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AIA Launches New Website

The American Institute of Architects, California Council is excited to announce the launch of the next generation web site for aia.cac.org. The site features resources for the architectural profession in California but offers a fresh look and feel that is better organized and more focused on what users and practitioners need.

The new web site is organized in four main areas: The Value of Design, The Scope of Practice, Emerging Professionals, and Public Policy. Within each area, a visitor will find news as well as indepth articles, opinion pieces, and a forum for comment and interaction.

There are a number of professional resources on aia.cac.org, including information on internships and licensing, continuing education, practice tools, and project leads. The site also features connections to the design and construction industry and other AIA components throughout California.

In addition, visitors are also invited to contribute content to the site: from articles, to photos and illustrations, to videos. aia.cac.org is the place to share innovation, best practices, and make connections throughout California.

Finally, one of the great features of the new site is a portal for the general public to access information about architects, great buildings in your state, and links to architecturally significant hotels and restaurants. Visit the new website today!

Emerging Professionals in California Recognized by the AIA

California Emerging Professionals, AIA, a program of the AIA California Council, is designed to recognize and promote exceptional architectural talent in architecture and move outstanding students into the profession with the AIA Emerging Professionals Program and the AIA Young Architects Program. The highest award given to Individual AIA members.

Monetary Design Conference Lecture Series Now Available

Visit the knowledgebase and discover new educational opportunities including available webinars and annual lectures.

Visit and explore an entire calendar of design events online. Find out more information here.

2012 AIA National Photography Competition

Enter the 2012 AIA Photography Competition for architects and AIA members and available to anyone anywhere. Enter before March 1, 2012. For more information click here.

Important Quick Links

Ron Bishop
We are deeply saddened to announce that past AIA East Bay chapter member Ron Bishop passed away in December 2011. Ron was active in the chapter, serving on the Regional Urban Design Committee and the Board of Directors in the mid-2000s, and was known to many for his passionate bicycle and sustainability advocacy. Click here for more information about how to join the East Bay Bicycle Coalition.

Ricardo de Legarda
Former architect Ricardo Legarda died December 30, 2011. We were fortunate to have come to him in the 1980s and 1990s when Mr. Legarda was the featured speaker for the Joint Lecture at UC Berkeley. Click here for John King’s article from the San Francisco Chronicle.