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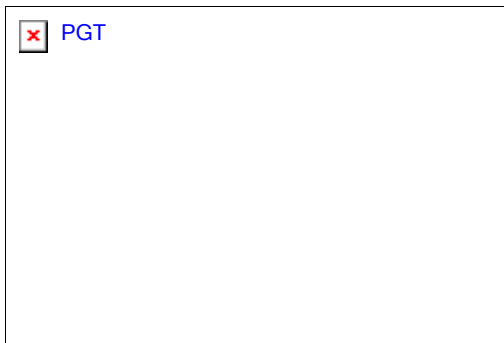
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## AIA Florida News

### Last Day for Early Registration

Hurry! Today is the last day to register, at a discounted rate, for the Florida Association of the American Institute of Architect's (AIA Florida) 2008 Annual Convention in Palm Beach! Registration is open until 11:59 p.m. today.

After today, registrations will be accepted onsite at the Convention for an increased fee of \$325 for AIA members and \$425 for non-members. Don't miss this educational and fun-filled event! [Register Today!](#)

### Debates Scheduled for Tax Swap Amendment

In the coming weeks, a series of debates will take place regarding Amendment 5. The amendment, which the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission (TBRC) was able to get on the November ballot, seeks to repeal the Required Local Effort (RLE) for school funding, creating a \$9-\$11 billion school funding budgetary hole. To restore those lost funds, a one cent sales tax increase would be implemented and some of the state's 246 sales tax exemptions could be eliminated. The only way to recoup the rest of this money (approximately \$4 to \$6 billion) is to tax currently untaxed services, which will directly impact the architectural and design industry.

The dates, times and locations are:

- Tuesday, July 22, 1 p.m., Broward Community College, Pembroke Pines
- Monday, July 28, 1 p.m., Edison Community College, Ft. Myers
- Tuesday, July 29, 1 p.m., Valencia Community College, Orlando
- Monday, Aug. 4, 1 p.m., Florida Community College at Jacksonville, Jacksonville

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### Quick Links

- [AIA Florida Website](#)
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### Did You Know...

The AIA Bookstore is having a sale! [CLICK HERE](#) to view the quality books and other items on sale at a fraction of the original price.

- Wednesday, Aug. 6, 1 p.m., Santa Fe Community College, Gainesville
- Thursday, Aug. 7, 1:30 p.m., St. Petersburg College, Seminole
- Monday, Aug. 11, 1 p.m., Miami-Dade College, Miami
- Tuesday, Aug. 12, 1 p.m., Indian River State College, Ft. Pierce
- Wednesday, Aug. 13, 1 p.m., Gulf Coast Community College, Panama City
- Monday, Aug. 18, 1 p.m., Tallahassee Community College, Tallahassee

If you are able to attend one of the debates, please email [aiaflanews@aiafla.org](mailto:aiaflanews@aiafla.org).

### AIA Florida Member Represents Region on National Jury

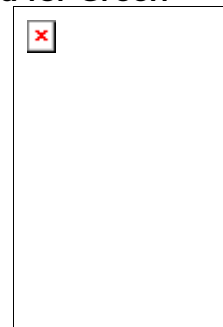
The American Institute of Architects (AIA) Executive Committee recently confirmed the appointment of Henry C. Alexander, FAIA to the 2009 Jury of Fellows.

Alexander, who currently serves as trustee for the Florida Foundation for Architecture, is the first Florida/Caribbean region representative on the jury since 2001.

The 2009 Jury of Fellows will meet Jan. 25 - 29, 2009 to consider nominations for Fellowship. Electronic submissions for the 2009 Fellowship are due Oct. 17.

### Florida Counties Recognized for Green Efforts

Recently, the AIA conducted an analysis of the current state of green building development in the 200 most populous counties as of 2008. The study, titled "Local Leaders in Sustainability: Green Counties," included recognition of five Florida counties.



The AIA worked with the National Association of Counties (NACo) to complete this project. The primary goal of the analysis is to provide a tool for communities, and other levels of government, to design green building programs in the future.

In the study, it was noted that "Florida has

## AIA Working For You

The American Institute of Architects has a long tradition of recognizing individuals and organizations for their outstanding achievements in support of the architecture profession and the AIA. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the AIA National Awards Programs, submission information and deadlines.

