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Dear AEI Members,

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In its ten years of existence, AEI has made substantial contributions to the discipline and profession of architectural engineering. AEI's accomplishments include getting the Architectural Engineering P.E. exam approved and offered in 41 states, supporting the publication of the *Journal of Architectural Engineering*, initiating the creation of the Building Security Council, and maintaining a close interaction with academic programs and students through its Academic Council and its Student Chapters.

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This past year, AEI successfully conducted the PAKS study required by NCEES to keep the Architectural Engineering P.E. exam specifications current. This past month, AEI held a very successful conference in Denver Colorado, where it also celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The conference featured topics of high interest to the architectural engineering community and was accompanied by four workshops:

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- Post Disaster Evaluations
- Floor Vibrations in Steel Buildings
- Forensics of Façades
- Architectural Engineering P.E. Exam Writing Workshop

Through these events which contribute to fostering multidisciplinary building integration, AEI is reaching out to building professionals who are not civil engineers, and is establishing or strengthening strategic relationships with key partners such as NIBS, USACE, MCEER, the Pankow Foundation, ASHRAE, NFPA, AIA, and DHS/FEMA.

The program of activities for this coming year will features a number of exciting events and several webinars will also be offered.

Several AEI technical committees, and in particular the Structural Glass Committee and the Curtain Walls Committee, are expected to make significant contributions in their respective areas.

AEI can be proud of past accomplishments which are to the credit of dedicated Board and Committee members and staff. However, the activities outlined above and the many other initiatives that AEI would like to launch clearly require more resources than are available today, and this is where your assistance is needed.

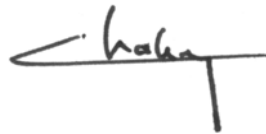
How can you help? You will receive a membership renewal notice shortly. Please renew your membership for 2009, and consider giving a voluntary contribution which will help AEI fund new initiatives for the benefit of its membership and of the profession. You can also help by encouraging your colleagues to become AEI members. If you are a graduating student, please become a member.

Attending AEI conferences, symposia, continuing education courses and webinars also helps the Institute, and so does subscribing to the *Journal of Architectural Engineering*, a terrific deal at \$68 per year.

You may also help the Institute enhance the value of membership by contributing to AEI's activities. You can get involved in committee work; publish articles in one of the AEI publications; propose a webinar, a continuing education course, or a new theme for a specialty conference; or propose to start a new technical committee or a new standards committee.

AEI offers numerous opportunities for you to get involved in its activities, as well as numerous opportunities for your professional education and growth. The Board and the staff of AEI are looking forward to serving its members and the architectural engineering profession. With the help of its members, AEI can make the vision of its founding members become a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amar Chaker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left and a vertical stroke extending downwards from the end.

Amar Chaker, Ph.D.  
Director, AEI