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Dear AIA Cincinnati Member,

It only takes one, It only takes you! This is the slogan on my term as President. Its core meaning is that it only takes one person to visualize a new idea or to start an initiative, or personally, it only takes you to take a step, the next step in your life. Obviously, if you apply that statement to your profession, or to your commitment to your membership in the American Institute of Architects, it could affect what your Board and AIA does for you, personally.

One of the things that happens when you become President of an AIA component is that you get involved in or attend an extensive array of the subcommittee meetings and events that, frankly, you might not have attended otherwise. AIA Cincinnati is a very large component; at this time we have more than 500 members encompassing active, associate, emeritus, and affiliate. As a result, we have a lot of events and a wide variety of experiences for our members to attend and in which to get involved. For me personally, this has meant meeting a lot of new people who are passionate about their piece of the AIA. In future letters I am going to tell you about...

What you have missed lately!

Construct Cincinnati 2008—CSI/COTE over 80 of your colleagues attended these stimulating *Build Green* educational opportunities on sustainability and the CSI product show. Thanks to the COTE Committee for their hard work on this event.

How to Have Fun and Sleep at Night was the presentation at the March dinner meeting. John Rogers, AIA and Regional Director for AIA Ohio Valley and Eric Teske, AIA, of Selvaggio, Teske & Associates. For those of you that missed this meeting on a rainy night, well you missed a terrific program. John and Eric brought facts and thought provoking concepts about the future of our profession. This was one of the best programs that I have attended in a long time, and that was the consensus of those attending. Lucky for you, this program will be re-presented this year, but we are going to change the title to “Managing Risk While Defining the Future”. You don’t want to miss this second opportunity!

Construction Gala – what a great event, a gallery opening of architectural sculpture where the sculpture will be broken down to feed the hungry later. This is an event that we co-sponsor with Cincinnati Society for Design Administration. Incidentally, this committee would like to invite you to be part of the organizing of this event next year. Please contact Pat Daugherty; Mike Streicher, AIA or Stephanie Kirschner, SDA/C with your ideas or if you would like to be on the committee.

Amy Kobe, Ohio Board of Examiners of Architects’ Executive Director, spoke to the Emerging Professionals on the new ARE 4.0 and what to do if you have already passed parts of ARE 3.1. This was a short and sweet presentation with good information and lots of questions answered. She also mentioned the new bill that the Governor has signed affecting the Architects’ Seal Law. Watch for more information on this new law, but one thing that has been addressed is the continuing education required for retired Architects.

What’s Happening Next?

April is *Residential Month* featuring CORA and ABC. On Tuesday evening, April 8, 2008, AIA Cincinnati will present two events in one that you should attend, the monthly meeting featuring a panel discussion on residential (primarily single family) architecture entitled *Current Residential Trends*. The panel consists of CORA members, Larry Tokarsky, AIA and CORA President, John Isch, AIA and Mike Hamilton. The second event is the judging of this year’s Architecture By Children projects. When you attend this meeting at the downtown branch of the library, you will be able to write your comments on the individual projects; these comments will be shared with the teachers.

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After reviewing the projects, there will be some time for snacking and networking with your fellow members before the panel discussion. I have sent a personal invitation to CORA members and to the members of the Cincinnati Home Builders Association, and now this is my personal invitation to you to attend this meeting.

On April 29th, we are also having an evening event at the Contemporary Arts Center, with speakers, Jervy Zhu, AIA and Kim Patton, AIA of GBBN Architects, speaking on global multi-family and residential trends where you will be able to view the Daniel Libeskind Exhibit.

The final touches are being put on the all day Procrastinator's University on May 2, 2008. Again, the program will be at the Duke Energy Center downtown. When you attend, you will have the opportunity to choose from two courses in each time slot. Each is two hours, presenting a more in depth course material with a one hour keynote speaker during lunch. By attending the entire day, you will receive seven CEUs.

If you will consider what the value of your membership in the AIA means to you, the Program Committee and your Board are continually working to provide unique and quality educational opportunities that you cannot get in your office from vendors.

Other Stuff

AIA National donated \$1,500.00 to Jean Schmidt by purchasing six seats at a local fundraiser. She has supported, with her votes in Congress, all of the AIA's sustainability initiatives in the last year. As a result, her office invited another four representatives to fill a table from AIA Cincinnati at a breakfast event on March 31, 2008. This came at the end of Advocacy Week which was March 24th through 28th.

Architecture Week is next week – April 7th – April 13, 2008

AIA Cincinnati will be presenting the final AIA 150 Report to the Board of County Commissioners on April 7th. The presentation to the Mayor and City Council is being scheduled at this time.

Building Safety Week is May 5th -11th, 2008.

I have a lot more that I could write, but two pages is enough for now. With this letter, I am asking Pat to attach our 2008 Program Calendar so you can pencil in future dates in *your* calendar.

Sincerely,

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President, AIA Cincinnati