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Executive Directors Report: KJ Morris

Upcoming Events/Meetings:

AIA Wyoming Winter Meeting 2010

National AIA 2010

AIA Wyoming Summer Meeting 2010

AIA Wyoming Annual Fall Conference 2010

WMR Conference

AIA Wyoming Winter Meeting 2011

February 12, 2010

June 10-12, 2010

June 25, 2010

September 23-25, 2010

October 15-17, 2009

February 25, 2011

Cheyenne, WY

Miami, FL

Thermopolis, WY

Jackson, WY

Deer valley, UT

Cheyenne, WY

Reports Due from ExCom and Committees: (highlights key information)

ExCom

Treasurer Report – Lisa Hubbard

Membership Report

Associate Director – Brandon VanTassell

Director Events & Awards – Stephen Dynia

Director GAC – Luis Martinez

Executive Director – KJ Morris

Allied Reports

State Board of Architects & Landscape Architects Report – Arne Jorgensen or Tim Schenk

IDP Coordinator – Ed Armstrong

National Convention – Mike Potter

YAF- Suzanne Norton

Committees (chair is **bolded**)

Executive Director Search - Organizing & Selection Committee: Lisa Hubbard, Stephen Dynia, and KJ Morris
Glen Garrett, Sallie Means, Nick Laferriere, Tim Schenk.

CES – Jo Haley

AEF – Glen Garrett

SFC – Del Acker

Wyoming Design and Construction Industry Forum – **JW Stamison**

K12 Programs – **Randy Byers**, Sallie Means, Doug Selby, KJ Morris

Bylaws – **Lisa Hubbard** & Nick Laferriere (Mike & Ed Consult)

2011 Officer Elections & Nominating: _____

WY USGBC – **James Holloway** (advocacy), Tony Denzer, John Griffith-Groathouse Const. (co vice chair)

Natural Disaster – **Mike Potter**

Member News & Announcements

Carney Architects recently made the change to Carney, Logan and Burke Architects.

New AIA/Registered Members

Andy Ankeny & Jeff Lawrence from CLB Architects; James Holloway from GSG Architecture.

ARE Library

We now have 5 ARE candidate actively using the library, all in Jackson, but from varied firms. All are grateful for the access to the Kaplan cards, Ballast books and MEEP book.

I would like to ask the ExCom to consider investing again in the library for 2011.

I will also look for a new location for the ARE Library, perhaps Carney Architects or Gilday Architects.

AIA Wyoming Focus Newsletter & Website:

Newsletter: The monthly newsletter has been well received by members and allied professionals.

- Content continues to be driven by the Executive Director.
- After some experimentation, it appears 1 monthly newsletter and 1 event notice per month is sufficient.
 - 5 Wyoming Focus Newsletters have been sent thus far
 - 10 E-news/Event postcards have been sent to inform and promote summer meeting

Website: AIA National has again changed the component website launch program. At this point I am not hopeful that we can rely on their program in the near future. It is time to move forward on our own.

- The existing website has been significantly simplified and more static. The technology has changed since we launched 5 years ago, but more importantly, the purpose has changed as members are looking to it more now than ever before. www.aia-wyoming.org will continue to act as an access point for AIA Wyoming architects and promotion of the profession.

Upcoming Meetings and Conferences

The Winter meeting planned by members in Cheyenne appears that it will be a success programmatically and budgetarily. But the decision by the members to not include the ExCom and the Executive Director continues to be an issue for the component. Date changes, registration practices inconsistent to our protocol and that were confusing to members should not be overlooked by the ExCom or general membership. Such divisive decision making by members has been a problem for years and would be detrimental if allowed to continue after the new ED is in place.

Executive Director Search

Reprinted from letter dated December 31, 2009.

31 December 2009

To: AIA Wyoming 2009-2010 Executive Committee

Re: AIA Wyoming Executive Director and Administration

This is my proposal as of today, the 31st of December 2010.

