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## President's Message

by Ed Lugowski, AIA



**A** My colleagues often remark, "Once you've attend the AIA/National's Grassroots Conference you get religion." I don't think I quite got "religion." However, I did come away with a better understanding of what it takes to serve a membership of 82,000 architects, all of whom have their own idea of what the AIA does and what it should or shouldn't do for the profession. I also came away with a new-found respect for both our state and national leadership. Having been a volunteer for many decades, I know what dedication it takes to be one; our leaders go above and beyond my expectations. The actual title of Grassroots is "Leadership & Legislative Conference." When all was said, the agenda took us down three main avenues:

- 1) Advocacy/Political Action Committees
- 2) Sustainability/Energy Conservation
- 3) Leadership/Improving Component Services

No, it wasn't as simple as it sounds. Take Advocacy/Political Action Committees for example; our education came from many directions. A political analyst and a political pollster respectively explained our nation's political feelings and trends on today's issues. We were then schooled in how to approach our political leaders, be they local, state or national. What comes last *should* come first: "Money Talks." During the entire conference it was hammered home that we have no influence in the political arena without a well funded Political Action Committee (PAC). Yes, the constant thread that wove its way through the conference was ArchiPAC, AIA

National's PAC. It was discussed from the main podium by the keynote speakers as well as in the breakout sessions. During the four days, we were constantly given a running total of the monies given to ArchiPAC by the seven hundred attendees. In truth, this "President's Message" is about a "touch" for both our state and national PACs.

I'll begin and end my plea for both ArchiPAC and IPAC by repeating what I felt was the most direct explanation for why it is imperative that we give to our profession's PAC's - the questions raised by the chief lobbyist for AIA/Alabama. He asked, "How many of you carry Professional Liability Insurance?" When every architect in the room raised their hand, he then asked, "How much is your Premium?" The average came to about \$20,000 per year. He then drove the spike home when he asked, **"Then how come you are not willing to insure your profession by giving to your PAC for a whole lot less?"**

*Ed Lugowski, AIA  
 EIC President*

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# Rear View Mirror

REAR VIEW MIRROR

*a look back at the February chapter meeting*

*by Philip Radloff, AIA, Vice-President AIA/EIC*

## THIS IS SMART GROWTH

Host/Presenter: Kevin Nelson

**K**evin is a member of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation Development, Community and Environmental Division. For short we call it the EPA. Best of all he is the son of one of our members, Ben Nelson, AIA.

Smart Growth principles are a mixture of national organizations that bring neighborhoods, communities, and families together in a harmonious atmosphere to create safe and healthy communities. The smart growth network is a network of private, public, and non-governmental organizations seeking to improve development practices in neighborhoods, communities, and regions across the United States. The network was formed in response to increasing community concerns about the need for new ways to grow and boost the economy, protect the environment (note the EPA), and promote public health. Smart Growth Network includes environmental groups, historic preservation organizations, developers, real estate interests, and local and state governmental organizations. Smart Growth Network works to encourage development of communities in a system recognized for the public awareness of quality design.

Smart Growth has three main principles:

1. Framing of Smart Growth Principles - how growth of developments can help our community.
2. Projects of both urban and rural conditions can make neighborhoods for people to interact.
3. Providing zoning and national code standards to allow everyone the same opportunities.

Smart Growth is based on all the principles architects use to design developments and individual buildings. Think about how your building is going to affect the entire community. The EPA is studying many towns throughout the United States to help them create townscapes that are workable to all their residents - safe, convenient neighborhoods with homes people can afford. This is one of the EPA's goals.

Public transportation is another objective of the EPA. They foresee projects for mass transit in Salt Lake City, Utah and Arlington, Virginia, with metro stations and office developments to be interactive and in walkable distances to all locations of the main town centers.

The EPA is following the growth of many towns throughout the United States in hopes of making a better future for everyone. Development touches every part of our lives, so we should make sure we get the development we want. We are building safe and affordable homes, making it easier to get around, protecting health and welfare, and creating more opportunities for everyone.



The Smart Growth Network is helping communities create a better future and contain some of our urban sprawl. You can contact Kevin Nelson through the Smart Growth Network at [www.smartgrowth.org](http://www.smartgrowth.org) or call 202-962-3623 for additional information. Contact him for a copy of "This is Smart Growth," a manual of the department's principles.

*Philip Radloff, AIA  
EIC Vice-President*

# Upcoming Meeting ♦ Wednesday, March 19, 2008

Program & Meeting Host To Be Announced - See insert.

