

AIA Central New York  
A Chapter of The American Institute of Architects

From the AIA Rochester:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As a Host Chapter (AIA Rochester) committee co-chair for the 2009 AIA NYS Convention that was recently held in Rochester, NY, I have been asked by our local Board of Directors (AIA Rochester) to request feedback from you that can be forwarded on to our staff at AIA NYS to improve future events.

We have already had some feedback in the form of phone calls and emails from both our own membership as well as trade-show vendors and would like to receive some very objective and constructive criticism regarding your perceptions of the strengths and weaknesses of the state convention. As you already know, this event was intended to be the first-ever joint convention between AIA New York State, AIA Rochester, AGC of New York State, ACEC New York, NYS Society of Professional Engineers, NYS Association of Professional Land Surveyors and American Society of Landscape Architects.

Based on the feedback representatives from AIA Rochester received from the vendors in attendance at the 2008 Convention held in Westchester, our (AIA Rochester's) Convention committee recommended to AIANYS that the trade show extend thru Friday and Saturday, with the Saturday session open to not only design professionals and vendors, but also the general public. This two-day trade show would have given the design community more time to spend with vendors in addition to maximizing the time spent in educationally based CEU sessions, and giving the general public exposure to the trade show experience. At the time, this was thought to be a good idea based on the huge successes Rochester's Home Show has enjoyed in the past. However, due to concerns about the downhill spiral of the economy, and concerns that vendors would be reluctant to book the trade show for two full days, AIANYS scaled down the trade show event and they didn't feel it was appropriate to open the trade show to the general public.

In any event, AIA Rochester and AIANYS agreed to disagree on a number of points related to how the convention should be planned and executed, and, good or bad, the outcome was, what it was.

Since we will be forwarding our comments on to the 2010 AIANYS Board of Directors to discuss at their March meeting, I humbly ask that you take a few moments and let us know what you liked or disliked about the 2009 event, and

offer constructive criticism so AIANYS can make the upcoming 2011 tri-state regional convention a success.

Good luck to you all for a prosperous 2010, and thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

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