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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The reports of the various committees of the Chapter constitute the real story of Chapter activities during the year. It remains, therefore, for the President merely to comment on the genial atmosphere, to indicate certain highlights and, perhaps, to offer some hopes and plans for the future.

It has been a busy year and our committees have, for the most part, been extremely active. Those of you who do not serve on any committee cannot appreciate the amount of time, effort, and imaginative thinking given by many devoted Chapter members of the benefit of the profession and toward the improvement of its service to society. It would be invidious to single out a few committees for special mention. The committee reports speak for themselves and I strongly urge you to read them. Each year it seems that the interest and influence of the Chapter grows and spreads and makes greater demands on those members who are willing to devote themselves to unselfish work for the general good.

The Chapter Committees do not exist and are not created just for the sake of having committees. They exist or are appointed because work has to be done, a problem solved, or a situation met. When the usefulness of a committee ends its existence is terminated, and attention given to some other matter requiring it.

That is why there is always room for more help. It occurs that some committees seem to have more popular appeal than others so that some willing helpers are disappointed in not getting their first choice. This is inevitable. But the best way to work into the kind of activity one prefers is to start working for the Chapter in any way available. It is especially important for the younger members to get themselves and their capabilities known. It then follows naturally that their capabilities will be used as well as they can be.

The past year has been marked by the establishment of unusually cordial relations between the New York Chapter and both the City Planning Commission and the Housing and Redevelopment Agency. The Chapter's support of the proposed amendment of the Zoning Resolution contributed significantly to its successful enactment into law. Indeed, the Chapter's strong stand may have been what tipped the scales in favor of this new zoning.

The Chapter, through its representatives appearing before this Board of Standards and Appeals, was influential in preventing the further desecration of the Grand Central Station by the installation of bowling alleys over the main waiting room. The public support given the Chapter stand in this matter has, it is reported, been such that still further and even more serious inroads on the Grand Central's interior spaciousness have, at least temporarily, been discouraged.

The Chapter strongly supported the City Planning Commission courage-

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ous stand against the construction of Municipal parking garages in Manhattan at points where traffic congestion would only have been increased instead of abated. The Planning Commission in its report on this subject enunciated sound principles for which it deserves the highest commendation.

The Chapter is also making a strong recommendation to the Charter Revision Commission to include in its proposals a new Division of Planned Development under a Director who will be on an equal status with the Director of the four other Divisions of the proposed Executive Department under the Mayor. It has further urged that there be a Deputy Director of Planning and Civic Design who shall be professionally trained and practising in these fields.

There are special committees of this Chapter working closely with the Master Plan division of the City Planning Commission and with the staff of the Housing and Redevelopment Agency. Both of these collaborations are at the invitation of the agencies concerned.

It is thus apparent that there is ground for hope, that this Chapter may have an influence on the developments of this city far greater than ever in this part. It is a magnificent challenge and we must gird ourselves to meet it.

Next September the New York State Association of Architects holds its annual convention. The plan is Saranac Lake and we are to be the host Chapter. We have a committee hard at work which deserves all the support and help you can give it to assure the success of the convention. This will be an opportunity for members of our Chapter to take an active part in the State Association activities. Many Chapter members may not realize it, but every member of the New York Chapter is a member of the State Association and part of the Chapter dues, at present six dollars, is paid to the State Association for each individual membership. It is worthwhile, therefore, for our members to learn what the Association is about and to take an interest in it.

Within the last few weeks the Chapter has enlarged its quarters by the addition of the room across the stair hall, which also has a bathroom and large storage closet. Through the generous assistance and advice of Gordon Lorimer of the Executive Committee and Miss Hildred Zermann of his office not only has the new space been beautifully and excitingly decorated and furnished but handsome new furniture has been added to the old office. The Chapter is most grateful for this distinguished and cordial help. Every member should pay a visit to the Chapter's improved quarters.

The additional space was made necessary by the extra work load on our devoted staff. What with the sale of A.I.A. documents and committee inquiries there are so many interruptions that it is almost impossible to do justice to Chapter and Institute business, and to facilitate the work of committees. It is expected that this new arrangement will greatly increase the efficiency and comfort of the office.

This will be an aid to our hopes and ambitions. On all sides we hear the challenge of the future, the increased demands on our profession, the broadened horizons, even the unlimited probing of space. It is obvious that there is much to be done beyond the day to day struggle to earn a living. One of the great glories of our profession is that it is and should be so much more than a means of gaining a livelihood. It is and always must be an art, and it is and always must be an opportunity for service to mankind. The Chapter is a splendid channel for such services. There are better habitations to be built, better schools and hospitals. More important than ever, now, there must be better communities, better cities and better regions. Only by concerted effort and pooling and exchanging our skills, our knowledge, our resources and our dreams can the hoped for improvements be accomplished. Of course these things are not done in a day, or a year, or perhaps a decade. But we have the power of tradition and the work of our predecessors to build on. The start has long ago been made and a bright torch handed to us. Let every one do his part to carry it forward and lift it higher to be a beacon in these confusing times.

JURY FOR THE MEDAL OF HONOR AND AWARDS OF MERIT

FREDERICK J. WOODBRIDGE
Chairman

Medal of Honor

The Committee met twice and awarded the Medal of Honor for 1961 to Gordon Bunshaft.

