Pending **New Jersey Legislation** and how it affects the way we do business.
A great deal has happened since the last publication of the Leagueline.

In early March, we had a special joint meeting with the Bergen Passaic Municipal Inspectors Association. The event, which was held at Seasons in Washington Township, was filled to capacity. Following a fine buffet dinner, a panel of architects and inspectors fielded questions posed by the audience. As one of the electrical sponsors said, “An event like this provides a great conduit for understanding between us.” What more can I say?

On March 17, the League held a St. Patrick’s Day party at the Radisson in Egg Harbor. Live music by Chris, featuring bassist Larry Polia, AIA, filled the air during the cocktail hour and after the program. Corned beef and cabbage wine, of course, main course. The program, given by Mindy Ross, was on ways to operate your firm more profitably.

In April, we met at Newark Airport for a tour of the relocated and restored Building One, followed by dinner at the Iberian Peninsula in the Ironbound section of Newark. The building was beautifully restored and expanded upon, and now holds the administrative offices of the airport.

In May, our annual Trade Show was held at the Meadowlands Marriott. The attendance and traffic were greater than I have seen in the recent past. The evening seminars were a great benefit to both the firm architect and the firm principal who finds the days too busy to spend an afternoon away from the office.

In May, the annual AIA Convention was held in Las Vegas. However, since what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas, I have nothing further to report.

Seemingly, it was a fantastic event. The various seminar topics could appear to be at every level of the profession and with every type of building and technology. The exposition hall featured a tremendous number of products, services and vendors. However, with more than 20,000 people registered, there was much less of the “confrontation of architecture” feeling that I had experienced at the past two conventions.

The featured speaker was Santiago Calatrava, AIA, 2005 Gold Medal winner. His talk, which was complemented by photographs, as well as live drawn sketches and computer renderings, was riveting.

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**Public Health, Safety and Welfare**

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No. 36-1750-1. This bill would establish a reporting mechanism to improve the access of govern- ing bodies and other appropriating entities to information about developers with a history of defaulting on performance and maintenance bonds. The bill would also authorize a municipality to deny additional site plan approval if a developer has been reported to have defaulted on performance and maintenance bonds. The bill would also authorize the re-assignment of any such developer to document the municipality may require to assure the developer will be completed in accordance with the conditions of approval.

Although the sponsor recognizes that most developers are responsible actors who contribute enormously to the communities within which they operate, there are a few bad actors who bring disruption to the building industry as a whole. Not only does the failure to complete or maintain on-site improvements create major inconvenience for residents of these developments and their neighbors, but they also impose a serious financial burden on the municipality which must spend considerable time and money in pursuing a closure or certifying a municipality. Accordingly, this bill would require every municipality governing body, sovereign authority and municipal and county utility authority that these entities authorized under law to accept performance and maintenance guarantee to report to the Commissioner of Community Affairs if the entity acts against a sanity for the failure of a develop- er to perform improvements back by a performance or maintenance bond. The Commissioner of Community Affairs would be required to maintain a registry identifying every developer who is reported under the bill's provision. The bill would allow for the division(s) of the licensing exam that a candidate has already successfully passed be allowed to continue to be carried over without limitation to the five year maximum limitation, or until the entire examination is successfully completed and licensure is granted.

With respect to the recently Proposed Amendments to, and Repealment of, The State Board of Architects Rules published in the New Jersey Register on March 21, 2005, we offer the following observations, questions and proposed amendments:

1. Clarify the definition of "Architectural services". Clarify/quantify the terms 'not materially related to' and 'materially affecting' which are difficult to interpret in practical application and seem ambiguous. Define "building systems".

2. It is the intent of the Board to repeal the requirement that a Master and copy of the Rules be issued to all State, county and municipal government agencies and all architectural firms and District Boards of Architecture every two years because of its continu- al availability on the Board’s website, we suggest an amendment to allow a "Facsimile of the Rules and Rules be made available to anyone requesting that other than the Board, due to the fact that these is still many members of the profession..." The primary sponsors of the bill are Assemblypersons Bonnie Watson Coleman (District 15 - Mercer) and Reed Gusciora (District 15 - Mercer). It was introduced and referred to the Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee on 3/1/05. AIA NJ is monitoring this bill.

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New AIANJ Committee Formed:
AIANJ Committee for Homeland Security

It had become apparent to me that architects are taking little or no active role in the area of homeland security. Anti-terrorism design is being left to retired engineers who had previous work with the USA and have since become experts in "building hardening", a new concept.

