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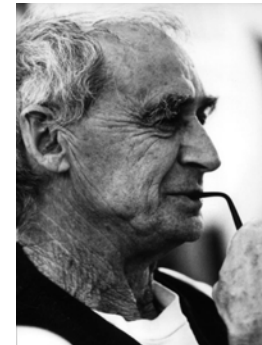
### AIA Florida News

#### 2008 Convention in Review

The AIA Florida 2008 Annual Convention was a success! Held at the historic Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach, about 550 registered attendees enjoyed the numerous activities, continuing education sessions and great speakers. This year's attendance is one of the top three attendance records of all time. Below are some of the highlights from the Convention:

#### *Soleri Addresses Sold Out Crowd*

Renowned designer Paolo Soleri, mentor of AIA Florida President Don Yoshino, FAIA, spoke to a crowd of more than 300 last Friday as the keynote speaker for the Annual Convention.



During his presentation, Soleri focused on his reasons for encouraging lean alternatives, and on his eco-friendly town, Arcosanti. "We must try to create some kind of leanness in our processes as an alternate to the endless discharge," Soleri said. The captivated crowd listened intently as he urged members to become more aware of the critical position the world is in currently.

When asked how he came up with Arcosanti, he stated that he always had an interest in urban problems, which naturally led him to try and find leaner alternatives.

Although the legendary designer is nearly 90 years old, he does not see himself retiring any time soon. "It is my interest and my vocation," he said.

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## Did You Know...

The number of registered attendees at the 2008 AIA Florida Annual Convention is among the top three attendance numbers in the Association's history.

## AIA Working For You

Little more than half way through the year, AIA Florida is offering more continuing education opportunities for its members with the upcoming Hot Topics. Scheduled for Sept. 24-26 in Ft. Lauderdale, Orlando and Pensacola, respectively, these hot topics will focus on the new FBC. [Register Now!](#)

## Quote of the Week

*"Try not to become an architect of success, but an architect of value."*

-Don Yoshino, FAIA  
(as adopted from Albert Einstein)

Have a favorite quote?  
Send them to  
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[www.aiafla.org](http://www.aiafla.org)

Additionally, as part of the Convention logo store, there were some of Soleri's Cause Bells available for purchase. These popular bells have been around for nearly 50 years and focus on specific causes in the world such as "Save the Whales" and the more recent Tsunami tragedy. "I knew a Korean War veteran who started doing wind bells. He died in a car accident and I was asked to carry on his work," Soleri said. "At first I was not interested, but 50 years later, I'm still doing it."

To learn more about Paolo Soleri, visit [www.arcosanti.org](http://www.arcosanti.org).

### ***Incumbent Re-elected to EXCOM***

During the 2008 AIA Florida Annual Meeting, Peter Jones, AIA was re-elected as the 2009 - 2010 AIA Florida secretary/treasurer. In this capacity, Jones will continue to handle all correspondence for the Association, the board and the executive committee; handle general supervision of AIA Florida's financial affairs; act as the custodian of property; issue notices; affix the seal of the Association; and sign all papers that require an attest or approval from the Association.



Other newly elected executive committee members are Rick Logan, AIA who was elected as the 2009 president elect; Nathan Butler, AIA and Larry Maxwell, AIA who were both elected as vice presidents; and Stacy Bourne, AIA who was elected as regional director.

### ***Golf Tournament a Hit***

With 68 participants, the BECK sponsored golf tournament was a success. The winners are:

- 1st Place Team-Joseph Garcia, AIA; Richard Lecznar, AIA; Roney Mateu, AIA and Randall Thron, AIA
- 2nd Place Team-Michael Lingerfelt, AIA; Robert Currie, FAIA; Mike Long and Larry Schneider, AIA
- 3rd Place Team-Mickey Jacob, AIA; Marshal Purnell, FAIA; Don Yoshino, FAIA and Steve Jernigan, AIA
- Closest to Pin-Bill Walker, AIA (9' 11")
- Men's Longest Drive-Mike Thorton (302 yards)
- Women's Longest Drive-Debbie Hepner (182 yards)

An informal awards ceremony was held on Saturday,

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Aug. 2, where the winners received trophies. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all the participants!

#### ***Member Feedback Useful for Event Planning***

Member feedback plays a critical role in the planning of the Annual Convention. AIA Florida wants to know what you liked, what suggestions you may have and what you look forward to seeing in the coming years.

AIA Florida would like to extend a sincere thank you to all members who have completed the post-convention survey. To complete the survey, [CLICK HERE](#).

Thank you all for a successful and enjoyable Annual Convention. See you next year in Tampa!

