

COLLEGE OF FELLOWS

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I touched base with Terri Stewart at AIA, and with Bill Stanley, Vice Chancellor, about any material to bring new COF reps up to speed. I heard from Gary Desmond FAIA out of Denver, who turns out to be the Chair of the COF Regional Reps. He has sent us all information regarding new Fellows, contacts, and activities covered in Fellowscope.

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ACTIVITIES OF THE AIA/CT COLLEGE OF FELLOWS

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The College of Fellows continues to avail itself to the Emerging Architects and the Young Architects Forum (YAF) in CT as mentors. The Fellows offer a wealth of experience to our younger practitioners as they chart their careers through internships and early years in practice. Requests to the Fellows to serve as volunteers as Mentors has yielded an enthusiastic response.

Brian Baril is presently the contact for the Associates & Emerging Professionals in CT and is planning upcoming events for the calendar year 2013. These include:

- A follow-up on their successful evening at SLAM in Glastonbury late last year which drew over 50 participants with a similar event sponsored by Pickard- Chilton Architects in New Haven this spring and a Fairfield County event in the summer
- Two 'Build Days' for Habitat for Humanity last year and a plan to do 3-4 this year
- They are working on an agenda for a joint meeting with the Fellows in CT
- A round table discussion where selected group of emerging architects express their concerns and questions to a small group of principals of firms
- A series of Hard Hat tours as the Bridgeport office of Fletcher-Thompson builds new office for their practice
- A small design competition to encourage interns and young architects to exercise their creative skills which might have grown rusty while toiling in the trenches and learning the realities of practice
- They strongly support the speakers programs at Yale and the University of Hartford with social events following
- Connecting through social networking – Facebook, Twitter and Linked in

The NE representatives for the YAF, Nicole Martineau, AIA, has continued to be active, primarily in the Boston / Southern New Hampshire area. Much of their concentration has been to increase communication and to eliminate the line between Associates and the YAF members, concentrating on

the use of the term *Emerging Professionals*, as they share (excepting issues around the IDP) much common ground. They are looking to:

- Establish either a separate website or one linked to the AIA/NE website
- Secure funding to send their leadership to the annual AIA/NE Conference
- Seek ways to communicate better in their geographic areas (ie, Ma – West/Mid/Boston; VT & NH – Southern & other; ME – Southern & effectively reaching their target markets & people
- They see the greatest mentoring opportunities in presentations of business oriented lectures or round table presentation/discussions of the business of architecture led by Fellows

Harold Roth, FAIA will again host the annual Dinner for the CT Fellows at the Quinnipiac Club in New Haven on October 17th. Our speaker will be Jacques Robertson FAIA, a founding partner in the New York firm of Cooper-Robertson and past Dean of the University of Virginia School of Architecture.

We will be honoring our newest Fellow, Jim LaPosta, FAIA, principal of JCJ Architects to the College of Fellows. As is our custom, the Fellows of the ASLA in CT will be our invited guests

The CT Fellows meet bi-monthly through the year to vet candidates for Fellowship, to review portfolios and to provide support to those in the arduous task of submitting by helping their sponsors as they guide the candidates through the process.

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