MEMBER PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

Chesapeake Utilities, Energy Lane Campus
Dover, Delaware

The Chesapeake Utilities Dover Campus at Energy Lane project consolidates multiple business subsidiaries of the Corporation into a cohesive and sustainable 20-acre campus that accommodates approximately 250 employees.

The campus includes a 55,000 sf office, 36,000 sf warehouse, a vehicle storage facility, wellness and fitness accommodations for employees, conference facilities, and a publicly-accessible compressed natural gas vehicle filling station. The project design efforts included a diverse team of owners and consultants led by Tevebaugh Architecture, who utilized consensus-based planning techniques to achieve the program and sustainability goals for the project. Additionally, the project is pursuing Green Globes certification for sustainability.
Innovative design concepts are featured throughout the project, including: structural accommodations allow for the installation of future green roofs; sustainable programming and planning ensured daylighting throughout the office area and warehouse facility; the critical infrastructure components of the building are supported by fully-redundant systems including computer room air conditioning and a natural gas generator; the roof-top gas-fired heat pumps are accessible by stair inside a safe, enclosed area of the roof for educational and training opportunities.

The new Campus at Energy Lane is an important success in the ongoing growth of the Chesapeake Utilities Corporation, a Delaware company that traces its roots in Delaware back to 1859. The new Campus brings their employees closer together, in a beautiful, sustainable new facility that promotes health, well-being, and sustainability.

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News

AIA Board Statement on Systemic Racial Injustice

America’s list of racially motivated murders demand action. Eric Garner. Sandra Bland. Michael Brown. Shantel Davis. Atatiana Jefferson. Laquan McDonald. Tony McDade. Pamela Turner. Korryn Gaines. Trayvon Martin. Tamir Rice. Walter Scott. Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and George Floyd. All murdered, because they happened to be black in the United States of America. There are others, and, sadly, we know there will be more. No words can adequately express the depth of anger, frustration, and...
Each of these lives should be a clarion call to action. They should spur all of us to do more, and that starts by speaking up, clearly, directly, and consistently.

To be clear, the American Institute of Architects supports the protests to stop systemic, state-sanctioned violence against people of color. Period. We support and are committed to efforts to ensure that our profession is part of the solution that finally dismantles systemic racial injustice and violence -- the legacy of one of the United States’ original sins, slavery.

The fact is mere words are insufficient salve to bind the wounds created by centuries of brutality and injustice. No single statement can adequately address the United States of America’s 400-year legacy of enslavement and violent marginalization of black, indigenous, and other people of color. It is also a fact that what you say is what you do. In that regard, AIA’s words and actions have failed to live up to our highest ideals and values. AIA understands the disappointment of our past inaction and inadequate attention to the issue of systemic racial injustice. We were wrong not to address and work to correct the built world’s role in perpetuating systemic racial injustice, including the use of slave and forced labor, designing housing that marginalized communities of color, helping to design communities that excluded people of color, and participating in municipal projects that destroyed or weakened thriving African American, Hispanic, and Native American communities.

More than half a century has passed since Dr. Whitney M. Young, Jr. observed that “Decent people have to learn to speak up, and you shouldn’t have to be the victim to feel for other people.” We can’t change the past, but we can, and do, promise to harness the passion of our members and the broader design community to help lead efforts to dismantle the system of racial injustice that continues to end far too many lives and dim far too many futures.

AIA’s promise from this day forward is to hold close the anger, anguish, but above all, compassion we’ve heard from our members demanding that AIA speak out more clearly and urgently on racially motivated acts of violence and police brutality.

Read more >

AIA Releases New Contract Documents to Aid Businesses with Sustainability Goals

AIA has released new and updated AIA contract documents that support businesses with reaching their sustainability goals and programming.

With the AIA’s focus on environmental stewardship, the new and updated AIA Sustainable Project documents provide a roadmap to integrate sustainability into design and construction projects, as well as ensure less confusion when green project discussions begin.

A list of the full suite of AIA sustainable documents, including the new documents:

- **A141-2014** Exhibit C, Design-Build Sustainable Projects Exhibit
- **New! C204-2020**, Sustainability Consultant’s Scope of Services
  - The new document introduces a sustainability consultant, who can be an architect or non-architect, and streamlines the process for identifying, developing, and assigning responsibility for a project’s sustainable design and construction elements.
- **Updated! D503–2020**, Guide for Sustainable Projects
  - This popular guide has been updated to address current topics, such as materials transparency; resilience; environmental product labels and certification systems; and jurisdictional requirements relevant to sustainable projects.
- **E234-2019**, Sustainable Projects Exhibit, Construction Manager as Constructor Edition
- **E235–2019**, Sustainable Projects Exhibit, Construction Manager as Adviser Edition
- **E204-2017**, Sustainable Projects Exhibit

In addition to releasing C204 and D503, AIA will also publish a revised **B202™-2020**, Standard Form of Architect’s Services: Programming. This document incorporates terminology from the 2017 Owner-Architect Agreements and attaches to the **B102™-2017** Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Architect without a Predefined Scope of Architect’s Services. Of the many updates made, the revised B202 now defines programming and more clearly describes the steps by which an architect will administer this service.

