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Happy June to all of our Michigan members!

Here is a bit of an update on Michigan's standing with the NAC Future Practice Workgroup (FPW). As you know, our state joined this group with the goal to increase diversity and equity in our profession, in addition to highlighting the importance of architecture as a profession as we move towards 2030.

After our conference call last week – the workgroup has opted to move forward with the proposal put forth by Michigan and Illinois and will be sending it to the CEP and National to be considered for the theme / focus of the National Emerging Professional Exhibit for 2020. Please see a draft of the proposed abstract below:

*As young architects and emerging professionals, what does the future practice of architecture look like in an environment and civilization facing issues of a rapidly changing climate? Lester Brown, in his work **Plan B 3.0 – Mobilizing to Save Civilization**, calls out issues of deteriorating oil and food security, rising temperatures and seas, emerging water shortages and natural systems under stress all as being relevant hurdles to be overcome in our near future. Has your work, implemented or conceptual, addressed any of these topics or their tangential byproducts [IE. Cutting Carbon, Losing Soil, Disappearing Plants and Animals, Poverty, etc.]?*

Here is to hoping that we see some traction on the focus with regards to national! Additionally, the Young Architects Forum (YAF) is looking to highlight EPs from around the country who are doing innovative work via a profile on their Instagram. If you, or someone you know, is doing thoughtful and innovative work that should be shared, please contact me via email so I can send a proposal in as a candidate. Let's highlight the brilliant work done by EPs here in our state!

I want to call out a few upcoming events that I think would be of interest to our EP members. First is the ARE prep session being held on June 22nd and the University of Detroit Mercy. If you are planning on sitting for your exams – this is a great opportunity to come out, study with some like-minded EPs, as well as learn a bit more about what to expect in the exam process. Furthermore, we are currently in talks with Michael Risica of *Young Architect* to come out and give a presentation of useful tips and resources to help successfully complete the exam process that day. For more information – or to register – visit the AIA newsletter or Facebook page.

The second is the AIAMI Honor Awards on June 21st at Meadowbrook Hall in Rochester Hills. This is sure to be an excellent evening celebrating the great work being done around our state. The event this year is at the historic former Dodge mansion. For more information on this event visit the AIA Michigan webpage. Also – don't forget that registration is now open for the AIAMI Mid-Summer Conference in Mackinac!

In closing, I wish everyone a happy, safe and warm (fingers crossed) Michigan summer. I ask, as always, that you please feel free to reach out with me with any questions or concerns that you might have. Hope to see you all around this summer at some of our events!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Stefani".

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