



National Associates Committee
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2012 National Convention Preview

The National Associates Committee is planning phenomenal activities for Associates attending convention in Washington, DC.



The second annual STAMPproject, the NAC's own volunteer project, will take place prior to convention on Wednesday, 16 March 2012! The STAMPproject is a volunteer based, community service architecture project offering attendees the opportunity to leave their imprint on the city. It is a NAC-driven, Institute Powered project that engages an established non-profit organization and provides service to the direct mission of the selected organization.



This year we will be working with **MANNA**, a local non-profit organization and DC's leading producer of affordable homeownership housing. Since 1982, Manna has been serving low and moderate-income families, assisting them to fulfill the dream of homeownership. You will have the opportunity to continue MANNA's mission and participate with fellow associate members in performing activities.

We are scheduling half- and full-day volunteer times to accommodate your travel schedules as members make their way to Washington prior to the start of convention on Thursday.

We cannot think of a better way to give back to the Convention's host city, Washington, DC. Don't miss out on this great project. Look for more information and sign-ups soon!

During convention, the **NAC Roundtable** will provide you with an opportunity to meet your Regional Associate Directors and discuss issues and topics of interest to emerging professionals. This event will take place on Friday, 18 May from 10:00am – 12:00pm.

Be sure to sign-up for this event when registering!

The NAC is also scheduling a **Walking Tour** that will provide you a unique opportunities to network with other associate members while enjoying the sights of our nation's capital.

In addition to these events, there are other opportunities during convention that will engage other associates and emerging professionals in the Institute.

The **Emerging Professionals' Lounge**, located off of the Expo Floor will provide a setting to network with fellow associate members. Seminars and discussions are being planned in the EP Lounge that will spark pertinent discussions that are important to associates. If you are unable to attend convention, we ask you also take part in the discussion via post card mailers and twitter feed. In addition to the discussion, a Jason Pettigrew Scholarship presentation and video will provide a time to highlight the importance of this initiative.

The Emerging Professionals' Reception celebrates and honors your fellow associate members and young architects at convention. Be sure to sign-up for this event when registering!

Look to subsequent **RADReports** and **Social Media Outlets** for more information as Convention draws closer. We look forward to having you at these events!

Matt Hart, Assoc AIA, is the 2012 Knowledge & Programming Chair and 2011-2012 South Atlantic Regional Associate Director.

Melissa Bernstein, Assoc AIA, is the 2011-2012 Pennsylvania Regional Associate Director.

Announcements

2012 AIA Justice Research Scholarship

The **AIA Academy of Architecture for Justice (AAJ)** is proud to offer the 2012 AIA Justice Scholarship.

This program asks one selected emerging professional to conduct research facility project data for comparison and analysis. The Scholar will have the opportunity to spend his or her summer doing comprehensive professional research on architecture for justice and case study projects and have his or her completed work featured on the **AIA website**.

Application Deadline: 12:00 p.m. EDT on April 13, 2012

IDP v2.0 Roll-out & NCARB Practice Analysis

The **National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB)** has completed the transition of the Intern Development Program (IDP) to version 2.0, with the completion of the new **IDP interface**. Visit the **NCARB website** to review the changes to focus areas and hour requirements, and to login to update your record.

The NAC and the AIA continue to work with NCARB to improve the licensure process. One way to get involved is to take the **NCARB Practice Analysis**, out this month.

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The NAC at AIAS FORUM 2011

Two representatives of the **National Associate Committee (NAC)** finished off a great year for young professionals with American Institute of Architects Students (AIAS) **FORUM 2011** held in Phoenix, Arizona.

This year, the NAC was represented by **Melissa Bernstein, Assoc AIA** from the Pennsylvania region and **Cesar Gallegos, Assoc AIA** from the Texas region. We also had representation from The American Institute of Architects (AIA) by **Erin Murphy, AIA** and **Kevin Fitzgerald, AIA** as well as the AIA's 2012 president **Jeff Potter, FAIA**.