PERCIVAL GOODMAN
OLINDO GROSSI
FRANCIS KEALLY
I. M. PEI
THORNE SHERWOOD
G. E. KIDDER SMITH

Award of Merit

The Committee met twice and awarded the Award of Merit for 1961 to O. H. Ammann.

COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

DAVID L. EGGERS
Chairman

The Committee on Professional Practice as a whole have held one meeting of its full membership; however, a great number of individual requests for both information and clarification of our Code of Ethics were answered and interpreted during the past year.

GEOFFRY N. LAWFORDE
HARRY M. PRINCE
THEODORE J. YOUNG

It is the Committee's feeling that revisions and adjustments be made to the Mandatory Standards so as to conform with our current thinking in public relations.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

L. BANCEL LAFARGE
Chairman

The Nominations Committee unanimously submitted the following nominations for consideration by the membership for election, after it had met on March 6, 1961, and elected L. Bancel LaFarge as Chairman:

LEWIS G. ADAMS
HARMON H. GOLDSTONE
DOUGLAS HASKELL
EDGAR I. WILLIAMS

Officers:

President.....	Frederick J. Woodbridge
Vice-President.....	David L. Eggers
Secretary.....	Peter S. Van Bloem
Treasurer.....	Albert H. Swanke

Executive Committee:

1962.....	George D. Brown
1964.....	Simon Breines
1964.....	John Walter Severinghaus

Representative to the New York State Association of Architects
Roger G. Spross, Representative
F. Marshall Smith, Alternate

Jury for the Medal of Honor and Awards of Merit

1963.....	Gordon Bunshaft
1963.....	William E. Lescaze
1963.....	John C. B. Moore

Committee on Professional Practice

Giorgio Cavaglieri	Theodore J. Young
	Geoffrey Noel Lawford

Committee on Fellows

1964.....	Harry M. Prince
1964.....	Thorne Sherwood

One vacancy having occurred on the Committee on Fellows, Class of 1962, because of the resignation of Frederick J. Woodbridge upon his election as President, the Chairman appointed Harmon H. Goldstone as Temporary Chairman, while the Chairman abstained. An informal meeting resulted in the unanimous nomination of L. Bancel LaFarge to continuing filling the vacancy through 1962, having served on the balance of the 1960-61 term.

COMMITTEE ON FELLOWS

FREDEFICK G. FROST, JR.
Chairman

The Committee on Fellows nominated seven corporate members of the Chapter for Advancement to Fellowship. Of those nominated, five were elected by the Jury of Fellows. The new Fellows are Olindo Grossi, Victor David Gruen, Sidney Leon Katz, Ladislav L. Rado and William B. Tabler.

ROBERT S. HUTCHINS
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L. BANCEL LAFARGE
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ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

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HARVEY P. CLARKSON
SANTIAGO IGLESIAS, JR.
WILLIAM D. WILSON

The Admissions Committee from June 7, 1960 through May 15, 1961 held ten meetings, interviewed and approved seventy-two applications for Corporate membership and forty-three applications for Associate membership. These applications were forwarded to the Executive Committee with a recommendation for favorable action.

BRUNNER SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

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Liaison

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Secretary

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Advisor

ELISABETH COIT
OLINDO GROSSI
I. M. PEI
ESMOND SHAW
OTTO J. TEEGEN
JULIAN H. WHITTLESEY

The Arnold W. Brunner Scholarship with the approval of the Executive Committee was awarded to:

1. Richard A. Miller and Arnall T. Connell for a study on the relationship of psychological and physiological concepts and visual perception to environmental design.
2. G. E. Kidder Smith for "Guide to the Contemporary Architecture of Europe."
3. Harold Edelman and Stanley Salzman for "The Practice, Teaching, and Learning of Architecture."

A total of thirty-six applications were received and reviewed this year. The percentage of high-caliber submissions were very high. The Committee was gratified to read the many well-thought-out presentations.

This Committee held a total of seven meetings. Two Sub-committees were formed: The Idea Committee, headed by Thomas H. Creighton, the Vice-Chairman, will gather ideas and proposals for future Brunners.

Another Committee was formed to study the basic by-laws of the Brunner. This Sub-committee was headed by Julian H. Whittlesey and included Thomas H. Creighton and Esmond Shaw.

CIVIC DESIGN COMMITTEE

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Liaison

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GEOFFREY PLATT
SAMUEL RATENSKY
F. MARSHAL SMITH
ROGER G. SPROSS
ROBERT WEINBERG
HENRY D. WHITNEY

The chief activity of the Civic Design Committee this year was centered around the New Zoning Resolution which was passed on December 15, 1960 and becomes effective on December 15, 1961. Under G. Harmon Gurney's chairmanship, the Sub-Committee on Zoning has been working with the Planning Commission on modifications of the law and with other groups on the current 8-week Seminar for the profession by Pratt Institute.

Another highlight was the successful fight to prevent the Grand Central Station Waiting Room from being desecrated with bowling alleys and a sports arena. The special Grand Central Sub-Committee, vigorously led by Victor Gruen, is working with a student group on a scheme for salvaging the great terminal. An exhibition of this work is expected this year.

Two other activities are noteworthy: 1) An informal meeting was held with Mr. Clarence Davies and members of the staff of the Urban Renewal Board including Gen. Ferris and Samuel Ratensky. This contact is continuing through a sub-committee headed by M. Milton Glass. 2) A similar meeting was held with Mr. Jack Smith who outlined the new Master Plan for the City of New York to a sub-committee under the direction of Henry Whitney.

