

February 18, 2009 | Wed. 11:45

Our February luncheon will be held at **The Montgomery Country Club** in the Colonial Room.

Speaker and Sponsor | ●●●●●

Our guest speaker for the February luncheon is **Rhea Kirk**, whom will be speaking on Professional Business Etiquette. Ms. Kirk, a graduate of the University of Kentucky and Franklin College with a BA in Education, has worked in the education field for a number of years including as Chairman of the Kindergarten Committee for the State PTA Board and with The Montgomery Academy as Director of Admission and Marketing. Currently, Ms. Kirk is the Executive Director for the National College of DUI Defense. Ms. Kirk has acted as a Professional Etiquette and Manners Instructor for 31 years, teaching children, professionals, and civic organizations etiquette and social graces. She has been an instructor for Auburn University, as well as many other professional businesses and civic organizations.

Our sponsor for the luncheon is **J.S. Cotney Inc.** of Birmingham. The firm is proud to serve the community of architects, designers, and engineers in innovative lighting concepts in the business, environment, commercial and institutional settings. Currently, the firm is pursuing technology that provides long term energy savings and performance. Steve Cotney, President, will provide a solar lighting presentation on a new generation of outdoor street and area lighting system by **Inovus Solar**.

Earlier this month, **Stephen King** and I had the opportunity to join other chapter and state AIA leaders from across the state in Washington, DC for the annual grassroots convention. I think it is difficult to truly appreciate the value of your AIA membership unless you have attended one of these conferences. AIA National has done an excellent job in mapping out a plan to help the design and construction industry recover from the current economic crisis.

Grassroots attendees were provided in depth seminars which detailed the AIA's "Rebuild and Renew America" plan for restoring our economy and Greening our Communities. I encourage each of you to visit the newly revamped AIA web site www.aia.org and review the information under the Advocacy tab. After the plan briefings, the AIA members visited Capitol Hill to help present the plan to our Congressional Delegation. In all, our delegation met with nine congressmen from our state including **Sen. Richard Shelby, Sen. Jeff Sessions, Rep. Bobby Bright, and Rep. Mike Rogers**.

The AIA's message to Congress focused on five key policies that will "stimulate" the design and construction industries. These proposals would create approximately 1.6 million jobs, including 14,000 jobs for architects. The AIA advocates that funding for infrastructure projects that Congress appropriates should be prioritized with the following principles in mind.

- Projects for which construction can commence within 24 months of

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enactment of the economic recovery legislation.

- Projects that rebuild and improve safety of existing infrastructure.
- Projects for new infrastructure that are more energy efficient, sustainable and help create healthy, livable communities.

The AIA believes that the best way to meet these goals is to ensure that any economic recovery package provides funds for the planning and design process for new projects as well as for “shovel-ready” projects. I encourage each of you to visit the web site to learn more about the five specific policies the AIA has proposed as well as the dollar amounts associated with each.

In these harsh economic times, each of us can benefit from the combined voice of our membership. As all of us look for ways to cut costs, I believe that our AIA membership is more valuable than ever. Even if you do not regularly attend meetings or have little involvement, your membership helps to sustain an effort that is helpful to our entire profession. And besides that ... the initials look cool after the name on business cards!

Freddie E. Lynn, Jr., AIA
President

December Meeting Recap | ●●●●●

January’s meeting was the Chapter’s Annual Past President luncheon and business meeting. The meeting began early with a social before lunch consisting of an open bar and time to talk to a few of the Chapter’s past presidents that were in attendance. The Chapter’s new president, **Freddie Lynn**, opened the meeting by recognizing all the past presidents that were in attendance. Our latest past-president **Doug McNab** was personally recognized for his years of service to the Chapter and presented with the Chapter’s Appreciation Certificate.

The sponsor for the luncheon, Capital Brick, was introduced by the Chapter’s secretary, **George Edmondson**. The Chapter’s business was presented by Freddie with the first order of

business being the nomination of the 2008 Executive Committee and their approval by the members in attendance. Afterwards a copy of last year’s budget was reviewed with the final income and expense figures discussed. **Donald Brown** provided an update on the State Registration Bill and other issues of the legislature this year. Upcoming programs for the year were presented by the President-Elect, **Stephen King** with the Committee’s goal for the year to provide lunch speakers and topics that will provide personal growth in one’s career. Additional programs that were discussed included an Intern fair in Montgomery, a rural studio tour, and a membership drive. Upon the completion of the Chapter’s business the meeting was adjourned by the President.

Attendance: 45 Guests: 3



President Freddie Lynn (right) presenting 2008 Chapter President Doug McNab the Chapter’s Appreciation Certificate.



