In This Issue

- Profile on Nominees for Board of Directors 1992-1993 and Ballot
- Upcoming Events
- "Just Say No" to Lawsuit Blackmail
- Western Mountain Region 1991 Awards for Excellence

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The major event of the year for AIA Colorado is just around the corner. John Williams and his committee have put together what promises to be a great Design Conference for 1991. We are in a "New" location this year at the Radisson in Downtown Denver, but the events will be reminiscent of years gone by - keynote speakers, break-out sessions, exhibits, design awards, business sessions, etc. Your attendance and support of the Design Conference is important to AIA Colorado as a whole. Please send in your registration and mark your calendars for November 22 and 23, 1991.

Our AIA Colorado Staff is now complete. As I noted in my last article, Linda Smith joined us the first of September. She has now hired Susan Carroll as her assistant, and has a part-time Work Study person - Dawn Givens. They are all picking up on the operation of AIA Colorado very quickly. An extra bit of patience on the part of the members is still in order as Linda, Susan and Dawn try to "find" all the information programs and documents you may inquire about. Changes are being made to better serve the membership in all avenues of operation.

Volunteers are still a big part of the transition and my thanks go to all of them. Most recently Jim Cox and Polly Wissing helped to clean up the hard disks and memories of the computers to try to get by a while longer without additional investment. My son, Mark, also worked on the computers to check the existing capacity and to help develop a plan to improve the system in an orderly manner. Bob Seegmiller of Modern Fixture also gets a pat on the back for helping with some of our storage problems (i.e. a new base cabinet and counter top).

Marvin J. Spam, AIA
President/AIA Colorado

AIA SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR 1992 IDP OUTSTANDING FIRM AWARD

Architecture firms of any size may be recognized next year for their exemplary commitment and contributions to the development of interns as design professionals. Nominations for the 1992 Intern Development Outstanding Firm Award are due in January. Sponsored by the AIA and NCARB, IDP offers a comprehensive training program involving architectural interns, educators, practitioners, and professional organizations. Winning firms will be selected by the IDP Coordinating Committee at its January meeting. The award, consisting of a special certificate will be announced in architectural publications and at the 1992 AIA National Convention and the NCARB annual meeting. For nomination forms, contact Karol Kaiser or Irene Dumas Tyson at the AIA (202) 626-7356.

It is with great sadness that we note the death of William C. Muchow. Bill was certainly an outstanding architect producing many award-winning projects during his career. His abilities were duly noted by his peers as attested to by the numerous recognitions he received both locally and nationally including Fellowship in the AIA. An example of the friendships he established and the esteem in which he was held was the surprise birthday party at the DAC. About 75 attended to honor this gentleman. His presence will be missed and we extend our sympathies to his family.
Just Say No to Lawsuit Blackmail
by Donald A. Bertram, AIA, Esq.

Donald A. Bertram, AIA, Esq., is a licensed architect and practicing attorney in Denver, emphasizing all aspects of design, construction and business law.

Breaking any habit is very hard and painful.

Breaking the habit of paying settlements when you are clearly not at fault for the cost of defense is also hard.

After being used, when you know you are not responsible, then being confronted with a situation that the plaintiff is willing to settle with you for an amount which approximates the cost of preparing for trial and proceeding through trial, the overwhelming temptation is to settle. By settling so you are finished with it, you can put it out of your mind, and there is NO RISK—right? Wrong. The risk you and your fellow practitioners face is other undeserving parties and their attorneys will perceive that you and your fellow practitioners are easy targets. Therefore, you have increased the possibility of more "blackmail" suits in the future.

The medical community has taken a very firm stance on any malpractice claim. Typically, as is similar in the construction industry, plaintiffs are able to find and report to their board, which then becomes public record. If two incidents are reported, an official review must be undertaken. Therefore, doctors have stopped paying nuisance value and are "just saying no." The word is out, loud and clear. As a result, in three very recent cases I have been involved in, 12 of the 15 "casual" defendants were dismissed with prejudice in the preliminary stages.

