



# Fellowscope



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The purpose of the College of Fellows is to stimulate a sharing of interests among Fellows, to promote the purposes of the Institute, to advance the profession of architecture, to mentor young architects, and to be of ever-increasing service to society.

Today's *Fellowscope* includes Chancellor's Message, Chair's Message, Regional Representative Profile, Young Architects Forum, Fellows Feats, Chancellor's Cup announcement, National Convention and Design Expo announcement.

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## Chancellor's Message

Dear Members of the AIA College of Fellows,

Many wonderful opportunities are available for us to enjoy as we gather around our Nation's Capital and its surroundings for the 144<sup>th</sup> National AIA Convention. It will be a time of learning and exploring, of enjoying friends and making new ones, of sharing meals and networking, of teaching and listening, of attending and participating. It is our hope that all of this and much more will make your visit to our 2012 National Convention and Design Exposition an event to be remembered. DESIGN CONNECTS!



I look forward to an opportunity to join the 88<sup>th</sup> President of the American Institute of Architects, President Jeff Potter, FAIA, in the Investiture of the class of 2012. I am also pleased that Greg Palermo, FAIA, Chair of the Jury of Fellows, and members of the Executive Committee of the College of Fellows, Vice Chancellor Ron Skaggs, FAIA, Bursar Bill Stanley, FAIA, and Secretary Al Rubeling, FAIA, will play a major part in the Investiture.

The Investiture will occur on Thursday, 17 May 2012 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Washington National Cathedral, officially known as the Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. Of neo-gothic design, it is the sixth largest cathedral in the world, and the second largest in the United States.

The cathedral master plan was designed by the highly regarded British Architect George Frederick Bodley. Construction began on 29 September 1907 when the foundation stone was laid and the cathedral was completed when the last finial was placed in 1990. A recent earthquake did damage the cathedral but it has been made ready for visitors.

The Convocation Dinner, honoring those who were invested earlier in the week, will occur in the National Building Museum, formerly known as the Pension Bureau, that was built in 1887. The Pension Bureau was designed by Gen. Montgomery C. Meigs, the U.S. Army quarter master general. This vast space is an ideal location for such an occasion. The Convocation Dinner will be held on the evening of 19 May 2012.

Our Spring meeting of the College of Fellows Executive Committee was held recently in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. A reception was held on the first night of our meeting to honor all Fellows in the Pittsburgh area. The reception was very well attended and fostered a significant amount of good fellowship and productive sharing among the group. Assisting in the plans for our Spring meeting was former AIA President and COF Chancellor, Syl Damianos, FAIA. We appreciate you, Syl. Most of our time during the two full days of our meeting, however, was dedicated to addressing issues, considering reports, and making decisions on matters that needed attention. It is a pleasure to work with the Skaggs, Stanley, Rubeling group, and with Terri Stewart, Executive Director of the College of Fellows. They all do an outstanding job.

An exceptional opportunity came our way during our Pittsburgh meeting as we were invited to an evening at Fallingwater as the guests of Lynda Waggoner, Vice President and Director of Fallingwater. This visit included a wonderful evening tour of the house and discussions with Lou Astorino, FAIA, concerning recent conservation efforts to repair and conserve this national treasure, recently celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Thanks, Lou. Dinner in the house concluded our visit. We are most grateful to Lynda for this very special visit and dinner.

I look forward to seeing you at our Convention. Let us each offer our appreciation to all of those who have worked so diligently to make it happen. By the way, there may still be room for you to join in the Chancellor's Cup Golf Tournament. See the announcement later in this issue.

Sincerely,



Norman L. Koonce, FAIA, Chancellor

Just a thought: When all is said and done, remember: The tragedy of life is not death. It is destined for us all. The tragedy of life is to die with convictions undecided, commitments undeclared, and service unfulfilled. (By Dr. Ernest L. Boyer, The Carnegie Foundation)

Ed. note. The following photos of the event at Fallingwater are courtesy of Stanley, Love-Stanley, P.C.



Fallingwater



Syl Damianos, FAIA, host inside Fallingwater



One the site of Frank Lloyd Wright's Kentucky Knobb Residence are (standing L-R): COF Executive Committee William J. Stanley, III, FAIA; Ron Skaggs, FAIA; Norman Koonce, FAIA; and Albert W. Rubeling, Jr., FAIA, and (seated): Ivenue Love-Stanley, FAIA; Sondra Skaggs; Sue Koonce, Terri Stewart, and Diane Stahl.