It is expected that this constructive relationship with the agencies shaping the City's growth will become a permanent aspect of Chapter activity.

EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

WALTER H. KILHAM
Chairman

J. RUSSELL COLEAN
Vice-Chairman

The following is a summarized report for the year 1960-61:

1. *Scholarship Subcommittee*

This committee assisted the W. A. A. in awarding \$2,000 to three

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Sub-Chairman
Architect-in-Training

JACK FREIDIN
D'ANSON ISELEY
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Student Chapter
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JAMES S. GASPARI
WILLIAM ELI KOHN

students at the College of Architecture at Columbia University night school.

A similar award of \$2,500 will be made to Pratt Institute.

Conducted the third annual program in the New York City High Schools, for the award of the Plastering Institute of New York Scholarship in Architecture, following which George Eisen was selected as the recipient.

2. *Advisory Subcommittee*

This committee carried on its useful work of answering letters and telephone inquiries. Its activities are being expanded to assist with the program of the New York State Art Teachers Association at their 1962 convention. The theme will be "Architecture."

3. *Architect-in-Training Subcommittee*

This committee acted as advisors to 33 enrollees in the program, and held meetings with representatives of student chapter and architectural student groups to discuss program.

4. *Student Chapter Subcommittee*

This committee conducted a membership cocktail party for students in March and a student-employer cocktail party with exhibition in April.

In addition it assisted students in various individual and group problems and had them as guests at regular committee meetings.

FEES AND CONTRACTS COMMITTEE

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HAYWOOD MANICE
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GILBERT SELTZER
NOAH SHERMAN
ALBERT H. SWANKE

This is to report action taken by the Fees Committee during the past winter. The Committee discussed the effort of the national body to assemble a tabulation of typical standard chapter fees throughout the country and recommended to Mr. Cowgill that the New York Chapter's fee be not listed in detail, because of the limited categories in most fee schedules they are not comparable with the New York Chapter's schedule.

Because of the limited interest of most of the members of the Fees Committee a separate sub-committee was formed to look into and report on recommendations in connection with the adjustment of fees for the housing program under the Mitchell-Lama Law. I believe Mr. William Ballard has already reported to you on this portion of the work.

At the first meeting late last fall the Committee agreed that no action would be taken to review the new Chapter booklet on "Statement of Services and Charges of the Architect." That it would be well to wait for any criticisms or suggestions that might come from members of the Chapter after the booklet had been in use for at least a year. To the best of my knowledge I know of no suggestions or criticisms whatsoever since that time.

There has been considerable criticism of the proposed new contract for city public school work. Mainly because I have been out of office for most of the past two months I have been unable to take any action on this matter.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Liaison

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The Finance Committee met four times during the chapter year, once to review the Chapter budget and three times to review the portfolios of securities held by the Chapter.

Recommendations were made to the Executive Committee in regard to the budget and to changes in some of the Chapter portfolios.

HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE

EDWARD J. MATHEWS
Chairman

MAX O. URBahn
Liaison

As Chairman of the Committee charged with investigation of a new headquarters for the Chapter, I wish to report that no action has been taken by the committee, pending development of information on space requirements and receipt of your authorization to proceed.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

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Liaison

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CLIFFORD H. JAMES
RAYMOND A. RUGE
GEORGE M. SCHOFIELD
ROBERT C. WEINBERG

The following have been the principal activities of the Historic Buildings Committee during the past year:

1. The Committee has advised on drawing up an annotated list of architecturally notable structures in the Chapter area as part of the National Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings.

2. Notified of the impending destruction of Downing's Winslow gate house near Poughkeepsie, a particularly fine example of the Gothic Revival, the National Park Service undertook to make a series of documentary photographs for inclusion in The Historic American Buildings Index.

3. Two Committee members, Messrs. Burnham and Weinberg, have been actively engaged in the battle to save the Jefferson Market Courthouse. This Victorian relic has become a symbol and rallying point for all who want to save something of what remains of Greenwich Village. In addition letters have been written to the Mayor and Commissioner Felt by other Committee members and by the President of the Chapter. Letters from the Committee have also gone to the *Times* opposing the construction of bowling alleys in the Grand Central Station.

4. While not in the New York area the fate of Chicago's Garrick Building has aroused nation wide interest. Again the Committee and other Chapter members have done their best, alas, without success, to avert the destruction of this Sullivan building.

5. In addition the Chairman has answered an increasing number of requests for information about the records and working drawings of architectural firms no longer in existence.

FIFTH AVENUE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

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Chairman

DAVID L. EGGERS
Liaison

GEOFFRY N. LAWFORD
Vice-Chairman

ROBERT H. MCKAY
GEORGE C. RUDOLPH

As the Fifth Avenue Association makes an award for meritorious architecture every second year, and as this is the off year, there has been no meeting of this Committee.

HOSPITAL AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

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Chairman

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Liaison

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Secretary

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GANNETT HERWIG
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THOMAS M. A. PAYNE
ELEANOR PEPPER
ZACHARY ROSENFELD
LEONARD SCHEER
HELGE WESTERMAN
MARY T. WORTHEN

The Hospital and Health Committee enlarged its membership and expanded its functions in 1960-61. Its three basic programs of educating younger practitioners, research in hospital planning, and round table discussion of important hospital planning problems and developments were augmented by the establishment of a new subcommittee on Hospital Code and Licensing Regulations.