President Freddie Lynn (far left) with the following Chapter’s Past Presidents: (L to R) Ray Williams ‘07, Bert Wilkins III ‘02, J. Harold Nichols ‘77, John McDonald ‘69, Richard Meinert III ‘01, R. Scott Williams ‘91, Gary Greenshields ‘00, C. Paul Butler III ‘06, Douglas McNab ‘08, W. Michael Watson ‘82, Edward Brummel, Jr. ‘92, C. Robert Cherry ‘96.

Announcements | ●●●●●●●●●●

At the January meeting of AIA Montgomery, the Chapter voted to accept the following members nominated by the Executive Committee as officers for 2009.

- President – Freddie E. Lynn Jr. AIA
- President-Elect – Stephen B. King, AIA
- Secretary – George Edmondson, AIA
- Treasurer – Platt Boyd, AIA
- Intern Liaison – Amy Bell, Associate AIA

The Chapter's Immediate Past President is Douglas McNab, AIA.



Congratulation goes out to several of our Chapter members for being voted positions on the Alabama Council AIA 2009 slate of officers. **Gary Greenshields**, AIA, of **Infinity Architecture** was voted Council President, **Joe Donofro**, AIA, of **Donofro + Walker Architects, LLC** voted Secretary and **Sommerville Hill** of **Brown Chambless Architects** voted Associate Director. The new slate of officers was voted on at the 2008 Fourth Quarterly Meeting in Birmingham.



The Chapter extends its appreciation and thanks to Douglas C. McNab for his dedicated leadership and contributions toward the advancement of architecture while serving as President for the year 2008. Under his tenure the Chapter was able to launch its web site, organized an annual award gala, and develops long term goals for the Chapter.

Doug will continue to offer his leadership in the Chapter as the Immediate Past President and has expressed his eagerness to remain active in the Chapter. Thanks again from all of us in the Chapter.



The Chapter's Executive Committee is pleased to welcome our newest Committee members for the 2009 year.

R. Platt Boyd IV was elected the Chapter's Treasurer. Platt is a graduate of Auburn University School of Architecture and currently a principal of **Seay, Seay & Litchfield Architects** of Montgomery.



R. Platt Boyd IV –AIA Montgomery Treasurer

Amy Bell was elected the Chapter's Intern Liaison. Amy is a 2005 cum laude graduate of Auburn University School of Architectural and currently an intern architect with the Montgomery office of **Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc.**



Amy Bell –AIA Montgomery Intern Liaison

The Executive Committee congratulates them and looks forward to working with them on the Chapter's goals for 2009.

The 12th annual **Draw Montgomery Art Competition** is currently being organized for 2009. The competition is a juried art exhibition open to all students of the river region that are enrolled in the 7th through 12th grades. If you are interested in providing input and / or a helping hand please contact **Platt Boyd**, Treasurer at 263-5162.



The South Alabama Code Officials Association is hosting its Annual Training Conference on the 2006 IBC Fire Risk of Interior Finishes 2006 IBC Hazardous Materials on March 4-5 at the Lexington Hotel in Auburn, AL. For more information contact Gil Griffith at 334-448-2740.



LEED Accredited Professional Exam Prep Class is being held on March 25th at Alabama Power Company in Montgomery. This course is customized for design & building professionals seeking LEED accreditation or those who wish to gain a working knowledge of LEED standards.



An Architect Registration Examination (ARE) Structures Seminar is planned for March 6-8 in Jackson Mississippi. For additional information please contact **Amy Bell**, Intern Liaison at 271-3200.



The Alabama Council AIA Convention is returning to Asheville, North Carolina for 2009. The Convention will be held July 10th – 12th at the historic Grove Park Inn. Education sessions will be offered on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There will be plenty of time to mix and mingle with friends and supporters during a Friday night reception, Saturday brunch and Saturday's golf tournament. A silent auction will also be held Saturday night, benefiting the Alabama Architecture Foundation. Additional information will be sent out by the State Council in the next few months or can be found on the Council's web site.

Upcoming Events | • • • • • • • • • •

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Montgomery Country Club
Montgomery, Alabama

March 4-5

South Alabama Code Officials Association Seminar
Lexington Hotel
Auburn, Alabama

March 6-8

ARE Structures Seminar
Mississippi "E" Center
Jackson, Mississippi

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Montgomery Country Club
Montgomery, Alabama

March 25

LEED Accredited Professional Exam Prep Class
Alabama Power Company Building
Montgomery, AL

April 14

Alabama Council AIA Second Quarterly Meeting & Legislative Day
Montgomery, AL

April 30 – May 2

AIA National Convention and Design Exposition
San Francisco, CA

July 10-12

Alabama Council AIA Convention
Grove Park Inn
Asheville, NC