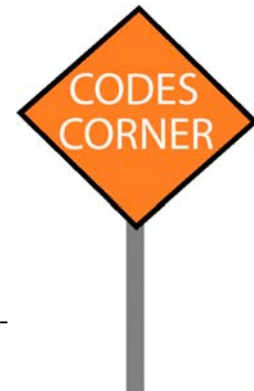
#### **Tampa Bay Member Testifies before U.S. House**

Recently, Paul Renker, AIA, testified before the United States House Small Business Committee on design fee retainage. Renker has previous experience with testifying in Washington, D.C. and serves as a great example of how the AIA system can work. Renker's involvement earned him recognition in AIA National's Aug. 4 issue of the *ANGLE*.

#### **New FBC CDs Available**

The Building Officials Association (BOAF) now has the following Florida Building Code CDs available for purchase:

- 2007 Florida Complete Collection on CD - Single User-Item # 5600CDB07
- 2007 Florida Existing Building Code Commentary-Item # 5651S07



These items are available at the BOAF Market Place. [CLICK HERE](#) to order.

#### **BIM Symposium Coming Soon**

AIA Florida, in conjunction with McGraw-Hill Construction, Associated Builders & Contractors and Zetlin & De Chiara LLP, will host a breakfast symposium on the practical application of building information modeling (BIM).

The symposium is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 21 in Broward County at the Sheraton Suites on

Cypress Creek Road. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. and the program begins at 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Come hear prominent individuals in the world of design and construction share their insights on the practical application of BIM, its impact on the future of the building industry, and the professional and legal issues that arise in a BIM new world.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

### **Florida Chamber Releases Constitutional Amendment Positions**

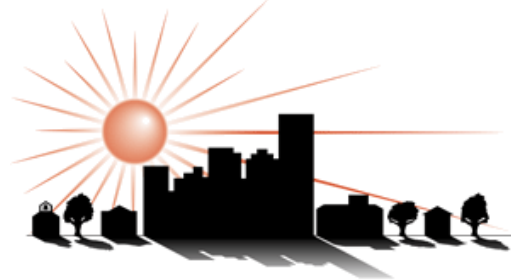
The Florida Chamber of Commerce, the state's largest business advocacy organization, announced its position on several of this year's proposed constitutional amendments. Among the listed positions is the Chamber's opposition to Amendment 5, which is best known as the "tax swap."



[CLICK HERE](#) to see the Chamber's position on other amendments. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information about the sales tax on services issue.

### **Council Calls for Entries in Sustainability**

The Sustainable Buildings Industry Council (SBIC), an independent, non-profit trade association



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that seeks to dramatically improve the long-term performance and value of buildings, has issued its call for entries for the 2008 Beyond Green High Performance Building Awards. The program looks at sustainability; accessibility; and cost-effective, safe and secure, functional and aesthetically pleasing architecture.

The program is open to all and offers two entry categories: High-Performance Initiatives and High-Performance Buildings. Federal, state and private sector entries are welcome. Commercial, institutional and residential buildings are all eligible.

The deadline to submit entries is Sept. 15. For more

information, please [CLICK HERE](#).

## Continuing Education

### Hot Topics Registration is Now Open

The wait is over-  
the wildly popular  
Hot Topics is back  
and coming to a  
city near you!



Starting Sept. 24 through Sept. 26, AIA Florida will present three classes pertaining to the Florida Building Code that offers 6.5 LU hours and 6.5 HSW hours.

The state requires a minimum of two hours of an advanced FBC course every biennium. This seminar will include five hours of advanced FBC courses.

The Hot Topic cities are Ft. Lauderdale, Orlando and Pensacola. The cost to attend is \$275 for members and \$375 for non-members. This excellent price covers an entire day and three full courses.

The topics include:

- Significant Differences in the New 2007 Florida Building Codes- Advanced Course. This course is worth 3 LU Hours (3 HSW).
- Selection of Windows and Doors in Compliance with Current Building Codes. This course is worth 1.5 LU Hours (1.5 HSW).
- Advanced FBC Accessibility Compliance Course: The Good, the Bad, the Ugly - Or Why Did I Do That??? This course is worth 2 LU Hours (2 HSW).

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register today!

### EP Conference Early Registration Opens Monday

Scheduled for Oct. 17-18 in Miami Lakes at the Shula's Hotel & Golf



Club, the 4th Annual Emerging Professionals' Conference is full of interesting continuing education opportunities for the young architect professional.

Early registration for the EP Conference will open on

Monday, Aug. 11 and close on Monday, Aug. 18.  
After Aug. 18, regular registration fees will apply.

For more information, please [CLICK HERE](#).

## 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.

### AIA Ft. Lauderdale

*The Built Environment and Health Seminar*

Thursday, Sept. 18. Admission is free.

Exact time and location to be determined.

1 LU HSW Hour.

Have your component's event listed here. Email them to Monica McDonald at [mmcdonald@aiafla.org](mailto:mmcdonald@aiafla.org).

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

## Welcome New Members

Daniel Aguilera, Assoc. AIA (AIA Jacksonville)

Naksiye Pinar Harris, AIA (AIA Miami)

Jerry A. Scott, Jr., Assoc. AIA (AIA Tallahassee)

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