### Quote of the Week

*"All architecture is shelter, all great architecture is the design of space that contains, cuddles, exalts, or stimulates the persons in that space."*

-Philip Johnson

Have a favorite quote?  
Send them to  
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several excellent programs located in Miami-Dade, Hillsborough, Orange, Pinellas, and Sarasota counties."

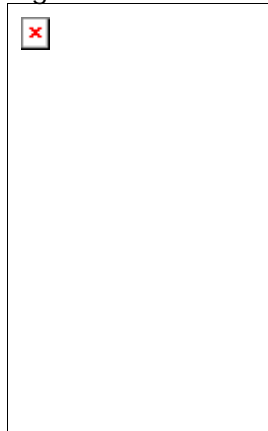
To view the study in its entirety, [CLICK HERE](#). To read about the Florida counties, [CLICK HERE](#).

### 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 Program, which will take place on Saturday, Aug. 2 at 7 p.m. This year, AIA Florida selected a total of 39 entries (25 Design Awards and 14 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

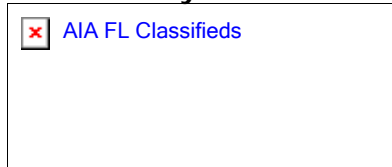
be an entertaining, after-dinner show performed by Mr. George Butts. Mr. Butts has toured and collaborated with many top recording artists and performers including the legendary James Brown, Sam Cook, The Drifters, and Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes. He currently performs at the Ritz Carlton Hotels nationally and internationally, as well as at Las Vegas resorts and casinos and other 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!](#)

### AIA Florida Classifieds Always Hit the Mark

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Florida has a solution for you. Use our Classifieds to fill vacant positions in your firm or to look for new opportunities. This site is for architects and about architects--exactly the target you want!

As a member of AIA Florida, if you can say it in 40 words or less, it will only cost you \$40 for two weeks. Non-member price for 40 words is \$80 for two weeks. There is a two week minimum for posting.

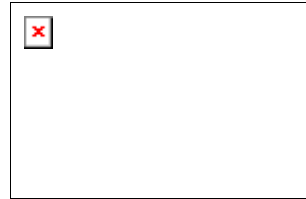
New ads, and changes to existing ads, must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Fridays to post in the following Monday's Classifieds.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

## Continuing Education

### AIA Palm Beach to Host Convention Chapter Party

A Survivor theme, great hors d' oeuvres, participant challenges and prizes to win. That's what you will get at the AIA Palm Beach Chapter Party being held Friday, Aug. 1 during the AIA Florida Annual Convention.

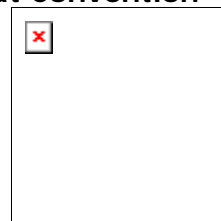


AIA Palm Beach will host the event at the Breakers Beach Club. Wear your best island attire and join the fun. The cost is \$55 per person and \$25 for children under the age of 16.

Don't get voted off the island at this year's Survivor-themed, poolside party!

### CE Sessions Still Available at Convention

With a little more than a week left until Annual Convention, continuing education classes are filling up fast! There are just a few seats left so don't miss your opportunity to earn credits and get great information. [Register Today!](#)



### Hot Topics on the Horizon

Coming this fall will be AIA Florida's



wildly popular Hot Topics. This year's Hot Topics will focus on the Florida Building Code as the new code goes into effect Dec. 31. Two advanced FBC courses will also be available.

The seminars will be held Sept. 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 soon. Stay tuned!

## Component Happenings

### AIA Miami

*M.E.P. Seminar "How to prepare for the A.R.E. Exam"*

Aug. 7 - 10

University of Miami School of Architecture

For information, visit [www.aiamiami.com](http://www.aiamiami.com),

email [aiamia@bellsouth.net](mailto:aiamia@bellsouth.net), or call 305-448-7488.

### AIA Jacksonville

*Fire Sprinkler Options in the IBC and Life Safety Code*

Wednesday, Aug. 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](http://www.aiajacksonville.org). Contact Lane Manis at [lane.manis@aiajacksonville.org](mailto:lane.manis@aiajacksonville.org) for more information.

Have your component's event listed here.

Email them to Monica McDonald at

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

## Welcome New Members!

Christopher M. Donnelly, AIA (AIA Tampa Bay)



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