



U.S. Green Building Council Iowa Chapter Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2011

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UPCOMING SUSTAINABLE EVENTS

USGBC Iowa Chapter Monthly Program & Lunch:

USGBC Iowa Chapter Central Iowa is offering 3 learning opportunities on September 21, 2011. Come to one or come to all – separate registration required for each one you plan to attend. We hope to see you there!

WHEN: Wednesday, September 21, 2011 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

WHERE: Stoney Creek Inn, 5291 Stoney Creek Court, Johnston, IA 50131

AGENDA: SEE PAGE 2 FOR AGENDA DETAILS

REGISTER: To meet the various needs of our members and guests we are offering a lunch and presentation option and a presentation only option. Those who choose presentation only MUST eat lunch off site. The webinars must be attended in person and cannot be accessed remotely. Certificate of completion for the webinars will be emailed after the sessions. The midday presentation is for informational purposes only and a completion certificate will not be provided. Both options are available to members and non-members. Price varies based on membership status. Registration required on Acteva. Please be sure to register in advance so we can effectively determine our food and room size needs. You can register through end of day Tuesday September 20 however the catered option registration closes at end of day Thursday September 15. If you register after Thursday September 15 you will need to plan to eat lunch off site.

<http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaaid=223187>

Continue to page 2 for Agenda details.

1st Annual Green Schools Conference

USGBC Iowa Chapter is pleased to host the 1st Annual Green Schools Conference. This is a unique opportunity for Green Professionals to network with School Administrators and Principals. **Come and discuss Energy Savings, Environmental Impact, Reduce Use of Resources, and Cost Savings.**

WHEN: Wednesday, October 19, 2011, 10:30 AM – 2:00 PM

WHERE: Stoney Creek Inn, 5291 Stoney Creek Point, Johnston, IA 50131

AGENDA:

10:00 - 10:30 AM - What Makes A School Green? A Round Table Discussion

Moderator: Pat Higby, Energy Education Outreach Coordinator, Center for Energy & Environmental Education, University of Northern Iowa

10:30 - 11:00 AM - Product Show

11:00 - 11:30 AM - Sustainability Through Behavioral Change and Education, Presented by: Krell Energy Efficiency

11:30 - 12:00 PM - Retro-commissioning: Identifying Energy Savings, Presented by: SystemWorks

12:00 - 1:00 PM - Lunch & Product Show

1:00 - 1:30 PM - Energy Benchmarking, Presented By Kevin Nordmeyer, Iowa Energy Center

1:30 - 2:00 PM - Benefits and Considerations - Budget Benefits Related to Energy Savings, Presented by: Siemens Industry, Inc – Building Technologies

REGISTER: Lunch is included. Price varies based on membership status. \$20 School Principals and Administrators, \$30 USGBC Iowa Chapter members, \$40 non-members. Registration required on Acteva. Please be sure to register in advance so we can effectively determine our food and room size needs. **You can register through end of day Wednesday, October 12, 2011. Click here to register:** <http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaaid=214610>. If you are interested to exhibit or sponsor please visit the USGBC Iowa Chapter [website](#) for more information.

SEPTEMBER

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EIB: Webinar ~

~ 11:30am—1:30pm

~ 316 2nd Street SE, Suite 500

Cedar Rapids, IA

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Monthly Program & Lunch

~ 9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

~ Stoney Creek Court

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Moving Planet Event

~ 11:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

~ Mullet's

~ For more information visit:

moving-planet.org/events/us/des-moines/691

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GreenDrinks

~ 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

~ Gateway Market Cafe

30 -

2nd Annual ARAG Green Fair

~ 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

~ Capital Square Atrium

~ For more information visit:

aragroup.com/green-fair/index.htm

OCTOBER

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EIB: Quarterly Meeting ~ Green

Gears - A Bike Tour of LEED

buildings at the University of Iowa

~ 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

~ University of Iowa Boathouse

For a complete list of upcoming events and more information, visit the Iowa USGBC website, [Calendar of Events](#).

Submit events to usgbcianews@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY PROGRAM CONTINUED....

