



Great Lakes Design Line

American Institute of Building Design, Michigan Society

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OUR WEB SITE IS LAUNCHED!

To All of The AIBD Members Who Have Patiently Been Awaiting a website:

The AIBD website, for Michigan, is once again underway and can be visited at www.aibdmi.com. Everyone here at Morgan-Heller has enjoyed contributing time and ideas to the development of the website and we are very excited to see the final product. We hope that you all enjoy it as well and we do look forward to receiving feedback from everyone. Feel free to email us at morgan-heller@aibdmi.com with your comments and suggestions.

One of the most exciting aspects of the website, besides having one completed, is the ability for all of our members to be able to have an email account @aibdmi.com. If you happen to have an existing email account let us know and we will be sure to set up an aibdmi email account that will forward to your existing account. For everyone else who hasn't jumped on the technical bandwagon yet this will allow you to have an email account to use in affiliation with AIBD. Our new domain name of aibdmi.com also allows a place for personal pages if anyone is interested in having a personalized page for their company. For example, customhomedesigns.aibdmi.com allows Jerry Carter to have a web page with a bio for his company without Jerry ever having to lay a finger on a computer!

If you are interested in finding out more about the personalized web pages or aibdmi email accounts contact Natalie Vail, here at Morgan-Heller Associates.

Our goal for the website was to come up with a design that was stylish, eye pleasing, informative and professional. We hope you enjoy the website and like what we, and our web developer, came up with. Do feel free to send us some feedback on the site and we look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Seminar.

Sincerely,

Chris Morgan

President's Message

I'm guessing just about everyone's work load has been as hectic as ours. Coming back from a short vacation only compounds the issue. We keep reminding ourselves that these are the GOOD kinds of problems to have.

I know how easy it is to toss newsletters (even great ones like this) into a pile of "to catch up on later". I'm often guilty of this kind of procrastination especially when the heat's on at the office.

Please consider this newsletter as "TIME SENSITIVE", do yourself a favor and don't put it in the usual pile, but read it over at lunch or your next coffee break. Then make your commitments to support your AIBD Society. Fill out the forms, right the checks, make the phone calls and stay involved. In 30 minutes you can have all the paper work behind you and feel good about fulfilling the promise you've been making to stay involved this year.

Our Machinaw Seminar is a great excuse to take a long weekend, bring your spouse and enjoy the beautiful Michigan Autumn weather. Brian Brazeau has been sweating out the details so we all can come "up" and have a great time along with gaining valuable knowledge.

There are several small incentives to bring a guest, show off your latest project, and just attend a meeting where your opinion really does matter. Don't miss "the boat" time is short and we need your cooperation by sending in your registrations ASAP.

Each member's participation in meetings and seminars is the structural strength that builds a strong organization. (Play on words intended).

Don't miss Bob Lowe's presentation on structure, Steve Sinacolar's new CAD edition 11 of Soft Plan, or my workshop on the structural portion of the certification exam.

See you at the bridge.
Jerry Carter, President

AIBD Internet Chat

If you have not checked out the National Web site, AIBDNAT@AOL.com, you probably have not signed up for one of the best connections. Join the group discussion at AIBD@yahoogroups.com Be prepared for some lively and informative dialog.

Read the latest debate on licensure.

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

The good people at Morgan-Heller Asso and Custom Home Designs have formed a team to participate in a very special walk for the cure for the Leukemia&Lymphoma Society.

You can be a partner too. for as little as a \$10 contribution and the name of someone special to you who is fighting cancer, a survivor or in memory of one who's fight is now over. Send as many tributes as you wish or as large a contribution as you wish. With your help this is a fight we are all winning.

Members of the team will place these names on special shirts we will proudly wear for the walk.

It's easy to do. Make your check out to Leukemia&Lymphona Society with the name you wish on the memo line. Mail it to Jeannetta Carter 6575 Dixie Hwy, Clarkston, MI 48346 by September 7. Any questions contact Jeannetta.

..thru the Grape Vine

Ric White entered plans in the National AIBD Conference Competition.

Too soon to know any results. Will follow up on this in next issue.

Best of Luck Ric!

E&O Insurance

Jack Shelby received a notice that his E&O would be cancelled at the end of the year. He checked with the broker who confirmed that changes were being made and new policies would be issued.

