

SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:

- National Accreditation
- 2017 Officers
- Mentoring Moment
- Community Service
- 2017 Dream Architecture
- New 2017 Spring Events



AIA Mobile

JANUARY 2017

New Year, New Changes

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In 2016, AIA began an evaluation of all state and local chapters. Chapters were required to submit information on every aspect of the organization. Chapters that met certain qualifications set by the National office were given a 3 year accreditation. Chapters that did not quite meet all of the standards were given a 1 year accreditation, along with the task of re-applying for a full 3 year, in 2017. Chapters that do not get the full accreditation in 2017 will be absorbed by another local, or the State chapter.

AIA Mobile received a 1 year accreditation. While our chapter offers many benefits to Members, the National office thinks we can do a few things differently. Therefore, the Executive officers will be implementing a

few EXCITING additions to your member benefits.

One New benefit is this quarterly newsletter. The newsletter will highlight events, community involvement, special recognitions and awards, and any issues and concerns regarding the chapter.

As your New President, I would like to thank you all in advance for your support and participation. Please know that the 2017 Executive Committee will do all that we can to make sure our chapter receives a 3 year accreditation.

Thank you,
Lauren Arington
2017 AIA Mobile President

2017 Executive Committee



Lauren Arington
AIA
President



Jim Bray
Treasurer



Shannon McIntyre
Assoc. AIA
Vice-President



Louis Tooker
AIA
Past President



Nic Gray
Assoc. AIA
Secretary

Mentoring Moment with Ronald V. Nanace



**“Listen and
Build on the
experience of
others”**

Q: What year did you receive your license, and how many years did you practice?

A: Licensed in March 1979

38 years in private practice, 50+ total years in the profession

Q: What is your favorite, and least favorite, part of the profession?

A: Favorite: Standing on a street looking at a completed/occupied project.

Least: Dealing with contractors.

Q: What is the biggest impact you have been able to make as an Architect?

A: I have always tried to conduct my activities as a professional at all times and strived to be a positive influence in the building community.

I have Served as president of the Northeast Chapter AIA, and as councilor to State AIA for four years.

My community activities include serving on the Local and National Boards of YMCA; President of East Montgomery Lions Club; Member of Civitan Club; Member CSI; Member of SAME; Retired National Guardsman; and active member Eastern Shore Presbyterian Church; Member Academy of Model Aeronautics.

Q: Do you have any advice for Young Architects just starting out?

A: Be an integral part of your projects from start to finish. Strive to serve the best interest of your client. Listen and Build on the experience of others. Work with the owner, with the contractor, and with the user to achieve a smooth balance in the built environment.

Q: What is your most Memorable Project:

A: No one project stands out as the “Most”. I like to think they are all memorable; some good, some not so good. My practice was not limited to a specific building type, but general overall. I was fortunate to be project architect on 12 story Assisted Living Facility, a New High School Campus, a complex Military Support Facility. Numerous Retail Outlets including a Shopping Center, and several National Guard Armories which included a National Guard TV Recording Studio.

Smaller projects include Residential Remodels, Jungle gym Play set, and a Stand-a-lone loading ramp for Transfer Trucks.

My list includes Banks, Medical Clinics, Low rent Housing Project, Apartment Complex, Churches, and Business Offices for Accounts, Realtors, Restaurants, and Daycare Center.



Community Service Opportunity

AIA Mobile has an amazing opportunity to help the Baldwin County Humane Society! Volunteers are needed to help the Humane Society finish their new offices, located on Hwy 98, in

Montrose. The work will include: Painting, cabinet installation, and trim work.

Material and monetary donation are also welcome.

Once the office work is complete, the main housing area for the cats will be renovated. A "catio" will be designed, and built by the chapter.

This work will require workdays to be scheduled over a few weekends. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact

Lauren Arington, larington@vbadesign.us, or 334-444-9469 .



VOLUNTEER



Alabama Center for Architecture

save the date!



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Artwork Due

Wednesday, April 19, 2017
MCS Central Office
Attn: Linda Byrd
1 Magnum Pass, PO Box 180069
Mobile, AL 36618

Awards Ceremony

Thursday, May 18, 2017
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Alabama Contemporary Art Center
301 Conti Street
Mobile, AL 36602

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

www.alcfa.org/mobile-dreamarchitecture
205-322-4386
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Upcoming Events!

FEBRUARY:

9th. - CEU Event

Audio Indulgences, Daphne

1-4 pm, 3 HSW hours

16th. - Monthly Meeting

Original Oyster House, Spanish Fort

12-1 pm, Sponsored by Kalwall

MARCH:

9th.-10th. - AIA Grassroots Leadership

Washington D.C.

16th. - Monthly Meeting

Original Oyster House, Spanish Fort

12-1 pm, Sponsored by Dunn Building Company

16th. - Monthly Meeting

BlueGill, Spanish Fort

5:30-7:30 pm

APRIL:

1st. - Schooner Joshua or Delta Cruise

Details to follow

20th. - Monthly Meeting

Original Oyster House, Spanish Fort

12-1 pm, Sponsored by YKK

27th.-29th. -National Convention

Orlando, Florida

*Please check-out our website for updated event information
aiamobile.org, or call 251-517-4315

Alabama Board of Licensure Votes to Repeal QBS Administrative Rule

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ASCE urges members in Alabama to reach out to their State Board of Licensure and key State Legislators to oppose the current rulemaking proposal to remove Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) of engineering services from the Administrative Rules.

[ASCE believes](#) the selection of Professional Engineers as prime consultants and subcontractors should be based on the qualifications of the engineering firm. Qualifications including education, training, experience, past-performance, capabilities, personnel and workloads should be evaluated when selecting an engineering firm.

The BOL actions can be obtained by clicking onto the following weblinks:

Alabama Administrative Monthly - BOL Submittal November 2016

ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS, BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL

Proposed Amended Rules:

[330-X-14-.05 Practice](#)

[330-X-14-.06 Ethics](#)

Alabama Administrative Monthly - BOL Submittal December 2016

ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS, BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL

[Proposed Amended Rule: 330-X-14-.05 Practice](#)

We encourage you to reach out to your public officials to ensure that current procedures to select engineering services through Qualifications Based Selection remain intact in Alabama. We ask that you take action now by:

- **Visiting ASCE's ["Click & Connect" website](#)** to read additional background on the issue and contact your State Legislators. This is particularly important if your elected official is a member of the LRS Joint Legislative Council.
- **Attend the Board of Licensure Public Hearing, January 31, 2017, 8:00 am in Montgomery** (100 North Union Street, purchasing auditorium) to oppose the BOL repeal of QBS. Be prepared to testify on the merits and anticompitative nature of QBS.
- **Write the Board of Licensure to express your opposition.** Remarks can be directed to Regina A. Dinger, Executive Director; Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers. The deadline to respond to each action is January 30th and February 13th. [Click here for Sample Letters to send to the Board and your legislators!!](#)

The time is now to help policymakers understand the harmful nature of the changes they have proposed.

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