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TOPICS FOR THIS NEWSLETTER:

FROM THE PRESIDENT

REPORTS FROM CONVENTIONS, MEETINGS AND EVENTS – AIA Grassroots; AIANYS; PDC; 1/26/10 Commissioner's Roundtable: Standpipe Legislation and Implementation; Queens Industry Meeting; EAR Meeting; Meeting on Energy Audits; AIA Meeting with Commissioner Robert LiMandri

CHAPTER BUSINESS – Financial Audit; Website and Online Registration; Upcoming Building Code Seminar; Student Awards; Calendar

From the President:
Welcome to the AIA Queens Newsletter. Volume I, Number 1

I took one of the last trains out of Washington, D.C., before the last 26 inches of snow shut the place down. I was there representing the chapter at the AIA National Grassroots Convention. One of the benefits of such a gathering is the opportunity to exchange ideas and information with peers from across the country. Out of this experience, I determined that our chapter needed a newsletter to update members on chapter events and to share information. So here it is: Volume I, Number 1. We welcome your comments, suggestions and contributions.

We begin 2010 with great hopes and high aspirations for the chapter. Last year we gathered around a series of lectures and site visits themed Connecting Queens - Fabric and Future. This provided a framework for highlighting some of the incredible new design work in the borough, with presentations on the Queens Library, Queens College, Queens Botanical Garden, Queensboro Bridge, Hunter's Point South, the new Frank Sinatra High School, Queens Waterfront Development, and the Douglaston Historic District.

This year our theme is Greening Queens, and we are beginning with two tours highlighting local production. In January we visited CAPSYS Modular Construction in the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and in February we held our meeting at Crystal Windows in Flushing.

Finally, I am very pleased to report that our chapter is once again on a sound financial footing. When I took office a year ago we had an operating debt of $10,000. The new administration put together a budget, and we kept to it. With a strict eye on our expenses, bringing sponsors to partially fund our events, and expanding our outreach efforts, we managed to pay off our debt and now have a surplus.

Get involved - let us know how you would like to contribute to the chapter!

Laura Heim, President
Reports from Conventions, Meetings, and Events

2010 Grassroots Convention

Capitol Hill Visits: Chapter President Laura Heim represented our membership at the AIA National's Grassroots Convention in Washington, D.C., in early February. Leaders from chapters all across the nation attended seminars, working breakfasts and lunches, and visited Senators and members of the House of Representatives to promote a series of AIA-developed recommendations intended to stimulate the design and construction industry during these stressful times. Together with representatives of AIANYS, Ms. Heim met with two Legislative Correspondents of Senator Charles Schumer, and then, with the President and President-elect of AIANY, met with Congresswoman Hon. Carolyn Maloney's counsel (she had been called to the floor to vote). The AIA had prepared all members with striking blueprints – actual blueprints – outlining five key issues:

1. Help Struggling Communities Rebuild
2. Free Up Credit for Commercial Properties
3. Expand the Energy Efficient Commercial Building Tax Deduction
4. Provide Relief for Small Business
5. Support Funding for School Modernization

In addition, members of the Queens chapter will be meeting with Congressman Joe Crowley in his local office.

Peer Group Breakfast Session: AIA National presented a Strategic Plan template which would be beneficial to component chapters in an effort to define goals and implementation strategies. “The Weave” as they called it incorporates Knowledge, Advocacy, Communication and Collaboration. This looks like a useful template, and with the assistance of AIA National, this chapter will employ it to help define our immediate and long-term goals for this year and the future using this template.

Leadership and Knowledge Workshops: The workshop on Inspiring Leadership in Students and Emerging Professionals focused on a pilot program in the AIA Northwest and Pacific Region designed to engage students and associate members. The program was designed to link academia and the profession specifically to address leadership skills among students and younger practitioners.

Networking with Local Chapters: The New York State Dinner and Peer Group Breakfast (chapters of the same size) provided opportunities to discuss common chapter issues and shared goals. Other chapters present included AIA Long Island, AIA Peconic, AIANY, AIA Staten Island and the new leadership of AIA Brooklyn.

AIANYS Board Meeting

The AIA Queens representative to the AIANYS Board of Directors is Chapter President Laura Heim, President, as per our by-laws; Fernando Villa is the alternate. The first meeting of the Board was held on Jan 21-22 in Albany, with the formal installation of new Directors. Your President volunteered to serve on the AIANYS Education Committee.

Issues discussed during the two-day meeting included:

- Staff and Past President’s Report: lessons learned from 2009 convention and the status of planning for the 2010 convention in Buffalo
- Review of the 2010 Legislative Agenda
- Regional Directors Report
- Public Director (discussion)
- President’s Report
  - 2010 Goals, Chapter Visits, Associates and Developing Professionals
- 2011 Tri-State Convention (NY, NJ, PA) The AIANYS Challenge (mini-RUDAT like program leading up to symposium)

Our Regional Directors are: Terry O’Neal, AIANY; Susan Chin, AIANY; Russell A. Davidson, AIA Westchester / MidHudson. Last year, Terry O’Neal was assigned to our chapter and attended several of our events and meetings. This year, Susan Chin will perform that function. The Regional Directors act as a liaison between components /state/ national. We look forward to their input and suggestions.
PDC Meeting 1/26/10

In an effort to clarify our affiliation with the Professional Design Center of New York (PDC), Chair Robert Lo Pinto called a board meeting on January 26th. Attendees included Chris Petallides, President of the QCC of the New York State Society of Professional Engineers; Laura Heim, AIA Queens President; Brian Flynn, Engineer; Paul DiNatale, AIA LI and Past PDC Chair. As requested by AIA Queens, the by-laws, yearly budget and certificate of incorporation were given to the AIA Queens Chapter.

Our potential future collaborative efforts were discussed with an emphasis on shared events which are of interest to architects and engineers. We discussed having 2-4 events together in the coming year. Two have already been scheduled this winter so we need to focus on the spring and fall. If you are interested in specific issues which engage architects and engineers, let us know. **We are looking for three chapter members to serve on this Board.** Please contact the chapter president if you are interested.

