

BULLETIN

January 2008

FIRST FRIDAY

OUR PROGRAM

WHEN: January 11, 2008 (2nd Fri) 7:30 am - 9 am
WHERE: Assistance League of Pasadena
820 East California Blvd, Pasadena
COST: \$18 Members, \$20 non-members, \$22 at door
UNITS: 1 **RSVP BY:** January 7

WHEN: January 17, 2008 6:30 pm - 9 pm
WHERE: Assistance League of Pasadena
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COST: \$18 Members, \$20 non-members, \$22 at door
UNITS: n/a **RSVP BY:** January 14

THE GREEN ARK THAT PASSES THROUGH FIRE

Architecture was once the height of technology; providing shelter as a basic human need. The industrial revolution, the age of computers, the space age, all left architecture in the setting sun with many still celebrating its golden eras with nostalgia and negativity for the modern era. The modern era began inspired by social agenda coinciding with new political ideas. Modernism was politically subversive, and was therefore politically subverted by those who relegating it to a style, and the rest is history. The modern era of Architecture devolved into an overly anesthetized exploration of form eventually aligning itself with the visual arts.

Human Habitation has created problems that have once again placed us back in the issue of solving a shelter type of problem: Sustainability – how can we live in harmony with our environment, and Urbanization – how can we house our people and live together?

Architecture has again been brought back to the forefront of technology and will once again put architects in a position of having a social agenda. How should architects engage government in the new era? How should we define ourselves in our defining moment? How do we put out the message that we have the ability, and knowledge to heal the world – and should we mention that we do this in beautiful inspiring ways?

Architect and deep thinker **Bob Kramer** will join us and guide us through his latest ponderings on the future and the future of the profession.

CHAPTER WEB SITE
www.aiapf.org

This is the main portal for our active content, annual calendar, longer articles and discussions as well as interactive resources and links to major knowledge bases. We are tied into the AIA National site with specific topic pages that will guide you into the key areas of National's member resources, and links to our related organizations and AEC industry portals.

Cool Slides Hot Architects

The Chapter's first presentation of the year is a famously interactive one, Cool Slides, Hot Architects!

No rules on this one except the format – burn files on CD to a Windows XP format – and the length of the presentation – 5 minutes.

Bring your images of built work, unbuilt work, art and design projects, travel documentation, whatever makes you a **Hot Architect**

WAY COOL DESIGN



HOT HOT HOT ARCHITECTS

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sign up at our web site if you are not already receiving this member benefit.

This contact and outreach newsletter is sent about twice a month with all the most recent updates, quick events and "what's going on" notices for our members and anyone who wants to catch up on our doings. It's linked into our website for specific pages of current interest. E-mail addy signup only, we don't ask for your information, unsubscribe whenever you want.

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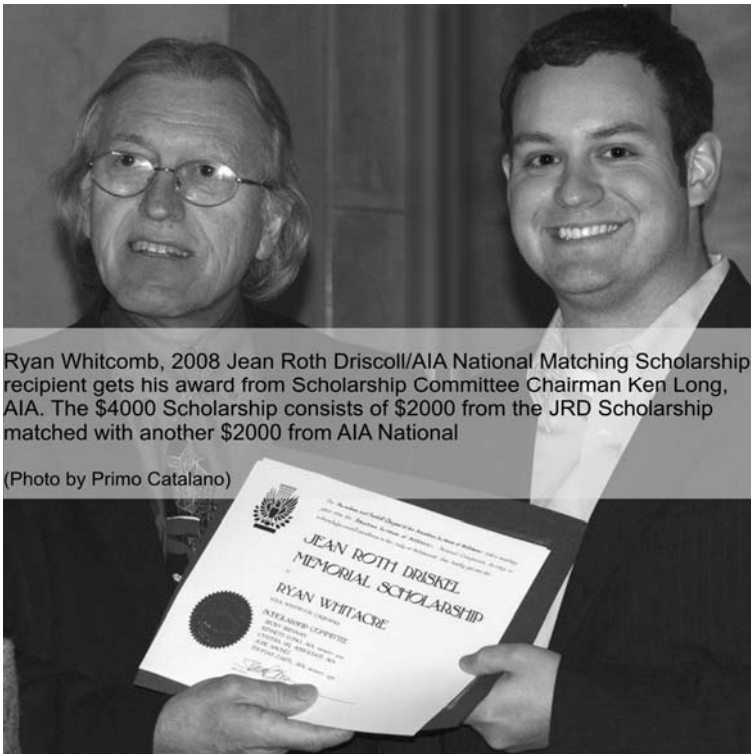
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Ryan Whitcomb, 2008 Jean Roth Driscoll/AIA National Matching Scholarship recipient gets his award from Scholarship Committee Chairman Ken Long, AIA. The \$4000 Scholarship consists of \$2000 from the JRD Scholarship matched with another \$2000 from AIA National

(Photo by Primo Catalano)

BOARD NOTES

THE BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2007

Highlights:

The November Board Meeting began with the Executive Directors comments. Debra Boudreau reported on the success of the seminars that had been given. The Board decided to continue receiving votes for the election, and it was decided that the Mailer would be sent out prior to the end of the year regarding the Member Survey.