In addition to field trips to the new betatron and psychiatric facilities at Montefiore Hospital and to the new patient building at Lenox Hill Hospital, nine topics were presented in group discussion between November and May.

The new subcommittee on Hospital Code and Licensing Regulations, apart from cataloging the requirements of the numerous agencies whose regulations govern hospital planning in New York, initiated informal and productive meetings with officials of the New York City Department of Health and the New York City Department of Hospitals for mutual examination, strengthening, and alignment of code requirements.

Each member of the committee participated actively in the overall program of twenty-four formal and many more informal meetings. The Vice Chairman, Alonzo Clark, and the subcommittee chairmen, Isaiah Ehrlich, Harold Olson, Robert Bradbury, Armand Burgun, and Zachary Rosenfield, with the spiritual support of the Chapter's Executive Secretary and her staff, assumed responsibility for design and execution of this program which attracted the attendance of some four hundred people at the series of open meetings.

The Committee's future looks stimulating and productive: there is widened interest in Committee membership, federal support of the research program for the coming year is assured, a variety of interesting

areas of discussion for next year's meeting have already been proposed, and a good working relationship has been established with government agencies at federal, state, and city level which exercise controls on hospital planning. Chairing such an able and constructive committee has been a real privilege.

HOUSE CONSULTING COMMITTEE

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ILSE M. REESE
SIDNEY N. SHELOV
FERDINAND L. WYCKOFF, JR.

The aim of this Committee is to encourage the public and prospective Home Owners to make use of the services of qualified Architects and thus raise the Standard of residential design.

In line with this, it has continued to make its services available to the general public in its consulting capacity. Calls for partial services or advice coming constantly to the A.I.A. office are referred to Member firms listed on our new "Panel."

This year we have tried to cooperate with the West Side Urban Renewal Board in an effort to upgrade the design on brownstones earmarked for improvement.

We corresponded with Glenn Fowler, Real Estate Editor of the *New York Times* criticizing the quality of material being published in his paper. He was our luncheon guest in February. We had a pleasurable meeting of minds.

We are initiating the Annual House Improvement Award, notice of which was sent to every A.I.A. Member. Submissions are due May 15th and the Jury will meet May 22nd. We hope for good material and equally good publicity.

LE BRUN TRAVELLING COMMITTEE

LESTER D. TICHY
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Liaison

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Vice-Chairman

THEODORE HOOD
Secretary

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SIDNEY KATZ
DANIEL L. SCHWARTZMAN

The Le Brun Fellowship Committee during the past year has supervised the period of travel and study of the recent award winner, Hugh Brown.

Mr. Brown furnished reports of his travels which the Committee found extremely interesting and stimulating.

Judging from his reports, this Scholarship has been successful in giving him an opportunity to broaden his cultural background, as well as enlarge the scope of his architectural experience.

The Committee is at present reviewing the program for next year's competition.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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HENRY STEINHARDT

MAXFIELD F. VOGEL

A great many matters affecting the architectural profession and the individual practitioner dominated the legislative scene during the 1960-1961 period. Proposals relative to the Education Law, Labor Law, Multiple Dwelling Law, State Building Code, Zoning Law and the New York City Building Code were carefully considered.

Among the laws enacted by the Legislature was the retention of the State Building Code on a permanent basis in the State Division of Housing and Community Renewal; the establishment of a State Building Code Council therewith; the clarification of the Education Law relative to the seal and signature of architects and engineers on their drawings; and, the revision of the Multiple Dwelling Law in relation to height, bulk and open spaces, in conformity with the new Zoning Law. The Committee helped to defeat all of the corporate practice bills as well as measures that would have lowered the entrance requirements for architects' examinations. On Urban Planning in New York State, the Committee initiated action for the strengthening of the architectural profession in this field.

Locally, the Committee aided in the enactment of the new World's Fair Building Code; it submitted a number of recommendations to a special committee making a study for the modernization of the city's Building Code; it made numerous suggestions with regard to the new Zoning Law; and, it had conferred with city authorities on matters pertaining to improvements of certain Building Department procedures.

The Committee co-sponsored a lecture given by Mr. Desmond Heap, legal advisor to the Lord Mayor of London and renowned Town Planner,

on the subject "The Rebuilding of the City of London." It was most interesting and informative to the large group in attendance. In memory of our late Matthew W. Del Gaudio, the Committee made a significant contribution to the Architects' Scholarship Fund of the State Association of Architects.

At all times the Committee received the strong support and cooperation of the Chapter membership. This interest and encouragement greatly aided our efforts in the successful results achieved.

MEETINGS COMMITTEE

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Chairman

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Liaison

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EARNEST M. FULLER
G. DARCY GIBSON
HAROLD F. KELLOGG, JR.
GEORGE J. SCHWARTZ
HENRY WM. STONE
ROLLAND D. THOMPSON

The Meetings Committee arranged three major activities during the 1960-61 season.

The first dinner on November 2, 1960, was at the Sheraton-East Hotel at which the Medal of Honor for City Planning was presented by President Woodbridge to the Honorable Lawrence M. Orton. Approximately 175 persons attended.

