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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Fellow AIA Members:

It appears that we are well into Fall, now, with the falling leaves and crisp, cool nights. Good sleeping weather, as I like to say. It looks like your AIA will be busy and, hopefully, productive for the rest of the calendar year.

We had a very good Annual Meeting last week, with a tour of the new Robinson Science Building at Whitworth University, including the annual election of officers and board members, and an update on the activities and the needs of the Inland Northwest Architectural Foundation. Many thanks go out to Rick Berg, AIA and Evelyn Creager for sharing this information. I would also like to thank the elected officers and board members for stepping up to volunteer to serve next year. I am looking forward to another banner year for our component. By all measures we will have another great board!

November is shaping up to be an interesting time as well. We will be representing AIA Spokane at the Annual AIA Washington Council Meeting on November 4, hoping to elect our own Dave Houtari, AIA as President-Elect for AIA Washington. Good Luck, Dave! I will also be traveling to Tokyo, Japan to represent our component at the AIA Northwest & Pacific Region Conference in November. This will be a great opportunity to travel to an exotic location and interact with all the leaders from components throughout our widespread Region. I hope to learn a little something new along the way, and to survive the brutal flights with the time/space adventure of crossing the International Date Line. Jet lag, here I come! I also hope to be joined by other AIA Spokane members. If you are going, drop me a line to let me know.

We are also planning what could be another great Chapter meeting for November (work in progress) and our always popular Christmas/Holiday party. I hope you can all join us for a great time celebrating the past year's accomplishments and anticipating next year's potential.

Sincerely,

**Timothy J. White, AIA**  
President, AIA Spokane

**AIA SPOKANE MISSION STATEMENT**

"Increase and promote the value of Architects by: advancing the standard of the profession and promoting professional development, outreach and fellowship."



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## PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Every Monday

### Toastmasters

@ Integrus, 10 S. Cedar  
noon - bring lunch

30 Sep - 10 Dec 2011

### Jim Olson: "Architecture for Art" Exhibit

Museum of Art, Washington  
State University-Pullman

More info: [http://museum.  
wsu.edu/events.html](http://museum.wsu.edu/events.html)

Fri. 4 Nov 2011

### AIA|WA Council Annual Mtg.

Olympia, WA

Tues. 8 Nov 2011

### AIA Spokane Board Meeting

Bernardo-Wills Architects  
153 S. Jefferson  
7:30 am

Thurs. 10 Nov 2011

### Marketing Associates of Spokane

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& Mathematics (STEM)  
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11:30 am - 1:00 pm

More info [www.maspokane.  
org](http://www.maspokane.org)

Wed. 16 Nov 2011

### LnL - "Section 179D Federal Energy Tax Deduction Seminar"

Jefferson Room @  
NAC|Architecture

1203 N. Riverside

Noon - 1:30 pm

RSVP to Linda 747-5498

See flyer in newsletter

## There will not be a November Chapter Meeting

13-19 Nov 2011

### NW & Pacific Region Conference - Tokyo "Crafting the Future"

hosted by AIA Japan  
& Committee on Design

Thurs. 24 Nov 2011

### Happy Thanksgiving!

Office will be closed

Wed. 30 Nov 2011

### AIA Spokane Board Retreat

Location TBA

Wed. 7 Dec 2011

### AIA Spokane Winter Party

#### Barrister Winery

More info in newsletter

Mon. 27 Dec 2011

### Merry Christmas!

Office will be closed

Mon. 2 Jan 2012

### Happy New Year!

Office will be closed

## MISSION STATEMENT

ADVANCE Architectural Education

IMPROVE the Human Environment

RECOGNIZE Meritous Architectural Work

PROMOTE Archiving of Architectural Work



INLAND NORTHWEST ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION

Once Again, Please Join Us For The

**AIA Spokane Winter Party  
& 2012 AIA Spokane  
Board Installation**

**Wednesday, 7 Dec 2011, 6 to 9 pm  
at Barrister Winery,  
1213 W. Railroad Avenue**

South of railroad viaduct,  
between Jefferson & Adams  
Street parking available at meters  
or in Bernardo-Wills parking lot  
Dinner catered by **Beacon Hill Events**