Sue Koonce (center) enjoys dinner in the Fallingwater living room with host Syl Damianos, FAIA

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## Chair's Message

May is a very exciting time for the College of Fellows. In addition to the Investiture of newly elevated Fellows and the convocation dinner celebrating their achievements, we also have the annual Fellows Regional Representatives meeting. I am excited this year to meet and greet all of our new Regional Representatives. I believe there are 13 new Regional Representatives. This meeting gives us all a chance to come together, exchange ideas and listen to the Chancellor and other Executive Committee members on their ideas and goals for the College and how the Regional Representatives play an important role in the College's mission. It is also a chance for us to meet each other and learn how different regions engage their local Fellows. If you did not get a chance to send in your Regional Representatives Report, please bring copies of it with you for the meeting.



Our meeting will take place on Saturday morning, 19 May from 7 to 8 a.m. in Room 8 in the Renaissance Hotel. Breakfast will be provided. I look forward to seeing all of you at this meeting and working with you this year to make your visions for the Fellows in your region a reality.



John R. Sorrenti, FAIA  
Chair, COF Regional Representatives

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## Regional Representative Profile:

By John R. Sorrenti, FAIA

Normally I profile a Regional Representative in this article, but I would like to use this profile column to thank Al Rubeling, FAIA, John P. Sullivan, FAIA and the rest of the Golf Committee, for their work this year on the Fellows golf outing. As we know Al is the Secretary of the College and he has been organizing this event for many years. This will be the 16<sup>th</sup> year of this fundraiser outing, which is always held the Wednesday of the annual convention week at a great course in the hosting city. This is a very important event for the College. This year, with the assistance of committee member John Sullivan, the fellows were able to secure Donald Trump's beautiful Trump Washington, D.C. club. I urge all of our Regional Representative who have not yet signed up to play to do so and join Al and the rest of the committee for a very fun filled day on the course. All of us at the College appreciate all the time and effort it takes to organize such a successful event every year and truly thank them all for their efforts.

# Young Architects Forum:

The following article was forwarded by Deepika Padam, AIA, LEED AP bd+c, YAF Communications Advisor.



Attending AIA Convention? Don't forget to check out the YAF sessions and events. We would be honored if you could join us in our activities! We have an attractive line of speakers presenting at our sessions, including the winners of the 2012 Young Architects Award. Check out the 2012 Young Architects Award book available at the AIA Bookstore. The Emerging Professionals Lounge, sponsored by Kaplan Education, will be jointly hosted by the AIA National Associates Committee and the Young Architects Forum. We will have presentations and ongoing exhibits at the lounge, so do stop by anytime. We'll introduce the 2012 YAF/COD Ideas Competition and present the highlights of YAF Summit20 held during Grassroots. Whether you are twitter savvy or not, come mingle with us social media junkies during the TweetUp events. And of course, we'll have the social events on Friday evening open to all. Don't be shy and stop by to say hello!

## Thursday – 17 May

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| 11:30 PM          | 2012 YAF/COD Ideas Competition Presentation<br>Presented by Virginia Marquardt, AIA<br>Emerging Professionals Lounge: Concourse A above the Town Hall                                                         |
| 12:00 PM          | Repositioning the Institute and AIA<br>Presented by Noreen Ahmad and Allison Jones<br>Emerging Professionals Lounge: Concourse A above the Town Hall                                                          |
| 1:00 PM           | National Candidates Forum with Emerging Professionals<br>Emerging Professionals Lounge: Concourse A above the Town Hall                                                                                       |
| 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM | TH223 - During Their First Decade of Success: Young Architects Making a Difference in Our Firms, Our Communities, and Our Profession Presented by Matt Dumich, AIA<br>Washington Convention Center, Room 140A |
| 3:00 PM           | Future of Architecture Discussion<br>Facilitated by Lee Waldrep, PhD, and David Zach<br>Emerging Professionals Lounge: Concourse A above the Town Hall                                                        |
| 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM | TH304 - AIA Committee on Design/Young Architects Forum 2011 Design Ideas Competition<br>Presented by Brad Benjamin, AIA, Karen Braitmayer, FAIA, and Josh Safdie, Assoc. AIA<br>Location TBD                  |
| 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM | EV329 - Honors & Awards Ceremony<br>Associate & Young Architects Recipients honored<br>Washington Convention Center, Ballroom                                                                                 |
| 5:00 PM           | YAF Summit20 presentation<br>Presented by Jennifer Workman, AIA<br>Emerging Professionals Lounge: Concourse A above the Town Hall                                                                             |
| 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM | Emerging Voices: Repositioning Architecture TweetUp & Chat<br>Moderated by Joseph Benesh, AIA<br>Emerging Professionals Lounge: Concourse A above the Town Hall                                               |

