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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Mark E. Hasslinger, AIA

I hope everyone enjoyed our annual design awards program at Silo Point in Baltimore. It has been a few years since our design awards have been held at a building still under construction. While the ongoing construction resulted in a few unanticipated surprises, nevertheless it was fun and exciting to tour the building, learn of its past, and see the opportunities that were presented for adaptive reuse. The views from the top floor were certainly spectacular looking out over the Baltimore harbor and skyline.

Looking back over the past year, we have accomplished many activities that will continue to benefit our current and future members. During the legislative session, we continued to monitor bills that might positively or negatively impact the practice of architecture within Maryland. Certainly the most significant achievement this year was the passage of the high performance buildings bill. We continue to regularly monitor the activities of the State Board of Architects and the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation with particular concern this year over the large amount of funds that have accrued and are not being spent to our benefit through apparent bureaucratic impediments. Working closely with other members of the Maryland Council of Design Professionals, we hope to rectify this situation next year. The Board spent considerable time this year working to provide greater contributions toward the intern development program and toward bridging the gap between education and practice. We continue to operate in a fiscally prudent manner, and are building up our investment funds so that

hopefully when our current lease expires we will be positioned to purchase property in Annapolis and provide AIA Maryland with a permanent home. Our design awards program continues to celebrate Maryland architects and Maryland architecture, as well as recognizing the design excellence of those students who represent the future of our profession.



As the Board looks toward next year, we have already begun to identify our legislative agenda and plan accordingly. We are also working to adopt policies and procedures that will allow us to govern more effectively and efficiently. I look forward to the leadership of next year's Board under Larry Frank, AIA. To those of you who have not become active in the AIA, I encourage you to become involved in your local chapter and thereafter consider serving on the Board of AIA Maryland. The friendships that develop are invaluable, as well as the reward that comes from serving our profession.

As my year comes to a close as President of AIA Maryland, I would like to thank all who have served this past year on the Board of Directors for their dedication and commitment to AIA Maryland. A special thanks is also given to our lobbyist Joe Miedusiewski for all his advice and recommendations on legislative affairs. Joe is a real asset to AIA Maryland, and we are very blessed to have his continued service to our profession.

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## 2008 AIA MARYLAND DESIGN AWARDS

AIA Maryland celebrated the design accomplishments of architects and architectural students in Maryland with its annual Design Awards ceremony held on September 11 at Silo Point in Baltimore. The submitted and winning projects reveal a wealth of superlative design talent. Four awards were given to graduate and undergraduate students enrolled in NAAB accredited architectural degree programs and twenty-two awards were given to Maryland, DC, and Virginia AIA architects for both built and un-built projects from an unprecedented 169 project entries submitted by 53 architectural firms.

Our deepest thanks go to our jurors, all from AIA Pennsylvania, who devoted their time and expertise in judging this year's submissions over a two-day period. There was much conferring with each other and thoughtful discussion as the jury struggled with the difficult task of culling projects to recognize the most notable ones for award. Regarding the firm submissions, the jurors stated, "It was an extraordinary number of projects and an extremely high level of finish in all of them – a very good array of projects to consider. The number certainly shows the vigor of AIA Maryland's activities and shows quite frankly a level of architecture that Maryland has established in a very positive way." In regard to the student submissions, they noted that "overall, the submissions were quite excellent" and that "the jury was impressed with the quality level and the graphics that were presented."

The 2008 jury ultimately awarded two student Design awards, two student Citation awards, and to the firms, seven Honor awards, six Merit awards, eight Citation awards and one Public Building of the Year award. The student Design award winners each received a \$1,000 cash prize for their design accomplishments. In addition, a Presidential Citation was granted to Governor Martin O'Malley for his commitment to

Green Architecture through the passage of Senate Bill 208 — High Performance Buildings Act. Richard Hall, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Planning, accepted the Citation on behalf of the Governor. The award was presented to express appreciation for the outstanding efforts the Governor has made on behalf of Maryland architects and the citizens of Maryland.



*AIAMD 2008 Design Awards Jury:*  
(l-r, sitting): Charles E. Dagit, Jr., FAIA, Jury Chair, Former Principal of Dagit/Saylor Architects, Philadelphia; Bernard J. Cywinski, FAIA, Bohlin Cywinski Jackson, Philadelphia  
(l-r, standing): Rachel Simmons Schade, AIA, Principal, Schade and Bolender Architects, LLP, Philadelphia; Stephen Quick, FAIA, Principal, Perkins Eastman Architects PC, Pittsburgh



*Cho Benn Holback + Associates accept the Public Building of the Year award for Enoch Pratt Free Library Orleans Street Branch, located in Baltimore, MD.*

*(l to r): Mark Hasslinger, AIA, AIAMD President, David Benn, AIA LEED, Mark Merolla and Charles E. Dagit, Jr., FAIA, Jury Chair (background).*



*Mark Hasslinger, AIA, President of AIA Maryland, presented a Presidential Citation, accepted by Richard Hall, to express appreciation for the outstanding efforts Governor O'Malley has made on behalf of Maryland architects and the citizens of Maryland.*

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## 2008 DESIGN AWARDS

### CITATION

**Unbuilt**

**Architect** Purple Cherry Architects

**Project** 122 Main Street, Annapolis, MD

**Client** N/A

On November 25, 2005, 122 Main Street, formerly known as Zachary's Jewelry, was destroyed by fire. The Annapolis Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) had previously determined that the building was of no historic significance. Working with HPC, our firm developed a modern "of the period," design. The front façade is carved away along the eastern edge creating a void which serves as a transitional space between interior and exterior. Programmatically this void engages the street and promoted connection and activity on the upper floors. A glass and steel façade is book ended by masonry piers suggesting a departure and return to the historic fabric. A fabric mesh sun screen works to shade the façade during the day and filter light transmission out to the street at night.



### CITATION

**Institutional**

**Architect** Cho Benn Holback + Associates, Inc.

**Project** The Park School Libraries, Brooklandville, MD

**Client** The Park School

Within an existing shell, the renovation provides for the school's extensive programmatic needs. Upper School and Lower School Libraries jointly accommodate over 47,000 books, 150 subscribed periodicals, computer stations, wi-fi, study and conference rooms, study carrels, reading nooks and a story area. The glazed staff suite allows librarians to monitor library spaces from their desks. Design measures enhance openness and visibility and direct views toward the neighboring pond. The central feature wall playfully unites the library spaces with interlocking study carrels and reading nooks punctuated with small windows. A graphic band of quotes encircles both libraries, providing another interactive element.



### CITATION

**Residential - Multi Family**

**Architect** Bonstra | Haresign ARCHITECTS

**Associate Architect** Oehrlein & Associates Architects

**Project** Parker Flats at Gage School, Washington, DC

**Client** Urban Realty Advisors

The original 1905 Georgian Revival style school is exemplary of public schools using a standard eight classroom plan with exterior design complementing its neighborhood. After 30 years of abandonment the building was deteriorating rapidly. The fenced site and boarded building were eyesores, encouraging illegal activity and discouraging neighborhood investment. A new residential development has stabilized the neighborhood. The project includes 92 residential apartments in 3 buildings with underground parking below a landscaped courtyard and the restored school as the centerpiece. The school is adapted to residential use, and includes partial replacement of wood framing, replacement of roofing, cornice, stair, masonry and wood windows and doors, dormers and mechanical exhaust cupola, and a widened "hyphen" housing a fire stair and elevator. The interior design respects the primacy of central public spaces; unit designs retain interior load-bearing masonry walls, and maximize vistas with diagonal views from entry foyer across living areas.