**Cost: \$40/AIA, aAIA, yAIAg, AIAS, Allied,  
& spouses \$45/guests**  
**RSVP to Linda no later than 30 Nov 2011  
747-5498 or office@aiaspokane.org**

**CSI/AIA Golf Tournament**

The **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CSI/AIA Golf  
Tournament**, held Thursday, 15 Sep 2011,  
was a HUGE success! A BIG thank you  
to our generous Major Sponsors: Roppe  
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Eclipse Engineering, GeoEngineers, Great  
Floors, Kilgore Architectural Products,  
Pella Commercial Division, & ABADAN  
Reprographics; plus our amazing 36 Hole  
Sponsors! It was a perfect day with  
beautiful weather for our 141 golfers! Our  
devoted golf committee, head up by David  
Birdsall, and made up of CSI, AIA, and  
Allied members, did a great job pulling  
everything together! A special thank you  
to Meg Lindsay from DCI, who sold a record  
number of Mulligans; and Pam Estes from  
NAC|Architecture, who sold a record number  
of raffles tickets! You girls rock!! Pam  
also kept track of all the registrations and  
sponsors for the tournament! A special call  
out to Brian Page and his wife for obtaining  
many of the wonderful raffle prizes. Thank  
you to everyone who worked, sponsored,  
and played in our tournament. Hope to see

all of you next year!!

**AIA Spokane Annual Meeting**

AIA Spokane held their **Annual Meeting**  
on Thursday, 20 Oct 2011, at the Robinson  
Science Hall at Whitworth University.  
A quorum of members voted and  
unanimously passed the following slate to  
serve as the 2012 Board of Directors:

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**President**  
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**Associate Director/Newsletter Editor:**

Cody Dompier aAIA (ALSC) (2012 or upon  
licensure)

Thank you for your willingness to serve on  
the Board as we carry out our mission.

We also had a report from the **Inland  
Northwest Architectural Foundation.**

They started the year with \$14,189.15 and  
finished the year with \$16,802.58. The  
INAF would like to remind you that they  
are in continuous need for donations. The  
INAF helped AIA Spokane with a donation  
to the "Play With Your Food" event that was  
a big hit during Architecture Week in April.

**AIA Spokane Library**

A reminder that we have a nice selection  
of books, movies, ARE study materials,  
historical information, etc. that can be  
checked out by members. Give Linda a  
call for a complete list of what is available.  
We also accept donations of architectural  
relevant materials to expand our library.



Nicolee lived and worked for many years in Spokane, WA including jobs at Washington Water Power, Spokane Energy Resource Center, and the City of Spokane Building Services. In 1990 Nicolee started her own business Upnorth Architecture. Nicolee's son Kyle was born in 1992 and the two of them eventually settled in Inchelium, WA. Many people met Nicolee in recent years as she traveled around the area as a 2010 Census enumerator for the U.S. Department of Commerce and as a member of the National Park Service Upper Columbia River survey staff.

Nicolee was interested in genealogy, Native American history and culture, sustainability, and career and technical education. Nicolee involved herself in the Inchelium schools as an aide, mentor and tutor. She was studying towards a Master of Education, Teaching and Learning degree from Heritage University, Toppenish, WA.

**Looking for Great Employees!?!**

The office has resumes on file for members who are looking for a position with a firm. Please contact Linda at (509) 747-5498, and she will be happy to forward electronically, or fax them to you.

**Spokane Celebrates!**

We would like to continue **Spokane Celebrates!** If anyone would like to submit something to the newsletter please send to Linda around the 28th of any month. Topics can be historical, current, people, building oriented, etc.

**Help Us Find a New Executive Director!**

Linda is retiring at the end of February so we need to find a new Executive Director for AIA Spokane! If you know of anyone who might be interested please have them forward a resume to office@aiaspokane.org. If they have questions they can call Linda, 747-5498.