- 1. I will continue to manage AIA Wyoming as Executive Director as requested through the end of February, or at latest mid-March. I still need a contract presented to me to confirm that agreement in order to continue work.**
- 2. After that I will continue to train and mentor the new Administrative staff and Board with the agreement that anything beyond and hour of my time is billable as a consultant @ \$25ph. I think this is reasonable and also holds myself and the new hire accountable for both our time.**
- ~~3. I would still like you to consider me as the AIA Wyoming 2010 Conference Planner and have attached a revised proposal for your consideration. Please see included letters for clarification.~~

Over the next 2 months, I will work very hard to:

1. Continue to create a clear archive of work done and procedures developed.
2. Finalize the direction for the website. I have already begun work to outsource the website, its redesign and management as I believe this is too big a job for a new admin to take on as well.
3. Finalize the conference planning protocol for host communities and future leadership.
4. Continue preliminary planning for the Summer and Fall Conferences.

AIA National Grassroots February 2-6, 2010 Washington, DC

The Highlights....attended by KJ Morris and Luis Martinez, AIA Wyoming GAC director

Storm of the Century (first one)

We survived the Storm of the Century. While the snow on the Capitol city was lovely, as the inches grew, the city continued to shut down. No planes, buses, taxi, or above ground metro and everything comes to a halt. Walking was the only mode of travel for days. As we left the city behind another Storm of equal capacity was bearing down on the region...happy to back in our own wintery Wyoming.

Congressional Meetings

Luis Martinez and I met with all three of our representatives on Capitol Hill. Barrasso and Enzi are now hosting Wyoming Wednesdays' @ Senator Enzi's office in an effort to consolidate constituent meetings over the next few months. We had brief discussions with both senators, but more in-depth talks with their top legal Aides. We then had about a 15minute meeting with Cynthia Lummis the following day; we literally chased her down to meet in-between House votes. It was clear the Hill is busier than ever with the Health Insurance debate and working towards America's economic recovery.

We took 5 Issue briefs to Wyoming Representatives, all of which could be related back to our home state. Barrasso and Lummis were the most receptive, but I think Enzi just needed more time to "chew" on the information we provided. We presented each office with issue briefs and a BLUEPRINT FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY, literally a blueprint. We believe it did catch their eye...After these meetings it became clearer than ever before that in order to make an impact with these folks and our State legislators; we need to develop a stronger relationship with their offices and staff. So when they have a question on the construction & design industry, they know to call us first. It is as simple as reminders that we exist...Luis and I discussed in length ways to do this and we also spoke with our Congressional staffers on how we can better serve them with information.

The Issues we presented:

1. **Help Struggling Communities Rebuild**
2. **Unfreeze Credit to Get America Building Again**
3. **Encourage the Commercial Sector to Build Green**
4. **Provide Relief for Small Businesses**
5. **Invest in Our Children with 21st Century Schools**

More information can be found on the [AIA Wyoming website](#)

Three (of 5) National Bylaws Amendments were presented by the Institute Leadership.

1. Associate Representation on Regional & therefore National Boards.
<http://www.aia.org/aiaucmp/groups/aia/documents/pdf/aiab082160.pdf>
2. International Associate Architect title. Although the final title is still in debate, it is clear this is not going away. The top choices as of Grassroots are "AIAI" and AIA Country. Discussion of other countries licensure and education was still a concern, but this is not going away anytime soon, so members need to decide where they stand and let their leadership @ state and regional levels know. <http://www.aia.org/aiaucmp/groups/aia/documents/pdf/aiab082159.pdf>
3. Membership Dues Payment Plan to be available to all members not just in hardship
<http://www.aia.org/aiaucmp/groups/aia/documents/pdf/aiab082161.pdf>

I would suggest each and every member read the National Bylaws and suggested amendments and voice your opinion to your component leaders or regional directors; it appears the amendments will be presented once again @ the 2010 National Convention in Miami.

National Officer Elections @ National Convention in Miami this June

Given the multitude of changes occurring at the National Institute in recent months, I would suggest that all members take an active role in who we elect for the future. Do you feel the Association is being run well? Do you care? Wyoming does have a vote and can be influential. Get to know the candidates.

National offices available are:
Executive Vice President/President Elect
Vice President (2 openings)
Secretary