

## Coming Events...

**Thu, Jan 22, 2015 – Note: date change**

12:00 pm  
AIA Flint Vendor Luncheon at Baker College of Flint. Bill Kohn from Genesee Ceramic Tile will be discussing Realstone Systems

**Mon, Jan 19 2015**

12:00 pm  
AIA Flint Board meeting at Sorrento's Restaurant in Flushing – members welcome!

**Wed, Feb 4, 2015**

Michigan Construction and Design Tradeshow sponsored by the Construction Association of Michigan.  
*Several AIA CES continuing education programs will be offered!*  
9:00am- 4:30 pm at Motor City Casino

**Mon, Feb 16, 2015**

12:00 pm  
AIA Flint Board meeting at Sorrento's Restaurant in Flushing – members welcome!

**Thu, Feb 19, 2015**

12:00 pm  
AIA Flint Vendor Luncheon at Baker College of Flint. Continuing Education Course, TBD

**Thu, Feb 19, 2015**

1:00 pm-4:00 pm  
AIA MI Board Meeting, in Grand Rapids



**Fri, Feb 20, 2015**

Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake. AIA Flint is currently putting together teams for some fun, camaraderie and a good cause!  
Contact Chad for more info:  
ccrystal@gazall-lewis.com or you can pick up the forms from Gazall-Lewis's office.

**Wed, March 18, 2015**

Legislative Day in Lansing  
All members are encouraged to attend and visit their legislator to promote the practice of architecture.

**Thu, March 19, 2015**

12:00 pm  
AIA Flint Vendor Luncheon at Baker College of Flint. David Montgomery from Kalwall will be discussing daylighting.



**Grassroots 2015**

Wed, March 4-6, 2015  
at the Hyatt Regency in Washington, DC.

**AIA Grassroots 2015**



LEADERSHIP AND LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

**Grassroots 2016 will be held in Detroit!**

This is an historic event, the first time grassroots has been held outside of Washington DC in its 42 year history! The tentative dates are February 20-24, 2016. Great work by AIA MI's Cathy Mosley bringing this event to Michigan!

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**2015 Convention**

May 14-16 in Atlanta Georgia at the Georgia at the World Congress Center.

Former President **Bill Clinton** will deliver the keynote address on May 14.

AIA National Notes

## 2014 AIA Michigan Events Held in Flint



The Flint Chapter was the proud host of AIA Michigan's 2014 Annual Meeting and Leadership Retreat. The event began on Thursday, October 9th at Sloan Museum's Buick Gallery with a day-long continuing education program. The following days meetings were held at the Flint Institute of Arts, allowing the Chapter show-off some of Flint's finest venues.



## President's Report for 2014



I am pleased to report that the Flint Chapter has had many successful and exciting events this year, and participation continues to grow in all aspects of chapter functions and activities. Activities, events, and accomplishments include the following:

- Jan. 31, Several chapter members attended and participated in the AIA Michigan Leadership Retreat held in Detroit
- Feb. 21-24, Participated in the Big Brothers/ Big Sisters Bowling Challenge
- Kurt and Amanda published article in YAF with Passive House article
- Kurt and Amanda appointed to committees at AIA National
- Josh Steere won the Arcbazar design competition with Alaskan House design
- March 11-31, Design Awards Reception and Showcase at Flint Public Library
- Received a \$1,000 MAF Public Awareness Grant to support the Video Shorts Project
- Received a \$1,000 AIA Component Scholarship Program grant from AIA National.

