

## AIA Palm Beach Chapter

American Institute of Architects



Dear Members,

[Grassroots 2010](#) was an incredible experience! I want you all to know that the “State of our Profession”, although challenged by current economic instability, is **STRONG**. This year’s event attracted the most first time attendees. Over 1,000 Architects ascended our nation’s Capital with the intent of seeking leadership training, exerting our advocacy prowess and participating in fellowship with our peers.

My experience was very broad. From leadership training to “utilizing social media” seminars (yes the AIA is “*tweeting*”), Grassroots was a memorable experience. I saw the **AIA** National leadership direct a 3 day succession of activities involving politicians, pedagogical theorists and us, the Architects on the ground. One thousand “Blueprints to Rebuild and Renew” our economy were levied on Capital Hill. It was inspiring to see these incredible talking pieces being carried around the “Hill”. I have attached the image for you to print and place in your Studios, Reception Areas, etc. I encourage you to read, absorb and then get your creative minds to work on how you can disseminate the message to your local government officials.

It is easy to sit back and not participate. However, never before in our profession’s history has the ability to transform our community been this possible. There are numerous grants and funds available for community based projects. The Cities we live and work in want sustainability. We have the expertise and problem solving skills they need. Our economy will rebound and as Architects, we **MUST** lead the Process. Look for ways to get involved. There are opportunities before us.

I encourage you to “*renew*” you involvement with the AIA. We are your legislative voice. We offer you outstanding resources for expanding your knowledge and lastly we are enduring this unprecedented economic period with you.

AIA Palm Beach is here for you. The Chapter’s leadership has cultivated a creative group of professionals to serve you and our profession during these challenging times. Beginning with our Annual Build Palm Beach 2010 on February 26th, it is our goal to provide important, relevant events that will engage and support you. I encourage you to get involved in the Chapter. Join a committee. Bring a colleague to the next meeting. Help us make this a dynamic group that promotes the importance of why “**DESIGN MATTERS**”, not only to us, but throughout our communities.

I look forward to meeting more of you this year. Please do not hesitate contacting me on my cell or email any time.

Sincerely yours,

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