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TPS BOND ISSUE

America's school buildings are in desperate need of repair. A study by the American Federation of Teachers estimates that school-infrastructure needs exceed \$250 billion nationally. The design, construction, and renovation of schools not only improves the learning environment for students; they create jobs for the design and construction industry.

On **March 2**, members will have an opportunity to vote on four Tulsa Public School bond proposals to continue the citizen-driven, 20 year plan that ensures enhanced opportunities for learning—all accomplished without raising property tax rates.

For more information, please visit www.DoTheSmartThingTulsa.com

PLANiTULSA HEARING

As designers of the built environment, architects play an important role in shaping communities, but their role as citizen advocates cannot be overlooked. Last week, the AIA Eastern Oklahoma Board of Directors voted in support of Tulsa Metropolitan Area Planning Commission's adoption of PLANiTULSA's Executive Summary, *Our Vision for Tulsa*, and Policy Plan in its entirety.

On **March 10**, TMAPC will hold its 2nd public hearing to consider adoption of a new Comprehensive Plan. Join AIA Eastern Oklahoma president, Michael S. Jordan, AIA at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, March 10 in the City Council Meeting Room located at 175 E. 2nd St. to express your support of this document that establishes Tulsa's vision for the future.

For more information, please visit www.planitulsa.org



BUS SHELTER VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

On Saturday, February 13, volunteers joined in an effort to complete the Bus Shelter project in the Crutchfield Neighborhood.



We exhausted the daylight hours as well as our volunteers with a few tasks still to be completed.

Without the leadership of project designer and project manager, **Jed Ballew, Assoc. AIA of Kinslow, Keith & Todd**, and **John Priest of Crossland Construction**, this project would not have been possible. But we'd be remiss if we did not acknowledge those whose time and talent was truly appreciated on February 13—

Kort Sagehorn of Crossland Construction; Jim Geurin, Diane Hensley (and her husband, Jerry), and Sarah Gould (and her husband, Tim, and daughter, Maya) of Kinslow, Keith & Todd; Wes LaForce of Cyntergy AEC; James Parker of McFarland Davies Architects; and Michael Jordan, 2010 Chapter President.



AUTODESK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Autodesk Assistance Program is designed to help displaced employees update their skills and improve their employability in a downturn economy. As members of the architecture, engineering, design and manufacturing communities, **Autodesk** and its partners will be providing tools to qualified program participants. Enrollment in this program has been extended to **March 31, 2010.**

To enroll, please visit

www.autodesk.com/assistance



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**ARE STUDY SESSIONS
ESTABLISH A NEW
MENTOR/PROTÉGÉ
CONTINUUM**

On **February 23**, the first ARE 4.0 Study Session kicked off with Structural Systems presented by **Larry Wilson, AIA** at Tanner Consulting. Each study session is produced by a mentor/protégé team who is committed to providing the structure and support needed for a successful learning experience in support of licensure. More importantly, they recognize that while the ARE content has not changed, the format and delivery of the exam has and that licensed architects should know as much about ARE 4.0 as intern architects.

ARE 4.0 study sessions are held on the **4th Tuesday** of the month—**February through May and September through November**. Time, date, and place of each study session and are listed on the Chapter website at www.AIAeok.org.

Architects and Intern Architects are welcome to attend every study session and we encourage you to contact the Mentor/Protégé Team Members to learn more about this important initiative.

SAVE THIS DATE—March 23, 2010
Site Planning and Design at Benham
Produced by Mentor/Protégé Team
Ron Rosebrook, AIA and **Carol Henderson, Assoc. AIA.**



PASSED THE ARE? We would welcome your donation of study materials to our lending library!

**ONE MEMBER—ONE FIRM
MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN
THE LIVES OF OTHERS**

Community Service Meeting
Thursday, March 4, 2010
5:30—6:30 pm
Harwelden, 2210 S. Main St., Tulsa
Reservations Requested!

AIA Eastern Oklahoma's Committee on the Environment (**COTE**) is partnering with Rebuilding Together Tulsa (RTT) to provide the human and material resource assistance needed to make RTT's 2010 REBUILD Day on April 24 a success. In 2010, 30 homes in the Hawthorne and Kendall Whittier neighborhoods have been selected for repair and rehabilitation.

Enjoy food and fellowship while learning how you and/or your firm can make a positive impact on the lives of others.



PICTURE YOURSELF HERE

**REGISTER FOR THE
2010 AIA NATIONAL
CONVENTION**

Regardless of whether you attend for the educational or networking opportunities, or just the chance to visit with friends and colleagues don't miss this annual opportunity to invest in your career and support the profession!