## Friday – 18 May

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| 10:30 AM | YAF Summit20 Presentation |
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11:30 AM	Presented by Brad Benjamin, AIA Emerging Professionals Lounge: Concourse A above the Town Hall 2012 YAF/COD Ideas Competition presentation Presented by Virginia Marquardt, AIA Emerging Professionals Lounge: Concourse A above the Town Hall
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	EV314 - AIA 2012 TweetUp Town Hall, Booth 138
3:30 PM	Repositioning the Institute and AIA Presented by Noreen Ahmad and Allison Jones Emerging Professionals Lounge: Concourse A above the Town Hall
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	FR316 – Supplemental Architectural Services: Great Opportunities with Often-Overlooked Professional Services Presented by Kevin A. Fitzgerald, AIA, PMP Washington Convention Center, Room 103B
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	FR323 - Leadership Forum: Profiles of Architect Leaders in the Profession and Our Communities Presented by Matthew Dumich, AIA, Cheri Gerou, FAIA, John Peterson, AIA, and Douglas L. Steidl, FAIA Washington Convention Center, Room 102B
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	EV327 - Emerging Professionals Reception West Salon AB Renaissance Washington DC Downtown Hotel 999 Ninth Street NW, Washington, DC 20001
10:00 PM – 11:30 PM	AIAS/Graphisoft Nightcap Reception East Salon Renaissance Washington DC Downtown Hotel 999 Ninth Street NW, Washington, DC 20001

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## Fellows Feats

**Bill T. Wilson II, FAIA** is a candidate in the Republican primary for Texas House District 43. If elected, Bill will be the first practicing architect to serve in the Texas Legislature in twenty-eight (28) years. This race is considered to be one of the top five GOP House races in Texas this year because of the defection of the incumbent representative from the Democratic to Republican Party. The issue that has caused this to become a featured race is Tort Reform. In an effort to court Hispanic voters, the Texas Governor, Attorney General, and Jeb Bush's son, George P. Bush have gambled that the candidate who has switched parties will also switch his vote on significant legislation. The district boundaries were redrawn for this election, however, the voters in the district, which includes the four counties surrounding Corpus Christi and Nueces County, have previously shown an independence of political maneuvering. This is expected to be one of the most expensive battlegrounds in the House races in 2012 and significant donations and endorsements are being offered by Texans for Lawsuit Reform, the biggest spending political organization in Texas for the past decade, and by the competing trial lawyer counterpart, the Texans for Insurance Reform. A third candidate, who is a former mayor of a community within the district, is also running for the position. Though this is Wilson's first attempt at political office, he has been a long-time participant in the Texas Society of Architects (TSA) Government Affairs and Advocacy efforts, has served as TSA President, and is currently the Senior Director from Texas to the National



Board of the AIA. He is well-known throughout his district for his public architectural work as well as his community involvement. He is also respected and known for his fairness, his research and understanding of the issues, his humility, and his willingness to listen to others. Contributions can be made at: [ElectBillWilson.com](http://ElectBillWilson.com) or mailed to: Bill Wilson Campaign, P.O. Box 1423, Portland, Texas 78374. The primary election is on 29 May 2012.

**Charles E. Dagit, Jr., FAIA** was presented with the prestigious Pennsylvania Gold Medal of Distinction by the American Institute of Architects for a lifetime distinguished career in architecture in a ceremony in the Rotunda of the State Capitol Building on 3 April 2012. This is the highest honor that can be conferred on a Pennsylvania Architect, and it has only been awarded ten times in the last twenty-five years. Mr. Dagit joins only three other Philadelphia Design Architects to have ever received it: Vincent Kling, FAIA, Robert Venturi, FAIA and Peter Bohlin, FAIA.



Mr. Dagit graduated with Honors from the University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelors Degree in Architecture in 1967 and studied in the Louis I. Kahn Masters Studio, earning a Masters in Architecture in 1968. While at Penn he won both the John Stewardson and the Schenk Woodman Traveling Fellowship Competitions.

He founded Dagit•Saylor Architects in 1970 and as lead designer he received over 60 national, regional, and local Design Awards including the Gold and Silver Medals for design by AIA Philadelphia and the Gold and Silver Medals from AIA Pennsylvania. He was named one of the “40 Under 40 American Architects” by Robert A.M. Stern, FAIA in *A+U Magazine* in 1976, and was elevated to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects in 1983 as the youngest architect ever to be so named at the time. In 1984 he won the National Design Competition for the Cultural Arts Pavilion in Newport News, Virginia.

Mr. Dagit’s work has been published in *Progressive Architecture*, *Architectural Record*, *L’Architecture d’Aujourd’Hui*, *A+U Magazine*, *The Japan Architect*, *Interiors Magazine*, *L’Industria delle Costruzioni*, *Yale Perspecta*, *House and Garden*, among others. *Philadelphia Magazine* published a lengthy feature article about his firm and his design role, and he himself has authored architectural articles for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *A+U Magazine* and *SCUP Quarterly Magazine*.

