

**SOUTHERN OREGON CHAPTER AIA**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**August 15, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm in Room 340 of the Medford City Hall. Members Gene Abell, Jeffrey Bender, Allen Crutcher, Steve Ennis, Brian Hawkins, Mark McKechnie, Bruce Richey, James Robillard, Robert Saladoff, Robert Seibert, Doug Snider and emeritus member Jerome Hunter was present.

The minutes of the meeting are as follows: It was announced that the Green Building Product show would be in San Francisco. A letter from the Facilities Director at Southern Oregon University was received. Acknowledgment was made of a letter from Medford mayor, Gary Wheeler, for donated Architectural Services for the Carnegie Library. An Ad hoc committee was formed. Steve Ennis asked about CAD help for the Ashland Land Trust.

**PROGRAM: CINDY ROBERT - AIA OREGON LOBBIEST**  
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Roberts presented an overview of her work and credentials. She has been the AIA Oregon lobbyist for seven years. Some of her accomplishments for AIA Oregon include a Certificate of Merit, QBS, and minimizing liability exposure. Her current emphasis is on energy conservation issues.

Robert led the legislative initiative for Green Buildings to implement Gold LEED standards bill. An alternative Green system, supported by timber and chemical interests counteracted the legislative initiative. The bill spent three weeks in fiscal committee. It finally failed to come for a vote. All other Green Building initiatives did not pass. Many other energy-saving bills passed. The Green Building bill is being re-formatted as a "high-performance energy-saving" design bill. Robert noted that a 2-4% cost increase in building costs is associated with meeting a higher LEED standard.

Robert noted that interior designers may be trying to initiate a "practice act" again in the legislature.

Give and Take Campaign - Robert wrote a grant to educate legislators and public officials about what architects do.

She discussed how Measure 49 would affect the Measure 37 issue.

Questions and answers followed the presentation. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by Bruce Richey, AIA, Chapter Secretary.