Commissioner's Roundtable: Standpipe Legislation Implementation 1/26/10

The AIA Queens was invited to a presentation of the Standpipe Legislation Implementation at 280 Broadway. Willy Zambrano represented the chapter at this meeting. Handouts were distributed through the code and zoning committee.  
For more information use the following DOB Link:  

Queens Industry Meeting 1/21/10

**Notes** Gino O. Longo, R.A., Chair AIA Queens Code and Zoning Committee

Queens is working to cut down on reconsideration backlog. In December there were 130 determinations. Today they are down to 30. The present wait time for a response should be about three to four weeks. DOB is accepting PRE-determinations and will honor them once the application is filed.

Borough manager’s office has been relocated to the first floor. The Borough Manager’s office will be assisting with TCOs and after hour work variances.

TR2 & TR3 procedures were discussed. Handouts are available. Generally, they will be waived for 1- and 2-family homes filed under the 1968 code and filed prior to July 2009. For all other projects, upon obtaining core reports, the applicant of record can process a PAA stating that they have analyzed the reports and that the concrete exceeded the design strength. Upon approval of the PAA, the plan examiner will waive the TR2/3. For pro-cert jobs, you can go to the plan desk counter at 2:30 to see the Chief Plan Examiner or Code Consultant for the waiver. At 2:30 they will also be available for the 1- and 2-family home waivers.

Construction division will continue to issue full construction sign-offs regardless of open applications, complaints, violations, or applications.

Full Demo with mechanical means requires drawings for means and methods of demolition by a PE. Partial Demos are filed together with Alteration applications. A separate DMO drawing must be provide to show means and methods.

Flyer is available regarding Energy Code Compliance

**If you wish to be included on the Code and Zoning direct e-mail list, contact Gino Longo AIA  
longoaia@aol.com**

We are going to include links to current information and flyers when we have the website up and running.
Engineers and Architects Roundtable (EAR), 1/19/10

In an effort to provide information to the leadership of the professional organizations in the construction industry, the Department of Buildings holds EAR Meetings every 6 weeks. The Presidents of the five AIA NYC chapters are invited, together with other design professionals. The agenda included:

1. Special Inspections Update: Gus Sirakis
2. PW3: Joshua Florsheim
3. Plan Submission Requirements Update: Patricia Knobloch & Elizabeth Gelpi
4. Determination Process: Scott Pavan
   Precon/Recon

The fourth item focused on the backlog of Reconsiderations, especially at the Queens Department of Buildings. The DOB is aware of the problem and they are in the process of revising the determination process.

They were responding to the direct request from the AIA Queens in the December 15th Meeting of the AIA Leadership with Commissioner Robert LiMandri. AIA Queens thanked the Department of Buildings for following up on their chapter's request from December.

Remember, if you have questions regarding the code, email them to constructioncodes@buildings.nyc.gov and if you have questions surrounding operational processes, you can submit to operationsredesign@buildings.nyc.gov

AIA Meeting with Commissioner Robert LiMandri December 15, 2009

At the request of the AIA Queens Chapter, the AIANY Chapter reached out to the Department of Buildings to arrange a meeting with Commissioner LiMandri to address specific issues currently impacting the architectural profession. The agenda was formulated by AIA Queens in a late 2009 business meeting. While all five AIA presidents from NYC were invited to this meeting, AIA Brooklyn and AIA Bronx declined to attend.

Attendees:
Robert LiMandri, Commissioner NYC Buildings Department
Fatma Amer, Deputy Commissioner for Technical Affairs and Chief Code Engineer at the Department of Buildings
Scott Pavan, Executive Director Operations Redesign
Kanda Gordon, Associate Commissioner of Borough Operations
Laura Heim, AIA, LEED AP AIA Queens President
Marcus Marino, RA, AIA AIA Staten Island President
Sherida Paulsen, FAIA AIA New York President 2009
Tony Schirripa, AIA IIDA AIA New York President 2010
Rick Bell AIA New York Executive Director

AIA Agenda Items:
1. New ZRD1: Zoning Resolution Determination & CCD1
   The reconsideration process has become more time consuming taking 6 to 9 weeks. There now is a roundtable internal discussion at DOB without the architect present to discuss logic. Someone from the DOB needs to be available. The process needs to be shorter.

   The DOB discussed recent past issues specifically in the Queens DOB acknowledging a backlog. The Chief Plan Examiner has left and the Borough Commissioner has rotated at around the same time. The DOB is also now trying a new method of review which has been used in the Bronx which is intended to streamline the reconsideration process.

2. Demolition Requirements - Documentation of Means and Methods and Site Issues
   There needs to be clarification of the liability aspects of the job.

   Not specifically addressed. Division of responsibilities between Engineers and Architects and liability is not a specific DOB issue.
3. Review of Objections and Administrative Access and Organization of DOB for Plan Review

Questions were asked about the training of plan examiners, double reviews of filings, internal reviews. The request was made that for minor administrative issues, someone would be available to answer questions and resolve issues.

The DOB will take this under advisement. It was also brought up at the EAR Meeting.

4. New Initiatives. Give professionals more lead time to review.

Many of the recent changes were brought about by emergency situations. They stated that in a non-emergency situation, all effort would be made to review initiatives with professionals prior to implementation.

During this meeting the concerns brought up by AIA Queens members were brought to the table and discussed thoroughly. As per the DOB’s presentations at the next EAR and at Queens Industry Meeting, the backlog for Reconsideration’s in Queens was significantly reduced. We made a specific request, and it was acknowledged and made into a high priority action item. Please continue to forward your suggestions to be included on the EAR Meeting Agendas.

Energy Audit Meeting - Queens Department of Buildings December 3, 2009 Deborah Taylor, Chief Sustainability Officer

New York City Department of Buildings, contacted the AIA Queens to review example energy audits from the Queens DOB. The Executive Committee and our Code and Zoning Chair were invited to participate. Responding were: Gino Longo, Willy Zambrano, Laura Heim.

Gino Longo presented these issues at our last business meeting which included using the correct code, citing specific references, and making sure your insulation was continuous and shown on the documents. Window designation and keys must also coordinate and be reflected and consistent with your energy calculations.

