

Happy New AE Year!

I just wanted to take a sec to send an informal 'hello' email and let you in on what is happening with our national AE student organization--the Architectural Engineering Institute, and the upcoming *new and improved student AEI 2005 model!* This year is a new opportunity to rock the world of architectural engineering.

My name is Tracey Nawrocki. I was elected the new AEI student president in December by the AE schools who attended that teleconference. I'm a senior AE student at Penn State...and a notoriously hardcore HVAC dork.

As an AEI student board member last year, I saw that some schools were missing at the national meetings, so I am making a special effort to get in touch with the AE student representatives from each school. I figured that some of you did not know about the meetings, how to call in, or just could not participate for some reason or another. In any case, this year I want to make sure everyone is involved in the national meetings and is benefiting from our communication and organization on the national level.

If we want to get something out of AEI and benefit from our national network--as individual members of the AE community, and as our respective school organizations--we need to get together...whether it be by phone, in person, or using the AEI student member e-room.

I really would love to hear from you so I can decide how to lead everyone in getting the best out of AEI in this upcoming year. I need to know ideally what you want out of a national organization--trips?, money for trips?, conferences?, post pics online?, trade activity secrets?, tips on generating AE organization interest locally?, informal travel/meetings?, fundraisers?, being able to post your resume online for companies across the nation to check out? Whether your school has been represented at past teleconferences or not, I want to know your preferences, suggestions, ideas, and even gripes and complaints--Here is a fresh opportunity for you to make some waves on the national scene if you haven't already.

Feel free to contact me (my e-mail is below) to say hi, to throw the bull, or even to make some suggestions for the betterment of AEI! ;-)

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**The ancient Romans had a tradition: whenever one of their engineers constructed an arch, as the capstone was hoisted into place, the engineer assumed accountability for his work in the most profound way possible: he stood under the arch.**

**Michael Armstrong**