



Friday Facts

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AIA Florida News

Breaking News: Lawsuit Filed against Constitutional Amendment 5

Coalition issues the following press release

Tallahassee, July 3, 2008 - A broad group of organizations ranging from school officials to business owners filed suit today in Leon County Court to remove proposed constitutional Amendment 5, known as the "tax swap," from the November ballot. Represented by veteran attorney Barry Richard, the group calls the proposed amendment ballot language misleading.

"The misleading title fails to adequately inform voters of the chief purpose of the proposed amendment," said Richard, attorney for the Coalition to Protect Florida's Economy. "The question is affirmatively and materially misleading by indicating to voters that Amendment 5 is just about school property taxes."

Formed in 2001, the Coalition, which AIA Florida is a member, represents a wide range of everyday Floridians - farmers, health care providers, professionals, small businesses, large businesses and many other citizens who are the backbone of Florida's economy.

While many members of the Coalition have banded together to fight a tax on services, other members see Amendment 5 as imminent harm to Florida's educational system.

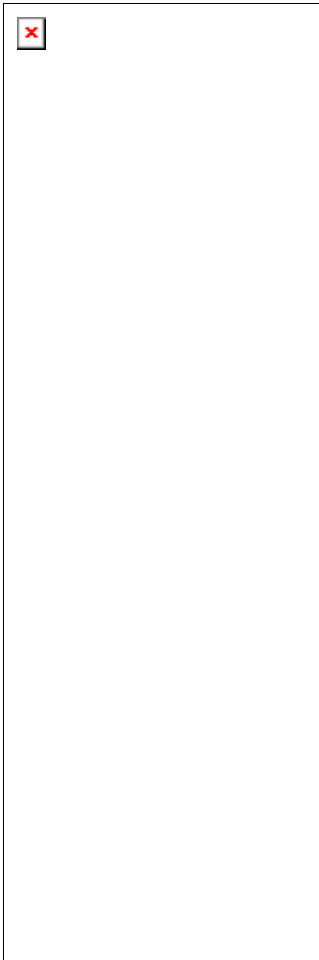
The Coalition contends that Florida's constitution was never intended to include substantive tax laws. As provided in testimony during the recent Taxation and Budget Reform deliberations on the proposal, the group raised concerns that the amendment would create at least a \$9 to \$11 billion hole in Florida's budget and that voters need to know they would not be getting true property tax savings - just a shift to pay higher taxes or see less services in other places.

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Coalition members that were named parties in the complaint include the Florida School Board Association, Florida Association of School Administrators, Florida Farm



Bureau Federation, Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Associated Industries of Florida and several more.

AIA Florida will continue to monitor the progress of this issue and bring you updates. Remember that this amendment will also force the Legislature to repeal current sales tax exclusions and exemptions creating a budget shortfall that we believe would force the institution of a sales tax on professional services.

New Task Force Forming for Potential EP Competition

The AIA Florida Executive Committee (EXCOM) is in the early stages of forming a task force to create a design competition for students and emerging professionals.



The competition, called Florida for New Architecture (FFNA), would be a collaborative effort with cities, counties and academia. The competition could be for any public works and redevelopment projects, and projects for the underserved; affordable housing; mixed use; and urban infill. The structure of the competition would be based upon the European competition held every other year.

It is envisioned that AIA Florida could advance two of its Five Bold Steps (**collaborating with education** and **building the pipeline**) by engaging students who have enormous energy and design talent that often goes untapped. AIA Florida can capture that energy and talent by having the schools of architecture endorse the program and getting student participation. The students can also be mentored by young, licensed professionals.

If you are interested in joining this task force, please contact Michael Lingerfelt, AIA at mlingerfelt@mcg-fl.com.

NCARB Passes the 6-Month Rule at Annual Meeting

During its annual meeting and conference last month in Pittsburgh, PA, the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) voted on several resolutions brought forth by its board of directors--including the "6-month rule" for the Intern Development Program (IDP).

