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Events At A Glance

Dec 21 – LUG
Dec 21 – Last Day to Vote
Jan 11 – January 2006 Membership Meeting
Feb 8 – February 2006 Membership Meeting
Mar 8 – March 2006 Membership Meeting

December LEED User Group

The December speaker is Mark Zoeteman with FTC&H. He will lead the discussion on EQc2, Ventilation Effectiveness / Increased Ventilation.

Date: Wednesday, Dec 21, 2005

Time: 7:30 am – 8:30 am

Location: FTC&H
1515 Arboretum Dr. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Subsequent LUGs will be held on the third Wednesday of the month through May 2006 at 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM. This season FTC&H will host the meetings in their offices.

For directions, see:

https://www.usgbc.org/chapters/westmichigan/docs/pdf/FTCH_Directions.pdf

Beverages will be provided. Members: Free;
Non-members: \$5.00

To register, go to:

<http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevoid=100200>

2006 West Michigan Chapter Board of Directors Election

The 2006 Board of Directors Election is open for voting!

On Tuesday, November 22nd, 2005 the election for the 2006 West Michigan Chapter Board of Directors began. This election will be a 30 day period ending on Wednesday, December 21st, 2005 at Close of Business Eastern Standard Time.

There are two ballots again this year as follows.

On the 1-year term ballot:

Gary Reinders, City of Grand Rapids
Susan Walters, Progressive AE

On the 2-year term ballot:

David Bell, GMB Architects-Engineers
Rena Hesselink, Nichols Paper & Supply
Laura Rauwerda, MDEQ
Matthew Riegler, Rockford Construction
John Stivers¹, JH Stivers Project Services, LLC

1: *Incumbent*

All candidate applications can be viewed online at <http://www.usgbc.org/chapters/westmichigan/elections.asp>

To vote (West Michigan Chapter members in good standing only), go to <https://www.usgbc.org> > myUSGBC > Log in > Chapter Elections > 2006 Board of Directors. If you experience difficulties in logging in or voting, please contact Allison Herren at aherren@usgbc.org

Your **votes must be in by December 21, 2005**, so if you haven't voted already, vote now!

Presidential Honors Award

Keith Winn, principal at Catalyst Partners, Inc. and former Vice-chair of the LEED Steering Committee, was awarded the U.S. Green Building Council's first annual "Presidential Honors Award" at the 2005 Greenbuild Conference and Expo in Atlanta, GA. This award, selected each year by USGBC's President and CEO, recognizes outstanding service to the Council and its mission of market transformation. Winn received the award in honor of his countless hours of volunteer service to USGBC and his exemplary leadership as Vice-chair of the LEED Steering Committee, the USGBC committee charged with the development and growth of LEED.

"The LEED Rating System wouldn't be where it is today if not for Keith's outstanding leadership of the LEED Steering Committee," said Rick Fedrizzi, USGBC President and CEO. "The Council and the green building movement as a whole are grateful to Keith for his passion and dedication to transforming the built environment to sustainability."

January 2006 Membership Meeting

The January membership meeting is tentatively scheduled for the evening of January 11, 2006. The location and exact times will be finalized shortly.

There will be a "GreenBuild Panel Discussion." Each of the panel members will spend a few minutes speaking about the highlights of their GreenBuild 2005 experience and new items in LEED-NC 2.2 with time for Q&A.

Anyone interested in being a part of the GreenBuild panel should contact Theresa Hogerheide-Reusch at threusch@yahoo.com

Bring A Guest!

Members, please plan to "Bring A Guest" to the January 11th Membership meeting!

There will be no charge for your guest to join us for the evening and to engage in the latest sustainable news within West Michigan.

First LEED Church in Nation

Keystone Community Church in Ada, Michigan is the first church in the US to earn LEED-NC 2 Certification. The decision to seek LEED status came early in the design process as Integrated Architecture shared the benefits of sustainable design with the Keystone Building Committee.



(Photo from Green Frog Photography)

They realized it reflected their respect for the land and their commitment to be good Stewards' of God's universe. The result is an efficient, flexible space, maximizing recycled materials, filled with fresh air and natural light. For further details about Keystone's LEED specifics, contact Trisha Spaulding, PR Director at IA - 616-574-0220.

Congratulations to Keystone, the Ada / Forest Hills Community and Integrated Architecture!

LEED-NC 2.2 Projects Now Being Accepted at USGBC

USGBC reports that LEED-NC 2.2 will be fully functional by January 2006. The NC 2.2 rating system is now available online at https://www.usgbc.org/FileHandling/show_general_file.asp?DocumentID=1095

A LEED-NC 2.2 fact sheet can be found at https://www.usgbc.org/FileHandling/show_general_file.asp?DocumentID=1100

Two important dates concerning LEED-NC project registration are:

Nov 14, 2005 - First day to register for LEED-NC v2.2
Dec 31, 2005 - Last day to register for LEED-NC v2.1

For more on this, see

<http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=220&>

LEED: Streamlined, Refined, and Online

USGBC has announced a series of major enhancements to the LEED Rating System certification process at the 2005 Greenbuild Conference and Expo in Atlanta, GA. The result of a nearly year-long process involving extensive customer feedback and market research, the LEED process innovations will greatly reduce the LEED documentation process time, paperwork, and cost. The result is that LEED projects can now submit 100% of their documentation on-line.

See the complete article at

http://www.usgbc.org/News/usgbcnews_details.asp?ID=1967

Chapter Membership

Thinking of joining the West Michigan Chapter? You can instantly sign up for membership at the following address:

<http://www.usgbc.org/chapters/westmichigan/join.asp>

- 1. Chapter Member - \$50** Available only to individuals from USGBC-member companies.
- 2. Associate Chapter Member-\$65** For individuals whose companies are not USGBC members; non-voting, local membership.
- 3. Chapter Student - \$25** Must be enrolled in an accredited degree program.

Planning to become a National member?

Please list the West Michigan Chapter as your referral - a percentage of your first year's dues will be channeled to the West Michigan Chapter. *Questions? Contact Janice Kitchen at jkitchen@ftch.com*