AIA documents can be purchased with an unlimited-use annual license or as a single, customizable
Call for Nominations:
2021-22 At-large Representative to AIA Strategic Council
Deadline – June 19, 5:00 PM EDT

The Council Best Practices Committee invites candidates for the position of 2021-2022 At-large Representative. Each year, the AIA Strategic Council has the opportunity to elect as many as five At-large Representatives to the Council to serve two-year terms.

The intent of these At-Large positions is to bring diverse viewpoints to the Council that might not be otherwise represented. This includes people from allied professions, futurists, educators and other professionals that would not typically become members of the Council through the standard regional election process.

Please review the Call for Nominations and contact Pam Day, Hon. AIA if you have any questions.

Report on the Study of AIA Regions

AIA has been evaluating its regional structure and considering changes to improve its effectiveness. Our Middle Atlantic regional representatives explain the history and status of this effort:

At the AIA Conference ’18 in New York, members passed Resolution 18-7 A Study of AIA Regions, calling for information on the variety, operation and composition of the different regions in the AIA, a review of the relationship between the Strategic Council and Regions, identification of best practices among the regions, and proposals for a regional structure that positions the AIA for the future.

Out of that resolution, a 13-member task force was appointed to study the regions. The task force’s membership comprised a diverse group of AIA members from across the country, representing a variety of region types and types of individual membership within the AIA. The task force spent approximately a year and a half reviewing the way regions worked and identifying common successful attributes and challenges across regions.

After a great deal of effort, two distinct future paths were proposed: 1) renovating the current regional structure to create more multi-state regions and 2) eliminating multi-state regions in favor of single-state regions.

These options, and the strengths and weaknesses of each, were presented to the AIA’s Board of Directors at its April 2020 meeting.

After weighing both options, the Board selected the single-state approach. Now, a new task force will be constituted to work out the details and implementation. The Board’s proposed direction will require revisions to the AIA’s bylaws that will need to be approved by two thirds of the membership, likely at the 2021 Conference in Philadelphia. The impacts of this decision and any plans for transitioning to a new regional model have not yet been identified and will be communicated to the membership as the plan evolves and comes into focus.

Please feel free to contact your Regional Representatives to the Strategic Council with your observations and/or questions.

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Delaware is in Phase 2

Governor Carney on Delaware’s Economic Reopening:

“We’re all ready to get our economy going again, and to spend more time with our friends and loved ones. Since Day 1 of this crisis, Delaware’s response to COVID-19 has been driven by the science. We can’t have a healthy, functioning economy again until our communities are healthy. There is good news. Delawareans have worked together, stayed home, and saved lives. Your actions have driven down cases and hospitalizations statewide. That will help us reopen Delaware’s economy safely in the coming weeks – while protecting the most vulnerable Delawareans.

“As we move through this rolling reopening, we have to stay vigilant. We have to keep our distance from one another. Wear face coverings in public places. This is an unusual time, for sure. But these basic precautions will help us limit the spread of COVID-19 and protect Delawareans.”

Read Phase 1 Guidance – Beginning June 1, 2020 (updated 6/6/20)
Read Phase 2 Guidance – Beginning June 15, 2020 (updated 6/14/20)

Delaware Building Energy Codes Receive Update

An update to the state’s building energy codes that took effect this month will help reduce long-term costs to consumers while also decreasing greenhouse gas emissions in Delaware.


- The code requires that a permanent certificate be posted on or in the electric panel.

- All projects may utilize the new energy codes at any time after the date of promulgation (June 11, 2020), provided such choice is stated on the construction documents.

- Until December 11, 2020 Delawareans can choose between the new codes (2018 IECC and ASHRAE 90.1 2016) or previous code (Delaware specific version of 2012 IECC and ASHRAE 90.1 2010).

- All projects must meet the requirements of the new energy codes (2018 IECC and ASHRAE 90.1 2016) six months after date of promulgation (December 11, 2020).

Visit DNREC’s Building Energy Codes webpage for more information.

Events and Programs

Live Course: The Economic Impact of COVID-19 on the Construction Industry and Architecture Firms: June 2020 Update

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to great uncertainty at architecture firms. In this series, AIA Chief Economist Kermit Baker walks you through the latest developments and economic data and discusses the impact it is having on firms, and how they are responding so far. Time will be allotted for questions and discussion.