AIANJ Homeland Security Committee will fulfill the following:
1. Establish affiliations with Government Agencies: state, county, local and Port Authority, to be on call as an advisory board for architectural preparedness.
2. Provide defensive Architectural & City Planning concept awareness to private and government agencies encouraging means of building protection. Taking into consideration potential targeted monumental structures and major fed fiascos where large groups of people gather. Establish concrete barriers in a hurry is not the answer of preparedness nor is it an aesthetic feature or quality of life in a sustainable community.
3. Within AIANJ New Jersey, establish a sub-committee in each of the 6 sections. Each section would have a group of architects and affiliate engineers to be on call in their local regions for building assessment should terrorist strike or natural disasters occur. Well evaluate a bombed out building after First Responders from the Office of Emergency Management conclude their life rescue operations.
4. Work with The Office of Emergency Management to establish a set of guidelines for architects to be on call to inspect buildings damaged by natural causes or terrorist attack.
5. NJRECC has billions of dollars in construction going on in the state of NJ. Schools are targeted areas for terrorist. Have any measures been taken for securing building design preparedness to thwart terrorism? This committee will encourage such design advancement.
6. AIANJHS committee will interact with the other AIANJ committees toward common goals.
7. AIANJHS, with the assistance of the L&GA and APAC Committees, lobby legislators to enact a study for Homeland Security of State Buildings. An architectural study to assess all the NJ State, county buildings for vulnerability of attack and measures to prevent them.

Lawrence E. Parisi, AIA

Trade Show 2005 - One of Our Most Successful.

This year’s Trade Show was attended by 115 Architects League Members and 98 Newark and Suburban Members. There were 74 vendors for the sold-out 84 booths. We received very positive feedback for the additional seminars at the end of the exhibition. In addition, the vendors felt there seemed to be more traffic and interest this year. This may have been a result of our efforts for the Grand Prize, the Dell Laptop, available to members visiting a minimum of 10 booths. Zevie Pukst of Newark and Suburban Architects was the 2005 winner.

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New Members

The Architect's League is pleased to announce their newest members:

- Erik D. Anderson, AIA
- Rosette D. Khorenian, AIA
- Barbara Ingram Sageser, AIA
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- Norman Rosenberg, AIA
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Call for Entries

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WHAT DO WE DO?

The ALNNJ 4th quarter Leagueline will highlight our member’s work. This year we will feature our professional work, personal or firm’s. We would like to compose the year ending issue as a celebration: What We Do!

What are you currently working on or do you have a favorite past project you would like to share with your colleagues. A jpeg image and a brief description are required to present your work in this special issue.

There will be an initial submission deadline of July 30th. We ask that you email your entries to: info@alnnj.org

Be a part of this celebration. Participate!

[Your project here.]

MEMBER NEWS

2005 AIA Convention Las Vegas

by Kevin C. Gore, AIA

Las Vegas was an exciting venue and had interesting themed architecture, a theme park for adults. The new Wynn hotel building exterior was excellent, a clean modern addition to the desert skyline. I found the vendors at the Convention to be very friendly and informative about their new products & services. I saw many vendors I know and met many more I look forward to working with. There were many seminar sessions available through the weekend that covered new technology, materials, and sustainability.

Finally, the local Las Vegas AIA Diaper party was highly entertaining, an event worthy of Caesars! I am looking forward to exploring Left Coast Architecture at the 2006 AIA Convention in Los Angeles on June 8-10.

ALNNJ Enjoying outing to Newark Airport

by Kevin C. Gore, AIA

The April Membership Meeting was held at the Art Deco landmark Building One, Newark Liberty International Airport. This program, which took place on April 19th, began in the General Manager’s Conference Room with a power point presentation led by construction project architect Richard Southwick of Boyle, Burd, and was followed by a tour of the Building One. Building One, designated a National Historic Landmark, in 1979, served as the first passenger terminal, until 2001 and is being renovated today, subject to lighting, and airport weather station service in the event of storms. Building One was completed in 1962 with 8 sections, each with a unique, green, and sustainable design.

After the meeting we drove to Tribeca Porrima Restaurant in the Iron Bound Section of Newark for a fabulous traditional Portuguese Dinner. AIA Members: Joyce Raspa-Gore, Kim Vierheilig, Kurt Vierheilig, Kevin C. Gore, Speaker Richard Southwick, Stacy Kleisch, and Gary Kleisch.
In times of accountability for Architects, who is in need of Quality Control Services, and what is Quality Control?

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