At the annual meeting, NCARB resolved that all online reporting for IDP training units would be fully tested and operational and supervisor guidelines would be produced and distributed, or made available online, by December 31, 2008. If the online reporting is not fully tested and operational or such guidelines are not produced and distributed by the December date, then the related 6-month rule dates will be delayed until everything is

Quick Links

- [AIA Florida Website](#)
- [Contract Documents](#)
- [Classified Ads](#)
- [Check Your CE Transcript](#)

Did You Know...

The IDP Outstanding Firm Awards Program is now accepting submissions. The deadline to submit is **Tuesday, July 15**. The program honors firms that make nurturing interns on the path to achieving licensure a priority. [CLICK HERE](#) for the call for entries.

AIA Working For You

AIA.org houses a webpage devoted to firms employing architectural interns. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the toolkit.

Quote of the Week

"There are three forms of visual art: Painting is art to look at, sculpture is art you can walk around, and architecture is art you can walk through."

-Dan Rice

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prepared for use.

According to NCARB, the rule seeks to "discourage submission of all training units at one time and to foster a rich intern experience"; however the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Board of Directors felt that if the rule was approved in its entirety, it would serve as an impediment to licensure. The AIA Board requested that NCARB suspend any action on limitations to IDP reporting periods (through the six-month rule) until a comprehensive evaluation can be conducted of the new online recording system.

To read the resolution in its entirety, [CLICK HERE](#).

FAPAC Update

Since receiving the Florida Architects Political Action Committee's (FAPAC) challenge nearly two months ago, AIA Florida components and members have answered the challenge and donated almost \$25,000!



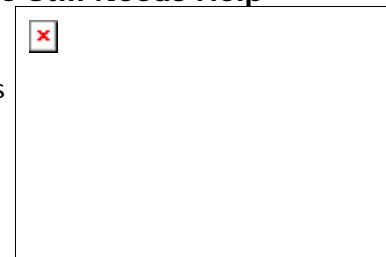
A significant portion of the contributions have come as a result of a "Chapter Challenge" issued by AIA Florida Northwest. To date, AIA Northwest, AIA Orlando and AIA Palm Beach have helped FAPAC raise funds by committing \$25 per architect in their chapter. If all 14 chapters in the region answered this challenge, it would raise more than \$60,000 for FAPAC.

By committing just \$25 per architect, we can continue to support qualified candidates running for Senate and House seats in November. Remember-when you invest in FAPAC, you raise the level of awareness of architects in the political process, thereby making our voice heard.



Palm Beach's Manus House Still Needs Help

Recently, AIA Florida published information in *Friday Facts* about the Manus House, which was designed by acclaimed South Florida architect, Alfred Browning Parker, FAIA. It is the only remaining house in Palm



Beach that he designed and members were urged to send letters to Mayor Jack McDonald (prior to the June 9 town council meeting) to protect the house. The letters have had a positive influence on the protection efforts and will

become a part of the Alfred Browning Parker Architecture Archives Fund.

At the June 9 town council meeting, the decision to demolish the house was deferred for 60 days. However, on June 18, the Landmark Preservation Commission decided to landmark the house.

Proponents of saving the house, such as Martha Kohen, a professor of architecture at the University of Florida, say the owners of the house and their attorney will more than likely fight the decision. Consequently, your continuous support is needed. Please write again to Mayor McDonald asking for protection of the Manus House.

For more information about the house, [CLICK HERE](#). Send emails to council@townofpalmbeach.com.

Member Named AIA Orlando Young Architect of the Year

Christopher Dunlop, AIA was recently recognized by the Orlando Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Orlando) as the 2008 Fred H. Pryor Young Architects Forum Achievement Award recipient.

Also known as the Young Architect of the Year Award, this award recognizes the best and brightest future leaders who demonstrate promise and commitment to the profession as well as to the community they serve.

Dunlop received both his bachelor's of design and master's of architecture from the University of Florida. He is currently employed with HuntonBrady Architects-a firm that now boasts having three Young Architects of the Year on their team.

Congratulations Christopher!