Chapter Business


The chapter contracted with the firm of Joseph A. Albano CPA to conduct a financial audit for the years 2006, 2007, 2008. This is not only sound practice, but it is necessary as per our by-laws. We supplied as many records as we had to the accountant. The report was received in January and discussed at the board meeting of January 25.

The 2009-2010 Executive Committee inherited an operating deficit of over $10,000, and we decided to conduct an audit to determine the causes and institute reforms to prevent such a situation from recurring. For the audit, the board requested from past president Alan Weinstein minutes from board meetings from 2007-2008 (in the absence of any chapter budgets for those years) to try to determine which expenditures had been approved, but the minutes were never delivered to the accountant.

Unfortunately, the accountant determined that they, “were not able to issue an opinion on the financial statements because there was insufficient amount of documentary evidence to support the expenses presented.” Even so, the report included several recommendations which the current Executive Committee either has already implemented or intends to implement. Every effort is being made to ensure this inexcusable situation is never repeated in this chapter.

Despite the difficult financial situation the Board inherited, we are proud to announce that the debt has been paid in full as of January 2010. It took a year of hard work and frugality, but we are now on a sound footing.

Audit Summary as of December 31st of the Year Indicated:
### Statement of End of Year Financial Position and Operating Income and Expenses (Excluding Investments)

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Please note the fluctuations of the Oppenheimer account are shown in the Reserves Column but the increase and decrease in value and interest is not included in the operating expense summary as the account was not accessed in the three years covered. It has since increased in value following the overall investment market gains.

If you would like to see a copy of the official report, contact: Laura Heim, laura@heimarchitect.com.

### Website and Online Registration

**Website:** The AIA Queens has had two website companies share their products with us as they have provided templates to other AIA Chapters. Upon review, we have decided that Affiniscape offers the best package for our chapter needs. We will be working on the new site this winter. Any volunteers are welcome, particularly among the Associate members. We need your input.

**Online Registration:** We have begun online registration for our events. Based on the recommendation of other NY State chapters, we selected Acteva for this purpose. The basic plan accepts VISA and Mastercard (we can upgrade to include American Express in the future).

Acteva takes a $.99 per order fee for ticket sales between $25 and $45. The charge company takes about the same so we pay $2 per ticket. With a typical attendance for an event of 40 the fee would be $80 max payment. It has historically cost at least that much to prepare for the event, and up to $1000 per event in 2008. With this system, we also have a clear record of who attended and their AIA numbers. We will no longer accept cash as we are trying to tighten our accounting practices. Also, we will have an accurate count of attendees, which will improve our efficiency in ordering food for events, and everyone has receipts and a record of all transactions. This system worked well for our February event at Crystal Windows.

### Upcoming Event

**All day seminar on Building Code issues, March 9, 2010.**

Information to follow shortly!

The seminar will address:

1. **Accessibility**
2. **Energy Code**
3. **Means of Egress**
4. **Fire Protection Systems**

This seminar is being organized by Michael Cosentino, AIA Queens VP and Willy Zambrano, AIA Queens Treasurer. Please address all specific event questions to Michael at: macosentinoarch@aol.com

We gratefully acknowledge the assistance of the NYC Department of Buildings in putting together the program.

### Student Awards

The AIA Queens Housing Committee is sponsoring our second annual student awards program around the theme of Innovative Housing Ideas. Housing Committee Chair Fernando Villa, is coordinating this effort. We have solicited entries from City College, Cooper Union, Columbia University, New York Institute of Technology, Parsons School of Design, and Pratt Institute. Please contact your colleagues at these architectural schools and encourage them to have their students participate.
The jury will be:

Fernando Villa, AIA LEED AP, MAP Architecture PC
Laura Heim, AIA LEED AP, Laura Heim Architect PLLC
Willy Zambrano, AIA LEED AP, Zambrano Architectural Design Services
Steve Peppas, AIA Queens, Polshek Partnership Architects
Andrew Knox, AIA New York, Co-Chair AIA NY Housing Committee, Edelman Sultan Knox Wood

We are also looking into matching scholarship grants available from AIA National.

Calendar:

AIA Queens Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of the Month Time and Location TBD

Queens Industry Meetings 3rd Thursday of the Month 2:30 PM in Room G-140 Queens Department of Buildings

Architects In Albany Lobby Day April 20, 2010

AIA National Convention June 10-12 Miami

AIA State Convention October 14-16, 2010 Buffalo, NY

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AIA Queens 2009 Holiday Party
Poppenhusen Institute, College Point
Please forward any comments or suggestions!
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**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

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CHAPTER BUSINESS – Financial Statement; Website and Online Registration; Membership Update; Student Awards; Upcoming Events; Calendar

**From the President:**

*Welcome to the AIA Queens Newsletter. Volume 1, Number 2*

On April 19th, I traveled to Albany for the AIA/NYS Board Meeting and Lobby Day 2010, the state version of Grassroots in Washington, DC. Traveling by train along the Hudson River brought back wonderful memories of when I was the Project Architect for the renovation of the New York State Assembly Parlor in the majestic State Capitol Building. The project involved recreating all the historic stencil patterns (see photos above). Lobby Day made me very aware of why it is so necessary for architects to voice their opinions to all levels of government - local, state and federal. I hope more members of the Queens Chapter will consider attending this annual event in 2011.

Our AIA Queens theme this year is *Greening Queens*, and we started with two tours highlighting local production. In March we hosted the highly successful Code Seminar with the NYC Department of Buildings (1. Accessibility 2. Energy Code 3. Means of Egress 4. Fire Protection Systems). As part of our *Greening Queens* theme, Deborah Taylor, Chief Sustainability Officer from the NYC Department of Buildings, discussed the goals and compliance requirements for the energy code. In April we had a presentation about Passive House Construction, and in May Atelier Ten presented Sustainability and New York City.
Now that the Queens Chapter is again on sound financial footing, we have been able to purchase a laptop and projector for our events. A new chapter website is also in the works; it should be up and running this summer. The website is essential for promotion, accessibility and networking. Every member of our chapter will have an individual listing, and members will be able to go into the site and update their profiles and contact information. We will use the site to keep members informed about chapter business, upcoming events, meeting minutes as well.