AGENDA:

WEBINAR 1 –

O+M 201: Green Operations & Multi-Tenant Engagement in LEED EB:O+M

9:00am – 10:30am (note coffee and water provided)

Cost:

\$15 USGBC Iowa chapter member webinar

\$25 non-member webinar

This webinar will feature Daniel Simpson and Sukanya Paciorek sharing their experiences, successes, and failures in multi-tenant engagement for commercial real estate office buildings achieving LEED EB:O+M

GBCI Category Stakeholder Involvement in Innovation

GBCI Hours: 1.5

GBCI LEED Specific Hours: 1.5 O+M

AIA/CES (LU): 1.5

PRESENTATION – Greengrade

11:00 – 12:30pm

Cost:

\$5 USGBC Iowa Chapter member presentation only. Lunch must be eaten offsite.

\$15 Non-member presentation only. Lunch must be eaten offsite.

\$20 USGBC Iowa Chapter member catered lunch and presentation

\$30 Non-member catered lunch and presentation.

Join us for a presentation by Brett Robben, LEED AP BD+C on Greengrade, a collaborative online LEED® management software tool that allows project teams to communicate, track, and manage LEED project information. Greengrade helps you manage your LEED projects with:

- Organization of key LEED documentation
- Automated notifications and task reminders
- Increased team collaboration and coordination
- Informational tools for calculating, reporting & assessing
- Seamless Integration with LEED Online

Visit Greengrade at www.greengrade.com.

WEBINAR 2 –

BD+C 252: LEED for New Construction Credit-by-Credit Review - Materials and Resources

1:00 – 2:30pm (note coffee and water provided)

Cost:

\$15 USGBC Iowa chapter member webinar

\$25 non-member webinar

This session explores the LEED Materials and Resources category in a credit by credit format, reviewing the overall category intent and the individual intents of the prerequisites and credits within it. Learn the technical requirements of the credits and, through real-world case examples shared by USGBC LEED Faculty, strategies that work to achieve them. This is part of a five-session series that focuses on the technical requirements of the LEED for New Construction and Major Renovations 2009 Rating System, addressing the rating system's seven credit categories: Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy and Atmosphere, Materials and Resources, Indoor Environmental Quality, Innovation in Design and Regional Priority. Join us as USGBC LEED Faculty - both experts in LEED and skilled presenters - share personal case examples and demonstrate how credits have been successfully achieved on real LEED projects.

GBCI Category: Acquisition, Installation & Management or Project Materials

GBCI Hours: 1.5

GBCI LEED Specific Hours: 1.5 BD+C

AIA/CES(LU): 1.5

MEMBER (LED) SPOTLIGHT

Each month we will feature an USGBC Iowa member in the newsletter. This week, get to know member **Brett Robben!**



- Brett has been an USGBC Iowa Member since Fall 2008.

- Brett is originally from Kansas and graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing and additional training in Economics and Construction Science and Management. He always had a passion for green building and sustainability. He is currently the lead Sales Representative for Greengrade, LEED Management Software. The parent company, Submittal Exchange, and Greengrade are headquartered in Waukee.

- Outside of work, Brett likes to spend his free time with his wife Kate and dog Riley. They try to take advantage of all the things the great city of Des Moines has to offer! He also enjoys running, biking, going to the Downtown Farmers Market, and spending time with family and friends. And, he is a very big sports fan and can be found cheering on the Kansas State Wildcats!

- Brett's involvement with the Iowa USGBC chapter has been limited in the past. However, in the upcoming year he looks to become more personally involved and also increase the involvement of Greengrade and Submittal Exchange with the chapter!

- When asked "how you would you like to see additional sustainable practices incorporated into Iowa's built environment?", Brett responded with, "Iowa's environmental success has been built on hard work and innovation. Iowa is a very progressive state with sustainability, renewable technologies, and energy. We need to continue our leadership in the aforementioned industries by working together to grow our national and international presence as a key player. "

- Brett incorporates sustainable practices into his everyday life at home and work. At work, he is the Chairman of the Sustainability Committee. The committee has instituted a recycling program, a policy to purchase responsible office supplies, in addition to, spending time educating co-workers, and decreasing the company's utility expenditures. At home, he and his wife purchase locally grown fruits and vegetables and partake heavily in recycling. They have been able to increase the energy efficiency throughout their house and decrease their utility bills by over 30% the last couple of years (the items instituted in our house paid for themselves in less than two years).

