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**William F. English, AIA, Receives the 2011 James Kling Fellowship Award**

*AIA-MBA Joint Committee Reward Collaboration between area Architects and General Contractors*

Pittsburgh, PA – The AIA-MBA Joint Committee announced that William F. English, AIA, posthumously received the 2011 James Kling Fellowship Award. Mrs. Darlene English, widow of the late Mr. English, accepted the award on behalf of the English family. Mr. English was a registered architect that spent his entire 40-year career (1958-1998) at the firm that bore his name in 1979, Valentour English Bodnar & Howell.

During Mr. English's illustrious career, he designed marquee structures in our region; including University of Pittsburgh's Law Library (Barco Law Building) and the Chemistry Building (Chevron Science Center). This highly respected professional was the first architect to be elected President of the Pittsburgh Builders Exchange in 1992, an accomplishment that expresses the collaborative spirit that he displayed during his career.

The James Kling Fellowship Award was established by the AIA-MBA Joint Committee to recognize those individuals who best exemplify collaboration between the design and constructor professions. These individuals, through their action and example, provide both members of the AIA and the MBA standards of excellence to strive for in an effort to bridge the gap between both professions. To qualify for this award, individuals must be nominated by the opposite profession.

The namesake of this award, James Kling, is after a longstanding figure on the AIA-MBA Joint Committee. Mr. Kling passed away in November of 2008. The plaque to commemorate this award features a picture of Three Rivers Stadium, one of many projects designed over the highly regarded career of Mr. Kling. The award plaque is displayed in the MBA Conference Center, where the Joint Committee meets monthly.

Chartered in 1965, the AIA-MBA Joint Committee consist of ten (10) architects and ten (10) contractors representing the American Institute of Architects Pittsburgh Chapter and the Master Builders' Association of Western PA, respectively. The AIA-MBA Joint Committee provides a unique forum that promotes the exchange of ideas between architects and contractors; these activities have advanced the cooperative working relationship enjoyed by both associations.

For more information on the AIA-MBA Joint Committee, please call 412-922-3912 or visit <http://www.mbawpa.org/aia-mba>.

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