I am pleased to announce that there are two firsts in the AIA Queens chapter. The AIANY chapter honored chapter member Peter Magnani with the Public Architect Award at their annual meeting on June 16th. The award acknowledges Peter's work over the years in the public sector, in particular his recent work at the Queens Library. Congratulations!

Also, for the first time two members of the Queens Chapter presented at the AIA National Convention, held this year in Miami Beach. Kevin Wolfe, Chair of the AIA Queens Preservation Committee, and I presented Sustainable Suburbs: Preserving Planned Communities in Queens, addressing issues of planning and preservation in Douglas Manor and Sunnyside Gardens. We were proud to have brought the story of those planned communities to the attention of architects from across the nation.

I encourage all members to become involved with our events and to serve on committees. Let us know how you would like to contribute to the chapter!

Laura Heim, President

Reports from Conventions, Meetings, and Events

2010 AIA National Miami

The AIA National Convention in Miami, Design for the New Decade, included seminars, keynote presentations, business meetings, educational tours, and many, many networking opportunities. The EXPO2010 was extensive, covering the entire floor of the convention center. It is thrilling, and productive to see so many vendors in one place. It took parts of two days to see it all, and I am still receiving product info and samples from my numerous requests.
After many passionate speeches and caucusing, the National elections results were as follows: Jeffrey Potter FAIA - AIA Dallas - First Vice President; Dennis Andrejko FAIA - AIA Buffalo and John Padilla AIA - AIA Santa Fe - Vice Presidents and Helene Dreiling FAIA - AIA Blue Ridge – Secretary. Several by-law amendments were proposed, discussed and voted on as well. The delegates approved three changes: Abbreviation of Associate member to Assoc. Member; Electronic Voting at meeting of Institute; and Member Dues Payment Plan. A proposal to permit Associate Members to serve as Regional Directors, which was raised last year as well, did not receive the two-thirds majority required to pass.

**2010 AIA Lobby Day**

**Architects in Albany Lobby Day:** In mid April, Chapter President Laura Heim represented our membership at the Architects’ Lobby Day in Albany. Leaders and members from chapters all across New York State attended a preparation seminar and visited Senators and Assembly members to promote a series of AIANYS developed agenda items. The top three items were: Alternative Project Delivery; Non-design Professional Ownership; Green Schools.

For the full list of agenda items see: [http://www.aianys.org/government/program.htm](http://www.aianys.org/government/program.htm)

Together with representatives of AIANYS, Ms. Heim met with Assembly Majority Leader Ronald Canestrari and the staff of State Senator Liz Krueger, who assured us that the Professional Certification Prohibition, which she sponsored, is not moving forward at this time.

President Laura Heim scheduled an appointment and, together with a delegation from AIANY, met with staff of Queens Assemblywoman Cathy Nolan of Queens. AIANY President Tony Schrippa emphasized Alternative Project Delivery, and President-elect Margaret Castillo spoke eloquently about the importance of Green Schools. Ricardo Soffidio spoke on Non-design Professional ownership, and Laura Heim concluded with a plug for continuing the Historic Preservation Tax Credits.

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**AIANYS Board Meetings**

As per our by-laws, the AIA Queens representative to the AIANYS Board of Directors is Chapter President Laura Heim; Fernando Villa is the alternate. The second meeting of the Board was held on April 19th in Albany, and the third on June 24th in Troy at RPI.
Issues discussed during the April 19 meeting included:

- State Agency Update: DASNY, OGS, SUCF - Efforts to encourage Alternative Project Delivery and Limit Liability
- The Empire Challenge: AIANYS Leadership Development Program; proposals to be submitted from each chapter outlining a project which will benefit the community, 2 finalists to be chosen.
- Illegal Practice; Contents, Intent, and Potential Adoption Strategy; handout developed to distribute to all Building Departments and Public Agencies.
- PR Campaign to send postcards to local editors encouraging that architects be acknowledged when photographs of their work are published.
• Tri State Convention 2011 - New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania to be held Sept 21-23 in Atlantic City.
• AIA collaboration with the ICC and the ASTM to formulate the International Green Construction Code (IgCC)

Issues discussed at the June 24 meeting included:
• Convention Update: NYS 2010 in Buffalo and 2011 Tri-state in Atlantic City
• Officer and Regional Director Nomination Reminder
• Regional Directors Report: National intends to work towards eliminating tiered dues structure; National finances solid; Architect Magazine will replace Architectural Record; While membership is 10% down in the country, it is up in NYS; Advocacy effort in place in which chapter presidents receive e-mail notification of issues impacting architects and can forward AIA position easily to all elected officials in their district.
• By-laws task force presented numerous complex changes to the AIANYS by-laws, to be voted on at the NYS state convention.
• Report from Services to Components Task Force (I serve on this task force). AIANYS is requesting ideas for how they can specifically assist non-staffed components. Some proposed services will require a fee.
• Public Advocacy Committee presented *Every Building has an Architect* postcard campaign which was sent to editors of all major publications in the state to encourage writers to credit the architect when mentioning a building and/or illustrating one in the press. I thanked NYS for featuring a project in Queens on the postcard - the Queens Botanical Garden.
• Student Awards were given to 6 teams from state schools
• Regional Associate Directors reported their upcoming work to survey associate members and provide assistance towards licensing.
• Legislative update, Policy Discussion and President's Report were cut short given time constraints.

*Every Building has an Architect*

This year, Susan Chin FAIA is our Regional Director, our liaison between components /state/ national. We intend to work together to begin to implement the Weave in our chapter. The Weave is a National initiative to help chapters to identify their mission and goals and work towards aligning them more closely with the organization as a whole. [http://www.aia.org/about/initiatives/strategicplan/AIAB082451](http://www.aia.org/about/initiatives/strategicplan/AIAB082451).

5 Presidents Meeting

On March 31st, all five presidents of the City’s AIA chapters met at the Center for Architecture for the first time in over a year. We discussed upcoming Lobby Day and reviewed the agenda items for specific issues which involve NYC.

