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AIA Florida News

Firm Principals: Send Your EPs to this Conference

As a firm principal, one of the best benefits you can offer

your valued architects, associates, interns and students is your support of their professional development and continuing education efforts.



You can start today by sending your emerging professionals to the 4th Annual Emerging Professionals Conference on Oct. 17-18 in Miami Lakes at the Shula's Hotel & Golf Club. **The room block for the conference will close on Friday, Sept. 26.**

The registration deadline is **Friday, Oct. 10.** The cost to attend is:

- \$150 for AIA members
- \$200 for non-AIA members

Onsite registration is available and will include a late fee. For more information and to register, [CLICK HERE](#).

In addition to these great seminars, the second annual *Associate Leadership Summit* will take place on Friday, Oct. 17 from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. This event provides a valuable opportunity to meet as a group and discuss the challenges and successes of each component's associate membership activities. Directors will be able share their experiences while learning from each other. [Register Today!](#)

-AutoCAD Land Desktop Customer Transition Program

-Maya Rebate Promotion

Check out our upcoming [training schedule](#) and register online.

HP Plotter [Promotions](#) & Support Trade-In Program is back! HP Authorized Technician on staff to service plotters.

[Upcoming Events](#)

[Augi Miami Meeting](#)

Tuesday, Sept. 23
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
AIA Miami Office, Coral Gables

[3DS Max Open Door](#)

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Tuesday, Oct. 7
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Lynn Allen's See the Difference-
AutoCAD 2009 Simulcast/Webcast
Thursday, Oct.9
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

[Revit Structure Open Door](#)

Thursday, Oct. 23
9:30a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

[Revit Architecture Open Door](#)

Friday, Oct. 24
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
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[Revit MEP Open Door](#)
Monday, Oct. 27
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
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Quick Links

- [AIA Florida Website](#)
- [Contract Documents](#)
- [Emerging Professionals](#)
- [Check Your CE Transcript](#)

Court Justices Release Opinion on Amendment 5 Ruling

On Monday, the Florida Supreme Court released a 15-page opinion on its recent ruling to remove Amendment 5 from the ballot; citing ambiguous ballot language as the core concern.



Amendment 5 sought to eliminate the required local effort (RLE) funding for schools. This would have created a \$9 to \$11 billion budgetary hole that ultimately would have forced the Florida Legislature to fill it with, among other things, a sales tax on services.

The concern with the ballot language was that the title nor the summary adequately informed voters that the "hold harmless" clause to restore equivalent funds back to the schools was only for the first year.

According to an article published in the *Orlando Sentinel*, the Court said this case is the latest example of "misleading 'wordsmithing.' "

The case was originally heard by Circuit Court Judge John Cooper who ruled to remove the amendment from the November ballot. However, amendment proponents appealed the case. The Supreme Court handed down its ruling on Wednesday, Sept. 3 just hours after hearing 20-minute oral arguments from both sides. [CLICK HERE](#) to read the opinion.

State's First Safety Assessment Training a Success

Last weekend, 23 members completed a training program designed to educate architects on how to assist local law enforcement and emergency services organizations after a disaster strikes.



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Developed by the California Office of Emergency Services (OES), in conjunction with FEMA and Homeland Security, the Safety Assessment Program (SAP) is a six-hour, post-disaster

- [Component Clearinghouse](#)

Did You Know...

The National AIA offers [Shape of America](#), which is an engaging online offering that creates a national dialogue/conversation on architecture. It spotlights the role of AIA architects in sparking memories, building communities and shaping the way we live. Visit today!

AIA Working For You

To help members keep their sights on evolving opportunities, the AIA is offering members, at no cost, the second web seminar on surviving and thriving in the current economy. The seminar is titled "[Strategies and Tactics for Architects in an Economic Downturn](#)" and will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 24.

Quote of the Week

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"A great architect is not made by way of a brain nearly so much as he is made by way of a cultivated, enriched heart."

-Frank Lloyd Wright

Have a favorite quote?
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assessment certification course that allows architects (and other design/build professionals) to become certified Post Disaster Safety Evaluators.

