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Another year, another successful Golf Tournament! As always, a special thank you to the event coordinators for AIA **Jodie Dodson, AIA and Gina Conn, AIA** for their efforts in putting the event together!

We are working to add more CEU opportunities for the fast approaching summer, so be on the lookout for more meeting invites!

Michael Rey
AIA Tallahassee – President

THE FOLLOWING POSITION IS STILL OPEN ON THE BOARD-
PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING
Director of Communications: *No Nominations at this Time (must be a licensed AIA member)*

May 16th Lunch and Learn- TBD

We are currently in talks with a few different vendors for the upcoming Lunch and Learn CEU at Goodwood. Please keep an eye out for the Evite for the finalized speaker.



FAMU SA+ET Featured in AIA Architect

The Florida A&M University (FAMU) School of Architecture and Engineering Technology (SA+ET) was featured in AIA Architect this week. In 2022, then AIA President Dan Hart, FAIA, PE, and NOMA President Jason Pugh, AIA, visited Tallahassee and FAMU's campus and met with Andrew Chin, interim dean of the FAMU SA+ET, faculty and students. [Read more.](#)



Conversation on Permitting Reform

AIA Tallahassee has been in contact with ASCE and other local professional engineering groups to coordinate a meeting with Growth Management on reforming the permitting process both in Leon County and within the City of Tallahassee. While a date has not been set, both groups have agreed to meet and listen to suggestions on how the permitting process can be improved across the board.

As architects and designers, we are the most frequent users of this system and would have the most to say with regards on how to improve it. Both groups are looking for specific case studies where issues occurred and suggestions on how they can improve. If you or anyone working in your firm has examples and solutions that you want to include for this meeting, please email Michael Rey (mrey@connarchitects.com) to coordinate further.



Legislative Update

In one of the earliest conclusions ever, the legislature adjourned sine die around 11 a.m. this morning, concluding its 60-day regular session. Both chambers agreed upon a \$117 billion budget which includes \$1.3 billion in education capital outlay. \$350 million is earmarked for the Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Nicole Recovery Grant Program, \$17.6 million for repairs and rebuilds in the Lee County School District and \$711 million to fund the affordable housing legislation adopted earlier this year. The budget includes \$425,239 to fund the privatized prosecutorial services for the Board of Architecture and Interior Design.

[SB 7026](#) removing the State University System from complying with the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA) was passed Friday by both chambers. The Board of Governors has until October of this year to develop its own procurement process. AIA Florida will be monitoring this development process.

[SB 1346](#) which allows for the demolition of non-conforming structures was passed by the Senate Friday. It was amended to narrow the enforcement but still may put many historic structures in danger without the ability for any local officials to intercede. The bill continues to make [headlines](#). Although the Senate has sent this bill to the House, it was never added to the House agenda marking an inevitable end for this legislation. Its companion, [HB 1317](#), remained on the calendar to be heard today by the full House but was not considered. This legislation died.

[SB 154](#) was adopted by both chambers this week. The bill makes updates to the statewide building certification program adopted last year after the tragic condominium collapse in Surfside. The bill keeps architects and engineers as the only design professionals allowed to conduct both phases of the milestone inspection. It now allows an architect or an engineer as the registered design professional responsible to conduct the inspections and lead a team of professionals conducting the inspections.

[SB 250](#) was passed for the final time by the Senate. The bill raises the threshold for continuing contracts to comply with CCNA from \$4 million to \$15 million. This increase is limited to projects in response to Hurricane Ian and for contracts executed through the end of this year. This narrowing of the scope was negotiated by AIA Florida. The original increase was for all natural disasters and had a longer window to execute contracts.

[SB 1364](#) and [HB 1333](#) addressing universal licensing for professions regulated by DBPR stalled in the process. The language in the two bills was far apart after last week's amendment removing architecture and other professions from the House

version. The Senate version still included architecture as a profession subject to universal licensing. AIA Florida worked with sponsors in both chambers to remove architecture from this legislation. HB 1333 remained on the calendar to be heard by the entire House but was not considered. The Senate had SB 1364 on its agenda to be heard by the full chamber today but was also not considered. This legislation also died.