Location: Holiday Inn Select Hotel & Convention Center  
I-80 @ Harlem Avenue Exit, North  
18501 South Harlem Avenue  
(Enter from 183rd Street, East of Harlem Avenue)  
Tinley Park, Illinois 60477

Time: 6:00 PM - Libation & Conversation  
7:00 PM - Dinner  
8:00 PM - Program Presentation

Cost: \$30.00/ Member - \$35.00/Non-member

Menu: Selected by: Georgia O'Keeffe  
Cream of Broccoli Soup  
Citrus Salad with Raspberry Dressing  
Sautéed Shrimp with Butt Steak  
Anna Potatoes  
Seasonal Vegetables  
Dinner Rolls  
Chef Special Dessert  
Coffee and Tea

Reservations by:  
noon  
Thursday  
March 13th

Contact Phil Radloff, AIA  
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Payment required if cancellation  
after Monday noon.

## EASTWORDS GOES ELECTRONIC

**W**ith the March issue of Eastwords we are looking to publish the Chapter's Newsletter electronically and on paper. Hopefully you are reading this article via your computer screen and subsequently in printed form. Over the last couple of years we have posted issues of Eastwords to the AIA-EIC website. With this issue we will ask all those members to whom the newsletter was sent electronically to respond back with their opinion of this process and if they would then desire to "opt in" to electronic receipt only and thus save some paper, publishing, and mailing costs. Please give us your feedback, thanks.

## ILLINOIS ARCHITECTS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

**A**t the February AIA/EIC meeting we presented a \$1,200.00 check from the AIA-EIC Board to IAPAC. This represents the aggregate of the Board's individual member contributions. We are a 100% participate Board; the only one in the state. Shown left to right are Phil Radloff, EIC President Elect; Ed Lugowski, EIC President; Gaines Hall, Illinois Council President receiving the check; and Bob Bohlmann, EIC Past President. We hope the Board has thus set the example for the rest of the Chapter. PAC is an important part of the process of our system, and the \$100.00 given by each of the Board members sets the pace.



# Chapter Corner

## Eastern Illinois Chapter AIA - Items of Interest

Representing our Eastern Illinois Chapter at the AIA National Grassroots Conference last month were left to right are Phil Radloff, EIC President Elect; Ed Lugowski, EIC President; and Bob Bohlmann, EIC Past President.



## INTRODUCTION TO ARE AND LICENSING IN ILLINOIS

Thurs., April 24  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

UIC

Art and Architecture Building  
845 W. Harrison St., #1100

Get ready for the Architect Registration Examination! Learn how to register, study for, and take the exam - and the major change in the exam's organization coming in July. Speakers will include Kekku Lehtonen, AIA, NCARB; Richard Cook, FAIA, from the Illinois Architecture Licensing Board; and an architect who recently passed the exam. Frank Heitzman, AIA, will answer IDP questions, and Mike Newman will outline UIC's summer-long ARE review class. 1.5 LU

([www.arch.uic.edu/are](http://www.arch.uic.edu/are))

**A**re you looking to stretch your legs during the dinner presentations? Please consider becoming the Eastern Illinois Chapter Official Photographer & Photo Coordinator! You don't have to be a board member to be involved, and it's not necessary to be at all events - just make sure whoever is in attendance grabs a picture or two. Contact Bob Bohlmann, AIA (815) 933-1090 or [rgb@rgbarch.com](mailto:rgb@rgbarch.com) or Eastwords Editor, Roxanne Paukner ([sfto1@aol.com](mailto:sfto1@aol.com) or 708-560-4916) for more details.



## TROUBLESHOOTING THE BUILDING ENVELOPE: PROBLEM SOLVING AND PROBLEM PREVENTION

AIA Northeast Illinois has scheduled a workshop for Wednesday, March 19, in Naperville.

Registration begins at 7:30am and the workshop ends at 2:00pm. The workshop is eligible for 5 AIA HSW Learning Units and may qualify for PDH's for Engineers depending on state licensing board requirements.

Information can be obtained from the AIA/NEI  
**[www.aianie.org](http://www.aianie.org)**

[http://www.aianie.org/news\\_events/ViewEvent.php?eventid=648](http://www.aianie.org/news_events/ViewEvent.php?eventid=648) or the **online invitation** link  
<http://guest.cvent.com/i.aspx?5S,M3,40ee7a84-299e-49dd-bb1f-af7b47a9db7a>

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**Deadline for April submissions is Thursday, March 27.**

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