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The Architects League of Northern New Jersey (ALNNJ) is a not-for-profit membership New Jersey Corporation chartered through the American Institute of Architects (AIA). ALNNJ is a section of The New Jersey Society of Architects (AIA/NJ) and a member chapter of AIA. ALNNJ promotes the objectives of AIA within Northern New Jersey.

These objectives are:

To organize and unite in fellowship the members of the architectural profession; to promote the aesthetic, scientific and practical efficiency of the profession; to advance the science and art of planning and building by advancing the standards of architectural education, training and practice; to coordinate the building industry and the profession of architecture to insure the advancement of the living standards of people through their improved environment; and to make the profession of ever-increasing service to society.

The ARCHITECTS LEAGUE OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

President’s Column

I hope a year from now, when I am preparing for my second term as President, I will be able to look back with pride and satisfaction on the progress that has been made during my tenure. The ALNNJ has achieved many important objectives over the past year, and I am confident that we will continue to build on this momentum in the future.

To advance our professional development, I am working with the Programs Committee to line up a series of speakers which should be of interest to both the seasoned and the new practitioner. I encourage you to join us for these programs to enhance your business.

To protect our rights as registered architects, we need to have a voice in Trenton and on the street, we can slowly turn this downward spiral around, or at least bring it to a halt.

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I was urged by my new employer at the time to join the Architects League as president. As the year draws to a close, there are successes we should all be proud of.

We have achieved for good of the invisible bond, bringing our members to interesting forums, and making each one an interesting and educational experience. In doing so, we have increased attendance at these meetings by an average of 33%.

We have made important inroads with the Bergen County Municipal Inspectors Association, which should improve our relationship with state/local officials, and help to make our projects run more smoothly through the approval process.

Our scholarships have supported students with $5000 worth of scholarships and though a new matching scholarships program from National, promises to do a lot more in the future.

We have started the Post Presidents meetings, which we hope to continue to discuss upcoming events and issues affecting the League.

The input from the Post Presidents is invaluable and helpful, and so the events are directly influenced by the events this year. I cannot thank all of the Post Presidents who participated in these meetings.

On a side note, we have marked the passing of F. Hogan Ayres, PA. William, PA, and Richard Brechen, AIA. Three members will be sorely missed, and our condolences continue to go to their friends and families.

Through participation at the AIA/NJ quarterly meetings we have seen the following:

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The Treasurer is an administrative officer of the League, has charge and exercise general supervision of its financial affairs and keeps the records and books of account of all funds of the League. The Treasurer shall have charge of all moneys of the League, keep an accurate account of all monies received and disbursed, and keep the records of all financial transactions. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the implementation of a national advertising campaign to promote architecture, and hosting of the annual National Convention.

The Board of Trustees is as follows:

The 2006 ALNNJ Committees and Chairpersons are as follows:

Budget & Finance
Michael Buch - mbuch@botlinetta.com
Formulate a preliminary budget in November preceding the start of the fiscal year. Submit the recommended budget to the BOT for adoption at the December annual meeting of the League, setting forth the financial condition of the League.

Programs & Arrangements
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Arrange for programs at all meetings scheduled. Make arrangements for all required or necessary learning units when a registrant is not a regular private paying member. Program schedule set up before January board meeting so that calendar of programs can be sent with January newsletter. Confirm all meeting venues and speakers. Issue details of each event’s program to newsletter editor for inclusion in each newsletter. Sign up members and report to AIA for all required learning units. Keep membership list and program attendance in a continuing education program.

Legislative & Government Affairs
Scotti Trul - sktrul@arch.com
Liaison with building officials in the area. Arrange for a joint meeting or special program with building officials in cooperation with the programs and arrangements committees. This committee is an indispensable mentorship tool to our younger members. The intern development, young architects and membership committees are responsible to meet quarterly to discuss common goals regarding developing AIA membership among the interns and young architects in the League.

League Awards
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Honorary Affiliate, a person of esteemed character who is otherwise ineligible for membership in the AIA or ALNNJ but who has rendered distinguished service to the profession of architecture, or to the arts and sciences allied therewith within the territory of ALNNJ.

