

AIA Grassroots 2005

Alabama Council Works Capital Hill

Alabama Council leaders visited the nation's Capital in February for the annual AIA Grassroots Conference. This year the focus was on the 109th Congress and asking Congress to support the Portman-Jefferson Bill.

All Alabama Congressmen and both U.S. Senators were visited by Alabama Council members urging support of bills that would help Alabama develop a better quality of life with more robust communities and more economic growth throughout the state.

We have attached information on Alabama's economy on page three for your review. Please note that construction

accounted for \$12.9 billion in economic impact in Alabama in 2003.

Brownfields Redevelopment

Brownfield is property that once was utilized by an industrial site, but is currently sitting idle and often with environmental challenges. Communities, parks, learning centers, and affordable housing are just some of the many uses for these properties, but someone must take the lead in getting these properties back in use.

The bill AIA legislation is pushing would provide an environmental remediation tax credit and help clean dilapidated sites.

Portman Jefferson Bill

This bill would update historic building tax credits, allowing smaller commercial projects to qualify for the credits. If passed, this bill would increase values for property in hard to develop areas.

This bill would enhance economic development and community life by rebuilding sites that in the past had housed factories and warehouses. AIA believes this would produce more affordable residential housing and historic preservation.

Thank you to all of the AIA members who gave up time in their offices to represent the profession.

Senator Waggoner speaks to members of the Alabama Council at Legislative Day in Montgomery.



Members of The Alabama Council AIA attended Grassroots in Washington, DC, and met with Senator Sessions.

President's Message

A Message from 2005 President Kristine Harding, AIA
JH Partners Architecture and Interiors, Huntsville



Kristine Harding, AIA

As we start the second quarter of 2005, we have a number of exciting events planned for you. Your local leadership is helping many of the committees to bring your thoughts and areas of interest to the state level. Please continue to communicate with them for they are your voice.

At the Long Range Planning Retreat, three objectives from the AIM Report were identified as goals for 2005 and are being developed: Partners, External Dialogue and Information and Knowledge Base. As we go through the year, you will hear more about

what we are doing to continue successes in the areas that were started last year, as well as new initiatives being pursued this year.

During the beginning of February, the chapter presidents and president-elects attended Grassroots with several state officers. The convention was well attended and had been moved to the Hyatt in order to accommodate the increase in attendance. As many of you know, Grassroots is one of the best conferences to attend and hear what other chapters and states are doing. It is really nice to know that Alabama is very successful in many areas where other larger states suffer. If any of you get a chance to attend, do not hesitate to sign up.

We are deep into the planning of the state convention and we have heard that the Perdido Beach Resort has re-opened. They report that they have upgraded many aspects of their property and plan to be better than before. On the heels of a successful convention last year, we have received a great many compliments for the continuing education programs. At least half a dozen of last year's presenters could have served as our keynote speaker. There is a lot of competition for continuing education and we understand that you should receive some of the best that our profession can provide when you come to the state convention. We already have some exciting presenters committed for this year.

Finally, we are planning the design awards gala. The awards are going to be coordinated this year by Everett Hatcher. Bruce Lindsey has done a great job for us over the past years and as with anything, we do not want to abuse our friendships. He will help us in identifying a keynote speaker and we have asked for his support on the jury. Start photographing your projects. We look forward to seeing you at the gala!

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Daniel Bennett, FAIA, elected as Treasurer of the Alabama Historical Commission

Daniel Bennett was elected as treasurer of the Alabama Historical Commission during its annual meeting held Feb. 2 at the Alabama State Capitol in Montgomery.

Mr. Bennett is a professor and dean of Auburn University's

College of Architecture, Design, and Construction. He represents the American Institute of Architects on the historical commission board.

The Alabama Historical Commission is the state agency charged with safeguarding

Alabama's historic buildings and sites. The historical commission also serves as the State Historic Preservation Office, Alabama's official representative in the federal historic preservation program.

Left: Daniel Bennett, FAIA



The Alabama Economic Information is provided by the national office of The American Institute of Architects. The analysis shows the impact of the design and construction sector on the economy in Alabama.

