Delaware architects advocate for equity, affordable housing, and design during AIA Lobby Day

AIA Delaware leaders Scott Edmonston, AIA and Bob Grove, AIA represented the chapter in a meeting with Senator Carper this month as part of the American Institute of Architects' (AIA's) 2022 Lobby Day to advance two pieces of federal legislation: Democracy In Design Act (H.R. 5291) and Yes In My Backyard (YIMBY) Act (H.R. 3198/S. 1614).

“It is critical the federal government does not impose architectural design styles,” said AIA 2022 President Dan Hart, FAIA. “We also recognize communities across the country need increased access to affordable housing. When the profession shares its deep knowledge and expertise of the built environment with policymakers, we can have a critical impact in shaping laws that will benefit everyone.”

AIA and its members are continuing to support the Democracy in Design Act to prevent future administrations and the federal government from mandating preferred design styles for federal buildings. The legislation would ensure that communities across the country maintain a voice in the design of federal buildings that is consistent with local preferences, topographies, and design traditions.

Additionally, the legislation would safeguard the Design Excellence Program, which guides the General Services Administration’s (GSA) process to acquire, design, and construct public buildings. By directing the GSA to undergo enhanced formal rulemaking processes—to include public comment—for any proposed changes to the Design Excellence Program, it will improve the program's transparency while still allowing it to evolve as needed.

Edmonston and Grove also met with lawmakers to support the YIMBY Act, which addresses systemic inequities that continue to afflict America’s housing and zoning policies. If passed, the YIMBY Act would require more transparency from communities that receive federal funding through the Community Development Block Grant. Ultimately, the legislation would promote inclusive zoning and increase affordable housing supply.

Learn more about AIA's advocacy efforts / get involved.

Justice in the Built Environment
AIA Guides for Equitable Practice supplementary edition

Beyond equity, diversity, and inclusion is a farther-reaching goal of justice: systems and processes that reverse long-standing injustices and that go beyond merely what is fair. In the creation of the built environment, justice can take the form of just processes (process that involve people who have experienced harm) and just outcomes (spaces that are safe, welcoming, and worthy of the beings who inhabit them).
This supplementary edition is intended to help designers convey the opportunities, benefits, and challenges of making justice a deliberate aim of the building process. It includes more hands-on interactive exercises, with worksheets and contextual timelines that can be used within project teams and with clients or partners.

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[Access additional topics found in the Guides for Equitable Practice >](#)

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**Advocacy**

**How Can Managed Retreat Be Done Equitably?**

Moving people and communities away from disaster-prone zones will be difficult even under the best circumstances. But it can be done in ways that don’t perpetuate racial and socioeconomic inequities.

In 2012, members of the Quinault Indian Nation in Taholah, Washington, finally decided to move their frequently-flooded seaside village to higher ground. Five years later, they had developed a master plan outlining a new town. Today, however, due to a lack of funding, only a single building has been constructed.

In Socastee, South Carolina, working-class residents whose homes are frequently inundated successfully banded together after their individual pleas for help to elected officials went nowhere. Now they’re waiting for FEMA to buy their homes—but whether they can afford to move anywhere in the area is an open question.

Around the country, a concept is increasingly being discussed as a response to the extreme weather and rising seas caused by climate change. Some call it managed retreat; others refer to it as climate migration or strategic relocation. Regardless of the phrase, it is the intentional movement of people, buildings, and infrastructure away from high-risk areas, a process that can be both complicated and sensitive. That includes relocation from coastal regions where the sea is encroaching, as well as from areas that have become increasingly less habitable due to heat, fires, mudslides, or riverine flooding.

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**Concrete, Steel, or Wood:**
**Searching for Zero-Net-Carbon Structural Materials**
Steel and concrete predominate the U.S. commercial building market for structural materials, while engineered wood—specifically mass timber—is garnering attention for its potential embodied carbon savings and sequestration ability.

To promote his designs for lightweight structures, Buckminster Fuller famously asked, "How much does your building weigh?" Today, as architects realize that both structural efficiency and carbon efficiency are necessary, the question has become, "How much carbon does your building embody?"

