AIA Michigan President's Message

April 30, 2024

Greetings fellow AIA Members. I wanted to share a recap of our recent Health Facilities Conference that was held this year at Grand Traverse Resort. For those who attended, Thank You! I hope you had a great time. We had great attendance this year and even better programming with a variety of speakers and project examples. As I mentioned in my opening remarks, these events are beneficial not only for the continuing education credits but is important for us to gather and discuss the current state of Health Facilities in Michigan. It is also a great opportunity to network with industry professionals, owner representatives, suppliers, affiliates, and colleagues. If you haven't attended or attended in the past, please consider coming next year as I assure you the committee that plans this event does an excellent job at keeping the event relevant and on point.

As we look forward to May, we have a lot of activity both locally and nationally. In preparation for Convention '24 in June we are reviewing several proposed bylaw changes brought forward by AIA National. It's important for us as AIA Michigan to review each change carefully, get input from our strategic council representative, review with our local chapters and sections and most importantly react with voting in the best interest of our membership. There have been a lot of communication from many members through their chapters, emails, letters, and casual conversations. I assure you fellow members, WE ARE LISTENING. During our regular AIA Michigan Leadership call on May 2, we will gather and collect input from each of the chapter and section leaders and deliberate on our message. As president I will do my best to make sure your voices are heard and as we stand united on changes to policy as well as the election of national board members.

I wanted to take a moment to discuss our annual AIA Michigan Honor Awards. In past years this event occurred in June or early summer. This year we have decided to move the honor awards to coincide with our statewide convention called ArchiFusion. ArchiFusion will be held this year in Lansing, Michigan from November 7-8 at the Crowne Plaza. The event committee is hard at work to make this event a great opportunity to listen from industry experts, obtain continuing education credits, get exposed to new products and technology and network with industry professionals from around the state.

Lastly, I wanted to thank you all again for taking the time to read this message. AIA Michigan is running strong with a full agenda of conferences, activities, and continuing education planned for 2024. Keep a lookout for our calendar of events.

Cheers,



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2024 AIA Michigan President