The second event was the 94th Anniversary Dinner Dance held on February 10, 1961, at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Around the elegant rectangular Milles fountain cocktails and dinner were catered by Robert Day-Dean. Dancing followed with music by Ben Cutler in person with an orchestra of five additional musicians. A modest profit and a delightful evening were attributed in part to the copious absorption of alcoholic beverages by the 190 who attended.

At the third event in the Low Memorial Library at Columbia University, the A.I.A. participated with the Architectural League and the Columbia Architectural Alumni in organizing a testimonial dinner to Walter Gropius, LeCorbusier, Mies van der Rohe, and the late Frank Lloyd Wright. The catering was exceptionally well handled by Weber and Weber, who also took care of the floral decorations. The caterers, having studied the art of drinking (without knowing architects), included cocktails in the price of the dinner. While we do not have an estimate of their losses, the cocktail hour was extremely congenial and effectively drowned the disappointment sensed by many that none of the four "greats" appeared in person. Mr. Woodbridge presided, and Mr. Cutler and Mr. Ketchum paid tributes in behalf of the League and the Architectural Alumni respectively. The feature of the evening was Dean Jacque Barzun's dissertation on "The Architect and the Intellectual Aspirations of His Day." Attendance at this dinner, due perhaps to a rainy evening and post convention fatigue, was reduced to 265, although 311 reservations had been made.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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Chairman

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Liaison

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C. GATES BECKWITH
ROBERT M. BEDER
PIERRE ALBERT BEZY
JOHN W. FRANKLIN
PHILIP G. McINTOSH
RICHARD ROTH, JR.
HENRY SZATMARY

The Committee began meetings in December of 1960 and held, in all, four meetings.

At the first meeting, it was decided to have one bang-up party for potential members instead of the usual two or three cocktail parties for various groups. It was hoped that by consolidating our efforts in one event, and by obtaining a prominent and interesting speaker for the occasion, a good impression might be made on the guests and that as many or more new members might be secured than formerly with several inducements. It was also hoped that this method would be less costly with better returns.

The party was held on Tuesday evening, March 14, 1961 at 5:30 o'clock. Mr. Louis Kahn was kind enough to accept our invitation to speak. Speak he did, and answered questions until 8 o'clock. There was a flowing bowl and a grand collation by Mrs. Henkel, all of which was pretty well cleaned out. Total cost—\$281.43.

Three cocktail parties 1960, total \$560.24.

There were 130 people present including 37 chapter members who accepted our invitation and, indeed, added to the occasion. Other guests, potential new members, were from the following categories:

1. Newly-registered Architects.
2. Recent graduates of Columbia and Cooper Union.

3. Selected employees of Member Firms.
4. Members of Student Chapters A.I.A. of Columbia and Cooper Union.

It is too early to ascertain the full response to this party; six men have applied to date. In the past, applications have strung along through summer and fall. Last year, with three cocktail parties, 27 applications were received by December 31, 1960.

Follow-up letters have already been directed to the party guests.

This one party, with the speaker, Mr. Kahn, was enthusiastically received by those attending, and we hope that it will produce sensational results.

OFFICE PRACTICE COMMITTEE

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As of May 1st the committee will have held seven regular meetings, with better than 90% attendance. It expects to have three or more additional meetings to conclude its work for the year. In addition many subcommittee meetings were held. It received much favorable comment on its paper on Shop Drawing Practices. In its complete Annual Report for 1960-1961 the Committee expects to issue documents on the following subjects:

- ✓ Insurance in general
- ✓ Coordination of drawings
- ✓ "Supervision"—or architectural "inspection"
- ✓ Accounting practices
- ✓ Estimating practices
- ✓ Practices on color and hardware scheduling
- ✓ Practice on punch lists
- ✓ Practice on issuance of transparencies of contract drawings to contractor

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

GERALD K. GEERLINGS
GILLET LEFFERTS, JR.
Co-Chairmen

The Committee, as envisioned by its Chairman, is fundamentally a Chapter-coordinating committee to serve all Chapter activities and to prevent overlapping and duplication of effort.

In this spirit, a review of the Chapter's "General Information Pamphlet" has been undertaken in conjunction with a restatement of the purposes, aims and past performances of each Chapter Committee. To assist in this latter effort, 66 questionnaires were sent to past Committee Chairmen, requesting statements about their committees' aims. There were 39 replies (60%) representing 24 of the 32 Chapter Committees. These replies are in the process of being evaluated and a complete report will be forthcoming for the Executive Committee's consideration and action.

In the words of President Woodbridge, "there is much greater opportunity for cooperation and communication between committees than has been practiced in the past." It is hoped that a continuing Programs Committee might serve as a catalyst for this cooperative and coordinated effort in behalf of all Chapter activities.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Liaison

HARMON H. GOLDSTONE
Advisor

JEANNE M. DAVERN
G. DARCY GIBSON
PAUL JOHN GRAYSON
P. WHITNEY WEBB

The Committee scheduled eight regular meetings during the year. A policy for guidance under a Public Affairs program was spelled out and adopted by the Executive Committee. Candidates for the office of Public Affairs counsel were interviewed and after a careful appraisal, the office of Jack Bernstein Associates was unanimously approved by the Executive Committee on an interim basis of a three month period ending June 1, 1961. A detailed report for this period by Jack Bernstein Associates can be seen in Mrs. Henkel's office.