Visit www.AIA.org for more information.



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March 11, 2010
5:30—7:00 PM
MPW Engineering
110 W. 7th St.
Suite 600
Tulsa, Oklahoma



We value every member and this month we continue our focus on the importance of Affiliate members in support of the profession.

On **March 11**, take this opportunity to learn more about **MPW Engineering** and their work not only in Tulsa and Eastern Oklahoma, but across the nation. Their presentation will feature an Eastern Oklahoma municipal project.

Let **Scott Webb** and **Greg Patovisti** know how much you appreciate their support of the Chapter's Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner as MPW is the first sponsor confirmed for this year's tournament (read more about that on page 4). As usual, their hole sponsor sign will be placed at Hole #1.

MPW Engineering, LLC performs mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire protections engineering, design, and other services. The firm serves architectural, industrial, commercial, and municipal clients and works with a wide range of building types.



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CONTINUING EDUCATION
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Thursday, March 18, 2010
Noon-1:00 pm
City Hall, 175 E. 2nd St.
10th Floor South Conference Room
Tulsa, Oklahoma

AIA State Disaster Coordinator, **Eric D. Miller**, AIA addresses the role of Architects in disaster assistance; relief, recovery, and rebuilding.

Using national, state, and/or local training exercises and standards, attendees will learn how to access the level of structural damage caused by natural or man-made disasters Identify the construction materials and methods that safeguard life and mitigate damage to buildings in a region prone to regional flooding and tornadic activity. Summarize the sustainable design strategies and regulatory practices adopted by other communities.

Due to security requirements at City Hall, pre-registration is required!

ARE 4.0 STUDY SESSIONS
SAVE THESE DATES NOW!

SITE PLANNING & DESIGN
Tuesday, March 23, 2010
5:30—7:00 pm
The Benham Companies
1 West 3rd Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma

SCHEMATIC DESIGN
Tuesday, April 27, 2010
5:30—7:00 pm
GH2 | Architects
320 S. Boston Ave., Suite 1600
Tulsa, Oklahoma



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AIA Oklahoma

**14th Annual AIA Oklahoma
 Legislative Conference
 Tuesday, April 6, 2010
 9:30 am—7:30 pm
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

The #1 priority for the Oklahoma Legislature may be the budget, but AIA Oklahoma remains focused on legislation affecting the architectural profession.

**Architects' Day at the Capitol
 9:30—11:30 am
 State Capitol**

Following a legislative briefing by AIA Oklahoma lobbyist, Clayton Taylor, members will visit legislators and encourage their support for issues important to the profession.

**Continuing Education Presentations
 1:00-5:00 pm
 Marriott Hotel**

**Annual Tradeshow and
 Legislative Reception
 5:00-7:30 pm
 Marriott Hotel**



Exercise your right as a citizen to participate in the legislative process by attending this important event!

**2010 ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
 SAVE THIS DATE—
 MAY 24, 2010**



**2010 PLAYER/
 SPONSORSHIP FORM
 IS AVAILABLE FOR
 DOWNLOAD AT**

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

In late 2009, an electronic survey of AIA Eastern Oklahoma AIA and Assoc. AIA members resulted in a 24% response rate. Overall, membership satisfaction is high at 70%.

Professional advocacy and professional development/continuing education were identified as priorities for member satisfaction.

Comments regarding the most important or valuable AIA membership benefit can be summarized in the Chapter's mission statement:

Facilitate unity, fellowship, and education among members; promote the value of Architects; and educate the public of the importance of good design and its contribution to the quality of life.

Responses to 'What other programs, events, or policies would enhance your AIA membership?' were diverse, but **professional advocacy and professional development/continuing education** were the most popular responses.

The Professional Development committee ranked as the most important or valuable committee among committee rankings, followed by Marketing Communications and Community Affairs committees.

The Golf Tournament received the lowest ranking, although the non-dues revenue generated by the golf tournament is a primary reason why AIA Eastern Oklahoma has NOT increased its local dues in over a decade!

The survey also disclosed that the Chapter's fund-raising events – the Golf Tournament and the Home Tour – were regarded by the respondents as 'Not Important' and 'Somewhat Important', respectively.

Your support of the 2010 Golf Tournament is needed; as a player, sponsor, volunteer, or committee member as we strive to maintain our dues rates and provide value that benefits you—THE MEMBER—during this challenging time!