



WHAT IS SDA HOUSTON?

The Society for Design Administration (SDA) is a 50 year old national organization affiliated with The American Institute of Architects (AIA) and comprised of administrative personnel from architectural, engineering, and construction. In our affiliation with AIA and partnering with other related design organizations, the common goal is to improve design firm administration and practice management and aid members in their own career growth.

SDA Houston is the local SDA chapter comprised of members from firms from the greater Houston area. SDA Houston offers quarterly educational programs for its members covering topics from the six SDA domains: **Office Administration, Project Management, Marketing, Human Resources, Finance, and Information Technology**. Currently, our quarterly programs are scheduled for January, April, July, and October 2010.

SDA Houston's local website is rich with informational pages from each domain, schedule of events, member directory, committee sections, local member listserv, and links to related sites.

SDA Houston is organized into committees including: AIA Liaison, Auditing, By-Laws, Construction, Certification, Education, Finance, Historical, Job Bank, Membership, Nominating, Publications, and Funding. SDA Houston's committee structure provides a great opportunity for all SDA Houston members to participate in the local chapter as well as develop networking contacts among the chapter members.

SDA Houston also sponsors the annual **Canstruction Houston** event – a charity event featuring "canstructures" built by local architectural, engineering and construction firms in support of the Houston Food Bank (HFB) and the many organizations HFB supports in feeding the needy in Houston and surrounding counties.

For more information regarding membership in the Society for Design Administration and the SDA Houston local chapter, visit our website at www.sda-houston.com or contact SDA Houston's President, Melissa A. McLeod or **Canstruction** Chair, Kelly A. Mureen.

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