If you don't have this coverage yet (available thru AIBD) it is worth looking into. The rates are far more reasonable then they were even a few years ago. Coverage is for all your work as long as you maintain the policy.

The policy not only protects you but also represents you in a legal dispute.

Contact: Graham and Peat @ 314-997-0737

American Institute of Building Design MICHIGAN SOCIETY
Fall Conference 2001 - Itinerary

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

Arrival (anytime) – Hamilton Inn Select located at 701 South Huron Ave. in Machinaw City. Take I-75 to Mackinaw City . Enter Mackinaw City from Exit 337, 338, or 339 and proceed to South Huron Ave., on the lake.

7:00 pm – The Main Conference room, in the Hamilton Inn, has been reserved for an informal round table discussion for all existing and potential A.I.B.D. members.

Saturday, September 15TH

9:00 am – Meet at the small conference room, in the Hamilton Inn, for main presentations.

9:05 am to 10:25 – Structural Systems, Truss Joist MacMillan
Bob Lowe

10:35 am to 11:55 am – Softplan Systems
Steve Sinacolar

12:30 pm – Arnold Line Ferry leaves dock for Mackinac Island.
(Horse drawn carriages will meet us at the docks on the Island and transport us to the Grand Hotel for our Grand Luncheon Buffet.)

1:00 pm – Buffet served in Main Dining Room of Grand Hotel.

2:30 pm to 3:30 pm – Historical Lecture of Grand Hotel.

Members and Spouses will have the rest of the afternoon to enjoy the Island and have dinner at the location and time of their choice.

7:00pm to 9:00 pm – *LOST IN THE FIFTIES* play, Center Stage Theater at Mackinaw Crossings located just down from the Hotel in Machinaw City.

Sunday, September 16TH

9:00 am to 10:00am – Structural portion of Certification Exam review with Jerry Carter if 3 or more members sign up. (See note on registration form)

10:00 am – A.I.B.D. Member Meeting at small conference room.

END OF CONFERENCE – Have a safe trip home.

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Fall Conference 2001

You are cordially invited to attend the Michigan Society Fall Conference, which will be held in the Mackinaw City & Mackinac Island area.

Come earn your CEU's and enjoy an entertaining Autumn weekend. Presentations will cover Trus Joist MacMillan products by Bob Lowe of Structural Systems and also the new Softplan Systems version 11 – 3-D C.A.D. software demonstration. A Round Table discussion will take place on Friday evening allowing members to ask business & industry related questions of other members. Bring along blueprints of recent or favorite projects for discussion – earn an A.I.B.D. coffee mug.

Members –invite a prospective member – earn an A.I.B.D. hat. If you are thinking of joining A.I.B.D., Attend the conference and get to know the members while having an enjoyable weekend. Bring your application, letters of introduction, and required blueprints and membership fees to save \$50 toward your membership fee.

Accommodations have been made at the Hamilton Inn Select overlooking Mackinac Island and the beautiful Straits of Mackinac. A block of rooms have been reserved at the special rate of \$108 - \$138 per night includes warm breakfasts at the breakfast bar (whirlpool rooms are extra). You will have your choice of rooms when you call 800-301-1765 (please ask for Jodi and/or mention you are part of the A.I.B.D. – Michigan Society for the special rates). Please be sure to call before September 3rd to insure your room and special rate.

Your registration and check for the conference must be received by September 3rd. All checks will be deposited after the conference. Amenities for the weekend include lunch at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, tickets for ferry ride to and from the Island and also tickets to the play *LOST IN THE FIFTIES* on Saturday evening. Early registrations take a \$10 discount and helps handle the head count for the meals and conference room accommodations.

CONFERENCE FEES:

MEMBERS \$125

NON MEMBERS \$175

SPOUSES \$80

PAY BEFORE AUG. 27TH FOR \$10 DISCOUNT/ PERSON

Clip and Mail Registration Form to:

A.I.B.D., Michigan Society

6575 Dixie Hwy., Clarkston, MI 48346

NAME: _____ FEE: _____

GUEST/SPOUSE: _____ FEE: _____

Please sign me up for the Sunday 9AM Structural Workshop _____

Phone: _____ TOTAL FEE: _____

**Mackinaw City Seminar
September 14,15,& 16
2001
Register by
Aug. 27, 2001 for discount
Final Registration Sept.7**

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