

## TIMES ARE CHANGING

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It wasn't too long ago when you could graduate from architectural school and if you had an old copy of Graphic Standards, you were all set for life. No more "read'n, writ'n and rithmatick" needed.

Times have changed. Matt Broderick, AIA, LEED AP a partner in Ashley McGraw Architects recently distributed this e-mail to the 55 people in our office last week:

### "2008 AIA Board Brings Sustainability into CES Requirement Beginning in 2009, 4 of 18 hours must relate to sustainable design

Summary: In March, the AIA national Board of Directors approved a change in the Rules of the Board that the AIA mandatory continuing education requirement, beginning January 1, 2009, will include a learning requirement for sustainable design. There will be no increase in the total learning-unit requirement (18 hours, 8 of which must be on health, safety, and welfare topics). The new requirement calls for 4 of the 18 hours to be related to "sustainable design," the definition of which is being determined by the AIA Continuing Education Quality Assurance Panel (CEQAP). This requirement is specified to run through 2012, by which time, the Board will evaluate whether to extend it.

No action is required at this time of AIA members or registered AIA Continuing Education System (CES) providers. This continuing education requirement is independent of any state licensure requirements. Texas has enacted a sustainable-design continuing education requirement in April 2008."

As you can see, times have changed and rightly so. We, the architect and engineers of the country, are responsible for 48% of the energy our country uses. So it is appropriate that AIA finally steps up to the plate and kicks us in the butt and tells us to get going.



AIA has endorsed the 2030 Plan that Ed Mazria has tirelessly championed that some CNY firms have already signed on to including Ashley McGraw and Lake Architectural. If you're ignorant on the subject, go to Ed's web site, [Architecture2030.com](http://Architecture2030.com) and start learning. He has a great 45 minute webinar that's a real eye opener. The feds have endorsed a form of the 2030 and so has ASHRAE in their new standard 189 when it comes out. For those of us who haven't followed 189, it may be a shock to learn it even requires things like certain colors on the exterior of buildings and over hangs over windows to name a few.

Times are changing and if you even blink your eyes, you may find yourself behind. No more slide rules and T squares. DA