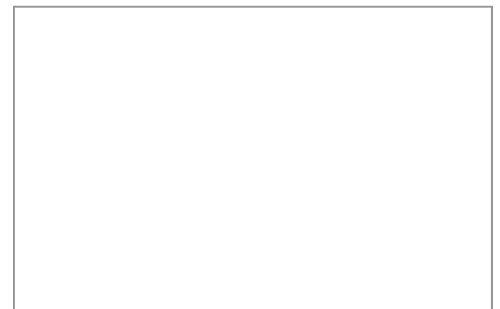
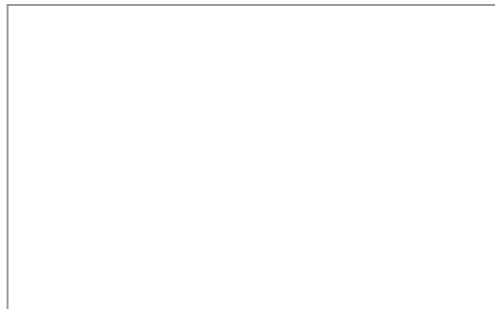
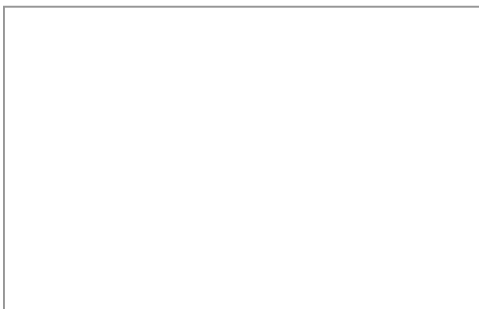
Joe Catalano presented the monthly financials stating once again that although some numbers are at a difference to the budget, several items created offsetting factors and were still allowing us to have a balanced budget.

Guad Flores discussed the November program, which was the Annual Business Meeting, and Joe Catalano discussed the Installation Event, where he presented his budget for approval by the Board. Jan Muntz discussed her last FFF in December regarding Government and Design stating that she would have Sid Tyler, Councilman 7th District as the Speaker.

Guad Flores stated that the old board new board event would occur at the last board meeting. He also stated that he was withdrawing his Board Rules from the discussion until there was more agreement on the terms and terminology from ex-com.

Guad Flores stated that the Journal was being cancelled due to lack of input and articles. He also recommended that the Board cancel the Tech Symposium due to the resignation of the key people.

Note: The complete recorded Meeting minutes are available at the Chapter office upon request.



RECAP

CHAPTER PROGRAM: INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

December 12, 2007

Black tie is so Yesterday, who knew? Turning out in “neo-formal” business attire, our iconoclastic Chapter celebrated it’s 60th year since its inception at the new Alno Showrooms in Sierra Madre for foodie heaven, classy wine selections and rallying ‘round the charge of leadership in substantive design. Music by Blue Tumbleweed in the upstairs loft preceded the formal program. Installing officer Steve Lewis, AIA, the President-elect of National Organization of Minority Architects, spoke about architects’ natural leadership abilities after swearing in the new Board. Keynote speaker for this charge was Ann Gray, FAIA, publisher of FORM Magazine. Her comments highlighted architects’ participation in the public realm as Council members, Commissioners and elected officials in order to establish leadership in public policy for design. In recognition of the “passing of the torch”, new President Joe Catalano emphasized the collaborative approach of a dynamic new Board, and the passing on of our professional heritage as well as a new focus on the political and design realities of today’s community-based approaches.

FIRST FRIDAY: PASADENA DESIGN GUIDELINES

December 7, 2007

Pasadena Councilmember Sid Tyler participated with our Chapter members in a discussion of the City’s design guidelines. Over a continental breakfast at Brookside, the dialogue centered around the implementation of design standards and the discretionary review process. In a slide presentation of example Pasadena buildings, Jan Muntz led a discussion of the major design issues that have surfaced at the Design Commission and Zoning Review public hearings, which include building massing, sidewalk setbacks (or lack thereof), color and scale. A lively discussion of war stories and ways of improving the process ensued from the architects present, which included a few former Commissioners. Councilmember Tyler took copious notes, and welcomes further comments from AIA members on this topic. The City Council will be discussing ways of making the review process more user-friendly and flexible so that Pasadena can boast of good design, urban excellence and quality construction in its projects.

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The Chapter wishes to thank those members and firms who have participated in this program for the last six years

Your generosity has permitted the Chapter to offer excellent events and programs as well as maintain a permanent Chapter Office.

You will soon receive a letter and request to again partner with us in assuring the financial strength of your Chapter. We hope you will do so.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

170 people crowded into Alno Pasadena's loft showroom to welcome the Chapter's new Board and to kick off 2008. It was an excellent party, and it was great to see so many of you there. A very gratifying way to start my term.

One of the first things we're doing is to revive *The Bulletin*. This first issue is very modest, but it will develop, and we'll work toward keeping the right amount of information in front of you each month. For the February issue we should have more specific information about plans for the coming year.

2008 is the Chapter's 60th Anniversary Year. We will be celebrating our history, our members' work, and also looking ahead to what we need to be doing next, to make the Chapter more valuable to our members and the community we serve. During our Board search this Fall, we also spoke with many members who are enthusiastic about helping at the task force or committee level. We are looking forward to re-grouping with you all this month, and really get the show on the road for 2008. Thanks!

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FEBRUARY CHAPTER EVENTS

- 1 First Friday Forum - 7:30 am
Program: TBD
Assistance League of Pasadena
820 E. California Blvd.
- 12 Ex Com - 8:30 am
Chapter Office
- 21 Board Meeting - 5 pm
Assistance League of Pasadena
- 21 Chapter Meeting - 6:30 pm
Program: TBD
- 17 Chapter Meeting - 6:30 pm
Assistance League of Pasadena
- 20 AIA Grassroots, Washington, D.C.
and National Conference
- 23

JANUARY CHAPTER EVENTS

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 8 Ex Com - 8:30 am
Chapter Office
- 11 First Friday Forum - 7:30 am
Program: "Green Ark" Public Policy
Assistance League of Pasadena
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- 17 Board Meeting - 5 pm
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- 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