Many architects are pushing for the reduction or elimination of embodied carbon emissions, as is already happening with operational energy. Beginning in 2020, for example, global architecture and engineering firm HOK plans to conduct a life cycle assessment on the structures of all of its new whole-building projects, and to "look for opportunities to optimize our specifications," says Anica Landreneau, Assoc. AIA, director of sustainable design.

Indeed, the building structure and sub-structure are good places to hunt because, together, they constitute more than half of a commercial building's embodied carbon footprint. Moreover, architects and developers should look for opportunities to reuse and renew existing structures, so as not to waste the energy already expended (and carbon dioxide already emitted) to create them. Architecture 2030's Carbon Smart Materials Palette and the Embodied Carbon in Construction Calculator, or EC3, a tool developed by the Carbon Leadership Forum, C Change Labs, and Skanska, are great places to investigate the impact of material selection for both retrofit and new construction projects.

Programs and Events


Registration is open for our next two-part education series.

Don’t miss this in-depth review of common challenges and best practices for the lateral design of multi-story light-frame and mass timber structures.

Join WoodWorks senior technical directors and guest experts as they break down the technical nuances of lateral design in two sessions – all at no cost.

Part One – Common Challenges in Wood Lateral System Layouts

Presented by Terry Malone, PE, SE, Senior Technical Director – Mass Timber, WoodWorks
Topics we'll cover:
- Challenges that often occur when starting a schematic lateral layout of multi-story wood structures
- Keys to achieving a complete lateral load path for lateral force-resisting systems, and building design effects of combined lateral force-resisting systems
- The importance of diaphragm and shear wall relative stiffness issues and their impact on other features within low- and mid-rise commercial and multi-family buildings

Credits: Attendees can earn 1.5 AIA/CES HSW LUs, 1.5 PDH credits or 0.15 ICC credits

Tuesday, May 3rd | 1:00 pm – 2:20 pm EST | Register Now

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Part Two – Lateral Design for Mass Timber Structures: How to Do It, How It’s Been Done
Presented by: Scott Breneman, PhD, PE, SE, Senior Technical Director, WoodWorks; Lauren Piepho, Senior Associate, HGA; Tony Staeger, Structural Engineer, HGA; and Eric Ober, Associate Principal, Simpson Gumpertz & Heger

Topics we'll cover:
- Challenges that can arise when designing CLT systems for lateral load resistance while meeting the intent of the International Building Code and its referenced standards
- Common panel-to-panel detailing options for CLT diaphragms and shear walls, and the impact of detailing on relative strength, stiffness, cost, and constructability
- The new design approach for CLT diaphragms and shear walls standardized in AWC's 2021 Special Design Provisions for Wind and Seismic
- Detailing challenges and solutions for chord and collector conditions in CLT diaphragms

Credits: Attendees can earn 1.5 AIA/CES HSW LUs, 1.5 PDH credits or 0.15 ICC credits

Thursday, May 5th | 1:00 pm – 2:20 pm EST | Register Now

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DE NAHRO Annual Conference
ARPA: New Investments in Housing & Community Development

Delaware is receiving over $1.2 billion in funding through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). This infusion provides Delaware with the opportunity to address ongoing systemic needs and issues. This includes affordable housing production and preservation to expand housing supply and emergency rental assistance and housing stability services to help keep people safely housed. The federal House America challenge channels some of these resources to assist those with the greatest need for housing assistance.

Join us on May 5 to learn about federal priorities for stimulating housing and community development investments through ARPA funding and the House America challenge, State priorities and processes for
utilizing these funds, and local actions underway to use ARPA funds to make a difference in the lives of Delawareans.

The free virtual conference will open with Guest Speakers

- Matthew Heckles, Region III Administrator for the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development
- AJ Schall, Director of the Delaware Emergency Management Agency

In addition, a panel of experts from local jurisdictions and the private sector will discuss ways ARPA funds will be used in their jurisdictions. See the Conference Agenda below.