The results achieved in the adoption of the zoning proposals were particularly gratifying.

The sustaining membership drive proved to be eminently successful. It is hoped for the 1961-62 program there will be 100% participation. This has enabled us to proceed with a more effective program for all Committee work.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

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JOHN A. HLA VATY
SHELDON LICHT
ROLF MYLLER
F. MARSHAL SMITH
HERBERT L. SMITH
EDWARD O. TANNER
JAN V. WHITE

During the past ten months the Committee has worked hard to bring to the membership a monthly paper with comprehensive coverage on Chapter and outside issues of timely significance.

The Committee's decision to broaden the scope of the paper resulted in a new format fashioned somewhat on the style of a newspaper and including feature columns, editorials, guest columns, cartoons, photographs, and reports.

Particular emphasis has been given in recent issues to the role of the Architect in the profession and the community. Controversial topics and critiques were presented to stimulate discussion and action. The Improving New York Column offered an opportunity for the membership to voice their opinions on the problems and needs of our great city.

Recognizing the fact that magazines, newspapers, pamphlets, and books keep piling up not only on our desks, but on yours as well, we have endeavored to keep the *Oculus* brief and yet informative.

The committee expresses their appreciation to Mrs. Margot A. Henkel for her patience and untiring assistance; to Peter Van Bloem, Chapter Secretary and Liaison; to Philip M. Chu, Publications Committee Secretary, and to the Executive Committee for their permission to allow full expression in content and format.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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REGINALD E. MARSH
ELEANOR PEPPER
J. STANLEY SHARP
THORNE SHERWOOD

The Committee held five meetings, including two luncheon seminar meetings, to which chapter members and guests were invited.

Problems relating to school design and architectural practice which were discussed at Committee meetings, included: sound-proof movable partitions; audio-visual teaching methods and design factors affected thereby; closed circuit television; and urban school problems.

A special meeting of the Committee was held in December 1960 at the Teleprompter Corporation, to witness new techniques in audio-visual presentation methods, involving film strips, slides, voice recordings and moving pictures.

The committee arranged two seminar luncheons, as follows:

1. New Horizons for New York City Schools, March 9, 1961, attendance 56. Speakers panel consisted of Mr. Michael L. Radoslovich, FAIA, Dr. Herbert A. Landry, Consultant for the N. Y. C. Board of Education and Mr. Evans Clinchy of Educational Facilities Laboratories.

2. School Planning and Design, May 11, 1961, attendance 75. Speaker was Dean Charles R. Colbert, of Columbia University School of Architecture.

SPEAKERS' BUREAU

JEFFREY ELLIS ARONIN
Chairman

MAX O. URBAHN
Liaison

BERTRAM BASSUK
JOHN J. CARLOS
THOMAS H. CREIGHTON
JEANNE M. DAVERN
DOUGLAS HASKELL
SAMUEL RATENSKY
DAVID SPECTER

This past year we have expanded our program of previous seasons on a broader, more ambitious basis. While endeavoring to marry speakers with audiences we have also gone farther afield in another realm. We have reached an understanding with the Director of the Municipal Broadcasting System (WNYC and WNYC-FM, New York) that he would welcome an architectural radio series under our auspices. In Philadelphia at the Annual Convention the chairman recorded two programs, one with Clarence Stein and Sir William Holford, and the other with Douglas Haskell and Bruno Zevi. In cooperation with the National AIA Public Relations Director we also had tapes made of all the proceedings at the Convention and shall edit the major speeches for our radio broadcasts.

Our chapter members have addressed or have given assistance to the following organizations, among others:

Our Lady of Snows Church
Farmingdale Public Schools
J. H. S. 126, Queens
J. H. S. 74, Queens

Merrick High School
Samuel Tilden High School
WPIX, New York
Boston University

Chamber of Commerce of the U. S.
 Plainedge High School
 Columbia University
 United Community Funds and Councils of America

We are particularly grateful to those who so willingly spoke to school career day conferences; Mortimer Freehof, John Carlos, Quarnig Dorian, Rolf Myller and Hart Moore gave considerable time to these efforts.

We have had no budget, but the Chairman is contributing to the Chapter a fee earned by him on a guided tour of the city to 30 Ph.D. students. However, although we have enjoyed a financially rewarding year, we hope the Committee will be given a budget in succeeding seasons.

JAMES STEWARDSON TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP

RICHARD B. SNOW
Chairman

MICHAEL M. HARRIS
Liaison

HARMON H. GOLDSTONE
 WALTHER PROKOSCH
 DANIEL SCHWARTZMAN
 ESMOND SHAW

In April the Committee announced the \$2,000.00 Stewardson Travelling Fellowship open to men and women employed in the New York Chapter Area, and invited applications to be sent in by May 1st.

We have received 27 applications for the Fellowship almost all well thought out and well presented. The applicants' goals vary from a general view of European or Far Eastern architecture, old and new, to the specific study of a technical or sociological problem related to architecture.

We are now evaluating these applications and will make our recommendations so that the Fellowship can be awarded before the close of the Executive Committee's meetings this June.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

EUSTIS DEARBORN
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 ULRICH FRANZEN
 JULES KABAT
 ALLAN LABIE
 WILLIAM J. MODIN
 FREDERICK SAPHIER

The Committee continued its policy of bringing before the Chapter qualified speakers on technical topics of general interest stressing where possible the interrelation between technical requirements and architectural form and the significance of these requirements as they effect the individual practitioner.