Learning Objective
- Enhance your understanding of current rapidly-changing economic conditions, and what they mean for your practice.
Policy & Design: The Role of Architecture in Strengthening Communities

Associated with Housing and Community Development

This course will discuss measures and actions design professionals should consider and adapt in their practices, from project design features to public policy considerations, in order to strengthen and improve communities.

Learning Objectives

1. Make small design considerations for energy efficiency and sustainability for the betterment of the communities the project(s) serves.
2. Consider their project design on a macro level for a positive impact shift on urban planning to promote the emotional and social health of the community from a holistic approach.
3. Use their design skills and knowledge for alternative and supplemental professions that improve communities.
4. Influence positive change in a community as well as the profession of architecture through activism and lobbying.

SPEAKER: Sabrian Herell, Practicing Attorney, Architectural Consultant, Project Manager, Author

WHEN: July 13, 2020 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM (ET). Register Now

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WATCH: So You Obtained the PPP Loan - What Now?

Courtesy of AIA Baltimore

So You Obtained the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan: What Now? (presented June 3rd by KatzAnosh)

If your architectural or engineering firm has received approval for a loan from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), congratulations on obtaining aid to help get your business and your employees through the shutdown measures needed to stop the spread of COVID-19. However, the loan needs to be used carefully.

Experts at the Maryland accounting firm of Katz Abosch shared best strategies for:

- Documenting procedures and reasons for using the funding
- When you should apply for the loan forgiveness opportunity
- Completing the loan forgiveness application and calculations requested

WATCH NOW (Note: Also review the program changes since this webinar was presented.)

UPDATE

On June 3, Congress passed substantive reforms to the Paycheck Protection Program for the first time. This article by AIA's advocacy team shares all the details you need regarding extensions, deferrals, and requirements.

More on this topic >
Green Building United Offers Continuing Education Webinars


Our region includes the Greater Philadelphia area, Lehigh Valley, and State of Delaware. Green Building United promotes the development of buildings that are sustainable, healthy for inhabitants, resilient, and cost effective. Through education, advocacy, and strategic initiatives Green Building United informs and engages individuals and organizations to transform the way buildings and communities are designed, built, and operated.

Check out our CE Library and learn about green building and sustainability concepts at your convenience with webinars like these:

- Water Water Everywhere: Planning for resilience in our region
- WELL and Lighting Considerations: Commercial lighting controls
- Spaghetti Carbon-Era: Disentangling operational and embodied carbon
- The High-Performance Affordable Housing Design MANUAL
- And more

Webinar Cost (each): Pro/Leadership Member: FREE; Member: $10; Non-member: $25

Scholarships and Challenges

Jason Pettigrew Memorial ARE Scholarship

The Jason Pettigrew Memorial ARE Scholarship recognizes the significant contributions of emerging professionals at early stages in their careers and helps defray the costs associated with the Architect Registration Examination (ARE). Developed by the AIA National Associates Committee, the scholarship honors the memory of late friend and colleague, Jason Pettigrew.

Scholarship recipients will receive funds to cover the cost of the ARE, as well as study materials and access to ArchiPrep.

Deadline is August 14, 2020.

Learn more...

Employment

Local Career Opportunities

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- Tevebaugh Architecture
- more...

AIA Career Center

A National Job Board

- Build Your Team
- Find the Next Step in Your Career
- Visit the AIA Career Center

For Members
Your Passion, Our Purpose

An AIA membership connects you to 95,000 professionals who share your passion for architecture.

AIA is a vibrant community of architecture and industry professionals that are transforming the profession. Members enjoy access to industry-best benefits, products and services that support practice and professional development.

Find out which membership type is the right one for you and understand how you will benefit from being a member of AIA.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

- Akiel E. Allen, Associate AIA
- Zai A. Cook, Associate AIA

Associate AIA Members Can Earn AXP Hours for Free

If you are a licensure candidate who has recently graduated (within the past 18 months) looking for ways to earn AXP hours, consider becoming an AIA Associate-New Graduate member for FREE.

- Graduates of accredited schools of architecture may receive complimentary membership with the AIA at the Associate level for up to 18 months after graduation. Non-NAAB degree holders or individuals enrolled in an AXP Program Working under an Architect's Supervision may also be eligible for Up to 18 months complimentary membership.

Then, as an AIA Associate member, or if you are already an AIA Associate member, you can earn AXP hours online via Emerge by AIAU for FREE.

- Emerge by AIAU, a new course series, provides emerging professionals on the path to licensure with online video-based education courses, supplying knowledge that is not always available at firms. Emerge by AIAU offers HSW courses on a number of topics including economics, ethics, and sustainability.

Visit NCARB’s website for an overview of the AXP and program guidelines or contact them to ask specific questions about the AXP and how to start an NCARB record.

After you establish your NCARB record, use your AIA transcript to track your AXP experience hours.

