



AIA El Paso

January, 2017

Dear Colleagues,

In 2016, “president” seemed to be an extremely popular term, even for an election year. The National race spawned an unconventional run and our very own AIA National president sent an endorsement on the behalf of our national community to the president-elect. So, I as I sit in my new “presidential” role I am reminded of the Architect’s true responsibility. The Executive Committee and I thought a reminder was necessary.

We are the protectors/stewards of the built environment. We oversee its function, its safety, its beauty and its sustainability. If we do it right, the effort transcends political structures and leans towards no party. The built environment should work independent of political party because we do not design to sway the populace rather we design to protect and facilitate the populace. Yes, we can design a house for the policy to be created under; and we are bound by policy; but we should not let the policy govern the environment we create because in most cases it outlasts the policy.

I thank you for this opportunity to serve; I am looking forward to this year.

Sincerely,

Rene Melendez AIA
AIA El Paso Chapter
President

2017 Chapter Officers – Executive Committee

President:	Rene Melendez
President Elect:	Renee Jimenez
Vice President:	Paulina Lagos
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Chapter Positions

Past President:	Mary Stills
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NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

When: Thursday, January 26, 2017.
Where: Greenery, Sunland Park Mall.
Time: 11:45 am to 1:00 pm
Address: I-10 and Sunland Park Dr.
Sponsor: Inpro Corporation

Program/ AIA CEU:

Don't Ignore the Signs: Your Guide to ADA Signage

AIA/CES Provider Program #IPC770 IDCEC Provider Program CEU-101699

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The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was established in 1990 to protect the civil rights of people with disabilities in employment and access to goods and services. Today, as a part of the 2010 SAD standards, failing to abide by ADA requirements in terms of architectural signage, can result in thousands of dollars in fines for facilities and organizations. Learn about the necessary signage considerations which need to be enforced for proper ADA compliance and the latest materials and manufacturing processes available.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Obtain a better understanding of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
2. Review ADA guidelines in terms of architectural signage and variances by state.
3. Learn about the 2010 SAD Standards and enforcement process
4. Identify the latest ADA signage material and manufacturing processes

Please RSVP by January 23rd to maddoleh@hotmail.fr

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COMMITTEES

Golf – Michael Stills, Chair;

Design Awards – Paulina Lagos, Chair;

El Paso Chapter History – Vacant, Chair;

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ArchTOBER – Michael Stills, Chair;

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Membership – Rene Melendez, Chair; Paulina Lagos, Marcella Attolini, Jorge Loya,
Tommy Razloznik



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SEEKING PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATES FOR 2017

The benefits of the Professional Affiliate Membership include:

- Product Representatives, Material Suppliers, Engineering Services and Professional Organizations with an interest in Architecture and Building Construction.
- Contact information listed on monthly newsletter.
- Opportunities for product presentations and sponsorships.
- Monthly newsletter sent via email.
- Meals included in Dues.
- Dues are \$300.00 per calendar year.

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PLEASE USE OUR PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATES TO COMPLEMENT YOUR PROJECTS

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New Era Foam	Rob Tollen	rtollen@sbcglobal.net	1165 McNutt Ste A1 Sunland Park, NM		(915) 203-1533
Acme Brick Company	Steve Bush	sbush@brick.com	PO Box 425 Ft. Worth TX, 76101	District Sales Manager El Paso/ Las Cruces	(915) 859-9171 (915) 539-3370
Goodmans Interior Structures	Tom Gage	tgage@goodmans.info	11821 Gwen Evans Ln		(505) 889-0916
DWS Building Supply	Sabrina Voorhies	svoorhies@dwsbuildingsupply.com	6050 Lockett Ct El Paso, TX 79932	Marketing & Business Development	(915) 351-7300 (915) 727-2827
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ASID MCA Building Tour

The local chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) has invited us to join their tour of the new Cardwell Collaborative Building at the Medical Center of the Americas Campus. This state-of-the-art biomedical research laboratory is the first of its kind in the region and is on track for LEED Silver Certification.

When: Thursday, February 16th, 2017.
Where: Cardwell Collaborative Building
Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Address: 5130 Gateway Blvd. East



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Texas Society of Architects

texasarchitects.org

Texas Board of Architectural Examiners

tbae.state.tx.us

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards

ncarb.org

AIA Trust

theaiatrust.com/

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