Stay tuned for more member (LED) spotlights!

Eastern Iowa Branch Happenings

WEBINAR

September 16, 2011 at 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM: A webinar titled "The Costs and Benefits of Green Building: Putting the Research into Practice". This webinar will be at Shive-Hattery's Cedar Rapids office located at 316 2nd Street SE, Suite 500, in downtown Cedar Rapids, IA. Lunch is not provided however you can bring a lunch or pre-order a lunch to be delivered to the host office. Meter parking is available at street level. Limited meter parking is available in the ramps. The webinar is \$20 to attend, and is available to USGBC Iowa Chapter Eastern Iowa Branch members at a reduced cost of \$10. There is a minimal processing fee for the event registration. For more information about becoming a member of the Eastern Iowa Branch of the USGBC Iowa Chapter, please go to <http://www.usgbc Iowa.org/join.php>. Advance registration is preferred however you are welcome to join as a walk-in and pay at the door. **Click here to register:** <http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaId=223137>

QUARTERLY MEETING

Green Gears - A Bike Tour of LEED buildings at the University of Iowa

The Quarterly Eastern Iowa Branch meeting will be held on Saturday October 1st from 10 AM to 12 PM. We will meet at the University of Iowa Boathouse at 10 AM and visit 4 to 5 buildings on campus, depending upon the time available. We will finish back at the Boathouse where a light lunch and refreshments will be served. This is a FREE event, and it is eligible for self-reporting to receive CEUs for the GBCI CMP program. Please RSVP so that food and beverage arrangements can be made in advance. Free registration is available online. **Click here to register:** <http://usgbc Iowa1ei1greengears.eventbrite.com>

Visit www.usgbc.org for more details and all upcoming Eastern Iowa Branch events.

Golf Outing

IFMA Central Iowa invites USGBC Iowa members to enjoy an opportunity to network with design and facility professionals at this year's IFMA Central Iowa Annual Golf Outing on Thursday, September 15, 2011 from 11:30 AM to 7:00 PM at A. H. Blank Golf Course. Sign up a foursome for Large course or Miniature Course 808 County Line Road, Des Moines, IA. For full details and to register visit, www.ifma-centralia.org or click [here](#).

Moving Planet Event

The USGBC Iowa Chapter is a supporting group of the Moving Planet Event to be held in Des Moines on Saturday, September 24th. The event convenes at the First Street Bridge (by Mullet's and accessible by bike trail); ride a route in the downtown vicinity that highlights energy-efficient buildings, renewable energy projects, and public transit; and wind up back at Mullet's for a celebration of community and a call for climate action. For more information, visit: www.moving-planet.org/events/us/des-moines/691



QA Graphics Joins COSC, Combining Sustainable Education and Design

QA Graphics, a provider of creative solutions used to educate about sustainability, is pleased to announce their joining the Center on Sustainable Communities (COSC), a non-profit membership organization that serves as Iowa's trusted educational resource for sustainable building. For the full press release, visit www.qagraphics.com or click [here](#).

August Program Presentation

Missed the August Program? The presentation slides for "Can You Hear Me Now? Acoustical Design Considerations for Buildings and LEED" are now available on the USGBC Iowa [website](#).

Iowa Chapter Greenbuild Social

The Chapter is currently planning a small gathering at Greenbuild in Toronto. More info will be available soon. If interested in attending, please RSVP to Matt Krieger, mkrieger@neumannmonson.com, by Tuesday, September 27. We look forward to seeing you there!

Interested in sponsor opportunities for USGBC Iowa or speaking at a monthly meeting? Contact the USGBC Iowa office for more information at usgbc Iowa@assocserv.com.

Next Chapter Newsletter

The next newsletter will be issued during the first week of October. If you have news or information that you would like to share with the USGBC Iowa Chapter membership, please send to the Communications Committee at beckymigas@gmail.com by September 26, 2011. Thank You!

Remember to connect with USGBC Iowa Socially!