In addition to his architectural practice, Mr. Dagit has for 40 years taught design and lectured at Temple and Drexel Universities, and been a visiting critic at Penn and a lecturer at Penn, Cornell, Carnegie Mellon, and Syracuse Universities, and at International Planning Conferences. For the past two decades he has taught Thesis at Drexel, where he has additionally conducted a seminar on the History of American Architecture.

Mr. Dagit has advanced the profession of architecture as a member and vigorous leader of the AIA National Committee on Design for over 3 decades. In 1994 he was elected its Chairman, a position of great honor in the profession. Prior to that he conceived and chaired the largest ever AIA COD National Design Conference in 1991 which focused on The Philadelphia School. He has also served as Chairman of the AIA National Gold Medal Task Group and Chairman of the AIA National Awards Committee. He additionally joined the AIA National Committee for Architecture for the Arts and Recreation in 1973 and chaired its National Conference on Theater Design in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1976.

Mr. Dagit has also served on the Boards of both the AIA Pennsylvania and Philadelphia, the latter on two separate occasions, once in the 1980s and ‘90s and then again more recently. He became President of

AIA Philadelphia in 1991 and convinced the National AIA Convention Selection Committee to bring the AIA National Convention to Philadelphia in 2000. In 2003 he was named Chairman of the AIA PA Architects Forum and Chairman of the AIA PA PAC in 2005.

Mr. Dagit has served on many national, regional, and local AIA Awards Juries, as well as juries for *Progressive Architecture*, *House and Home Magazine*, the City of Washington D.C. Design Awards Program, the Department of Defense Awards Program, and Bricks in Architecture Honor Awards. He further enhanced architectural education Pennsylvania-wide by Managing the Stewardson Foundation Traveling Competition from 1976 to 1985.

Mr. Dagit was also recently honored for his distinguished architectural career with the Thomas U. Walter Award at the Philadelphia Athenaeum on 19 January 2012. He is only the fifth recipient of that tribute.

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## **16<sup>th</sup> Annual AIA Chancellor's Cup Open**

### **Trump National DC Wednesday, 16 May 2012**

By Albert W. Rubeling, Jr., FAIA, Golf Chair

The golf committee of the College of Fellows is pleased to announce that the 16th annual AIA COF Chancellor's Cup Open golf tournament will be held on the morning of Wednesday, 16 May 2012 at Trump National Golf Club DC in Potomac Falls, Virginia on the banks of the Potomac River.



Trump National Golf Club  
DC



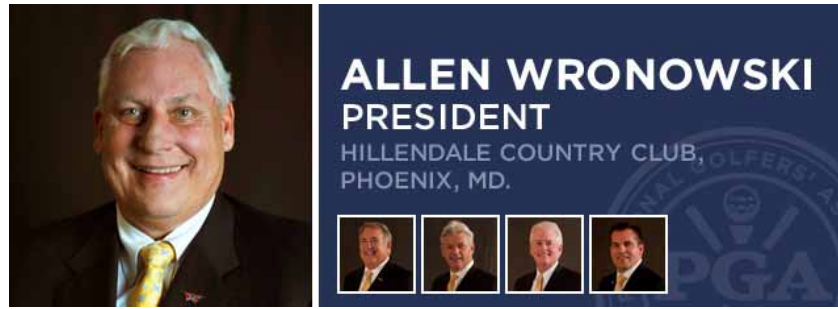
Al Rubeling, FAIA,  
Golf Chair

We will be playing on the Championship Course designed by Tom Fazio and ranked by Golf Digest as the 10<sup>th</sup> Best New Private Course in 1994.

We will be hosted by Mr. Donald Trump once again. For our returning players, you will remember that Mr. Trump joined us for our 2006 venue at Trump National in Rancho Palos Verdes / Los Angeles.

For the first time, our event will have a lunch speaker, the President of the USPGA, Mr Allen Wronowski, PGA. He will update our attendees on current news on the PGA tour and the Ryder Cup selection process.





We certainly hope that you will join our sponsors, hosts, and colleagues for an event that promises to be a memorable day raising funds for the Latrobe Prize.

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## The AIA National Convention and Design Expo Washington, DC: Design Connects

**Date:** 17 – 19 May 2012

**Venue:** Walter E. Washington Convention Center



**The Premise:** *Design Connects* celebrates the uniqueness of design as the synthesis of theory and practice, the relationship of the built and natural environments and the aspiration of architecture to serve the broader goals of humanity. *Design Connects* also speaks to the strength of the AIA as a collection of components that is smarter, stronger and more relevant as a unified Institute.

The spirit of connection resonates in our convention location, Washington, DC. In this place policy makers from around the world assemble to discuss, debate, and find common ground. *The physical plan of the city is literally a paradigm for connection.*

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