- Video Shorts prepared by Flushing High School, Video Production 2 class
- June, members attended AIA National Convention in Chicago
- July 19, Tourist for a day event in Flint, QR codes, Video Shorts, Flint Guide to Architecture
- Aug 1, Golf Outing at the Coyote Preserve of Fenton- 66 golfers, 18 sponsors, approx. \$3,500 net profit –thanks to Chad Crystal, Dave Bennett, and Dale Suomela
- Presented \$1,000 scholarship to Kimberly Mitchell of Lapeer East High School; \$500 scholarship to Abigail Reimel of Goodrich High School; \$1,000 scholarship to D'Morea Mitchell of Madison Academy in Flint
- Sept. 18, Participated in Park(ing) Day event in Downtown Flint
- Sept. 9, Michigan Stair Week at Powers High School
- Oct. 9-11, several chapter members attended and participated the AIA Michigan Annual Meeting/ Leadership retreat held in Flint at Buick Gallery and FIA. With dinners at 501 Grill and Blackstone's.
- Quarterly Newsletters
- Monthly vendor lunches every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at Baker College.
- Monthly Executive Board meetings every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at Sorrento's in Flushing.
- REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP, OR BECOME A NEW MEMBER

*Happy New Year!*  
*John*

## Meet the new AIA Michigan President

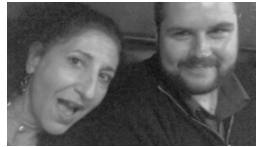


AIA Flint 's own Jeffrey Ferweda has just been named the new AIA Michigan President. Jeff has been providing leadership at the state level for several years, first as the Flint Director then moving up through the ranks of the AIA Michigan Executive Committee. AIA Flint should be proud that Jeff is carrying on the tradition of local members providing leadership at the state level.

Congratulations, Jeff!

## 2014 Holiday Party

December 10<sup>th</sup> was a festive evening, as AIA Flint members gathered at the 501 Bar in downtown Flint for great food and fellowship! We also found out that Flint Architects have great photo-bomb skills!



## AIA Michigan Director's Report

2014 was an eventful year for AIA Michigan. One of the most trying issues for the Board was the decision to sell our beloved Beaubien House and relocate to a much smaller leased space in Midtown Detroit. Primarily financial issues drove the difficult decision. The new office location is slated for completion in the Spring. Watch for information to come about the move-in date so that you can visit **your** state headquarters and check it out! We will continue to see organizational changes as we move into 2015.



One issue that continues to loom large on the horizon is that of "repositioning". It is a term that has been floating around AIA National for a while but what it means to local chapters is still somewhat unclear. I will keep members posted as I learn more, but my current understanding is that there **will be** organizational changes to AIA Flint. Of particular concern is the directive that the minimum membership to be considered a chapter has been set at 100, meaning that several of Michigan's chapters will have to merge to meet the new standard. AIA Michigan will hold Town Hall meetings for each Chapter to explain the changes and get local members' feedback. Please plan to attend and help shape the future direction of our Chapter.

## Parking Day



Park(ing) Day is a national one day event designed to promote the value of cities' parks. Flint has more green space that most cities in the country. To celebrate the wealth of parks, local people create min-parks in downtown parking spaces. The AIA Flint 2014 Park(ing) Day streetscape intervention explores the origins of Saginaw Street as a glacial moraine first traversed by Native Americans, evolution to the present, and impending future. The design visually expresses the physical structures, natural and man-made, that have shaped this thoroughfare. The installation was designed by Amanda Harrell-Seyburn, Associate AIA and Kurt Neiswender, AIA. The installation was fabricated by the AIA Flint Emerging Professionals including AmandaHarrell-Seyburn, Associate AIA; Kurt Neiswender, AIA; Juan Zuniga, and Annie Boerger, Associate AIA.



## Stair Week

The 2014 AIA Flint Stair Week Networking Breakfast at Powers Catholic High School took place on Tuesday, September 9 featuring AIA Flint leadership on this architect led initiative. The event included many prominent Flint community leaders including; Jamie Gaskin, CEO of United Way of Genesee County; Andy Younger, CRIM Fitness Foundation Race Director; and Brian Sheeran, Powers Catholic High School Athletic Director. The event garnered community attention and was featured on Flint local television ABC News 12.



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