There are some side effects to breaking the habit and "just saying no." There is always the possibility that the verdicts will be reversed on appeal. There is a cost that is never recoverable, the costly burden of the proceedings and the corresponding loss of time, energy and profit oriented efforts.

The message must be stated loud and clear: Design Professionals - "Just Say No" and they do not roll over. They are not going to bankroll projects for owners, contractors or anybody. Architects are professionals and there are no free lunches.

"Just Say No" to blackmail lawsuits.

(Editors Note: This article was written with the intent of providing general legal information, is intended to be accurate, although not comprehensive. Accordingly, readers are urged to consult their own attorneys for any specific legal service they may need concerning the subject matter of this article.)

Susan Carroll is the new Assistant Director, assisting Linda Smith in all phases of the office operation. Her main focus will be on membership applications, both new and renewing. Her interest in computers and her excellent organizational skills will be a plus to the AIA Colorado office.

Dawn Givens, Visual Communications student at the Colorado Institute of Art, is another new voice at the Carriage House.

Dawn works part-time (12:00 to 5:00 PM) every day to help you with AIA documents, booklets, and other publications that are sold from the Carriage House. She has worked for architects before and is aware of the ins and outs of the business.

We're happy to have a FULL house now and look forward to having you visit or call us.

Dont forget to vote. Ballots are enclosed for AIA members and Associates.
AIA COLORADO
ELECTION FOR 1992 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BALLOT

After reviewing the candidates' information and statements please circle your choice for one candidate in each position.

PRESIDENT ELECT
(1993 PRESIDENT)
Curtis W. Fentress, AIA

SECRETARY
Peter Orleans, AIA
Chick Lee, AIA

TREASURER
Charles F. Brenner, AIA

(withdrawn by Candidate)

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
Randall A. Swanson, AIA

Fold this ballot and return it. Your name must be printed, then signed in the upper left-hand corner of the ballot return envelope. All ballots must be received at the AIA Colorado office on or before noon on November 14, 1991.
It is an honor to be nominated to the position of President Elect of AIA Colorado. This professional organization is of the highest importance to the practice of architecture. The goals of the organization and the programs that are at work to promote public awareness, service to members, political activities, and interaction among architects are very important to all of us. I feel that the office of President should embrace the goals and move them forward as much as possible. Great progress has been made in these areas by many of our dedicated colleagues in the last few years and this effort must be maintained. I have enjoyed working with the AIA organization in the past, in both good times and difficult times. I am aware of the time this office will require and I am ready to dedicate the effort required. My goal is to position AIA Colorado for the 1990s. I believe that we are undergoing a lot of changes in our profession and our organization needs to keep abreast of the changes in practice. We must continue to build an active membership that can continue to support our present activities and the service we provide to the membership. I believe that I can provide, as President Elect, the enthusiasm to continue the work that has been started and the leadership to help position AIA Colorado for the 1990s. I would enjoy the opportunity to represent and work with the AIA Colorado membership in 1992 and 1993. Your support for my candidacy would be appreciated.

Bio:

As an active member of AIA, I am acutely aware of both the potential and the power of our professional organization. I believe that the Centennial Year affords AIA Colorado an unusual opportunity to broaden its base of support within the community of practicing architects in Colorado and to communicate to the public at-large the important role architecture plays in the life of the communities of our state.

In recent years I have been involved in a broad range of AIA Colorado activities: as a member of the Liability Review Committee (1985); the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Architectural Education (1989); the Barrier Free Design Awards Committee (1990); as chairperson of the Carriage House Re-Financing Task Force (1990); the Task Force on Services for Small Offices (1991); and as Treasurer and Member of the Board of Directors (1990). Additionally, I have been appointed to several civic boards and commissions including: the Colorado Health Facility Review Council, the Denver Department of Public Works Chapter 31 Committee, and the Denver Botanic Gardens Accessibility Advisory Group. I believe that this background of AIA activity and civic involvement will enable me, if elected, to support our Board of Directors as it takes up the challenge of promoting our profession during the upcoming Centennial Year.