ALABAMA

ALABAMA OVERVIEW

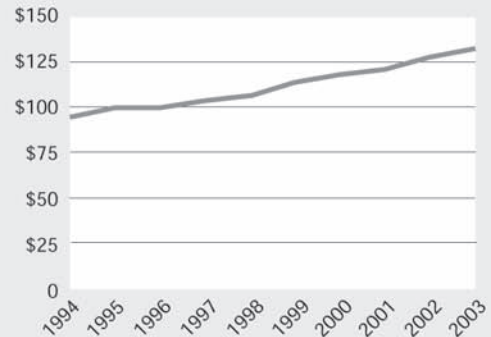
Gross State Product (\$billions, SAAR)¹: \$132.2
 Architecture/Engineering/Construction share of state GSP¹: 6.0%

Major Industries²

- Services
- Manufacturing
- Government
- Finance, Insurance and Real Estate
- Retail Trade

10-Year Gross State Product

(\$billions, SAAR)¹



ALABAMA EMPLOYMENT (thousands, SAAR)

Total employment¹: 1875.0
 Construction employment¹: 99.1
 Architecture/Engineering employment¹: 22.9
 Architecture firm employment³: 2.1
 Architecture/Engineering/Construction employment as share of total employment¹: 6.5%

Architecture/Engineering/Construction Employment as Share of Total Employment



ALABAMA ARCHITECTURE⁴

Architects residing in state: 810
 Architects licensed to practice in state: 2,251

ALABAMA CONSTRUCTION (\$billions)⁵

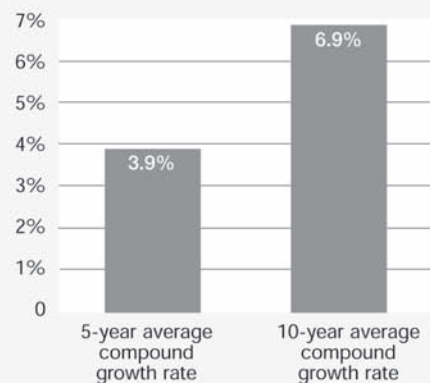
Value of projects, 2003: \$12.9
 Value of projects, 1998: \$10.6
 Value of projects, 1993: \$6.6

SIGNIFICANT RECENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

(\$millions)⁶

- RSA Battle House Tower – Office/Hotel Building, Mobile: \$41
- Independence Tube Corp, Decatur: \$31
- Embassy Suites Hotel, Huntsville: \$31
- Three Dormitories at Univ of Alabama, Tuscaloosa: \$30
- Huntsville/Madison County Consolidated Jail Expansion, Huntsville: \$27

Growth in Construction Spending



SOURCES

- ¹ Economy.com, 2003 (SAAR = Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate)
- ² Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2001
- ³ AIA estimate from Bureau of Labor Statistics preliminary figures for 2002
- ⁴ National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, 2004
- ⁵ F.W. Dodge (Value of projects is total construction starts for that year, including nonbuilding, nonresidential, and residential, and is not adjusted for inflation.)
- ⁶ F.W. Dodge, 2004 (value is not inflation adjusted)



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Alabama Council's Legislative Day Another Success

Grassroots involvement cannot be limited to Washington, DC. To be affective, we must also call on our state legislative leaders and constitutional officers in Alabama. More than 25 members of the Alabama Council AIA visited with senators and representatives at our Legislative Day on Tuesday, April 5th.

Council members spoke with Alabama legislators about the Good Samaritan Bill, the Statute of Repose Bill, the status of the Interior Design Law, and the Tax Credits for Historic Rehabilitation/Preservation.

Senator Waggoner – AIA Outstanding Legislator

One of the highlights of the Council's Legislative Day is hearing from state and legislative leaders. This year was no different as we had excellent presentations from Ed Davidson, with the Alabama Department of Public Health, who talked about their multi-million dollar building plan, Kippy Tate, who reminded architects to honor the state fee schedule, Jeff Emerson, the Governor's Communications Director and state Senator Jabo Waggoner, who shared some legislative memories with us. During the luncheon, we were pleased to present Birmingham Senator Jabo Waggoner with our 2004 Outstanding Legislator Award for his service in the Alabama Senate.



Bob Hall, AIA, Montgomery Chapter President (R), speaks to Jeff Emerson, the Governor's Communications Director (L), on Legislative Day.



Alabama Council President Kristine Harding, AIA, and Past President, Patrick Davis, Jr., AIA (R), present Senator J. T. "Jabo" Waggoner with the Alabama Council's Outstanding Legislator Award.



Working Together: Alabama Council members met with members of the ACEC and ABC boards.