**Date:** Thursday, May 5, 2022  
**Time:** 9:00 AM to 11:45 AM ET  
**Agenda:** [https://denahro.org/events/2022-de-nahro-annual-conference-may-5](https://denahro.org/events/2022-de-nahro-annual-conference-may-5)  
**Location:** Virtual via Zoom  
**Cost:** Free

Registration: Required, in advance. Click on the link below or copy & paste to your browser. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_M73NlaZMRy2BM0TbQL1Af](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_M73NlaZMRy2BM0TbQL1Af)

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**AIA Delaware forms Disaster Assistance Committee**  
**Offers SAP Training in partnership with AIA VA and AIA MD**

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**SAP Training**

This full day, all-hazards, training course will teach participants to conduct rapid damage assessments of structures affected by earthquakes, wind, and water and includes the SAP Building Evaluator Manual.

**Target Audience**

All building industry professionals are welcome to attend. In addition, certain licensed practitioners will be eligible to perform post-disaster assessments after successfully completing this SAP training as certified Building Evaluators:

- Licensed architects
- Registered civil, structural or geotechnical engineers
- Certified building inspectors

**General Information**

**Date:** Friday, May 6, 2022  
**Time:** 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM ET  
**Location:** Virtual Training via Zoom  
**Fee:** $105 AIA Members | $180 Non-Members  
**Credits:** 6.5 AIA LU/HSW

**Certification Process**

After successfully completing the AIA SAP training, eligible individuals will earn a California-issued registration ID card. This nationally recognized certification is often required training for volunteer building safety evaluators nationwide.

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**AIA Disaster Assistance Program**

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) Disaster Assistance Program equips architects with the knowledge and skills to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from a disaster. As a result, architects' disaster response processes, protocol, and training are aligned with federal frameworks.

**Safety Assessment Program (SAP)**

The AIA has adopted and adapted California’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Safety Assessment Program (SAP) as the official AIA all-hazards post-disaster training.

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**AIA Delaware Disaster Assistance Committee**

AIA Delaware's Disaster Assistance Committee will help steer the activities of the chapter and its members as part of the national AIA Disaster Assistance Program.

Download info sheet (PDF).  
SAP Training flyer (PDF).

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**AIA Conference on Architecture 2022**
June 22 - 25, Chicago

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The architecture and design event of the year returns to Chicago. With the city as our backdrop, we'll explore architecture's ability to drive new thinking in one of the most design-forward, sustainable cities in the U.S.

Welcome back.

Keynotes, Speakers, Instructors & More
A’22 has a speaker lineup you won't find anywhere else! Some of the biggest names in architecture, design, and beyond are leading keynotes, seminars, and more.

The designed world is getting more complex. This conference delivers the path forward. Hear from some of the biggest names in architecture, design, and beyond who are shaping the future.

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Small Firm Exchange (SFx)

SFx 2022: Advocate, share, and inform
Letter from Bruce Fallon, AIA, 2022 SFx Chair

It’s just been a few weeks since we returned from the 2022 Small Firm Exchange (SFx) Annual Board Meeting held in San Diego, California and I couldn’t be more excited about the future and the work of the SFx board for this year.

During our meetings, the members of the AIA SFx Board met to discuss the needs and issues that affect small architectural firms. In some ways, we left with more questions than answers, but in many ways the trajectory of the AIA Small Firm Exchange is exploding for the new year. As we move forward, our focus is on the mission of the SFx to Advocate, Inform and Share for the growth and benefit of all small firms.

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The small firm guide to A’22
By the SFx Conference Workgroup

A’22 has small firm events and educational opportunities for you and your staff. See the full list of curated activities and register by April 13 to save.

- Register >
- View the guide >

AIA Trust: Small Firm Claims Study
The latest Small Firm Claims Study indicates that most claims made against small firms derive from either delays and extras or property damage and offers case study examples—with tips on how to avoid these claims. (The latest data is from 2019 due to a lag in having claims resolved before reporting.)