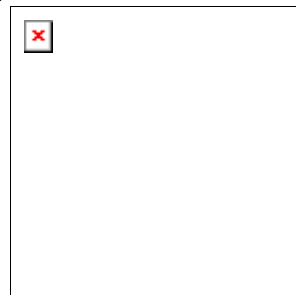
AIA Florida Office Closed for Holiday

The AIA Florida headquarters will be closed on Friday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) will resume on Monday, July 7. Have a wonderful holiday!

Codes Corner

2007 FBC Release Date Changed

In order to allow for both the 2008 Energy Code and the 2007 Florida Building Code (FBC) to go into effect at the same time, the Florida Building Commission has postponed the effective date of the 2007 FBC from October 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008.



To assist with the understanding and use of the 2007 FBC, the International Code Council is making certain materials available. These materials will be available in both hard copy and in electronic form. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for purchasing information on the 2007 Florida Commentaries and significant changes from ICC.

If there are any sections of the code that appear to have a glitch, please [CLICK HERE](#) to submit suggested code changes. If you make any code change submissions, please let AIA Florida know to allow for tracking.

Continuing Education

AIA Florida 2008 Convention

Step It Up: Moving Toward Our Vision

July 30-August 3, 2008



Join us for the 2008 Florida/Caribbean Design & Honor Awards Program

The culminating and most prestigious event of the year is the Florida/Caribbean Design & Honor Awards, which will take place on Saturday, August 2 at 7 p.m. This year, AIA Florida selected a total of 38 entries (25 Design Awards and 13 Honor Awards) to receive the coveted awards. Design Awards are given to encourage excellence in architecture, to elevate public consciousness of good design and to recognize those owners, designers and contractors whose work enriches the built environment. Honor Awards are given to Florida architects and members of allied professions who have contributed to the advancement of architecture.

In addition to this year's Design & Honor Awards Program there will be an entertaining, after-dinner show performed by Mr. George Butts. Mr. Butts has toured and collaborated with many top recording artists and performers including James Brown, Sam Cook, The Drifters, and Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes. He currently performs at the Ritz Carlton Hotels nationally and internationally, as well as to Las Vegas resorts and casinos and special concerts throughout the year.

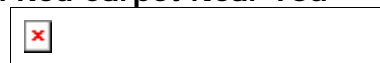
The cost to attend the Design & Honor Awards Program is \$110 per person and \$1,000 for a reserved table of 10.

[Register Today](#) to enjoy this celebration of architecture.

To learn more about George Butts, [CLICK HERE](#).

A-HA! Awards: Coming to a Red Carpet Near You

The 2008 AIA Florida



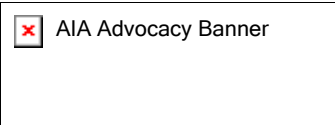
Tradeshow will once again show case companies from around the country offering the latest and most innovative products and services for your practice.

This year's theme is the "A-HA! Awards: Allies Helping Architects." With several new companies walking the AIA Florida red carpet this year, you are sure to make new connections...as well as see old friends you have been doing business with for years. With nearly 100 vendors participating, the show is sure to be a good time...so don't let the paparazzi catch you anywhere else!

Hot Topics for the Fall

By popular demand, AIA Florida is bringing back Hot Topics this fall. This year's Hot Topics will focus on the Florida Building

Code as the new code goes into effect December 31. Two advanced FBC course will also be available.



The seminars will be held September 24, 25 and 26 in Ft. Lauderdale, Orlando and Pensacola, respectively. Members can earn continuing education credits by attending these smoking hot seminars.

More information and registration will be available in July. Stay tuned!

Component Happenings

AIA Jacksonville

Eastside/Sports District 2008 Design Charette

Saturday, July 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Jacksonville Historic Society, 317 A. Philip Randolph Blvd. (adjacent to the baseball grounds). A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

Fire Sprinkler Options in the IBC and Life Safety Code

Wednesday, August 20. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

The program is from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Earn 6 HSW continuing education credits.

The fee is \$50 for AIA members and \$65 for non-members.

To RSVP and to pay online, visit

www.aiajacksonville.org. Contact Lane Manis at lane.manis@aiajacksonville.org for more information.

Have your component's event listed here. Email them to Monica McDonald at mmcdonald@aiafla.org.

[For more events, visit our calendar.](#)

Welcome New Members!

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