Architects + Engineers + Contractors: Must Stand Together

The Alabama Council continues to work with allied groups to advance our issues and protect the design and construction industry from negative legislation and regulation. On February 25th, a number of AIA members met with the leadership of the Associated Builders and Contractors Association of Alabama and the American Council of Engineering Companies of Alabama to discuss our respective legislative goals and develop mutual goals. The three groups agreed to continue efforts to pass a Good Samaritan Bill and a bill to reduce the statute of repose. The group also agreed that we should try to coordinate our PAC resources when supporting candidates in the upcoming legislative elections.

Legislative Issues Covered at Alabama Council's Legislative Day

Good Samaritan Status for Architects, Engineers & Contractors
HB 281, by Rep. Randy Wood (R) of Anniston, passed the House on March 15th, and is awaiting committee assignment in the Senate. The bill would provide civil immunity to licensed architects, engineers, land surveyors, contractors and subcontractors working under the direction or supervision of an emergency agency to render emergency response activities without compensation.

Following Hurricane Ivan last September, there was a need for qualified, professional personnel to help local and state government leaders assess damage to structures and make critical decisions that could impact the health, safety and welfare of the general public. Unfortunately, Alabama has no Good Samaritan Statute to provide protection to architects, engineers and contractors from civil liability, even in emergency situations when these professionals are offering their services at no charge. The Alabama Council is working with a coalition to pass a Good Samaritan Statute.

Statute of Repose - Too Lengthy
The Alabama Council AIA believes the public is best served by legislative and regulatory reforms that curtail the cost and risks of professional liability for architects and their clients without jeopardizing the interest of the public. Under current Alabama law, the statute of repose for bringing an action against an architect, engineer or contractor is 15 years from the date the service was completed. This is much longer than the statute of repose for other businesses and providers of professional services.

We pointed out to legislative leaders that buildings typically last a long time. Indeed, with proper care and maintenance, many buildings can have an almost indefinite life span. However, after

construction is completed, an architect is powerless to control the fate of a building and a natural aging process begins. Personal injury can occur due to a situation out of the architect's control and, if the building isn't properly maintained, an architect can find himself or herself exposed to a lawsuit for an injury that occurred in a building designed long ago. It is absolutely fair to hold an architect responsible the performance of his or her design, but it is unreasonable and unfair to hold an architect responsible for the natural aging process and poor maintenance practices. According to our research, 23 states use a time frame of 10 years, and 10 states use a time frame of 6 years.

SB 193, by Sen. Del Marsh (R) of Anniston, would decrease the statute of repose for claims against an architect, engineer or contractor from 15 years after completion of the project to 8 years. The bill is pending in the Senate Judiciary Committee where a hearing has not yet been scheduled for the bill. HB 264, by Rep. Albert Morton (R) of Birmingham, is the companion bill, which is pending in the House Judiciary Committee.

Interior Design Law

We alerted legislators that an Alabama Circuit Court Judge has ruled Alabama's interior design practice act violates the state's Constitution. The act was the result of a compromise from a hard fought battle between AIA and certain members of the design profession. To our knowledge, only three other states have similar practice acts. In the ruling the court wrote as follows: "It is the judgment of this Court that the Alabama Interior Design Consumer Protection Act is overly broad, unreasonable, and unduly vague, and therefore violates due process as guaranteed by the Constitution of the State of Alabama."

According to AIA governmental affairs staff, "the ruling is the latest setback for advocates of interior design practice. In recent years, officials in many states have increasingly questioned the claims that interior design services significantly affect public health, safety, and welfare. In fact recent government studies conducted in Maryland, Colo-

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rado, and California all reached the conclusion that state regulation of interior designers is not necessary because interior design services do not significantly affect public health, safety, and welfare."

The Court later put the ruling on hold pending action by the Alabama Legislature this session to rewrite the ID law. The Alabama Council is monitoring the situation closely and will take appropriate action when necessary. Our goal is to make sure the health, safety and welfare of the general public is preserved.

Alabama Architectural Foundation Plans 2005 Silent Auction

The Silent Auction is a can't miss event at the annual AIA convention. Sponsored by the Alabama Architectural Foundation, it will feature a multitude of great bargains. Proceeds from the auction will go toward the publication of the new book *Architecture for Living Together*. You are urged to participate in the silent auction in two ways: by donating an item to the auction or by bidding on items – OR BOTH!

Donate gift certificates, sporting event tickets, gift baskets, art work, home decorating items, etc. We ask that all items to be donated have a value of at least \$100. Among items donated for last year's auction were original artwork, trip to Callaway Gardens, Nora Jones concert tickets and a day of fishing with a well known architect.