- Download the study

AIA KnowledgeNet: Discussions on Practice
See member discussions on issues of interest to small firms including:

- Cloud Based Data Storage vs. Traditional Server;
- Online Client Payment Options and
- Firm Hiring

Connect with SFx
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Emerging Professional News

AIA Young Architects Forum (YAF)
Connection 19.04 - Practice Innovation

President’s message
Over the past four years, the AIA Young Architects Forum has worked to address some of the most challenging issues of our time under the lens of practice innovation. In a rapidly changing world, economy, industry, and social order young architects and professionals are continuously learning how to be nimble and lead the charge in designing strategies of how we work, design, and think.
In 2021 the Practice Innovation Lab toolkit was developed to explore how to leverage the architect’s skills to improve on how things are done, and to ideate disruptive concepts, processes, and products through interactive workshops. In this issue of Connection, Ashley Thornberry showcases how AIA Kentucky/ AIA Indiana took advantage of developing their own practice innovation lab during the ongoing pandemic.

Continue reading ... AIA YAF Connection (magazine) 19.04 - Practice Innovation

YAF Connection Editorial committee call
Q1 2022: Call for submissions on the topic of climate action. Connection’s editorial committee welcomes the submission of articles, projects, photography, and other design content. Submitted content is subject to editorial review and selected for publication in e-magazine format based on relevance to the theme of a particular issue.

2022 Editorial Committee: Call for volunteers, contributing writers, interviewers and design critics. Connection’s editorial committee is currently seeking architects interested in building their writing portfolio by working with our editorial team to pursue targeted article topics and interviews that will be shared amongst Connection’s largely circulated e-magazine format. Responsibilities include contributing one or more articles per publication cycles (3–4 per year).

If you are interested in building your resume and contributing to Connection please contact the editor in chief at: mailto:aia.beresford.pratt@gmail.com.

AIA National Associates Committee (NAC)

The AIA National Associates Committee (NAC) is dedicated to serving Associate members of the AIA in the advancement of their careers and aspires to be the catalyst for progress within the Institute and the profession.

AIA 2022 Associates Awards
AIA has selected three recipients for the AIA Associates Award, which is given to individual Associate AIA members to recognize outstanding leaders and creative thinkers for significant contributions to their communities and the architecture profession. This year’s recipients are:

- Emily McGee (McGowan), Assoc. AIA
- Julian T. Owens, Assoc. AIA
- Jennifer Peeler Truman, Assoc. AIA

What Else Has Been Happening?
Check out latest issue of NAC Newsbites from the National Associates Committee to see what’s going on with Emerging Professionals across the Institute.

EMILY MCGEE (MCGOWAN), ASSOC. AIA, AND OTHERS, DISCUSS ZANMI LASANTE O.R. SUITE RENOVATIONS DURING A DESIGN CHARETTE IN CANGE, HAITI (Photo: Autumn Wines)
NCARB ARE Update
7 Things You Need to Know About the Migration to PSI

This June, the delivery of the Architect Registration Examination (ARE) will move from Prometric to PSI. We just released a blog post detailing everything you need to know as we get closer to the launch date with PSI.

Read the blog...

Looking for the short version? Here are the key takeaways:

1. **The exam’s content, structure, navigation, and tools are not changing** as part of the PSI migration.
2. **June 14 is the first day exam appointments will be available with PSI**, but you'll be able to migrate your exam eligibilities to PSI and start scheduling appointments later this spring (late April/early May).
3. **May 31, 2022, is the last day to test with Prometric.** You can continue scheduling, rescheduling, and testing with Prometric through May 31.
4. Because PSI and Prometric operate through two separate appointment systems, we can't cancel your Prometric appointments, offer refunds for existing Prometric appointments, or move a Prometric appointment to PSI’s system.
5. **If you’re trying to find your nearest PSI test center, please use the list on our website**, rather than Google or PSI’s website.
6. **Get ready for a better exam experience**, with benefits like dedicated online proctors who will be familiar with the ARE policies and procedures, more flexible and less expensive exam rescheduling, detailed feedback on failing score reports, and more physical test center locations.
7. **Unused, unexpired exam seats (or “seat credits”) in your Record won’t expire as part of the migration**—you will be able to use those credits to schedule PSI appointments after the migration.

NCARB Live
Miss our recent NCARB Live about the migration to PSI? A recording of the webinar is now available on our [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com). Watch it to hear our panelists answer candidates' questions about the upcoming change in exam delivery vendors.