Honorary Members: The Board of Trustees shall, in its discretion, bestow the title of Honorary Affiliate to such persons in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the profession. With the exception of the Gold Medal, Fellowship is the highest honor the AIA can bestow on a member. Fellowship is the highest honor the AIA can bestow on a member.
Membership & Dues
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Meet with committee chairpersons to find members active in league committee work. Contact perspective nominees to see if they are willing to serve. Make nomination report to president and send to the September board and regular meetings. If needed, arrange for printing of ballots for election at the annual meeting in November. Members of the nominating committee should be individuals not likely to be nominated for any available office.

Installation Dinner 2007
William Severino  wseverino@aiarchs.com
Chairperson is to be Immediate Past President. Review budget allowed by board, investigate and arrange for dinner location as early as possible in the year, and arrange for evening entertainment. Be prepared to announce the names of the incoming president, president-elect, first vice president and immediate past president to be presented to the new officers. Be responsible for the arrangements for the Catering, Bands, and musical entertainment. Be responsible for the arrangements of the installation dinner.

Hospitality
hospitality@alnnj.org
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Long Range Planning
Kevin C. Gore  programs@kcg-aia.org
Meet with committee chairpersons to develop plans for maintaining and getting new members, plan future activities, goals, and overall direction of the League, and discuss selection of new members.

Public Relations
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Write a report on all activities and report to the board. Be responsible for the arrangements for the Easter Egg Hunt and the Annual Golf Outing.

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On the Road to Licensure: the Emerging Professional’s Companion
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IDP State Coordinator

After far too many all-nighters and way too much coffee, you finally receive your architectural degree and land your first job. Yet, you feel lost in a profession where legally you can not classify yourself as an architect, but consider yourself more than just an intern.

For many the Internship Process seems like a monotony of paper, a time consuming process of filling out Training Unit Reports and waiting for completion of internship. However, it was for just these reasons that the Intern Development Program (IDP) process was initiated, to empower those who feel trapped between school and licensure and also to enrich their learning experience.

Started in 1976 the IDP was developed by the AIA and the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) as a pilot program to ensure the support of the internship process as the profession of architecture evolves. The program was geared to ensure that interns achieve a well-rounded internship and not be limited to generating construction documents their entire 3-year experience. In surveys taken, most interns have stated many categories – Building Code Analysis, Contracts, and Construction Observation – are simply hard to gain the required experience. As such, the AIA with NCARB, has put together the Emerging Professional’s Companion (EPC). The EPC is a way for interns to gain credit in IDP using project-based and scenario-based exercises. Interns can:

- Do the exercises independently or in groups for supplementary education credit.
- Complete credit at their own pace, focusing on some areas before others.
- Gain credit in those areas that are sometimes difficult to access in the office environment or where additional study is needed for career advancement.
- Work closely with supervisors and mentors to complete exercises in the Companion that demonstrate an appropriate level of competency in all training areas.
- Compile a personal portfolio that can be used for professional advancement.

Interns can complete the exercises and scenarios in the Companion to receive up to 225 learning units toward the completion of IDP. Interns seeking to gain experience in non-traditional areas of practice can review a list of expanded opportunities for IDP Credit in Professional and Community Service.

The EPC is free for AIA Associate Members and NCARB IDP Record Holders, and can be accessed through www.EPCompanion.org. Associate Members should log in using their AIA password (usually your last name). NCARB IDP record holders can click on their link and follow secondary login prompts.

In closing, the Emerging Professional’s Companion will make IDP much easier by providing a framework for the internship process. The EPC was originally designed as a resource for interns however its usefulness does not end there. The exercises were compiled by leaders in the field who have turned out to be a great resource for firms working to hold continuing education discussions with their own staff. By discussing scenario-based exercises, the staff is able to continue this learning process whether in preparation or long after passing the Architecture Registration Examinations.

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The League welcomes you and looks forward to your involvement and participation. Please make sure to attend the upcoming events at the League's next dinner meeting or event.
“I always loved socializing with architects, especially when traveling, and thought that joining the AIA would be a great way to meet some new friends – well, it was!”
SIMONE TSIGOUNIS, A.I.A.