



American Institute of Architects: Presentation & training using Cynap



The Hallidie Building, headquarters of The American Institute of Architects, San Francisco.

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Headquartered in the city's historic Hallidie Building, the American Institute of Architects, San Francisco is the Bay Area's leading destination for architecture. Representing over 2,300 architecture practicing members, and 4,000 allied community professionals in the nearby area,

AIASF strives to improve the quality of life in the Bay Area by promoting all things architecture and design.

With monthly professional development and networking opportunities, the Institute hosts a multitude of complex demonstrations involving a wide variety of multimedia con-

tent. In order to handle this plethora of resources, as well as offer different ways of connecting with members, The AIASF integrated WolfVision's Cynap collaboration solution in their main presentation space. With two sets of dual projectors and screens for each side of the room, a Crestron

control panel, and various microphones and amplifiers, they needed a solution that would eliminate the need for extraneous cabling and equipment.

Jonathan Sessler, Office Coordinator for the San Francisco branch, had this to say about its implementation, "We decided to include the



Cynap in our system to move to wireless connectivity for our presentations, our hardline/HDMI inputs to our projectors in our floor boxes stopped functioning. In addition, we required a new system to work with our camera and microphones to capture and record programs, both the video and audio of the presenter and the presentation itself in side by side screens, as well the ability to stream to the web.”

AIASF also hosts presentations, lectures, and

programs on a variety of topics such as licensing exam preparation, continuing education, design, and advocacy, many of which require content rich with video and CAD software; sources that are not always easy to streamline. However, “The Cynap has allowed our presentations to run smoothly, providing ease of access when connecting to our projectors with our own laptops or the presenter’s laptop, PC or Mac, with minimal effort. For PC’s, we connect with the vSolution

Cast App, and for Mac we connect with AirPlay. The native mirroring functions are a big help,” adds Sessler. Since the integration of Cynap into their environment, the AIASF reports that its reception has been very positive, with both presenters and staff being impressed with how easy it is to connect and record. They also have begun streaming their programs to the web, increasing their reach and outside access. It has also brought them that all-important sense of peace

of mind. Sessler states, “When our floor boxes stopped functioning we went through many temporary fixes that never worked well, with the Cynap we can rest assured that our programs will run without technical difficulty or interruption.”

You can see more of AIASF’s work at their website at www.AIASF.org or view their live streams on their YouTube Channel at: www.youtube.com/user/AIASanFran