News from our Members

**Becker Morgan Group Grows Leadership Team**

*Promotions Span Across Delaware, Maryland, and North Carolina*

Becker Morgan Group is excited to announce additions to its leadership team, welcoming two new Senior Associates and four new Associates. The promotions span across the firm’s Delaware, Maryland, and North Carolina Offices.

**Chad Carter, RLA, ASLA**, was promoted to Senior Associate. He joined the firm in 2017 and has since grown the firm’s offering of services to include Landscape Architecture as well as Land Planning. Chad takes a holistic approach to Landscape Architecture and Land Planning, working hand in hand with the firm’s civil engineers and architects to create a cohesive project for each client.

**Katie Wear, SHRM-CP**, was promoted to Senior Associate. As the firm’s HR Manager, she has streamlined processes and put an emphasis on employee well-being. Katie engages in several strategic initiatives within the firm and supports the foundation for continued growth.

**David Botscheller, AIA**, was promoted to Associate after earning his licensure in 2021. Since joining the firm he has developed substantial expertise within the hospitality practice area, serving as project manager and project architect on multiple high-profile projects. Dave is currently the project manager for the Margaritaville Hotel project in Ocean City, MD.

**Brian Cusick, Associate AIA** was promoted to Associate, having been with the firm since 2002. As an integral member of the Dover architectural studio, Brian’s experience is exceptionally varied, working on
healthcare, public safety, commercial and residential projects. He is particularly familiar with the Delaware marketplace and uses his broad experience in service to the community.

**Ted Hastings** has been a member of the Becker Morgan Group civil team since 2015 and was promoted to Associate. Ted is a project manager with experience ranging from residential to commercial development and including a significant portfolio of solar development throughout the shore and has played a large role in the firm’s growth in this market sector.

**Brice Reid, AIA,** has been with the firm since 2015 and was promoted to Associate after earning his professional licensure in 2021. Brice recently relocated to the Wilmington, NC studio after several years in Salisbury, MD. Brice brings mindfulness and a client-centered approach to each project. He has developed a specialty in healthcare and single-family residential design, balancing his creative and technical acumen to bring the best results to each client.

**About Becker Morgan Group**

Established in 1983, Becker Morgan Group is a leader in architecture, engineering, surveying, land planning, and interior design in the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast regions of the United States. The full-service design firm delivers award-winning work in education, healthcare, public safety, hospitality, commercial, government, residential, and land development. Learn more at [www.beckermorgan.com](http://www.beckermorgan.com).

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**Spiezle Architectural Group Refreshes Brand to Align with Continued Growth; Launches New Website**

Spiezle Architectural Group, Inc., an employee-owned, award-winning, full-service architectural, interior design, landscape architecture, and planning firm, is pleased to announce the launch of its updated brand and newly designed website. Catalyzed by new service offerings and recent acquisitions, Spiezle undertook the rebranding and website redesign to reflect the firm's growth and values. The new company tagline is People. Passion. Purpose. The firm celebrates its employee-owners whose passion makes a positive impact in the lives of the firm’s clients, the spaces they inhabit, and the world around us. The logo is a representation of those individuals, and Spiezle, stepping into the future.

“We are excited and proud to debut our new brand and company website to our clients, partners, and employee-owners,” said Thomas S. Perrino, President, and CEO of the firm. “The brand is a modern interpretation of who we are today and the inclusiveness, innovation, and forward progress we continue to promote. We are excited to share our new brand, along with our new website that highlights our talented staff, service offerings, and design portfolio.”
The website's update showcases projects from all aspects of Spiezle's portfolio, highlighting expertise in education, senior living, healthcare, corporate/commercial, government, hospitality, landscape architecture, electrical engineering, urban planning, interior design, furniture procurement, and multi-family residential projects. Additionally, Spiezle's Our Team section of the website highlights the firm's thought leadership across all offices and markets.

“Our goal was to create an engaging brand that represented our company culture and positions us for the next step forward in our growth,” said Jaime Sliker, Creative Marketing Director with the firm. “We love design, and we love what we do. Our new brand and website convey our design excellence, our openness, and our personality.”