To donate your tax deductible item for the auction, contact Pat Conrad at (205)531-7876 or email her at pconrad@carapacecorp.com. All companies or persons making a donation will have their name listed on the auction list.

Don't forget your check book!

AAF Outstanding Building Award

The AAF is looking for a significant building that is an asset to the community and is viewed by the community as outstanding. It is not a design award. The buildings nominated must be an existing publicly owned building in Alabama. Each chapter should submit a nomination.

The AAF Outstanding Building Award shall be distributed in January of each year by utilizing the Executive Committee of the Alabama Council, AIA. The Executive Committee, with public input as appropriate, will be requested by the AAF to nominate one building from each of the Council's Chapters geographic area.

The nomination package will require completion of a one page application form and ten 4x6 color prints (5 interior, 5 exterior).

Building Eligibility: Any existing building constructed and currently owned by a public entity in Alabama.

Nomination: A building must be nominated by the Executive Committee of the Alabama Council AIA. Nominations are limited to one per Alabama Council AIA Chapter.

Nomination Form: The AIA Chapter shall complete the appropriate nominating form by May 15th and return to:
Chair, Outstanding Building Award Selection Committee, C/O Alabama Architectural Foundation
PO Box 240757, Montgomery, AL

36124 or call (334) 264-3037 if you have questions.

The nominee will be identified in the award presentation material which will consist of a plaque, to be mounted on the building, and recognition facsimiles to be awarded to the architect of record, and to the owner/public entity.

Nominations shall be due to the AAF Board by no later than May 15 of each year. The AAF Board will "jury" the nominations at the annual summer AIA convention meeting and winners will be selected. The award will be presented at the annual Council's Awards Gala in October.

The following are past recipients of the AAF Outstanding Building Award:

2002: Rosenbaum House Museum, Florence, AL - Frank Lloyd Wright

2001: Arthur R. Outlaw Mobile Convention Center, Mobile, AL - TAG/The Architects Group, Inc

2000: The Albertville Fire Station I, Albertville, AL - Mouzon & Associates

1999: The Fayette County Courthouse, Fayette, AL - Turner Batson Architects

1998: The 1924 Building, Tuscaloosa, AL - Howard White, AIA

Join our Professional Affiliate Partners or Professional Affiliate Members

The Alabama Council AIA consists of more than 650 architects and associates involved in all aspects of architecture and design. We are an active organization with members in all areas of the state. If you haven't already, we would like for you to consider joining our organization to ensure our success and yours. We have two membership categories available, a Professional Affiliate Partner and a Professional Affiliate. Both programs provide excellent exposure for you and an opportunity to take your message directly to the key architects in all areas of Alabama.

Our convention format is more inclusive for affiliates; your registration enrolls you in all convention activities, educational and social. The convention is planned for Sunday, July 31st through Tuesday, August 2nd, at the newly renovated Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, Alabama. The Product Show will operate Sunday afternoon, featuring our Opening Reception with lots of food and beverage. The Monday morning session will feature breakfast and lots of coffee and refreshments.

A new opportunity will be offered this year for affiliates. Sunday will feature a session on "How to Sell to Architects." This session will be led by architects Don Brown, AIA, and Patrick Davis, Jr., AIA, and will be most interesting.

A membership form is attached. Please consider making your company a part of the Alabama Council AIA.

Alabama Council of The American Institute of Architects

2005 Professional Affiliate Membership Enrollment and Dues Investment Structure

Professional Affiliate Membership Enrollment Form

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Title _____ FAX (____) _____
Company _____ City, State _____
Address _____ Zip Code _____
Email Address _____

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Professional Affiliate Partner:

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- 20% Member Discount on Registration/Booths for Annual Convention

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Chapter Contacts

Each of the following Chapters conduct events and programs throughout the year which afford focused opportunities for interaction with the members of that particular Chapter. We encourage you to contact these individuals to take advantage of these opportunities.

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2005 Calendar of Events

April 5, 2005

Alabama Council Second Quarterly Meeting and AIA Legislative Day
RSA Plaza
Montgomery, AL

May 16, 2005

Legislature Session Ends

May 19 - 21, 2005

AIA Annual Meeting
Las Vegas, NV

July 31 - August 2, 2005

Alabama Council Annual Meeting
Perdido Beach Resort

August 2, 2005

Alabama Council Third Quarterly Meeting
Perdido Beach Resort

September 9, 2005

September Wrap-Up Session

October 21, 2005

Alabama Council Fourth Quarterly Meeting and Awards Gala
Wynfrey Hotel
Birmingham, AL

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