The training was spearheaded by Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Florida) Vice President, Michael Lingerfelt, AIA, LEED AP who worked with California's OES to get Florida architects certified. Lingerfelt, who became a California certified evaluator in 2003, was recently trained as a certified instructor earlier this year.

"June through November is a critical time for Florida as we warily watch for and prepare for damaging storms," said Lingerfelt. "Training with a program such as this one can make the difference between active responsiveness and waiting for help."

David Porter, AIA traveled from Palm Beach to attend the course, which was held at the office of HHCP Architects in Orlando. "Michael's mixture of real-life experiences in the field and showing how that related back to the training materials and what we are supposed to do and not do, was perfect," said Porter. "The training had an immediate impression on me and how I now look at storm damage; it was well worth my drive from Palm Beach."

With representation from all 13 components, AIA Florida now has at least one architect in each component certified to assist with post-disaster evaluations. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about SAP.

Foundation Selects Finalists for EP Design Competition

This week, the Florida Foundation for Architecture selected the top 10 finalists for the Florida Cottage Design competition.

The finalists are: Karina Cigagna, student; Lillian Sherrard, AIA; Emilio Christopher Cox, student; Fielding Featherstone, AIA; Hector Fernandez, AIA; Thomas Wannan, Assoc. AIA; Peter Gray, AIA; Jacob Brillhart, AIA; Alejandro Viana, intern; and Tommy Sinclair, Assoc. AIA.

The competition seeks to meet several goals such as to raise the bar for design of emergency housing; provide hurricane-resistant sustainable

homes at affordable prices; promote the image of affordable housing; provide cost-effective, well-designed housing alternatives for Florida cities; and create an opportunity for Florida's emerging architects to design a home that will eventually be built.

The Florida Cottage contest was open to all emerging professionals who are defined as students, interns, associate members, and architects licensed 10 years or less. The selected finalists will present their designs at AIA Florida's 2008 Emerging Professionals Conference on Oct. 17-18 in Miami. [CLICK HERE](#) to join them at the conference.

It's Time for Membership Renewal/Information Updates

It's that time of year again! It's time for AIA Florida individual members to update their information for inclusion in the *2009 Florida/Caribbean Firm and Membership Directory*; and for firm and allied members to renew your dues and update your information for the directory.



Firm membership

dues were due on July 30. If you have not paid your dues, please note that your membership has lapsed. However, you can easily [pay your dues](#) online now.

Allied membership dues are due on Sept. 30. [CLICK HERE](#) to renew your membership quickly and securely online. Don't miss your opportunity to have your company profile in the 2009 directory.

Individual membership dues are due Jan. 1. Although this is still a few months away, we need updated membership information now to publish in the 2009 membership directory. [CLICK HERE](#) to update your information for the membership directory.

To learn more about the benefits of joining AIA and keeping your membership active, please [CLICK HERE](#).

2009 AIA Fellowship Submittal Reminder
The **October 17, 2008** due date for the 2009

AIA Fellowship Submission is fast approaching. Contact your component's Fellowship committee or a member of the AIA Regional Fellows Committee for assistance. AIA Florida can provide electronic copies of the Demystifying Fellowship Seminar PowerPoint presentation and session handouts.

The AIA Regional Fellowship Committee members are: Henry C. Alexander, Jr., FAIA from **AIA Miami**; Enrique A. Woodroffe, FAIA from **AIA Tampa Bay**; James H. Anstis, FAIA from **AIA Palm Beach**; Jaime Canaves, FAIA from **AIA Miami**; John P. Ehrig, FAIA from **AIA Orlando**; Angel C. Saqui, FAIA from **AIA Miami**; John M. Barley, II, FAIA from **AIA Jacksonville**; Guy W. Peterson, FAIA from **AIA Gulf Coast**; Karl Thorne, FAIA from **AIA Gainesville**; John P. Tice, FAIA from **AIA Northwest**, Thomas S. Marvel, FAIA from **AIA Puerto Rico** and Benjamin Vargas, FAIA from **AIA Puerto Rico**.

For questions about the 2009 AIA Fellowship or the handouts, contact Michele Straw, AIA Florida Director of Communications and Public Relations, at 850-222-7590, or mstraw@aiafla.org.