On May 19th, Presidents from AIANY, Staten Island, Brooklyn and Queens met to review the upcoming National Convention and discuss a strategy for review of the Building Departments’ procedures as compared to Building Departments in other cities. The AIANY is spearheading an effort to collect data to compare the effectiveness of the agency and suggest improvements. Bill Gati responded on behalf of the AIA Queens chapter to a questionnaire to contribute to this survey.
Carolyn Maloney Meet and Greet at the Center 3/22/10

AIANY invited AIA Queens to co-sponsor a meet-and-greet with Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney on March 22. Maloney represents the 14th District, on the East Side of Manhattan and part of Queens. Returning the morning after the historic health bill passed to address the AIA, she spoke at length about the importance of two major transportation projects: the Second Avenue Subway and East Side Access. She was very pleased to meet the President of the AIA Queens and spoke about her support of funding for Infrastructure Improvements and beautification around Queensboro Plaza. The chapter will sponsor an event in the fall about this project.

PDC

Our affiliation with the Professional Design Center of New York (PDC) has undergone a hiatus given lack of interest and commitment in our chapter. We had discussed having 2-4 events together during the year in order to make the commitment manageable. We are looking for three chapter members to serve on this Board. Please contact the chapter president if you are interested.

Queens Industry Meeting 3/18/10

According to the minutes provided by Sandra Collins of DOB, the following was discussed:

- Industry again requested more access to Commissioner, Deputy, Zoning Expert and Chief Plan Examiner without the need for CCD1 and ZRDI
- Change of Policy was requested as to the submission of DEP ACP-5 Abestos Form.
- Industry suggested ways DOB could avoid issuing violations in error.
- A general question and answer period followed.

Queens Industry Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of the month 2:30 PM in Room G-140 Queens Department of Buildings

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1. Special Inspections Update

   - Drawing Standards - Plan/Work Applications
   - Checklist of Graphic Standards (PDF)
   - Checklist for Basic Code and Zoning Info (coming soon)

3. Demolition Process Full and Partial

4. Energy Bill

5. Technical/ Operational Clarifications.
Remember, if you have questions regarding the code, email them to constructioncodes@buildings.nyc.gov and if you have questions surrounding operational processes, you can submit to operationsredesign@buildings.nyc.gov

280 Broadway
Attendees: DOB: Robert LiMandri, Fatma Amer, Scott Pavan, Kanda Gordon, Samantha Modell
Industry: Architectural and Engineering Professional Organizations & Real Estate Board

Task Force established to specifically address these issues.

1. Plan Exam Service Levels - They are working towards a three week maximum turn around time. Kanda Gordon, Associate Borough Commissioner is visiting each borough's DOB office for 2-3 weeks per borough to review process and staffing. Drawing standards guidelines are being implemented in July. Plan exam guidelines are being formatted. To reduce objections and clarify the process, 63 types of projects, everything from a garage to a 60-story building, are being made into a check list template accessible to both plan examiners and the public.

2. Determination Process - Efficiency, consistency and increase in transparency emphasized. The Queens backlog has been reduced with 0% waiting more than 3 weeks down from 56% in December 2009. Amer and Colgate have team review process of reconsideration's at their department level with plan examiners for the boroughs' rotating in for experience and education. Final decisions will be issued as Bulletins and available online on the DOB website. Next meeting will share examples.

3 Zoning Challenge Process - Since the implementation of the Zoning Challenge Process in July 2009, 840 projects have been reviewed and 8 have been challenged. Those, only a small number are being challenged (10%). Queens has the greatest number of applications in the city: NB 166, A1 172, A2 99 for a total of 437 jobs out of 840 citywide.

City Planning Text Review

At a CB2 Land Use Meeting on March 18th John Young approached AIA Queens President Laura Heim and indicated that the DCP would appreciate input from the AIA Queens on a draft text amendment the Department is preparing to fully address the 2008 court decision regarding the Zoning Resolution's definition of "development".

The Department is also undertaking a comprehensive review of the remainder of the ZR to ensure that "development" is used as intended, and that any ambiguities about whether a ZR provision is intended to apply to both existing and new buildings or only new buildings will be clarified. The requested assistance from AIA Queens regarding this task is that as we review each redraft of the Article of the ZR for proper use of the term "development".

The AIANY chapter has already been engaged in this review and this additional outreach was to include the unique perspective of Queens and also Staten Island architects. Laura Heim, Willy Zambrano, Gino Long and John Calcagnile attended the first introductory meeting, together with Staten Island AIA representatives, on April 7th.

On 4/28/2010 and again on 5/11/2010 Willy Zambrano and Joseph Walter, AIA Queens, and representatives of the AIA Staten Island chapter, met with the NYC Department of Planning at 22 Reade Street in downtown Manhattan in order to discuss NYC Planning's proposed revisions to the current NYC Zoning Resolution. It is our understanding that City Planning has had legal problems in the past with the Resolution and are attempting to correct problems of consistency with language and text in this revision in order to limit their legal exposure in the future. The revision will be incorporating the recent Residential Streetscape Amendments and other Zoning Updates as well.

The first meeting on 4/28/2010 met to discuss Articles I (General Provisions and Definitions), and II (Residential Districts) of the Zoning Resolution. We discussed in detail the definitions for "building", "development", "open use", "firewall", and "abutting".

Notes above from the meeting submitted by Joseph Walter, AIA Queens. Thanks! This effort is ongoing.
Chapter Business

AIA Queens Financial Statement

AIA Queens Financial Statement, as of May 10, 2010

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As President for the past year and a half, I have led the chapter out of the inherited $10,000 operating debt (as indicated in our audit) to a current $10,000 of surplus. This accomplishment has made it possible to have $10,000 of operating reserves in addition to buying a chapter laptop, projector and launching a new website. It is totally a reflection of the economy that the Oppenheimer Reserves account, which has remained an untouched reserve for several years, has rebounded.

I trust that this fiscal responsibility will continue in the AIA Queens chapter for years to come. It will serve to make the chapter stronger and able to take on an expanded mission.

Website and Online Registration

Website: The AIA Queens selected Affiniscape to handle our new website. The process is underway. They provide an AIA template, as they have for other chapters across the country, and we are currently setting up tabs and submitting content. It will feature: About the AIA, Membership, Education, Advocacy, Community, Calendar, Contract Documents, Career Center, and Find an Architect.

Our new web address will be www.aiaqueensny.org

Online Registration: We will continue online registration for our events with the new website. It proved to be most helpful for the Code seminar which drew 130 attendees.

