AIA Michigan Presidential Update - October 31, 2024

Greetings fellow AIA Members. I hope you are all enjoying the wonderful fall weather we are experiencing in Michigan. I work with colleagues in offices around the country and I often turn my laptop camera out the window to brag about the colorful trees and sunshine. I've traveled to other areas of our country, and I find it very hard to beat a sunny fall day in Michigan.

As many of you may have seen in our AIA Michigan news blast, we've announced our 2024 Michigan Design Award winners. In case you may have missed it we have three Young Architect Award winners this year: Trent Schmitz, AIA, Zachary Verhulst, AIA and Shawn Cencer, AIA. Hastings Award winner is Julia Hershelman, AIA and Presidents Award winner is Noah Resnick, AIA. Firm of the year goes to McIntosh Poris and the most coveted award, the AIA Michigan Gold Metal, is awarded to Cindy Pozolo, FAIA. In addition to the personal awards, we also have a great selection of award-winning projects that truly reflect the talent and great architecture we are creating in Michigan and beyond. Congratulations to all the award winners and I hope to see many of you at the AIA Michigan Awards Ceremony on Friday November 8th at the Crowne Plaza in Lansing Michigan. It will be a spectacular event to honor our award winners, showcase the award-winning work and share in the camaraderie we share as architects and supporters.

Before our awards ceremony, if you haven't already signed up, please consider attending our first annual ArchiFusion event. We have a great lineup of speakers, vendors, thinkers and educators who will be putting on excellent programming with continuing education credits. As indicated in previous letters, this event is a resurrection of a long overdue architecture convention in Michigan. Before, during and after the event there are many opportunities to connect and socialize with other members, affiliates, emerging professionals and vendors. We hope you all can make it and say you attended the first Michigan ArchiFusion! The event will also be held at the Crowne Plaza in Lansing, starting Thursday November 7 through November 8th. Our hotel room block is still open for anyone needing to secure a room.

As we get into the final months of our calendar year, our AIA Board and Executive Committee will hold several meetings to begin planning the 2025 calendar year and reflect on our 2024 year. I have the honor and privilege of working with an excellent board of directors and dedicated staff whose sole purpose is to make AIA Michigan a better organization for all its members.

Lastly, I wanted to thank you all again for taking the time to read this message. AIA Michigan is running strong with only one more conference to gather any last-minute AIA credits for 2024. Double check your email for ArchiFusion and awards registrations links. I hope to see many of our members there.

Cheers,



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