On November 15, 1960 Robert B. Newman, Vice-President of Bolt, Beranek and Newman of Cambridge, Massachusetts, in a talk on "Acoustics Today" reviewed the ever-present problem of architectural acoustics and brought our recent solutions in his field.

On January 24, 1961 Julian Ellsworth Garnsey, Colorist, spoke on "Color for Modern Architecture." Successively he discussed the physical, physiological and psychological aspects of color and made a strong case for early consideration of this aspect in the design process.

On February 20, 1961 Byron C. Bloomfield, A.I.A., an Executive Director of the Modular Building Standards Association, brought the Chapter up to date on the present status of modular coordination. After a brief review of the technique, he reported a preponderance of adoption throughout the Middle West and a certain reluctance on the part of architect and manufacturer to embrace the system, one before the other.

March 7, 1961 found an architect-engineer team composed of Albert Kennerly, A.I.A., partner of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, and Charles C. Zollman, ASCE, partner of Schupack & Zollman, discussing the technical advantages and limitations of prestressed concrete and its architectural design implications.

Subsequent to this report, on May 23, 1961 a talk on "Aluminum and its Architectural Structural Application" will be given by Paul Weidlinger, structural engineer.

In addition, the Committee previewed programs presented by members of the Producers' Council with a view to increasing their value to the professional audience based on the following criteria:

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| 1. General interest. | 6. Comparative Costs. |
| 2. De-emphasis of sales approach. | 7. Limitations. |
| 3. Technical data. | 8. Details of installation. |
| 4. New features. | 9. Availability. |
| 5. Code compliance. | |

VISITING ARCHITECTS COMMITTEE

JOSEPH C. HAZEN
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EDGAR A. TAFEL
Vice-Chairman

DAVID L. EGGERS
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JOSE A. FERNANDEZ
CURTIS R. FREMOND
MARIE FROMMER
OLINDO GROSSI
PAUL GROTZ
THEODORE HOOD
ELEANOR PEPPER
G. E. KIDDER SMITH
ANTHONY J. VARNAS
VICTOR M. VILLEMMAIN

During the past year the Committee has made its services available to more than 200 visitors from Argentina, Australia, Cambodia, England, Finland, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, and Russia. Some of these visitors came as individuals, some in groups as large as 60. Many were vacationing, some were conducting research preparatory to the design of important buildings in their home lands; others were participating in the government-sponsored People-to-People program.

The most popular new buildings among the foreign visitors have been Cornings, Fresh Meadows, Guggenheim, Idlewild, Kips Bay, Lever House, Manufacturers Trust, Roosevelt Field Shopping Center, Seagrams, 666 Fifth Ave., Time & Life, Union Carbide, United Nations.

Many members of the Chapter who are not on the visitors Committee have given generously of their time in conducting these visitors through their offices and through buildings of their design. The offices of Philip Johnson, I. M. Pei, and Skidmore, Owings & Merrill have been particularly helpful in this respect.

The Committee has assisted several visiting groups of out-of-town architectural students. It has also made plans for encouraging the graduate students of local architectural schools to visit the offices of chapter members. A detailed proposal concerning the launching of such a program has been submitted to the Chapter for its consideration.

The Committee's work has been rewarded by the receipt of many enthusiastic thank-you notes from all over the world—like this one from the architect of the Ministry of Planning of the Royal Cambodian government in Phnom-Penh: "We have been very very happy to visit New York City. We were keen at discovering every different part of that marvelous and unexpected city. We certainly could not have seen so much of it without your so valuable advices."

YOUNGER ARCHITECTS' COMMITTEE

NORVAL C. WHITE
Chairman

HAROLD EDELMAN
JOSEPH FULLER
BRUCE C. GRAHAM
NORMAN KLEIN
JULIAN NESKI
ROLLAND THOMPSON

This Committee is still in the process of formation and has yet to establish its final identity. The term "Younger Architects" is perhaps a misnomer, as most of the eligible 203 corporate members in this category (15% of the chapter) are closer to 40 than to 25 and further, how can one arbitrarily state that at 39 one is a Young Architect and at 41, an Old one?

Questionnaires about the *potential areas of activity* were mailed to all corporate and associate members in the "40 or under" category several weeks ago. More than 60 returns have been received, filled out with interest and spirit. It is now hoped to have a series of follow-up "bull sessions" at the home of Committee members, to bring the ideas of the group together. Positive activities might include:

1. Channeling of young and spirited members in various permanent key Committees and activities of the Chapter.
2. Assorted special projects *among which* have been suggested: Guides, tours, seminars, lectures and other activities pointing toward the discussion of Architecture as an Art.
3. Leg-work for publicizing all Architects and Architecture and assisting in spreading the voice of the profession to a broader and broader public base . . . within the framework of the existing Chapter rules.
4. Constructive criticism and work to help make the A.I.A. an organization with a broader *active* base and greater public influence.