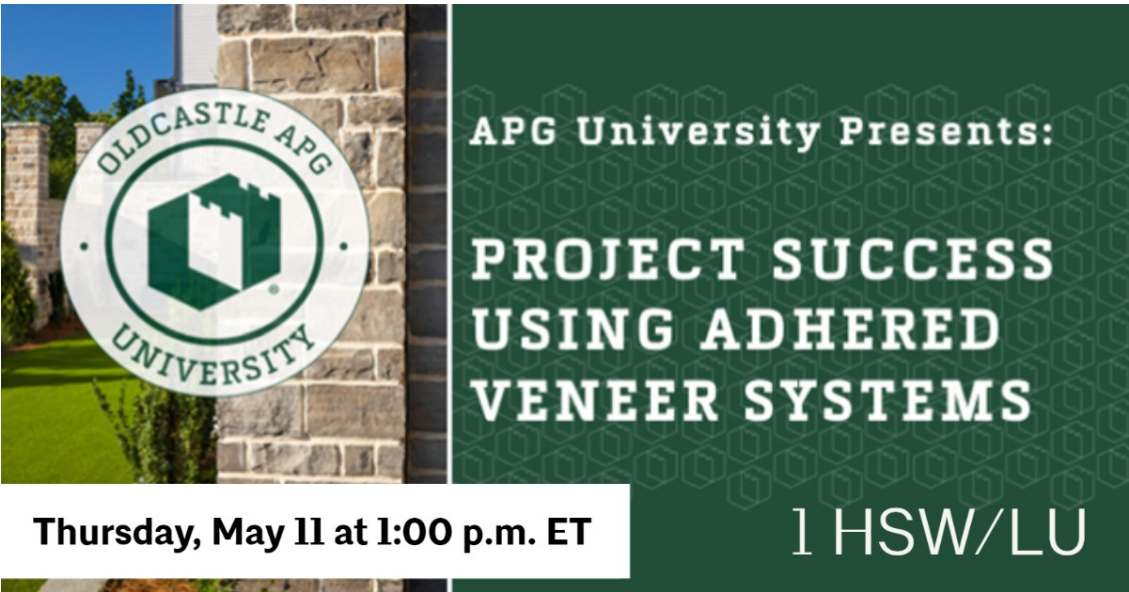
FREE WEBINAR

In this presentation, detailing for elevator, stair and mechanical shafts will be reviewed along with relevant code provisions. The discussion will focus on fire resistance-rated design parameters but will also include other architectural and structural considerations related to shaft walls.

Wednesday, May 10

12 p.m. Eastern

Register



Adhered Veneer Systems CEU

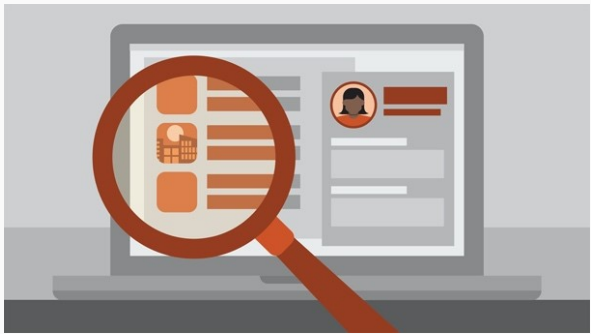
Adhered veneer systems are a cost-effective way to achieve a masonry aesthetic, but their installation requires careful specification and installation procedures.

Join experts from the manufactured stone and masonry mortar industries for a deep dive into the products, methods and specification details needed to ensure project success.

In addition to reviewing best practices, we'll also cover how to specify a complete adhered veneer system as well as reviewing project challenges to diagnose failure modes and discuss how to mitigate those challenges.

Thursday, May 11
1-2 p.m. Eastern

Register



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/>

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