

October 5, 2012

Dear AIA Georgia Member,

Thank you for your Membership. If you were unable to join us at our annual membership meeting September 22, I'd like to make you aware of some of the 2012 highlights that were shared:

Advocacy:

- Hired Meagan Hanson Esq. as Director of Advocacy
- Established PAC Board of Trustees and increased PAC fundraising by 600%
- Coordinated testimony opposing SB 445, which would have removed the education requirement for the architectural licensing process as well as the profession's relationship with the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB). The bill would have also allowed the Secretary of State's office to test for and grant licenses to practice architecture, circumventing the State Board of Architects and Interior Designers comprised of professionals in our industry.
- Held dinner with firm principals and Secretary of State to discuss the 2013 version of SB 445
- Worked with GA Dept. of Education to overturn Stock School Plans effort

Fellowship/Membership:

- In coordination with NC and SC, planned and executed new format for South Atlantic Region conference
- Finalizing plans for 2013 Conference in Columbus, GA – Save the date for October 10-12
- New design awards format and criteria – submissions from new members and allied members
- Two members elevated to FAIA

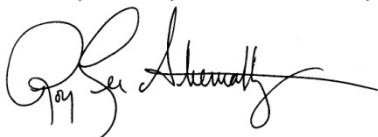
Communications:

- Updated website with opportunity for chapter pages
- 2013 annual Directory will include a new online version in addition to the print version
- Our LinkedIn Group Exceeds 1,000 members – search for AIA Georgia under LinkedIn "Groups"

In 2009 AIA Georgia restructured to focus on the responsibilities of a state level association. In 2010 we reduced state dues collected by \$90 per member as a part of the division of responsibilities between Atlanta and Georgia and many local chapters chose to collect that amount to enhance local programs. Now, in order to build upon this strong foundation we have laid over the past two years, the AIA Georgia Board has proposed a dues increase for all members: \$50 for architect members, \$20 for associate members, and a \$100 administrative fee for emeritus members.

Because of the challenging economic environment, AIA Georgia is committed to, and we believe has been delivering, a more valuable membership experience. Your 2013 Dues Invoice will be coming from AIA National in the coming weeks. We hope you will take advantage of the variety of options for providing your continued support at all levels of your membership: National, State and Local. All renewing members are eligible to participate in the 2013 Dues Installment Program. Enroll by April 30, and pay your membership dues in up to six installments. Details are available at [www.aia.org](http://www.aia.org).

Thank you for your time and loyalty,



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2012 President  
AIA GA Board of Directors



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