Association Offers Discount on Select Contract Docs

Although AIA recently released new contract documents, the 1997 versions can still be used. This week, AIA Florida announced **an additional 15 percent discount on the 1997 documents**. Remember that all AIA Florida members receive 30 percent off all documents year round.

Please note that while 1997 documents can be used indefinitely, the AIA will not provide technical support or sell the 1997 documents after May 2009.

Comprised of more than 80 forms and contracts that define relationships and terms involved in design and construction projects, contract documents are commonly referred to as "the industry standard." The AIA has provided these documents for over 115 years allowing AIA to work with owners, contractors, attorneys, architects, engineers and others to create and maintain the highest quality of contracts and forms. [CLICK HERE](#) to order today!

AIA Expanding Diversity Efforts

Recently, AIA has begun to explore ways to work more closely with the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) as part of new diversity strategies to pursue collaborative relationships with various organizations.

To advance this new spirit of collaboration, AIA is asking members to please consider attending NOMA's 36th Annual International Conference and Exposition on Oct. 2-4.

The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill. Themed, "Evolve: Expanding Our Horizons," the conference will feature AIA President Marshall Purnell, FAIA who will deliver the keynote address. For more information, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Continuing Education

Hot Topics this Month; Encore Presentation Coming Soon

In approximately one week, the wildly popular Hot Topics will begin. Hot Topics is a day-long seminar consisting of three sessions pertaining to the Florida Building Code that will offer a total of 6.5 LU hours and 6.5 HSW hours. [Register Today!](#)



Hot Topics will be held Sept. 24, 25 and 26 in Fort Lauderdale, Orlando and Pensacola, respectively. Registration for Pensacola will close on Sept. 24. **The Orlando and Fort Lauderdale dates are now SOLD OUT! However, due to popular demand, an encore presentation of the entire Hot Topics will be held in Orlando on Friday, Nov. 14. Stay tuned for additional details!**

The topics are:

- **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).

Pricing for the full-day seminar is \$275 for members, \$375 for non-members. Remember, AIA Firm Members will receive **10 percent off** their registration. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register today!

2009 License Renewal Seminars on the Horizon

Starting in December, AIA Florida will offer license renewal seminars in three cities, in three-day increments over three months in preparation for the 2009 license renewal deadline on Feb. 28. Are you ready?

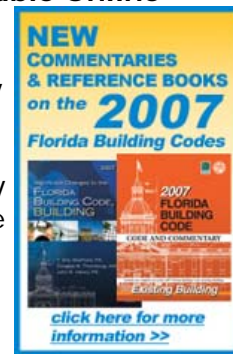


Earn up to 20 LU hours that includes two Advanced Florida Building Code courses. Additional topics include: BIM - Building Information Modeling, IPD - Integrated Project Delivery, "green" sessions on lighting, schools, the new rating systems, AIA documents and other relevant topics.

The seminars will be held Dec. 3-5 in Tampa, Jan. 21-23 in Fort Lauderdale and Feb. 18-20 in Orlando. The seminars will be sponsored by Florida Natural Gas Association and SESCO Lighting. Look for more information and opportunities to register in October.

Florida Commentaries Available Online

AIA Florida is now offering the new Florida Commentaries & Reference Books on its recently redesigned web site. This is a great opportunity to get the latest updates and commentary on Florida Building Codes in the areas of residential, building and existing building. [CLICK HERE](#) to order now.



Component Happenings

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 by Friday,

Sept. 19.

AIA Miami

ARE Structure seminar with Professor David Thaddeus, AIA

Oct. 17-19

For more information, call 305-448-7488, send an e-mail to aiamia@bellsouth.net or visit www.aiamiami.com.

AIA Southwest

Alfred W. French III Lectures in Architecture

Featuring various architects on Oct. 3, 10 and 24. Each night, the lecture begins at 6:30 p.m. Earn 1 LU per lecture.

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door and \$5 for students.

To RSVP, please e-mail

pamm@brownpoormanarchitects.com

or call 239-263-3898 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!

Melissa Berley, Assoc. AIA (AIA Orlando)

Allied Members

Paul Weintraub, [Network Technologies](#),
Speciality-Consultants and audio visual services

Christopher O'Guin, [Surface Consulting, Inc.](#),
Speciality surface finishes

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