**About Spiezle Architectural Group**
Spiezle Architectural Group is an award-winning, full-service architectural and planning firm. Founded in 1954, the firm is known for innovative design, financially responsible solutions, and personalized service. Spiezle serves academic, senior living, acute healthcare, corporate/commercial, government, hospitality, landscape architecture, electrical engineering, urban planning, multi-family, enhanced construction administration, recreational and religious clients. Spiezle is listed in the Top 100 Green Design Firms by Engineering News-Record and the Top 300 U.S. Architecture Firms by Architectural Record. Learn more at www.spiezle.com.

**News from our Partners**

**The Original Cool deck! TimberTech AZEK!**

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**Vintage Collection™**
Explore the “Designer Series” of decking that’s engineered for those looking for unrivaled style and performance — and features a complex blend of multi-color highlights and lowlows as well as an elegant wire-brushed, low-gloss finish.

- Six colors to choose: Mahogany, Coastline, Weathered Teak, Dark Hickory and English Walnut.
- All colors available in narrow, standard, and wide widths
- Vintage MAX is a 1.5” thick board, that can be installed 24” on center. Available in Coastline.

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Discover the refined charm of a cathedral wood grain complemented by a cross-cut finish in three unique, bold colors boasting a dramatic, cascading visual.

- Three Colors to choose: Castle Gate, French White Oak and American Walnut.
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**Harvest Collection™**
Tie in traditional, cathedral wood grain patterns and a soft, solid color palette when using boards from this dynamic TimberTech® AZEK® collection.

- Three colors to choose: Slate Gray, Brownstone and Kona
- Brownstone and Slate Gray available in wide widths
• Harvest MAX is a 1.5” thick board, that can be installed 24” on center. Available in Slate Gray.

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Crank up the porch appeal outside your own front door. New wide width porch boards offer design versatility and unrivaled performance. Tongue-and-groove installation allow for smaller gaps between boards. Tap into the timeless beauty of a well-thought-out porch without sacrificing modern convenience of technologically advanced materials that will last for decades to come.
- 6 Beautiful colors in a standard width of 3.125”, many same as some decking options: Slate Gray, Oyster, Coastline, Weathered Teak, Dark Hickory and Mahogany
- Coastline, Weathered Teak, Dark Hickory & Mahogany also offered in a wide width board @ 5.5”.

**Sustainable Outdoor Living Space**
At TimberTech, we are sustainable to the core – literally. Our capped composite decking boards use up to 80% recycled material, while our capped polymer boards use up to 54% recycled PVC – with most materials falling into the hard-to-recycle category. In 2021, we diverted roughly 500 million pounds of waste and scrap from ending up in landfills. And, thanks to homeowners choosing our boards over wood, we have saved more than 1 million trees since 2015. Some folks call it sustainability. We call it doing the right thing.

**For more information, please contact me!**
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**News from our Allied Members**

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- **JUS Doors** – Aircraft Hangar, Industrial, High Performance, And Bespoke Industrial Folding And Sliding Doors.
- **Koala Kare Products** – Baby Changing Stations and Child Protection Seats
- **PRIVADA** – European Style Plastic Laminate Toilet Partitions
- **Potter Roemer** – Fire Protection Equipment
- **Reese Enterprises** – Weather-strips, Thresholds, Door Bottoms, and Mats and Grates
- **Serenity Sliding Door Systems** – Sliding Barn Doors for Office Interior, Hospitality, And Healthcare Applications
- **Spectrum** – Phenolic Lockers
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Bob MacIntosh Honored with 2022 Dragon Exemplar Award

Drexel University’s Construction Management Program celebrated 2022 Dragon Exemplar Award Honoree Bob MacIntosh, President of DCI+MacIntosh Engineers.

This award honors a member of the greater Philadelphia construction community. It is a celebration of construction excellence, innovation and education, with a focus on inspiring the next generation of construction leaders. MacIntosh earned his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Engineering from Drexel University in 1980 and 1985, respectively. Bob has been leading a 27-person structural engineering firm for 23 years with offices in Wilmington, Delaware and Wayne, Pennsylvania.

