration, creative thinking, and empowerment. The keynote address was given by Ciere Boatright, who is the Vice President of Real Estate & Inclusion for Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives, Inc. Boatright was also recently named one of Crain’s 2019 Notable Women in Commercial Real Estate. Her presentation highlighted the positive impact creative thinking can have on neighborhoods.

Power Construction took students on a job site tour, exposing them to the construction process firsthand. Other sessions such as a portfolio and resume review, networking 101, and a Chicago Riverwalk tour were sponsored by SmithGroup. AIAspire takes place once a year in various locations throughout Illinois. The summit is a great opportunity for students and also professionals looking to mentor future architects.

Go to http://aiaeic.org/PPI_Test or contact our membership coordinator John Benware for more information.

Students and emerging professionals can purchase study materials from PPI/Kaplan with a 15% discount.

To view the available catalog products through PPI/Kaplan, go to:
https://ppi2pass.com/customer/account/login/?partnerid=AIAEI&redir=%2F&utm_source=AIAEIaffiliate
Our first (hopefully annual) Casino Night was a huge success. We had twenty-one people register for the event which filled up the craps table, roulette table and blackjack table, all with professional dealers. Everyone in attendance received a raffle ticket for Chicago Blackhawk tickets as well. The top three money winners received additional tickets for the raffle. It was a great evening for socializing and networking. A big thanks to Phil Traynor of Herkowski Stickler & Associates (HSA) for sponsoring the night.

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Top money winner:
Brad Hoepfner (Linden Group)

2nd Place:
Ron Weszelits (Linden Group)

3rd Place:
Todd Moore (Northfield Block)

The winners for the Chicago Blackhawk tickets:
Jacob Carlile and Ron Weszelits.
Chapter Corner
AIA/EIC events and items of interest

AIA/EIC Annual Meeting
Student Design Awards Presentation

Sunday, December 8, 2019
4:30-8:30 p.m.

23320 South La Grange Road
Frankfort, IL 60423

Name This Building
Do you recognize the building in this photo?
Please e-mail all responses to murajon@gmail.com.
One guess per member. The winner will be announced at the chapter meeting and posted in the next newsletter.

September issue
Winner:
Nancy Collins
Building:
UIC University Hall
Architect:
Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP

AIA Illinois update:

Congratulations to Jim Maciejewski for becoming the AIA IL secretary and Jonathan Murawski for becoming the Eastern Illinois Delegate.

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