**Housekeeping**

All members are invited to attend the **AIA Spokane** monthly Board Meetings! Please notify Linda, 747-5498, ahead of time so we

can provide extra seating.

**Lunch n'Learn RSVPs**

"Section 179D Federal Energy Tax Deduction Seminar" RSVPs should be made with Linda at 747-5498 or office@aiaspokane.org by Tuesday, 15 Nov 2011.

Keep up on what is going on in your chapter! **AIA Spokane** Board minutes and monthly finance reports are available in the **AIA Spokane** office for all members to peruse. Linda will be happy to assist you!



Photos of October's Whitworth Science Building tour, courtesy Corey Zachow and Cody Dompier



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# Section 179D Federal Energy Tax Deduction Seminar

Professional Education Presentation by Engineered Tax Services, Inc

## Outline and Syllabus

### Overview

**Understanding the Federal Energy Policy Act and Benefits under IRS 179D.**

Engineered Tax Services (ETS) has been at the forefront of the energy tax accreditation for EAct and 179D related tax benefits. ETS has performed over 10,000 Section 179D Energy Tax Studies since 2006 working closely with CPA Firms, Property Investors, Architects, Engineers and Energy Consultants. As a leader in the field, ETS provides a credit based educational seminar on the history of the 179D tax benefits and related business development strategies being employed throughout the country. The presentation is designed to give clarity and awareness to the engineering process involved in certification of public and private buildings as well as to also heighten awareness of these tax benefits on a national scale. During this presentation, you will be able to understand how the 179D Federal Energy Tax Deductions will allow your clients to claim significant benefits through the use of this tax law.

### Presentation Outline

1. Section 179D Federal Energy Tax Deductions – 5 minutes
  - a. Opportunities for Your Clients
2. Engineered Tax Services – 5 minutes
  - a. History & Background
  - b. Instructor Biography
3. Rule Change – 10 minutes
  - a. Background and History
  - b. New Regulations
4. Qualifying Buildings – 5 minutes
5. Benefit to the Client – 10 minutes
6. Benefit to the CPA Firm – 5 minutes
7. The IRS required Processes – 10 minutes
  - a. Modeling Calculation Skill Sets
  - b. Site Visit Requirements
  - c. IRS Filing Requirements
8. Case Studies – 5 minutes
9. Other Energy Tax Opportunities – 2 minutes
  - a. State
  - b. Local
  - c. Utility

### Learning Objective

This presentation commences with a review of the tax deduction laws and the CPA action plan to become regional experts to their clients and prospects.

- Gain an understanding of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and recently extended 179D Federal Tax benefits available for the design of energy-efficient buildings.
- Recognize the benefits for Property Owners, Investors, CPA's, Real Estate Attorneys, Architects, Engineers, Corporations, Energy Consultants and Lighting, HVAC, Roof & Insulation Contractors.
- Learn how the "Designer" (Architect, Engineer, and Specialty Contractor) qualifies to claim substantial tax benefits under 179D for any public or government-owned buildings.
- Learn how to take advantage of new energy tax incentives, niche strategies like cost segregation studies and insurance replacement appraisals for valuable tax savings and increased cash flow.
- Understand how these new tax strategies offered by the government, can become an additional value-added service to your clients, as well as a revenue stream for your firm.

### Seminar Details

**Seminar Scheduling:** Phone 702-216-0424

**Presenter:** Chris Ostler, CPA

**Method of Delivery:** Live Presentation

**Program level:** Basic

**Prerequisites:** None

**Advanced Preparation:** None

**Professional Education Credit:**

This instructor-led program will offer 1.0 continuing professional education credit (CPE) from the AICPA. Additional learning credits from other regulatory agencies may also be available. Please confirm the CPE sponsor requirements of your licensing board upon registration. For more information, please contact Chris at [costler@engineeredtaxservices.com](mailto:costler@engineeredtaxservices.com) or by phone 702-216-0424.

**Continuing Education Provider:**

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### Chris Ostler, CPA | Engineered Tax Services

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this tax benefit on a nationwide scale.

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