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It only takes one. It only takes you!



Dear Members:

Your new officers and board members were installed over a month ago, and I want to begin writing you on a monthly basis to keep you updated on what we are doing for you, our organization, and our profession. We first met in October at a retreat to focus our attention on what is important to us and you, on how we plan, and how we will implement those ideas and programs.

Accomplished: 2008 Budget which is balanced with our projected income and expenses. Committee leadership established for 2008.

What we are working on: The program schedule for 2008, including Lunch and Learns, Breakfast Breaks, evening events and meetings, Celebrating Architecture in Cincinnati tours, Procrastinator University (6 hours) on May 2nd, and AIA Cincinnati University (12 hours total) on October 30th and 31st. If you have any specific topic ideas please contact Pat Daugherty (421-4661) or Randy Merrill, AIA (759-0004).

Already scheduled: Annual events - Construction, ABC events, Golf Outing, COTE/Annual Meeting, CDA-12, and more. CORA has a year of events on their calendar, and the Emerging Professionals have an event with Amy Kobe, Executive Director of the Ohio Board of Architects and Engineers Registrations, on April 1st.

Advocacy Week: AIA National Grassroots was held February 20-23, 2008 in Washington, DC, but this year Congress was not in session when the AIA leadership was in Washington, so advocacy will be local this year. March 24-28, 2007 has been designated as Advocacy Week. The Construction Gala will be AIA Cincinnati's public opportunity to invite one of our local national elected Representatives. We are also asking our members, you, to participate by contacting our elected officials at all levels on AIA initiatives. Please contact Pat Daugherty, John Rademacher, AIA (721-0600), Marcie Kinney, AIA (241-8700), or me for information on AIA's advocacy initiatives.

AIA Cincinnati website: Our website was recently hacked, and portions of the site are not working. If you need any information contact Pat Daugherty. The Communications Committee is focused on a new website which will be a better communication tool for our members and our customers. Our goal is a new website before the end of 2008.

More to come later. Please let me know your concerns and ideas. The other officers and Board members want to help add value to your membership in AIA.

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