

AIA Miami

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AIA Miami Elects Cricket Snow President and Virgilio Campaneria President-Elect for 2010

CORAL GABLES – Members of the American Institute of Architects Miami Chapter (AIA Miami) have elected Cricket Snow, AIA/LEED® AP Associate, of Zyscovich Architects as president and Virgilio Campaneria, AIA, of HKS Architects, as president-elect of the chapter for 2010.

AIA also elected vice presidents Javier Cordova, AIA, of Bermello Ajamil & Partners, and Leonard Townsend, Esq., AIA, of Hughes Hubbard and Reed LLC. Joseph Benesh, AIA, of Zyscovich, was elected secretary-treasurer. Other new directors elected are Subrata Basu, AIA, Miami-Dade County Building and Zoning Department director; Luis Trelles, AIA, Trelles Cabarrocas Architects; Alejandro Silva, Silva Architects; Alyssa Kriplen, AIA, Zyscovich.

New state directors are Jaime Canaves, FAIA, of the Florida International University School of Architecture; Javier F. Cruz, AIA, Javier Cruz Architects; Bernard Horovitz, AIA, Bermello Ajamil; Angel C. Saqui, AIA, Saqui Architects; and Nati Soto, AIA, Ferguson Glasgow Schuster Soto, Inc.

New associate directors are Michelle Bilbao, Associate AIA, AIA Miami staff, and Rick Ruiz, Associate AIA.

Mike Brazlavsky, Hon. AIA, is the executive director of AIA Miami, located at the Miami headquarters at 275 University Drive, Coral Gables.

Snow, who has been with Zyscovich for 10 years and a member of the AIA Miami board of directors since 2003, was the founding chair of The Architecture Club of AIA Miami. The Architecture Club provides public lectures, forums and events that address the social issues affected by the built environment and the responsibilities architects have to their communities and the environment. In addition, she was the recipient of the AIA Miami Outstanding Young Architect Award in 2004 and received the AIA Miami Award for Public Service in 2009. Snow has also served the chapter in other officers' positions prior to her presidency.

A major responsibility for Snow will be serving as host chapter president during the AIA national convention in Miami in June.

At Zyscovich, Snow has managed a variety of public projects, ranging in program from city parks buildings to large aviation facilities. She is a past member of the City of Miami Planning Advisory Board where she served as vice chair in 2009. She is NCARB certified and a LEED® Accredited Professional. Snow has her Master of Architecture degree from Arizona State University and her bachelor's degree from the University of Florida.

Campaneria, a specialist in health care design who has been on the AIA Miami board of directors since 1998, received a national AIA Component Award in 2005 for developing and establishing a program to assist interns and associates in preparing for the architecture licensing exam. He also established a series of seminars dedicated to the preparation for the Architect Registration Examination which have been attended by interns, associates and architects from throughout Florida, the United States and the Caribbean. He was the AIA Miami Young Architect of the Year and the AIA Florida Associate of the Year statewide in 2005.

Campaneria, also an Air Force Reserve veteran, pararescue specialist and a member of the NASA Space Shuttle rescue team, earned his architecture degree from the University of Miami. He was a leader in the student architecture organizations and activities at both UM and Miami-Dade College and has received many commendations from the Air Force, AIA Miami, UM, MDC and St. John Neumann Catholic Church Men's Club.

For more information about the Miami chapter's new officers, contact AIA Miami at 305-448-7488 or review detailed information about AIA Miami at www.aiamiami.com.

About AIA Miami

AIA Miami, which will host about 18,000 members of AIA during the international convention in Miami in June, has nearly 700 members and offers professional development and support for member architecture professionals in South Florida.

About AIA

The AIA national organization, the voice of the architecture profession, celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2007. Since 1857, AIA has represented the professional interests of America's architects. As AIA members, more than 80,000 licensed architects, emerging professionals and allied partners express their commitment to excellence in design and livability in our nation's buildings and communities. Members adhere to a code of ethics and professional conduct that assures the client, the public, and colleagues of an AIA-member architect's dedication to the highest standards in professional practice. For a century and a half, members of the American Institute of Architects have worked with each other and their communities to create more valuable, healthy, secure and sustainable buildings and cityscapes.

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