The conference was energizing and awakening even for people like us who have been out of the school for several years. The students were engaged by their tours, seminars, and general sessions and of course the ever-so-famous role call where the schools' presence is acknowledged by songs, and school pride.

Phoenix was a warm 75 degrees in late December, which made it ideal for the tours throughout the city. Students were able to appreciate the city's influential architectural works by famous architects including Frank Lloyd Wright, Antoine Predock and Richard Meier.



As NAC representatives we participated in two presentations. The first presentation challenged presenters and attendees on licensure, architecture professors and their influence on licensure, and the titling of an architect vs. the more increasingly common terminology of a "software architect."

The second presentation was a panel discussion of five women discussing the profession of architecture. While most panel members are still students and are very optimistic about the future of architecture, Melissa was there to throw in a bit of reality about the recent conditions of the economic downturn. The discussion was followed by an attentive, lively question and answer session about diversity, leadership, and responsibility.

Throughout the evenings there were several events for the students to socialize and participate in various locations of Phoenix which have been renovated to become prime event spaces. Finally the event ended with the New Year's gala where all the students joined in together to receive the New Year. The event was a fun environment for all.

AIAS FORUM heads to Georgia for 2012.

Cesar Gallegos, Assoc AIA, is the 2011-2012 Texas Regional Associate Director.

Melissa Bernstein, Assoc AIA, is the 2011-2012 Pennsylvania Regional Associate Director.

Meet the *Forward* and AssociateNews Editors!

This January, the National Associates Committee put out a call for **AssociateNews** Editors and **Forward** Editors. The response was incredible - reflecting the diverse talent, background and abilities of our Associate members around the country.



Clarice Sollog, Assoc AIA has been selected to head up a revised AssociateNews. Clarice is an active member of **AIA Central Florida** and, in addition to her involvement with publications on all levels of the institute, has also been involved with graphics and promotions for her local United States Green Building Council (USGBC) chapter.

Clarice will be joined by Assistant AssociateNews Editor **Patrick Slattery, Assoc AIA** of **AIA Indiana**. In addition to his work in a traditional architectural firm setting, Patrick recently completed the graphic design and coordination for *My City...The Great Chicago Stockyards* by Lawrence P. Caine.

Clarice and Patrick will be reaching out to Associates soon in order to adapt AssociateNews to better meet the interests of our members.

Heading up the NAC's design journal *Forward* this year is **Forward** Director **Olivia Graf-Doyle, Assoc AIA**. Olivia, a designer at HMC Architects in **Los Angeles, CA**, served as an assistant editor last year, and is excited to take the reins and coordinate our talented team of Assistant Editors. She will be assisted by Senior Director **Christina Noble, AIA** from **Phoenix, AZ**. Christina is in many ways responsible for the success of *Forward* to date, and is looking forward to advising the team this year.

Chip Debelius, Assoc AIA, a faculty member at **Appalachian State University** in **Boone, NC** will work with **Greg Marinic, Assoc AIA** and **Meg Jackson, Assoc AIA**, design faculty at the **University of Houston (TX)** as Assistant *Forward* Director. They will be primarily responsible for coordinating with the contributors on their submissions.

Coordinating *Forward* Graphics and Layout we are fortunate to have Assistant Graphics Editors **Joe Lawton, Assoc AIA** from **Chicago, IL**; **Cindy Louie, Assoc AIA** from **Phoenix, AZ**; **Janice Ninan, Assoc AIA** from **Chicago, IL** and **Ife Vanable, Assoc AIA** from the **Bronx, NY**. The Editorial team is engaged and working hard on the Spring Issue of *Forward*, themed Process. We will feature a full profile of our new NAC Editors in a RADReport this summer.

Join us in welcoming the new AssociateNews and *Forward* Editorial team, and look for the product of their efforts later this year!



Coming Up

Click the button to see the full NAC calendar.

April 12-15, 2012
Committee on Design Spring Conference
Columbus, IN

April 13, 2012
AIA Justice Research Scholarship Applications Due

May 17-19, 2012
AIA National Convention
Washington, DC

June 28-30, 2012
Emerging Gulf States Design Symposium
Memphis, TN

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