



# **AIA Miami**

A Chapter of the American Institute of Architects

## **AIA Miami Longtime Executive Director Mike Brazlavsky Is Honored by AIA National as an Honorary Member of AIA**

Mijel (Mike) Brazlavsky, who has served as executive director of the American Institute of Architects Miami Chapter since 1998, has been honored by the national organization as one of 11 individuals nationwide named honorary members of AIA.

AIA said about the nominees, “(We) welcome these very special people into the AIA family. Despite disparate roles, they are all people who, although not architects by profession, have offered distinguished service to the profession of architecture or the allied arts and sciences, and thus have made all of our lives richer. One of the most important messages we share is our gratitude toward those who support and uplift architects and architecture. In this spirit, the Institute is very pleased to bestow on these individuals the title of Honorary AIA.”

One of his first considerations as executive director was to help enhance the rate of architecture graduates who achieve licensure. With enhanced outreach and training, the chapter saw an enhanced pass rate of 90 percent. Brazlavsky dedicates himself also to reaching K-12 students to encourage their pursuit of architectural education.

His multicultural and bilingual political involvement – both within Miami-Dade County and internationally – have brought significant recognition to the contributions of architects in the community and beyond.

During his 11 years, AIA membership has doubled and continues to grow as he connects architects to their AIA, one result of which is that Miami will be the site of the AIA 2010 national convention. More than 25,000 architects are expected to attend that convention, one of the largest in Miami’s history, which is expected to have an economic impact of more than \$10 million. The convention will be held June 9-12, 2010, headquartered at the Miami Beach Convention Center, and is expected to utilize all 600,000 square feet of the convention center and fill more than 12,000 hotel room nights.

“During his time as executive director of AIA Miami, Mike has completely professionalized the operation of the chapter – increasing memberships and sponsorships and radically improving the activities, initiatives and overall operations,” said Michael Kerwin, AIA, a past president of AIA Miami. “Through his outreach to allied professions and architectural firms, Mike has become a fixture on the AIA architecture scene.”

Mike Brazlavsky, Honorary AIA, is a longtime resident of Miami Beach and is active in local community and political affairs.

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