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**CITIZEN ADVOCACY
 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.

In February, 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, visit www.planitulsa.org



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 EVENTS ARE LISTED UNDER
 NEWS AND EVENTS**

**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 volunteer and material resource assistance needed to make RTT's **2010 REBUILD DAY** on April 24, 2010 another success.

In 2010, 30 homes in the Hawthorne and Kendall Whittier neighborhoods have been selected for repair and rehabilitation. Low-income homeowners who are over 60 years of age or who are living with a disability are eligible for this program.

Repairs by volunteer teams focus on safety, security, and weatherproofing. Skilled trade professionals provide electrical, plumbing, carpentry or roof repairs. These repairs are at no cost to the homeowner!

Discover how **YOU** can make a difference in the lives of others as a RRT volunteer. Enjoy food and fellowship as you learn more about the **2010 REBUILD DAY** as well as the prep days and year-round programs that are for those who enjoy a challenge.

Material donations are also appreciated! All donations and contributions are tax deductible.



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March 11, 2010
5:30—7:00 PM

MPW
Engineering

110 W. 7th St.
Suite 600
Tulsa, Oklahoma



Every member is valued and this month we focus on the importance of Affiliate members in support of this Chapter and the profession.

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

Let **Scott Webb** and **Greg Patovisti** know how much we appreciate their support of the Chapter's Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner as MPW is the first sponsor to register for the 2010 tournament. As usual, their hole sponsor sign will be placed at Hole #1.



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MAN VS. NATURE VS. MAN
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

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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.

ARE 4.0 STUDY SESSIONS
SITE PLANNING & DESIGN

Tuesday, March 23, 2010
5:30—7:00 pm

The Benham Companies
1 West 3rd Street
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 rights as a citizen to
participate in the legislative process
by attending this important event!**

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

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SPONSORSHIP
FORM IS AVAILABLE
FOR DOWNLOAD AT
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**WHY THE GOLF TOURNAMENT
IS IMPORTANT TO MEMBERS**

Last year, 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!

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!