Welcome to the newsletter for the Richmond, Virginia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Our chapter is based in the Greater Richmond area and represents over 60 firms with over 400 members.

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Photo: Susan Reed, AIA
NEW HIRES

Eric Silinsh has joined Glavé & Holmes Architecture as the new Director of the Hospitality Studio. He was most recently a Senior Associate with Robert A. M. Stern Architects in New York.

Barbara Mellema has joined Kahler Slater as a Project Leader in Healthcare. She had been with GBBN Architects in Cincinnati.

Anca Lipan has joined Baskervil. She had been with BCWH.

PROMOTIONS

Robert Parise has been promoted to a Principal at Glavé & Holmes Architecture. He is a Director of one of the Higher Education Studios.

Amanda Monger has been promoted to Director of Interior Design at Cornerstone Architects and the company will rebrand the company Cornerstone Architecture and Interior Design.

ACQUISITIONS

BCWH has been acquired by Quinn Evans Architects effective October 30th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AIA Richmond’s Annual Holiday Party and Membership Meeting will be on December 4th from 6-8pm at the Hippodrome Speakeasy at 528 N. 2nd St. AIA Richmond will be supporting and collecting donations for Art on Wheels. (http://artonwheels-va.org/) Supplies, cash or VISA gift cards will be collected during the party. Contact krystal.anderson@greshamsmith.com or sarah.stumpo@greshamsmith.com with questions on the Holiday Supply Drive. Register for the Annual Party and Membership Meeting on-line at: https://www.aiava.org/aiarva-event-registration/

The next Lunch & Learn at the Branch Museum of Architecture and Design will be Thursday December 13th from 11:45-1:00. The topic will be Design Principles for Rainscreen Wall Systems. Register at: https://www.aiava.org/aia-richmond-lunch-and-learn-registration/

Congratulations to Krystal Reid, now Krystal Anderson, on getting married!

SEND US YOUR NEWS

Have news to share with your AIA Richmond community? Please send your news to the Public Relations Committee Chair, Luis Huertas: Luis@sustaindesign.net
Dear AIA Richmond Members,

As we start preparing for the holiday season and projecting for 2019, I’d like to take a moment to reflect on all that we’ve accomplished this past year. I would also like to thank all of our members, industry partners, and volunteers that contribute to the success of our organization.

Our mission is to advance the profession and expand awareness and appreciation of architecture in our community. Earlier this year, our board of directors met for a charrette to focus on our mission and to assess how our chapter is measuring up to that mission.

Hopefully you agree that some of our events and efforts, such as Front Porch, Architecture Month, and CANstruction, support community outreach and increased public awareness. We’ve created opportunities for building relationships with industry partners at the Squirrels game, Golf Tournament, and Paddleboarding events to name a few. We’ve elevated good design through our design awards and sketching event, as well as exposing those new to Richmond to our wonderful firms at Welcome to Richmond.

Our board focused on areas that we could better serve our membership and the profession by increasing awareness of architecture for high school students and supporting our future architects in Architect Registration Exam (ARE) preparedness. Since pinpointing those areas of focus earlier this year, we have had two ARE discussion/study sessions and have started planning for a library of ARE study materials for members to check out items for each of the six exams. Speaking of which, if you have any materials you would like to donate, please contact me. Earlier this year, we applied for a grant from AIA National to create a program for local architects to engage with local high school students through an architecture project that would be designed and built by the students to serve a need in a local school. What better way to help our community see the value of architecture than by helping the future of our community see that? Again, contact myself or anyone else on the board if you are interested in helping make these programs happen.

With our industry in full swing, Richmond is abounding in opportunity for positive impact through good design. We heard that at Front Porch in our discussions about the Richmond 300 plan. I’m thankful we have so many talented members in our organization that are helping to create that positive change. Keep up the good work and I look forward to seeing you at our holiday party on December 4th!

Rachel Shelton, AIA
On August 22nd Richmond Women in Design (RWiD) was treated to a behind the scenes tour of the Institute for Contemporary Art (ICA) at VCU, hosted by the ICA and Quinn Evans Architects (formerly BCWH Architects).
CANstruction was a great success and raised 22,142 pounds of food and $2,991 in support of FeedMore (https://feedmore.org/). The event was held from July 21st to August 11th at Chesterfield Towne Center and the theme was Animated Cartoons.

A big thank you to all our sponsors: Shade & Wise Brick Company, Mellow Mushroom, Tazza Kitchen Alverser Plaza, 23rd & Main Kitchen & Taproom, Keith Fabry, Party Perfect, Sugar Shack Donuts - Huguenot, Starbucks - Huguenot and Chick-fil-A Chesterfield Plaza!

Participating firms included WSP, Price Simpson Harvey, Gresham, Smith and Partners, Glave & Holmes Architecture, SMBW, Commonwealth Architects, BCWH Architects, DMWPV Engineers, and Dewberry.

Dewberry's Dragon won the People's Choice Award.

See additional photos at the CANstruction facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/RVACanstruction/
The annual Paddle Boarding event was held on July 27th on the banks of the James River thanks for Carter Adams of Lighting of Virginia. This fun family event is great for kids and adults alike.
The annual Bowling with Bosses took place at River City Roll on August 15 and there were prizes!

Thank you to Shade and Wise for being a sponsor of the event!
Member Erin Webb, AIA, architect at 3north, was honored with the Virginia Emerging Professional Award. She along with Kevin Jones, AIA will be recognized at the Visions for Architecture gala at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

Congratulations Erin!

Erin Webb, AIA

- Director of the Residential Studio at 3north
- Graduate of Virginia Tech
- Recipient of the Richard L. Ford, Jr. FAIA Award in 2012
- Involved in mentorship programs such as Young Architect and Intern Forum

A director at 3north, Erin established the firm’s Residential Studio, where she leads a five-member team. Erin’s design sensibility was shaped by her childhood in Asia followed by undergraduate study in both Europe and the UK. After graduating cum laude from Virginia Tech, Erin chose to put down roots in Virginia. Her passion for residential design emerged in Fredericksburg, where she worked for a sole-proprietor, and flourished in Richmond when she joined 3north in 2007.

At 3north, she has embraced notable historic restorations of Bottomley, Duncan Lee, and Baskervill residences, along with the current renovation and landscape transformation of the Rice house, a mid-century modern landmark, by Richard Neutra. With over one hundred residential projects to her credit, Erin’s award-winning work ranges in scale from estate master plans to casework details. With her energetic and thoughtful approach, Erin helps clients articulate their true needs, dreams, and desires to create spaces that celebrate the way they live. Erin’s work extends to non-residential projects including restorations to St. John’s Church, a Historical survey of Dinwiddie County, and Master Plan studies of Nauvoo, Illinois.

Throughout her career, Erin has been engaged in student mentorship and community service. In 2012, the AIA Richmond honored Erin with the inaugural Richard L. Ford, Jr. FAIA Award for her personal contributions as co-chair of the Young Architect and Intern Forum (YAIF), which provides networking and mentorship programs for emerging design professionals. In 2013, she led an Explore Design Seminar on modular design as part of a larger program for high school students sponsored by Baskervill Architects. At the 2017, Full STEAM Ahead Conference by CodeVA, she presented two classes designed to educate young women about the fields of architecture and landscape architecture. A longtime facilitator of 3north’s summer high school intern program, Erin has also spearheaded 3north’s fundraiser to support local families during the holidays and led the firm’s Canstruction team to raise funds for the Central Virginia Foodbank.