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Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Legislative Day! AIA Tallahassee was well represented from board members to students going to advocate for our profession with our locally-elected state representatives. Keep following the newsletter for updates on these efforts as the legislative sessions begin!

Michael Rey
AIA Tallahassee- President

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February 21st- Lunch & Learn

Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm ET
Location: Goodwood Jubilee Cottage
1600 Miccosukee Road Tallahassee, FL 32308
Presenter: Chris Newell with Compass Sales Group / PAC-CLAD
Course Name: The Art of Metal Wall Panels
Credits: 1 LU/HSW

More event dates to be added to to the schedule as they are finalized. Stay tuned..



AIA Florida Legislative Day Update

The Legislature convened a special session this week to address several issues including special taxing districts and emergency bridge loans for local governments impacted by Hurricanes Ian and Nicole. The special session is scheduled to run through next week. Also, this week HB 672 by Rep. Busatta Cabrera (R–Coral Gables) was filed as a companion to the Senate’s affordable housing bill. Other bills continued their way through the process. HB 178 by Rep. Berman (D–Boynton Beach), which exempts up to \$2 million from the per-student cost calculation to make improvements to schools used as emergency shelters, was approved by the Education Pre-K-12 Committee. SB 102 by Sen. Calatayud (R- Miami), or the Live Local Act, addresses affordable housing by expanding workforce housing options. The bill was passed unanimously by the Community Affairs Committee on Wednesday.

The House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee heard HB 85, the bill reducing the Statute of Repose. The committee amended the bill to define the triggers starting the clock as the earliest of certificate of occupancy, temporary certificate of occupancy, or the date of abandonment of construction if not completed. The date of completion of the contract or termination of the contract with the architect, engineer or contractor is removed as one of the triggers to start the seven-year window for action in the case of latent defects. The reduction from 10 years remains in the proposed legislation.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s (DEP) second preliminary Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience Plan was awarded \$275 million Monday for 75 resilience projects using already-appropriated funding through the Resilient Florida Grant Program. The aim is to prepare coastal and inland communities for the adverse impacts of flooding and storm surge. A list of awards can be found [here](#). The recent state budget proposal includes \$350 million for the implementation of statewide resilience projects and \$56 million for resilience planning and coral reef protection.



30th Annual ABC/AIA Golf Tournament

The 30th edition of the ABC/AIA Golf Tournament will be taking place on April 17, 2023 at Golden Eagle Golf and Country Club. Registration opens soon, so be on the lookout as spots fill up quickly!

See the attached flyer for more information regarding sponsorship levels and golf team registration.

[Registration & Details Here](#)



Architecture Camp Support

MoLab, a local not-for-profit organization founded on the ability to "ignite excitement and curiosity to the sciences" for young children, is reaching out to local architecture firms to sponsor its annual Architecture camp. This year the camp will tour the historic Frank Lloyd Wright Spring House and expose an entire new generation of children to the wonders of our profession. With a sponsorship donation, each supporting firm will be recognized in the MoLab Summer Camp Guide, on their website tallymolab.org, and on their social media platforms.

Please reach out to trish@tallymolab.org for more information on how to support the organization and its campers!

Call for Volunteers!

AIA Florida is beginning its push to form committees that evaluate the state of our profession and work to research and provide insight on potential courses of action. Issues being discussed range from updates to the Florida Building Code and resiliency as it relates to hurricanes and storm surge.

If you are interested in serving on one of the committees or want to learn more, please reach out to J.J. Scott, AIA (jj@mldarchitects) for more information.



Convention Registration Open

We look forward to gathering together at the 2023 Convention & Trade Show July 26-30 at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress in Orlando. [Registration is now open!](#) Inspiring speakers, networking and continuing education await. Register

now and you will have first choice of classes, activities and tours before the schedule is released. We look forward to seeing you in Orlando.

Registration & Details Here



Earn Free CE Credits Feb. 16th with AIA Florida and APGU

Your specs have passed rigorous reviews – but how will they hold up when disaster strikes? Join LEED expert Christine Subasic, PE, on Feb. 16 at 1:00 p.m. eastern for an in-depth look at why masonry is the material of choice for designing for resilience. This course will explore the industry’s evolving resilience standards, new strategies for resilient building and how designing with masonry can help your projects meet – and exceed – your project goals.

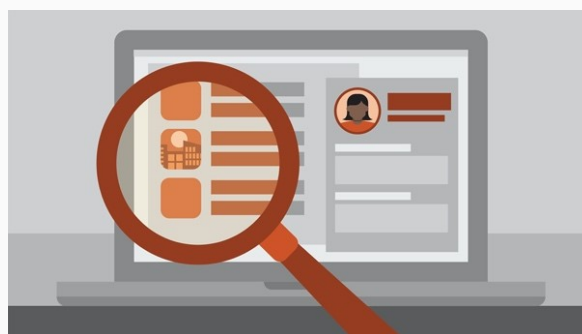
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Submit Projects to be Published

Florida/Caribbean Architect Magazine is seeking projects which exemplify how architects design resiliently to protect life and property. Submit projects that have implemented design solutions to mitigate damage from hurricanes or other natural disasters helping people get back in their homes and businesses faster assisting the recovery of our communities and state. [Submissions are due Jan. 16 to be considered for publication.](#)

Submit Projects



Looking to Hire?

The AIA Tallahassee website will now have an area dedicated to assisting local firms advertise job openings. If your firm would like to post to our Career Board, please email our communications director, by clicking the button below to fill out the form.

Career Board Entry

ATTENTION!! - Newly Graduated Architects:

Join AIA as an Associate New Graduate member for FREE*. New architecture school grads can qualify for up to 18 months of free membership. With your new architecture degree, you are ready to join the AIA community – and share our journey towards a more sustainable and equitable world. Find out if you qualify and how to apply below:

<https://joinus.aia.org/new-grad/>

More Details

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