He established an impressive network of clientele and professional partnerships; and mentored a new generation of engineers in Delaware and Pennsylvania. Clients throughout the region depend on his engineering insight for structural system selection and technical assessment, which brought opportunities to design built-environments for healthcare, commercial, mixed-use, K-12, higher education, municipal, historic, residential and hospitality projects throughout the Northeast and Midwest.

About DCI Engineers
DCI Engineers is a nationally accredited and recognized civil and structural engineering firm (DCI+MacINTOSH is part of DCI Engineers). Founded in 1988, DCI Engineers employs more than 350
Karins and Associates Welcomes New Team Member

Karins and Associates, a leading engineering and surveying firm headquartered in Newark, DE, welcomes Tom Orisich, PLS. Tom is a very experienced land surveyor and has served on the Maryland Board of Professional Land Surveyors for over 20 years. Mr. Orisich is licensed in eight states and is active in the local and professional communities. We are excited to welcome him at our Georgetown, Delaware office.

Join Our Team

We are always looking for experienced engineering and surveying professionals who are passionate about their work and their communities. Our projects are as diverse as our clients, and we want to see that same diversity reflected in our teams. Apply today!

We are hiring for the following positions across all locations.

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Karins and Associates is an engineering, planning and surveying consulting firm with offices in Newark and Georgetown, DE, Bryn Mawr and Exton, PA and Forest Hill, MD. Karins and Associates offers services including subdivision/land development, surveying and 3D laser scanning, stormwater management/water resources, utility planning and engineering, transportation, certified construction review, and construction permitting.

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Tighe & Cottrell, P.A. is a mid-Atlantic regional law firm serving the Design Community. Our main office is centrally located in Wilmington, Delaware, with branch offices in Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Woodstown, New Jersey. We aim to provide all legal services that a Design Professional firm may require.

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We seek to service all legal needs of the A/E. Firm counsel who assist Design Professionals in our firm are partners Paul Cottrell, Patrick McGrory, and Melissa Rhoads.

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Wohlsen Construction Apprentice Wins Bronze Medal at National Craft Championship

Mike Harker of Wohlsen Construction received the Bronze Medal for Carpentry at the 2022 National Craft Championships at Associated Builders and Contractors Convention 2022. The 33rd annual competition showcased the skills and expertise of more than 175 of the nation’s top-performing craft professionals.

After winning the Gold Medal for Carpentry at the local level at the Keystone Chapter of ABC’s Craft Competition, Harker qualified for the national competition. Craft trainees competed in the two-part National Craft Championship. The first part consisted of an extensive written exam, and in the second part, contestants participated in a daylong, hands-on performance test.

The NCC featured the nation’s best carpenters, electricians, pipefitters, plumbers, welders, and other construction craft professionals vying for top honors in 15 competitions with skills on display across 12 crafts. NCC also featured a team competition with journey-level craft professionals from different crafts working to complete a joint project. The competition included a two-hour online exam and a six-hour practical performance test.

ABC’s NCC recognizes the men and women who are building America and highlights the career opportunities that construction can provide, whether to a graduating high school student seeking an alternative to college, a veteran exploring their next chapter after completing military service or an individual rejoining the workforce or seeking a career change. “ABC’s premier skilled trades contest recognizes the men and women who are the future of the construction industry,” said 2022 National Chair of the ABC Board of Directors Stephanie Schmidt, president, Poole Anderson Construction, State College, Pennsylvania. “These competitors not only build America, but also highlight the diverse career opportunities in construction.”

View the list of winners of the 2022 National Craft Championships.

Milwaukee Tool, an industry-leading manufacturer of heavy-duty power tools, accessories and hand tools, has been the official tool sponsor of NCC since 2019. The company provides tools, safety equipment and prizes for NCC competitors.

Wohlsen Construction Company, founded in 1890, provides construction management, general contracting, and design/build services to clients throughout the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast Regions. As a leading merit-shop firm, Wohlsen provides construction services in the senior living, education, healthcare, and commercial markets, and maintains offices in Wilmington, DE; Lancaster, Harrisburg, and Berwyn, PA; Parsippany, NJ; Baltimore, MD; Hamden, CT; and Vienna, VA.

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