Membership Update

The AIA Queens is 187 members strong. We have over 20 new members so far in 2010. Once the new website is up and running, all members will have a listing and we can better connect the chapter internally as well as to the public.

Student Awards

At the April 13th meeting of the chapter, student awards were presented to two pairs of students from Columbia University and the Parsons School of Design. First Prize: Andy Vann & Daniel Baciuska, Brownfield, Greenfield, Queensfield, Columbia University $1500 Second Prize: Patrick Corrigan & Marline Laenen, Seward Stairs, Parson's The New School for Design $500 Honorable Mention: Yigit Kale & Melanie Hendel, S.E.E.D. Social Environment Economy Development Model, Parson's The New School for Design $250 Honorable Mention: Esteban Reichberg & Stefana Simic, Commute is Procession, Columbia University $250. AIA Queens member Fernando Villa organized the student awards as chair of the Housing Committee.
After the awards, Laura Briggs and Jonathan Knowles presented Passive House Construction continuing our 2010 Greening Queens theme.

Originally at NYDesigns, the Student Awards Exhibit moved to the Center for Architecture at LaGuardia Place in Manhattan on May 17th. We hosted a reception and each team presented their work. AIA Queens thanks AIANY for providing exhibit space for this event.

Upcoming Events

In the fall, look forward to a presentation in September by FXFowle concerning their LEED certified school designed for Hunter's Point South as well as a presentation about the plans for Queensboro Plaza. Notice will be sent out in August.

NOTE: The chapter does not meet in July or August.

Calendar:

AIA Queens Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of the Month Time and Location TBD Note>No Meetings in July and August.

Queens Industry Meetings 3rd Thursday of the Month 2:30 PM in Room G-140 Queens Department of Buildings

AIA State Convention October 14-16, 2010 Buffalo, NY

Please forward any comments or suggestions!

Have a great summer!

Laura Heim
718 360 4959
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Laura Heim, AIA LEED AP
AIA Queens President

aiaqueenschapter@gmail.com
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206 Members Strong!
12/14/2010
Annual Meeting 2010
2010 Greening Queens

Executive Committee 2009-10
Laura Heim, AIA LEED AP President
Michael Cosentino, AIA Vice President / President-elect
Patrick Hammond, AIA Secretary
Willy Zambrano, AIA LEED AP Treasurer
Alan Weinstein, AIA Immediate Past President

2011 AIANYS Board of Directors: Director: Laura Heim    Alternate: Michael Cosentino

Committees 2009-10
Code and Zoning –
  Gino Longo, Chair     Joseph Walter - Zoning Text Review
Preservation –
  Kevin Wolfe, Chair     Michael Almon - LPC Letters & Photos
Housing –
  Fernando Villa, Chair   Student Awards Jurors 2009 & 2010
  Larry Werfel, Rich Kruter, Angel Rojas, Laura Heim, Willy Zambrano, Steve Peppas

Nominating Committee
  Richard Kruter, Chair
  Larry Werfel
  Howard Graf

Events Coordination 2009-10
Chapter Members Contributing to Events 2010:
  Nina Teng, Passive House
  Peter Magnani, Hunter’s Point South IS/HS 404: River Views

Chapter Members Contributing to Events 2009
  Fernando Villa - Green Affordable Housing
  Kevin Wolfe - Preservation in Queens: Douglaston Historic District
  Peter Magnani - Queens Library: Innovations in Design, Technology and Construction
  Richard Kruter, Howard Graf, Robert Gaskin - Airport Design Case Study
  Fernando Villa - Hunter’s Point South
  Steve Peppas - Frank Sinatra School of the Arts
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AIA QUEENS TREASURER
2010 FINANCIAL REPORT

QUEENS AIA YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENT
By: Willy L. Zambrano, AIA – Queens AIA Treasurer
Thursday 12/12/2010

In The Bank as of 12/12/10: $9,925.15
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January 1, 2010 to December 12, 2010

Income: Membership/Meeting Lectures: $34,783.20
Sponsors $750 (+ Space and Food)
Total Income $35,533.20

Expenses:
Meeting Halls/Dining/ Professional Development/ awards -$31,247.42
Total Expense -$31,247.42
Net Income $4,285.78
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AIA QUEENS TREASURER  
2008 - 2010 FINANCIAL REPORT

## QUEENS AIA SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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### AIA QUEENS SECRETARY

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES 2009-2010**

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AIA QUEENS PRESIDENT REPRESENTING THE CHAPTER

EAR - Engineer’s and Architect’s Roundtable
NYC Department of Buildings
280 Broadway
All leaders of industry groups

AIANYC 5 PRESIDENTS’ MEETINGS
Queens, Brooklyn, Staten Island, Bronx, NY
One AIA NYC

Conventions: Presented Queens at National
Chapter Events, Meetings, Presentations, etc.
Newsletters

CES Learning Unit Management

Membership Database

Website Creation and Management
Reviews; Columbia University, Pratt, NYSID

Constructions; Juror

Historic Districts Council:
Monday, September 13: Reading, Understanding and Presenting Architectural Drawings with Laura Heim, architect and president of the American Institute of Architects, Queens Chapter
LPC in attendance

AIANY Inaugural
Ed Farrell, AIANYS Executive Director, Tony Schrippa, AIANY President
Laura Heim AIA Queens President, George Miller AIA National President
2010 Greening Queens
Meetings and Special Events

011210 Getting the Most from Modular Construction as a Design Option
Robert Hasselbrook, Business Development Coordinator of Capsys Corporation

020910 Crystal Windows Factory Tour
Dennis Toomey, Northeast Regional Sales Manager Crystal Window & Door Systems, Ltd.

030910 NYC Building Code Seminar
Accessibility: Keith Wen, RA Acting Director of Code Development and Interpretation, Technical Affairs, NYC DOB
Energy Code: Deborah Taylor, AIA LEED AP Chief Sustainability Officer, Technical Affairs, NYC DOB
Means of Egress: Keith Wen, RA
Fire Protection Systems: John Lee. RA LEED AP Senior Architect, Technical Affairs, NYC DOB

