



## Friday Facts

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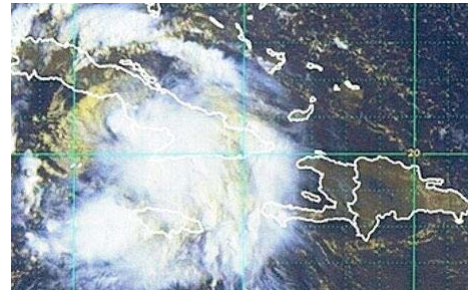
### AIA Florida News

#### Headquarters Close for Storm

The AIA Florida office will close today at Noon in preparation for Tropical Storm Fay. Staff will check voicemails periodically and may have limited access to email.

#### Tropical Storm Fay Continues Across State

On Wednesday, Aug. 20, Governor Charlie Crist requested a federal disaster declaration due to the unexpected flooding in Central Florida caused by Tropical Storm Fay.



The storm made landfall in South Florida earlier this week and worked its way through central Florida where it was expected to exit the state. However, Fay made an unexpected turn and is moving northwest across the state toward the panhandle. [Keep track of the storm here.](#)

#### Supreme Court to Hear Tax Swap Case

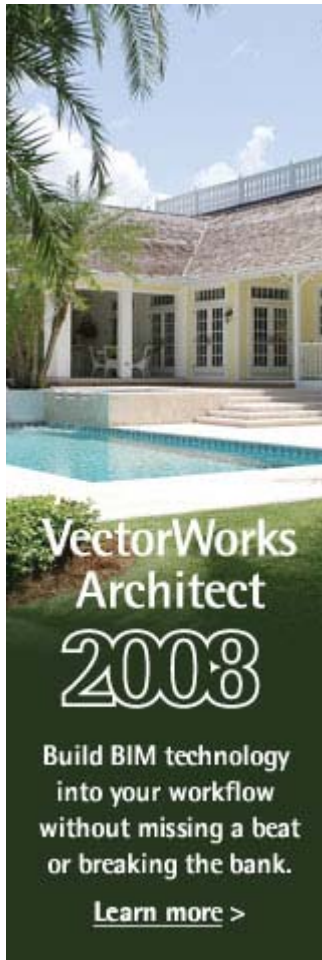
Last week, Circuit Judge John C. Cooper ruled in favor of removing Amendment 5 from the November ballot citing that the amendment's ballot title and summary were misleading to voters. Defendants in the case appealed the ruling to the First District Court of Appeals late last Friday.



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It has since been certified directly to the Florida Supreme Court as the issues pending in this case are of great public importance requiring immediate resolution by the Supreme Court of Florida.



The Florida Supreme Court will hear oral arguments at 9:00 a.m. on Sept. 8. Parties in the case have been allotted 20 minutes each to state their case. Additionally, the Court has requested that both parties file a response on or before noon on Monday, Aug. 25 to advise when the Supreme Court must render a decision to allow for timely ballot distribution.

If the Supreme Court upholds Judge Cooper's recent decision, the amendment will be permanently removed from the November general election ballot.

### FAPAC Makes Contributions at Breakfast of Champions Events

The Florida Architects' Political Action Committee (FAPAC) is



committed to supporting those candidates and elected officials who believe in AIA Florida. Recently, several candidates participated in the Breakfast of Champions program, which is a program that brings architects together with legislators and candidates to discuss issues important to the profession, to build relationships with elected representatives and to deliver FAPAC campaign contributions in amounts allowed by Florida election laws.

The key to the success of the program is to get the FAPAC checks in the hands of the architect members delivering them directly to the candidates and ensure that architects' issues are presented in a comfortable and non-legislative atmosphere.

"I think the personal delivery is the element that makes this program work so well. We're not going up to the Capitol to do this. We're doing it back home, in the district, getting people from the district engaged and developing personal relationships with legislators and candidates as trusted advisors on design/build issues," said AIA Florida Regional Director, Mickey Jacob, AIA. "It's not a paid lobbyist handing over the check. It's our members who live in that legislative district doing it. And that carries, in my opinion, a lot more weight than any other way we distribute PAC funds or communicate with the legislators."

With the primary elections less than a week away, a Breakfast of Champions event was hosted by several components including AIA Miami, AIA Gainesville, AIA Northwest and AIA Tampa Bay.

Remember to vote in the primary elections on Tuesday,

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## Quick Links

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

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## Did You Know...

AIA Florida has a new Director of Membership and Marketing. Kim Gordon comes to AIA Florida from the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association, where she served as the Chapter Relations Manager. Kim has extensive membership

and tradeshow experience. Welcome Kim!

## AIA Working For You

AIA Florida has developed a disaster assistance program to educate members on how to respond to hurricane damage. [CLICK HERE](#) to download important documents for disaster preparation and assistance.

