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- Hear keynote speakers Chad Oppenheim, of Oppenheim Architecture + Design, Doug Wilson of The Learning Channel

AIA Florida News

Conferencing Process Begins on HB 5047

 FL Capitol

Thursday, HB 5047 that currently removes the privatized investigatory/ disciplinary services that are now provided by a private contractor for the Board of Architecture and Interior Design (BOAID) and returns those functions to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) began the appropriations conferencing process. Rep. Ron Reagan, chair of the Jobs and Entrepreneurship Council has stated publicly that the bill will be corrected to leave intact BOAID's privatized system. AIA Florida has also asked full funding or minimal cuts. We understand the difficult economic times and recognize that the BOAID may have to weather an economic reduction this year as legislators struggle to balance the 2009 budget. Keep your eyes on *Friday Facts* for more information about the progress of this bill.

AIA Florida Member Testifies Against TBRC

Today, AIA Tallahassee Component President, Jodie Dodson, AIA testified before Senators, to state for the record that proposed Tax and Budget Reform Commission's Constitutional Amendment CP0002 is headed in the wrong direction. As you will recall, CP0002 will repeal the Required Local Effort (RLE) and create an \$8-11 billion school funding budgetary hole. For lawmakers to restore that for schools, increasing the sales tax by a penny would raise about \$3+/-billion, eliminating some of the state's 246 sales tax exemptions--minus the sacred cows of food, medicine, health services, residential rents, electricity and heating fuel--raises about \$1.6 billion. The only way to make up the rest of the necessary \$4 to \$6 billion is to tax currently untaxed services. Former Sen. Bud Gardner was also

and Discovery Home and Gisue Hariri of Hariri & Hariri, just to name a few.

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Did You Know...

Two AIA Florida members are running for AIA National Executive Committee positions. [CLICK HERE](#) to view all of the candidates and listen to their speeches.

AIA Working for You!

AIA is offering a free webcast on April 29, 2008

in attendance to share his experiences from 1987, when a sales tax on services was previously passed.

Energy Bill Looks to be a "Good Starting Point"

Senate Bill 1544 went before the full Senate this week, and its companion is poised for a final House vote. At this point, it looks like the House bill will be the final version, which is the omnibus energy bill this session. The bills appear to be good starting points for energy conservation in the state, and could lead to more legislation next session.

The regular session is scheduled until May 2 (only two more weeks), and the only work that must be finished is the budget.

SB 0560 Amended into SB 1544

Senate Bill 0560 relating to Energy Efficiency and Conservation and provides discretionary power to the Florida Building Commission to implement recommendations regarding cost-effective, energy-efficiency standards for construction of all new residential, commercial, and government buildings by amending the Florida Efficiency Code for Building Construction was passed by the and Economic Development Appropriations Committee this week and subsequently "rolled into" SB 1544.

SB 0562 Relating to Green Schools

Senate Bill 0562 by Sen. Constantine has been referred to the Education Facilities Appropriations Committee this week for further consideration. SB 0562 requires that educational facilities of a school district, a community college, a university, or the FloridaSchool for the Deaf and the Blind, which cost more than \$100,000, must achieve certain ratings used by the United States Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design or by the Green Building Initiative.

AIA Florida Call for Nominations

As a reminder, all nominations to the AIA Florida Executive Committee must be completed and returned to the AIA Florida office by Monday, April 21, 2008. All questions and proper nomination materials should be emailed to bharrison@aiafla.org.

from 1:30PM to 3:00PM
 titled *Architecture Practice
 in an Economic Downturn:
 Challenges and
 Opportunities*
[CLICK HERE](#) to view
 details.

Quote of the Week

*"The significant problems
 that we face cannot be
 solved at the same level
 of thinking we were at
 when we created them."*

- Albert Einstein

Have a favorite quote?
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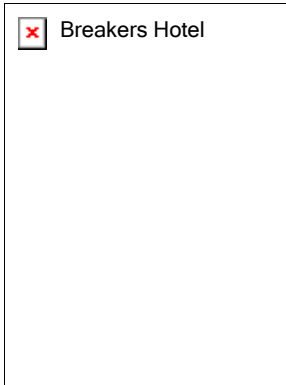
AIA Florida 2008 Convention

Step It Up: Moving Toward Our Vision

The current schedule is available now on the AIA Florida website at www.aiafla.org under Continuing Education - Annual Convention. Look for your brochure in the mail in late April. In an attempt to be more "green," a shortened brochure will be mailed and encouraging online registration. A downloadable form will also be available on the website when registration opens.

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The Breakers Hotel
 Palm Beach, Florida
 561-655-6611
 Rate: \$155 + tax.
 When making a
 reservation, tell them
 you are with the Florida
 Association of The
 American Institute of
 Architects



Chapter Happenings

AIA Ft. Lauderdale

Green Plumbing Design

Presented by Toto

April 21, 2008, 6 pm at the Toto FL Gallery

600 Corporate Drive #150

Ft. Lauderdale, FL33334

954-489-9088 x103.

Earn one HSW CEU. Refreshments will be provided. RSVP to mklein@totousa.com.

C.O.T.E.: Green Mixer

April 24, 2008, 6 pm at Sublime, Natural &

Organic Restaurant & Bar

1431 North Federal Highway

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida33304

954-539-9000

Cash bar. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided by HyPower. RSVP to

john@squareonearchitecture.com by 4/21/08.

AIA Jacksonville

*Symposium on "The Future of Wind-Borne
Debris," 3 HSW*

May 23 at 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk Hotel, 1515
Prudential Drive.

Free for

AIA members, \$20 Non-members. Register
on-line at www.aiajacksonville.org.

AIA Florida Gulf Coast

2008 Sarasota Design Conference

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June 5th - 8th @ Long Boat Key Club

For more information please visit the SDC
section of the website

www.aiafla-gulfcoast.org

AIA Miami

6th Golf Tournament

June 6th 2008

For information and registration 305-448-
7488 or www.aia.miami.com

REVIT v. 2009 workshop

June 13 & 14

For information and registration 305-448-
7488 or aiaamia@bellsouth.net

AIA Orlando

*19th Annual Golf Tournament benefiting the
ValenciaCommunity College Foundation*

Grand Cypress Golf Resort

Friday, June 20th, 8:30 am Shotgun

\$150 for AIA Members/ \$175 for Non-
members

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For more information please call AIA Orlando
at 407-898-7006 or visit www.aiaorlando.com

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Welcome New Members!

Eugene A. Damaso, AIA (AIA Jacksonville)

Gabriel Oswaldo Lopez, AIA (AIA Miami)

Hector N. Morales, Assoc. AIA (AIA Orlando)

Patricia Morisset, Assoc. AIA (AIA Ft.

Lauderdale)

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