041310 Passive House Construction + Student Awards Laura Briggs and Jonathan Knowles, partners at BriggsKnowles A+D

051101 Designing for a New Environment: Sustainability in New York City
Paul Stoller, Director, Atelier Ten and leader of its global benchmarking practice
Wendy Meguro, Designer, Atelier Ten

091410 AIA Queens Website Launch, Meeting and Demystifying Resin, June Carter, 3-form

092810 Hunter’s Point South IS/HS 404: River Views SPECIAL EVENT
Sylvia Smith, FAIA LEED - Principal FXFOWLE; Tim Macy, LEED Project Architect FXFOWLE; Scott Melching, AIA LEED, Green Captain FXFOWLE; Rick Meilan, PE - Partner Kallen & Lemelson

101210 QUEENS PLAZA IN CONTEXT
Penny Lee, Senior Planner for Community Board 2, Queens, NYC Department of City Planning
Margie Ruddick, ASLA, Principal, Margie Ruddick, Designer, Consultant to Wallace, Roberts & Todd
Linda Pollak, AIA, ASLA Affiliate, Principal, Marpillero Pollak Architects

110910 New York City Energy Conservation Code
Deborah F. Taylor, AIA, LEED AP, Chief Sustainability Officer, NYC Department of Buildings
Dawn Davidson, Project Manager, Operations Redesign Unit, Strategic Planning and Implementation, NYC DOB

121410 AIA Queens Annual Meeting, Voting for Officers and Kone Elevator / Escalator Presentation

121510 Holiday Party West Side Tennis Club at Forest Hills
Getting the Most from Modular Construction as a Design Option
Crystal Windows hosts Queens AIA chapter

Crystal Window & Door Systems, the award winning national manufacturer, hosted a recent visit by a group of over 40 Queens architects at its factory. The visiting professionals were members of the Queens Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), led by chapter president Laura Heim.

Commenting on the visit, Dennis Toomey, Northeast regional sales manager, said, “Building relationships is not just Crystal’s slogan, it’s the essence of our business. We’re glad that Crystal was able to provide the Queens AIA architects the latest information on energy efficient window and glass technologies.”

The visiting architects were treated to a factory tour, introductions to Crystal and its energy efficient product lines, as well as a light dinner. The fast-paced evening also included an AIA Continuing Education Credit-qualified presentation on window glass selection and specification from world-leading glass and coatings manufacturer and Crystal supplier PPG.

Crystal Window & Door Systems is one of the top 50 manufacturers in North America of replacement and new construction vinyl and aluminum window and door products and high-end fenestration systems.
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DOB Architects Present at AIA Seminar

On Tuesday, March 9, Buildings Department experts participated in a seminar on the new NYC Construction Codes hosted by the American Institute of Architects Queens Chapter.

At the event, DOB Assistant Commissioner for Technical Affairs and Code Development James P. Colgate, RA; Director of Code Development and Interpretation Keith Wen, RA; Chief Sustainability Officer Deborah Taylor, AIA, LEED AP; and Senior Architect John H. Lee, RA, LEED AP, discussed sustainability, accessibility and fire and life safety requirements in the 2008 NYC Construction Codes.

There were 130 attendees at the event which was held at Terrace on the Park, located at 52-11 111th Street in Flushing, NY.
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AIA QUEENS STUDENT INNOVATIVE HOUSING IDEAS

Mission statement:
The AIA Queens Housing Committee is proud to invite architectural schools in New York City to submit outstanding student projects that represent both creativity and innovation in housing design. Our goal is to bridge the professional and student communities while promoting events that enrich and support the architectural profession.

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Single or multi-family housing in an urban setting with unique approaches to site, scale, sustainability, and/or program.

II. ELIGIBILITY
Students approaching 2010 or 2011 graduation from a B.Arch or M.Arch program are eligible to enter the competition.

III. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Students’ name, school program, school affiliation and project site location.
The dorms of each school will select three (3) students or teams and their design projects will be exhibited on April 24th for a presentation event to include:
- Project description: 250 words maximum.
- Provide plans, sections, 3D renderings and/or model views.
- All information shall be sent in PDF format (see by database listed below).
- Provide information on materials, sustainability design initiatives, site constraints, and other descriptive information supporting design proposal.

IV. JURY
The jury will be composed of the following 4 architects who are members of the Queens Chapter of the American Institute of Architects as well as the Co-Chair of the AIA NY Housing Committee:
- Fernando Villa, AIA LEED AP
- Laura Stern, AIA LEED AP
- Willy Zamborino, AIA LEED AP
- Steve Beckman, AIA
- Andrew Knox, AIA
- MAP Architecture PC - Housing Committee Chair
- Laura Stern Architect PLLC – President AIA Queens
- Zamborino Architectural Design Services – Treasurer AIA Queens
- Polish Partnership Architects – AIA Queens
- Edelman & Kahn, AIA – Co-Chair AIA NY Housing Committee

V. SUBMISSION DEADLINE
Conform school schedule February 8, 2010
Electronic project submission April 2, 2010 by 5:00 pm (resolution 72 dpi)
Send to: aiaqueenschapter@gmail.com
Submit project in CD format (resolution 300 dpi).
Mail to: Fernando Villa, MAP Architecture 223 Broadway 8th Floor New York, NY 10003
Questions? Contact Fernando Villa at 212-233-7820
Award announcement April 24th 2010

VI. AWARDS
First place winner will receive a monetary award of $1,000.
Second place winner will receive $500 and third place winner will receive $250 each.
In addition, projects will be exhibited at NY Design Lab Center for Architecture.
NY Design Lab 180 Lafayette St, New York, NY 10013 (Fourth Floor)
The Center for Architecture 530 LaGuardia Place New York, NY 10012

041310 Passive House Construction + Student Awards
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Winners:
First Prize: Andy Vann & Daniel Baciuska, Brownfield, Greenfield, Queensfield, Columbia University $1500

Second Prize: Patrick Corrigan & Marline Laenen, Seward Stairs, Parson's The New School for Design $500


Honorable Mention: Esteban Reichberg & Stefana Simic, Commute is Procession, Columbia University $250
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051101 Designing for a New Environment: Sustainability in New York City
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Press Release
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QUEENS PLAZA IN CONTEXT

