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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BARBADOS INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

So what is Council up to?

Behind the scenes:

- **Gala** - Finalising the plans for the BIA Awards & Fundraising Gala
- **Building Code** - Attending the Division Council meeting of the Barbados National Standards Institute (BNSI) - The draft Building Code has been completed and BNSI are in discussions with the Government who are hoping to launch it next year.
- **Mutual Recognition Agreements & Reciprocity** - Meeting with Barbados Coalition of Service Industries (BCSI) to discuss Mutual Recognition Agreements & Reciprocity issues with Europe & Canada and to get an update on negotiations with the local Government on the increased registration Fees. There has been no response from the Ministry regarding the increased registration fees and it was agreed that we need to write the press on the issue.

The AGM & the New Council:

- **The 38th annual General meeting of the BIA was held on the 26th August 2009** – outlined below is a brief summary of some of the pertinent issues discussed.
- The New Council is as follows:
 - President – Neil Hutchinson
 - Vice President – Aubrey Dawkins
 - Treasurer – Mark Hiorns
 - Secretary – Dian Small
 - Floor Member – Michael Lashley
 - Floor member – Ian Ramsay
- Resolutions were approved to amend the following sections of the constitution:
 - Amend the definitions of Full members and affiliate members
 - Omit “Architects in Training” and add “International members” (with the use of the IBIA letters)
 - Making ARB registration a prerequisite to becoming a full member
 - Student membership is now Free
- One of the burning issues to arise from discussions at the AGM was Town Planning and as such we have created a separate Sub-committee to try to tackle these issues
- The BIA now have a new e-mail address – admin@bia.bb
- We also wish to let you know that our trusty hardworking administrative secretary Sophia Moore is taking a 2 year sabbatical to go and teach within her field of study, computer technology, and we wish her success. In her absence we have hired Stacey Burgess.

BIA website:

- Members attending the AGM were given a preview of the new BIA website – council are to complete a few sections and notify members when it goes ONLINE!!

Sub-committees:

The following members will be serving on the following sub-committees:

- **Education** – Michael Lashley (chair) & Ian Ramsay
- **Professional Practice** – Aubrey Dawkins & Robert O’neal
- **Public Relations & International Relations** – Neil Hutchinson (chair) & Ian Ramsay
- **Fund (& Fun) raising** – Dian Small (chair), Mark Hiorns & Emerson Webster
- **Town Planning** - Robert O’neal, Gordon Ashby, Mark Gajadhar, Michael Lashley

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| Secretary | - Dian Small | Past President | - Robert O’neal |



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Tour of New Judicial Center - 19th September

- A tour of the newly completed Judicial center in Bridgetown was organized by the BIA. David Spink of Gillespie & Steel, the architects for the center, provided the guided tour for approximately 25 members which by all accounts was very interesting and informative. The feed back from this tour is that the BIA should organize more of this type of event.

BITS & SIREN TRADE SHOW (Trinidad) : 8th – 11th October

- This Building & Interiors Show includes Seminars, Workshops & Competitions - it is well worth a visit.
- For more information please visit the website at www.eventscaribbean.org/bits or contact the organizers at e-mail: premier@eventscaribbean.org or tel: 868.673.6166
- Thursday to Sunday – 12:30pm to 7:30pm
- Location: The Centre of Excellence, Macoya, Trinidad.

ACSAC Meeting (Trinidad) - October 10th & 11th

- Linda Moore, currently the deputy Chair, attended this meeting on behalf of the BIA.

“BIA Gala raises \$22,400 for Charity” - 17th October

- \$22,400 raised for the Sunshine Early Stimulation Centre & approx \$10,000 for BIA.
- There were complimentary photos by Studio Studio and plenty of door prizes including a Blackberry and lunches at local restaurants
- MC Mac Fingall brought the live auction to life – the bidding was particularly fierce for a bottle of Mount Gay Rum 1703 which went for \$225 and two Virgin Tickets to London for \$3150.
- The BIA received good publicity in the Media and made the front page of the Advocate on the Monday following the event.
- It was unfortunate that more members did not turn out and we may need to look at the price of tickets for future events as this was one of the reasons given for members not attending.

BCSI Services Trade Mission to UK - Oct' 31st to Nov' 7th

- The BCSI has organized and subsidized 50% of the cost of this trade mission to the UK to establish strategic alliances with UK Businesses, “Network” with hundreds of UK companies and meet with business persons seeking to invest into the Caribbean. Attendees can also explore the opportunities presented in the CARIFORUM-EC Economic Partnership Agreement with the aim of expanding your market into the UK and the EU.

BIA Luncheon - Meridian Windows – November 26th

- Venue: Barbados Yacht Club
- Cost: \$60 members / \$65 non members

NIFCA Photography & Art Exhibition - November 15th – 27th

- The BIA is sponsoring the award for the Best Photograph in the Architectural category of The National Independence Festival of Creative Art. This award will be presented at the official Awards Ceremony on the 25th November. Come out and support our local amateur and professional photographers - the quality of work is truly inspiring!!
- Exhibition Opening times - 10am to 8pm daily
- Location – Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Conference Centre (Sherbourne)
- **November 18th** - An evening with the Judges & Photographers – 5 to 7pm



BIA Christmas Luncheon – December TBC

- The date and speaker are to be confirmed – The BIA diaries will be available for collection at this time.

Talma Mill Studios LEED the way with first "Green Associates" in Barbados

Congratulations to Landscape Architects Kevin Talma and Andre Kelshall of Talma Mill Studios who recently passed the LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) exam and became LEED Green Associates. They are associate members of the BIA and recently organized an intense 2 day training seminar in August on the LEED system.

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The (LEED) Green Building Rating System, developed by the [U.S. Green Building Council](#) (USGBC), provides a suite of standards for environmentally sustainable construction. Since its inception in 1998, LEED has grown to encompass more than 14,000 projects in the United States and 30 countries covering 1.062 billion square feet (99 km²) of development area. The hallmark of LEED is that it is an open and transparent process where the technical criteria proposed by the LEED committees are publicly reviewed for approval by the more than 10,000 membership organizations that currently constitute the USGBC.

Individuals recognized for their knowledge of the LEED rating system are permitted to use the LEED Green Associate (GA) or Accredited Professional (AP) acronym after their name, indicating they have passed the respective accreditation exam given by the [Green Building Certification Institute](#) (a third-party organization that handles accreditation for the USGBC).

Hopefully many more of the Architects and professionals who attended this course locally will now be inspired to follow in their footsteps and become Green Associates.

The lighter side



"DO YOU AND I REALLY HAVE TO USE THE INTERNET TO COLLABORATE WITH EACH OTHER?"

