

Staying Connected and Involved in 2010

As I listened to the radio last Saturday morning while doing some morning chores, yes the old fashioned radio, a contestant called in to say that she thought the best way to sum up the past decade was simply “OMG”. Thinking back on many unthinkable lows juxtaposed by groundbreaking highs, I think she might have hit the nail on the head. Looking to a fresh new decade, it seems that many, including myself are looking to 2010 optimistically.

In a world of growing digital interaction, I’m not only looking for ways to better manage my time, but to also stay personally connected and involved in my profession and community. I know managing time efficiently might be a goal on my list for many years to come, but because I’m an active member of ASID, I’m confident I will be provided with the opportunities to meet the latter goal. Since I have been a student member, simply attending regional meetings and the ASID Student Career Day initiated personal connections that have turned into ongoing growing relationships with motivated designers and industry representatives that I truly appreciate and respect. Since my initial involvement, I have volunteered with the SW White Elephant Committee for several years, planned regional meetings, and now serve on the board. Each year has provided invaluable experiences that allow me to contribute to our local community and profession, while also expanding on my own personal and professional growth.

If you’d like to get the full benefit of what ASID has to offer, I genuinely recommend getting involved in the upcoming meetings and events. If you’ve been thinking about getting involved, but haven’t been sure on what steps to take please contact myself or any board member for more information. Specifically, we currently have two committee chairs open for the Annual White Elephant Sale in our Capital and Hampton Roads regions. If you have questions or suggestions for improvement, we are always open to new ideas. Also, keep an eye out for the annual survey, which will be issued in the next month for your opinions and feedback of the past year. I hope to see you at future events and best of luck in 2010!

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