Many Test Centers Are Reopening

As of June 1, Prometric has been able to resume testing at locations where local and state mandates allow. You can view Prometric's current site openings on their website. Prometric will update this list daily as government restrictions continue to evolve.

ARE Candidates Now Classified as Essential Testers

In April, Prometric interpreted the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) guidelines and designated ARE candidates as non-essential testers. NCARB has been advocating with Prometric to explain why ARE candidates should be designated as essential within the CISA guidelines. NCARB’s efforts proved successful just yesterday, and ARE candidates have now been acknowledged as essential testers in the Prometric test center network.

Prometric is in the process of updating their scheduler. Starting Tuesday, June 9, 2020, you will be able to schedule an appointment at any open test center offering “All Programs” or “Essential Only” services.

Cancellation Refunds

We recognize that COVID-19 disruption has led to some candidates having their exams canceled or rescheduled multiple times, due to ongoing test center closures or displacements. NCARB is
implementing a temporary refund policy that allows candidates who have had the same division appointment displaced two or more times the ability to cancel the appointment outright, and receive a refund of the original seat credit fee.

- If a candidate has already rescheduled the division displaced multiple times, the now current appointment will be canceled at their request and a refund issued.
- If a candidate has yet to reschedule the division displaced multiple times, the seat credit applied to their account to facilitate rescheduling will be removed and a refund issued.

Candidates can request refunds by contacting NCARB customer service and identifying the ARE division they would like canceled. Upon verification of the refund request, candidates should expect the refund within seven days. Visit NCARB and Prometric websites for more information.

**News from Our Members**

**Hospital Transforms into a Healthcare Village**

Nationwide Healthcare Services is bringing an innovative healthcare approach to Delaware by developing the state’s first Wellness Village.

In July 2019 Nationwide Healthcare Services purchased the former Milford Memorial Hospital from Bayhealth with the vision of creating a one-stop-shop for value-based community health. The 266,000 square foot, 80-year-old former hospital is being transformed into a comprehensive Wellness Village, anchored by Polaris Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center, a 150-bed skilled nursing facility and rehab center. Nationwide CEO Meir Gelley comments on the project, “We are partnering with Dynamis Advisors, the nation’s leading developer transforming these community assets into models that resonate with where healthcare is going – not where it has been.” Dynamis, based in Cleveland, Ohio has advised on over 85 such transformations in 20 states. Scott Keller, President of Dynamis said “The Covid-19 crisis is accelerating the need for the transformation of these assets”.

Traditional hospitals were designed in an era during a time when fee-for-service models flourished. In the new value-based world, Wellness Villages will become the norm. Rabbi Halberstam, Nationwide’s Chief Strategy Officer for Milford Wellness Village, commented: “Our goal is to improve health and reduce costs by co-locating primary and post-acute medical service providers with tenants that impact other aspects of a family’s holistic health, including education, child care, fitness, behavioral health, and chronic disease management.”

Nationwide Healthcare and Dynamis turned to the team at Becker Morgan Group to transform their vision into a reality. The team started with a series of kick-off meetings to understand Nationwide’s goals for the Wellness Village. Understanding the user experience was paramount throughout the design process, taking into consideration how the Milford community will use the transformed facility.

[Read full release from Becker Morgan Group >]

**Becker Morgan Group Grows Surveying Department**

Becker Morgan Group is pleased to announce the growth of the firm’s surveying department with the addition of two new team members: Andrew Mace and Matt Smith. Both Andrew and Matt will continue to expand Becker Morgan Group’s Surveying capabilities to better serve the firm’s clients and communities.
Andrew Mace is a graduate of Salisbury University (SU), where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies with a minor in Geography. During his time at SU, he was a member of the Varsity Baseball team and enjoyed volunteering with a variety of local organizations. Andrew has contributed to several projects since joining the firm, including the development of Walther Solar Farm in Harrington, DE and Whitehall Master Plan Development in New Castle County, DE.

Matt Smith joins the team with extensive agricultural management experience and a love for the outdoors. Since joining the firm, he has played a significant role in several large-scale projects, including Crockett Solar and Cherrywood Solar Farms in Talbot and Caroline Counties, respectively. In his spare time, he enjoys playing music and entertaining at a variety of local venues.

Becker Morgan Group’s Surveying department maintains licensure in Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia and offers full-service surveying deliverables that are enhanced through the use of state-of-the-art equipment and software. All fieldwork is performed using GPS, robotics, laser scanners, and drones before being processed into drawings. The result is detailed, accurate data that paves the way for successful and precise projects.

Becker Morgan Group provides comprehensive Architecture & Engineering services with offices in Delaware, Maryland, and North Carolina. For more information, visit www.beckermorgan.com.

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We will include it here as a benefit for membership. Email your release and images or questions to Nancy at director@aiadelaware.org.

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