

Emerging Professionals Committee Update

Members: Curt Hoffmann, Assoc. AIA – Chair
Matthew Edwards, AIA – IDP/ARE

Open Positions:

Experienced licensed Architect (10+ years).

This position would be to help provide a perspective from the established/managerial side of the profession, working with the Emerging Professionals and committee to help develop programs and initiatives, as well as potentially contribute as a lecturer or panel member for an annual event.

Student member

This position would be to serve as a liaison with the design schools in the region, as well as actively participate in committee events, programs, and planning.

Recent Activities:

The ARE study sessions have been a great success all year long. Matthew received support from AIAW for establishing satellite locations in the other three state chapters. The last session of the year included going live with all three satellite locations.

The committee sponsored food and drinks for the SARUP Marcus Studio project ceremony. This provided a great opportunity for us to show our support and enthusiasm for the students.

We are in talks with SUPAR to constantly look for opportunities to assist the school. The committee is donating \$100 (the remainder of our 2008 budget) to the school.

The EP Committee received 100% of the funding requested directly from AIAW. This includes the following:

ARE Study Session	\$2,150
SARUP event sponsorship	\$200
Thirsty Thursdays	\$300
Birdhouse competition	\$200

Future Plans: ARE Prep – Starting in 2009 ARE 4.0 will be used for the program – 7 sessions. These will include satellite locations in WINE, WINW, and WISW.

Opening Doors – At this time there is no plan for an Opening Doors event for EP, but one can certainly be included later in the year.

Thirsty Thursday – We will hold 3 Thirsty Thursdays throughout the year, at different locations. Locations and dates TBD based on opportunities with other programs.

Architecture Free Zone – We will hold a birdhouse design competition to be during Architecture Week in April 2009. The competition will be open to all. The birdhouses will be judged with prizes awarded, then auctioned off to raise money for a charity or foundation.

Mentoring – The committee will sponsor one event at SARUP either end of spring semester or beginning of fall semester. Discussions with AIAW has leaned toward a joint event to host a cookout and lecture at the school.

Resources Needed: We will try to team up with existing programs when possible. Many of the programs are centered on lectures, charettes, and volunteering from a grassroots effort. The committee needs more volunteers to help spread the workload.