AIA + ASLA + DCP
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The New York City Energy Conservation Code – Fall, 2010
2010 Greening Queens
Grassroots in Washington, DC and Lobby Day in Albany

Reports from Conventions, Meetings, and Events

2010 Grassroots Convention

Capitol Hill Visits: Chapter President Laura Heim represented our membership at the AIA National’s Grassroots Convention in Washington, D.C., in early February. Leaders from chapters all across the nation attended seminars, working breakfasts and lunches, and visited Senators and members of the House of Representatives to promote a series of AIA-developed recommendations intended to stimulate the design and construction industry during these stressful times. Together with representatives of AIANYS, Ms. Heim met with two Legislative Correspondents of Senator Charles Schumer, and then, with the President and President-elect of AIANY, met with Congresswoman Hon. Carolyn Maloney’s counsel (she had been called to the floor to vote). The AIA had prepared all members with striking blueprints – actual blueprints – outlining five key issues:

1. Help Struggling Communities Rebuild
2. Free Up Credit for Commercial Properties
3. Expand the Energy Efficient Commercial Building Tax Deduction
4. Provide Relief for Small Business
5. Support Funding for School Modernization

ADVOCACY

Through advocacy, the AIA Queens gives voice to our shared values in order to influence the shape of our neighborhoods and our world to ensure the future health of our profession – through action and communication at the local, state and national levels

Our Advocacy Goals are to:

- Facilitate effective dialog between our members and the public
- Expand the influence of architects in the community
- Advocate for better community design
- Serve as a voice on community, legislative and design matters
- Promote AIA member and the value of their services to the public
Sustainable Suburbs: Preserving Planned Communities in Queens
Case Study Comparison: Douglas Manor and Sunnyside Gardens

Friday, June 11, 2010, 6:00-7:00PM
Session ID FR082
Kevin Wolfe, AIA and Laura Heim, AIA LEED AP

E- Oculus – Convention Highlights Sustainability at all Levels
By Linda G. Miller

Open House New York 2010
2010 Greening Queens
AIANYS BUFFALO
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TOPICS FOR THIS NEWSLETTER:

FROM THE PRESIDENT

REPORTS FROM CONVENTIONS, MEETINGS AND EVENTS - AIA Grassroots: AUNYS; PDC: 12th AIA Commissioner's Roundtable - Standards Legislation and Implementation; Queens Industry Meeting; EAR Meeting; Meeting on Energy Audits; AIA Meeting with Commissioner Robert C.励

CHAPTER BUSINESS - Financial Audit; Website and Online Registration; Upcoming Building Code Seminar; Student Awards; Calendar

From the President:

Welcome to the AIA Queens Newsletter, Volume I, Number 1

I took one of the last trains out of Washington, D.C., before the last 26 inches of snow shut the place down. I was there representing the chapter at the AIA National Grassroots Convention. One of the benefits of such a gathering is the opportunity to exchange ideas and information with peers from across the country. Out of this experience, I determined that our chapter needed a newsletter to update members on chapter events and to share information. So here it is. Volume I, Number 1. We welcome your comments, suggestions and contributions.

We begin 2010 with great hopes and high aspirations for the chapter. Last year we gathered around a series of lectures and site visits themed Connecting Queens - Fabric and Future. This provided a framework for highlighting some of the incredible new design work in the borough, with presentations on the Queens Library, Queens College, Queer Botanical Garden, Queensboro Bridge, Hunter's Point South, the new Frank Sinatra High School, Queens Waterfront Development, and the Douglaston Historic District.

This year our theme is Greening Queens, and we are beginning with two tours highlighting local production. In January we visited CAPPSY's Modular Construction in the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and in February we held our meeting at Crystal Windows in Flushing.

Finally, I am very pleased to report that our chapter is once again on a sound financial footing. When I took office a year ago we had an operating debt of $10,000. The new administration put together a budget, and we kept to it. With a strict eye on our expenses, bringing sponsors to partially fund our events, and expanding our outreach efforts, we managed to pay off our debt and now have a surplus.

Get involved - let us know how you would like to contribute to the chapter!

Laura Heim, President

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

REPORTS FROM CONVENTIONS, MEETINGS AND EVENTS - AIA National in Miami; AIA LOBBY DAY ALBANY: AUNYS and the Mayor; 3 Presidents Meeting; Corbin McArthy Meet and Greet at the Center; PDC: Queens Industry Meeting. EAR Meeting: Issues Roundtable - Zoning and Code Task Force. City Planning Task Review.

CHAPTER BUSINESS - Financial Audit; Website and Online Registration; Membership Update; Update from the Upcoming Brooklyn Balcony.

From the President:

Welcome to the AIA Queens Newsletter, Volume I, Number 2

On April 19th, I traveled to Albany for the AUNYS Board Meeting and Lobby Day 2010, the state version of Grassroots in Washington, DC. Traveling by train along the Hudson River brought back wonderful memories of when I was the Project Architect for the renovation of the New York State Assembly Parking in the majestic Stata Capitol Building. The project included recreating all the historic stencils patterns (see photos above). Lobby Day made me very aware of why it is so necessary for architects to voice their opinions to all levels of government (local, state and federal). I hope more members of the Queens Chapter will consider attending the annual event in 2011.

Our AIA Queens theme this year is Greening Queens, and we started with two tours highlighting local production. In March we hosted the highly successful Code Seminar with the NYC Department of Buildings (1. Accessibility 2. Energy Code 3. Means of Egress 4. Fire Protection Systems). As part of our Greening Queens theme, Deborah Taylor, Chief Sustainability Officer from the NYC Department of Buildings, discussed the goals and compliance requirements for the energy code. In April we had a presentation about Passive House Construction, and in May Atelier Ten presented Sustainability and New York City.
2010 Greening Queens

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

AIA Queens Associate Membership Breakdown

18 Females
34 Males
21 Unknown
73 Total Associate Members

AIANYS Associate Director
Venesa Alicea, Associate AIA, LEED AP (now AIA)
AIA Queens needs a representative on the AIANYS Associates Committee
2010 Greening Queens
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Would you participate in a program that paired you with a mentor?
For Queens

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Peter Magnani, Queens Library

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