## Quote of the Week

*"It is a poor pupil that does not surpass his master."*

-Leonardo da Vinci

Have a favorite quote?  
Send them to  
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Aug. 26. Your vote counts! Also, it's not too late to make a donation to FAPAC. Your continued donations help make support of good candidates possible. [Donate Today!](#)

## Sustainable Projects Needed for Task Force

At the July annual meeting, the AIA Florida Board of Directors approved the creation of a task force to produce a new Environmental Design Matters DVD in the next six to eight months.

The DVD will be distributed to public officials to educate them about the continued importance of sustainable design in their communities. In the last year, AIA Florida has gathered information about sustainable projects around the country that were designed by AIA Florida members. If you have designed a sustainable project in Florida, please download this [SLIDE](#) and return it to [webmaster@aiafla.org](mailto:webmaster@aiafla.org). If you would like to view the type of projects submitted, please [CLICK HERE](#).

In 2006, AIA Florida partnered with the Florida Foundation for Architecture to produce a similar DVD - *Design Matters*. If you would like to watch the *Design Matters* DVD, please [CLICK HERE](#).

## Executive VP Elected to CACE Leadership

Vicki Long, CAE, executive vice president of AIA Florida, was recently elected to serve as the secretary of the Council of Architectural Component Executives (CACE) executive committee. She currently serves as a director of the Council. Congratulations Vicki!



## AIA Committee Applications Now Available

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) is now accepting applications for members to join the Codes and Standards Committee. Interested members should submit a letter of intent along with a current resume focusing on your knowledge and interest in the codes and standards process. The deadline to submit applications is **Monday, Sept. 1**.

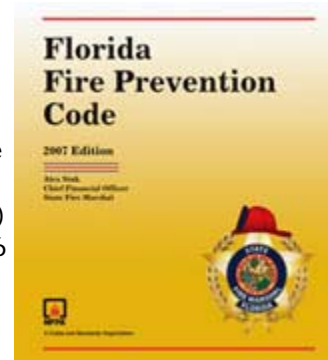
The AIA Codes and Standards Committee is responsible for code adoptions, recommendations for code changes and participating in committee meetings with related code organizations. Six committee members are appointed by the AIA National president.

If you are interested in joining this committee, please forward the requested information to the current

committee chair, Henry Kosarzycki, AIA at [hkosarzycki@commerce.state.wi.us](mailto:hkosarzycki@commerce.state.wi.us).

### Florida Fire Codes Gets Update

While the 2007 Florida Fire Prevention Code is not effective until Dec. 31, it is available for rush delivery starting Aug. 25. The new code brings together the entire text of the 2006 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1 Uniform Fire Code and the 2006 NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, while clearly showing all State of Florida changes, additions, deletions and exceptions as of Jan. 1, 2008.



The 1,004-page volume provides access to current regulations in Florida dealing with everything from smoke detection systems to industrial ventilation requirements. It also covers egress and emergency lighting requirements, hazardous material handling, signage, gas equipment and piping, interior and exterior finishes and sprinkler systems.

All of the Florida changes, additions and deletions are clearly highlighted in the body of the two NFPA codes for easy viewing of the changes made to the original codes.

Order before Sept. 5 and receive free shipping. Get your [ORDER](#) in today!

Also, the Building Officials Association (BOAF) now has Florida Building Code CDs available for purchase at the BOAF Market Place. [CLICK HERE](#) to order. At this time, BOAF is experiencing problems with installing the single user 2007 Florida Building Codes CD on a Windows Vista system. The BOAF's technology department is working to resolve the problem and the FBC CDs should be available soon.

## Continuing Education

### Earn Required Credits with Hot Topics

Starting Sept. 24 through Sept. 26, AIA Florida offers Hot Topics, a three-part, day long seminar pertaining to the Florida Building Code. The seminars offer 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 Provides Opportunities for Young Professionals

The Annual Emerging Professionals conference is for



students, interns, associates, architects and other design professionals who have been licensed 10 years or less. The networking opportunities and continuing education (CE) courses offered at this mini-convention are designed to give younger architects the professional development, unique experiences that will enable them to succeed, and support them in embarking on new challenges.

Registration for the 4th Annual Emerging EP Conference is now available. The cost to attend is \$150 for members, \$200 for non-members and the prices increase by \$25 for members and \$50 for non-members for onsite registrations. Registrations will be accepted in the AIA Florida office until Oct. 10.

This year's conference will be held Oct. 17-18 in Miami Lakes at the Shula's Hotel & Golf Club. For more information and to register, please [CLICK HERE](#).

### Component Happenings

#### 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.

### **AIA Orlando**

*Annual Meeting & Lecture by Jonathan Segal, FAIA -  
"Architect as a Developer"*

Wednesday, Sept. 24 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The free event will be held at the Orlando Museum of Art  
(2416 North Mills Avenue).

Please RSVP to [rsvp@aiaorlando.com](mailto:rsvp@aiaorlando.com) by Friday, Sept. 19.

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**

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