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President's Message

Let me start by recognizing our AIA Michigan peers recently elevated to the Class of 2022 AIA College of Fellows – Jeff Hausman, FAIA; Dorian Moore, FAIA; and Tod Stevens, FAIA. Each in their unique style achieved professional excellence while charting a course for the success of others. They continue the great legacy of leadership and service as AIA Michigan architects. Congratulations!

February also brought news of positive forecasts in the design industry with most firms working at capacity. Will the volumes keep up amidst the European conflict, or with inflation and supply chain issues taxing the construction industry? Will equitable access and carbon neutrality be lost to day-to-day concerns of fiscal viability and deadlines? We cannot be sure, but we can work to position our firms with the resiliency we espouse to our clients. Take note of this updated Institute resource to help firms adapt, succeed, and keep focused on long term goals. (No, I won't use the word pivot. I am done pivoting. I prefer to move forward.) Check out the Architect's Guide to Business Continuity

The AIA Michigan Website includes details of several upcoming events, including our 26th Annual Architects, Engineers, and Surveyor's Legislative Day on March 11th. AESLC is working on several issues that directly affect us and our business practices. Meetings with our State legislators will focus on key topics such as Certificate of Merit Legislation, Restoration of the Historic Tax Credits, Transportation Funding, and Infrastructure Funding. Appointments will be scheduled for you with each of your legislators. Our lobbyist will provide an update and briefing to familiarize us with each of the legislative issues. A packet of information on the legislative topics and the AESLC organizations is provided for each legislator. It's a rewarding day that establishes key advocacy relationships on your behalf.

There is a lot to learn, a lot to do. With so much going on we are increasing dialogue related to mental and physical health, each in the context of the other. Dr. Lawrence Chatters, PhD. keynoted one of the recent Grassroots sessions with engaging tips to maintain a focused, positive mindset. When the sessions are available online, check out his 'BUILDER' guidelines. From 'We Want Your Best Detail' to 'Global Challenge of Mental Health', Grassroots has sure changed over the years. I guess you could say that even AIA pivots. Great sessions, good dialogue, keep it going.

Peace,
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