A specific project on which a group has already indicated its willingness to serve, is the organization under Chairman David Eggers, for the N. Y. State Association convention next Sept. 28-30. About 25 of the "Younger Architects" have already agreed to work toward the revitalization of this event so that it may become a more meaningful use of time above and beyond its social activities, in this year that the N. Y. Chapter is acting as Host Chapter.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER**Michael M. Harris**

The following is a summary of income and disbursements for the period October 1, 1959 to September 30, 1960 and 7 month period beginning October 1, 1960 to April 30, 1961.

<i>Receipts</i>	Fiscal Year		7 Month Period	
	10/1/59 - 9/30/60		10/1/60 - 4/30/61	
Dues Collected	33,042.50		39,042.00	
Sale of Documents	13,035.74		6,505.95	
Misc. Income	19.80		4.00	
Interest Income	437.46		267.85	
Reserve Fund Income	3,247.99		2,105.85	
Sustaining Firm Memb.		49,783.49	13,585.00	61,510.65
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Disbursements

Administrative	22,822.25		14,617.31	
Dues to other Organ.	5,870.00		4,451.25	
Cost of Documents	7,500.51		2,831.88	
10% Dues to Cont. Res.	3,304.25		3,904.20	
Committee Expenses	12,717.51		7,159.31	
Public Affairs	7,277.18			
Furniture & Equipment	266.91	59,758.61		32,963.95
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Debit Balance		9,975.12		28,546.70
Year End Balance 58/59		16,226.21		
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Year End Balance 59/60		6,251.09		6,251.09
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Balance as of May 1, 1961.....				34,797.79
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*Book Value of Security Accounts**Principal Accounts*

Contingent Reserve Fund	55,357.15	59,283.19
Arnold W. Brunner Scholarship	139,520.07	150,115.34
LeBrun Fellowship	36,765.38	36,765.38
James Stewardson Fellowship ...	55,945.28	58,288.02

Income Account

Arnold W. Brunner Scholarship	10,585.38	11,313.98
LeBrun Fellowship	7,021.80	9,262.64
James Stewardson Fellowship ...	1,264.05	2,517.43

Disbursements have been kept within budget appropriations. Audit reports as of September 30, 1960 are on file in the Chapter Office.

METROPOLITAN BUILDERS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

EDWIN M. FORBES
Chairman

GUSTAVE R. KEANE
SAMUEL M. KURTZ
JOHN N. LINN

Since last fall this Committee has had three meetings with representatives of the Metropolitan Builders Association who made four specific proposals which were recommended by the Committee and approved by the Executive Committee. In gist they were as follows: 1. A single general construction contract; 2. A reduction of the 10% retainer after work is 50% complete; 3. A reduction in number of alternate estimates requested; 4. That all unit prices be contained in only one section of the bid documents.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**Peter S. Van Bloem**

During the past year minutes have been recorded for a total of five Chapter Meetings and sixteen Executive Committee Meetings through the office of the Secretary. This was done with the kind assistance of the Executive Secretary, Mrs. Henkel, and her Staff. Her contributions are gratefully acknowledged and applauded by the Secretary.

It is recorded with sincere regret that the following members have died during the past year :

Corporate Members

Henry M. Barone	Prentice Duell	George A. Licht
Alton L. Craft	L. M. Franklin	Fritz Nathan
Matthew W. Del Gaudio	Frederick A. Godley	Harold R. Sleeper
Theodore de Postels	John T. Haneman	James S. Smith
George F. de Zeller	Julian Holland	Associate Member
Alexander Dimitrato	Alexander D. Knox	George C. Sharp

There has been a net gain of forty in Corporate membership and twenty-two in Associate membership with a loss of forty-eight in Student membership included in a total Chapter membership gain of seventeen for the past year. This is recorded below.

Gains 1960-61

	Honorary	Emeritus	Corp.	Assoc.	Unas.	Students	Total
New Members	—	—	63	49	2	75	
Transferred	—	—	11	—	—	—	
Internal	—	6	9	—	—	—	
Total Gain	—	6	83	49	2	75	215

Losses 1960-61

Deceased	—	5	11	1	—	—	
Transferred	—	—	14	—	—	—	
Internal	—	—	6	9	—	—	
Graduated	—	—	—	—	—	123	
Resigned	—	—	6	14	—	—	
Terminated	—	—	6	3	—	—	
Total Losses	—	5	43	27	—	123	198
Net Gain	—	1	40	22	2	—48	17
May 1, 1960	8	56	858	263	12	198	1395
May 1, 1961	8	57	898	285	14	150	1412

It is interesting to compare figures with June 1, 1951 and note that the chapter has reached new highs in each category:

June 1, 1951	Corporate 682	Associate 134	Total Members 953
May 1, 1961	Corporate 898	Associate 285	Total Members 1412

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The New York Chapter extends its warmest welcome to the following new members:

Corporate

Dean McClure	Julius Panero
Bernard A. Kessler	Ruth A. Scott
Joseph Caponnetto	Marvin B. Soklow
Leonard Jacobson	Murray Sputt

Associate

William Caldwell	Paul P. Sanzari
Ivar Paulsen	Lucile F. Young

CANDIDATES

Information regarding the qualifications of the following candidates for membership will be considered confidential by the Admissions Committee:

Corporate

Raymond Jarvis Frank
Joseph Morgan Ray
Frederick Davis Rink

Associate

King Chin	Sponsors: { Angus L. Craig, Jr. { Monroe S. Nadel { Donald McCormick { Isaiah Ehrlich
Marjorie McC. Dickie	