Bio:
Over the past fifteen years much of Peter Orleans' architectural practice has been devoted to improving the quality of life of persons with special needs requiring sensory, mobility, and intellectual support. This work has included design, research, code development, and advocacy. An active member of the American Institute of Architects, Peter has served as both treasurer and a member of the Board of Directors of the Colorado Chapter. He received his Master of Architecture from the University of Colorado in 1975. He has taught as member of the architecture faculties of both the University of California at Los Angeles and Iowa State University.
My experience as Chair of the Architectural Educational Task Force for the last two years has prepared me for the Board and specifically the administrative responsibility of AIA Colorado's Secretary. More importantly is the desire, with 20 years experience, to be an active member on the Board representing the architects in this state. I am particularly concerned with:

- Making sure that students in our high school system have a great local choice to receive an architectural degree.
- Helping to generate ideas to increase our numbers in new membership.
- Creating outside revenue sources to help stabilize our revenue structure on a state level.

I would appreciate and welcome your support of me as a candidate for Secretary of AIA.

Bio:
Chick has been Principal of Lee Architects/Interior Designers for 20 years. As the Chair of the Colorado AIA Task Force on Architectural Education for more than two years. Chick is a member of the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association, the Colorado Bankers Association, and the Colorado Credit Union League.

The first words spoken to me by our newly elected President and then executive director at our first AIA Board meeting in 1991 was, "Welcome, we have experienced a problem this past year and have a deficit in our income that may very well wipe out our capital reserve, and this next year our budget will be excessively tight." What a way to start a year. The office of Treasurer is a one year term and the outgoing Treasurer and Director have routinely established the Budget with the new Treasurer inheriting the problems of the preceding year. We have had a change of staff and have worked diligently to bring our budget back into focus. Of $26,000.00 in reserve we have only drawn $4,000.00 as of October 1. The income from our Design Conference will determine if we need to draw any more reserves. I am running for re-election because I feel there is more work to be completed before we are again solvent and comfortable with the budgeting of the chapter. I also feel that the office of treasurer needs some continuity and this coming year I will propose a By-Laws change which will create a new office of Treasurer-Elect, so that the new Treasurer will come into office knowing the financial condition of the Chapter and having been a part of the budgeting process. AIA provides a channel for contract documents, continuing education, concern about student quality, dialogue with fellow professionals, concern for government affairs and our government's effect on our profession. If we as members do not support our professional organization, it will not support us.

Bio:
Chuck is President of C. F. Brenner, Inc. Architecture in Glenwood Springs. Currently he is serving as Treasurer of AIA Colorado and as such is running for re-election. Previously, Chuck has served as President, Vice-President and Secretary of the Colorado West Chapter. Chuck is also a member of the Committee on Government Affairs.

I have had the fortunate opportunity to have visited with many interns and architects all over the country. My involvement with the AIA has been enthusiastic for as many years as my architectural career has existed. I have organized fund raisers, learned from others, and established friendships throughout the country. Having been a part of a very successful California Associates Chapter, to share some ideas and help implement the new, would be very satisfying and enjoyable to me. Given the state of economics in our country and more specifically in our profession, I continue to support Associates addressing issues which may enhance the world of architecture tomorrow. Beyond design, young architects can consider other areas of importance such as marketing, financial management within a firm, and even people/group dynamics in the work place. I would be excited at the chance to assume an Associates leadership role and to entertain the current concerns and dreams of those that make up the young architects of today.

Bio:
Randy recently helped found a new firm in Denver. Now a partner in MSI, this unique company which combines traditional design and high tech consulting; has allowed for extensive travel and interaction with architects of all ages, worldwide. A graduate of the University of Nebraska, he was AIA's Chapter President for the College of Architecture and a candidate for national office. He held board positions with the Lincoln Chapter and for the Nebraska Society of Architects. At Skidmore Owens & Merrill - Los Angeles he held three positions, LAS- Associates ADP Coordinator, he was appointed to the LS Chapter Corporate Board as IDP Committee Chair, and sat on the CCAIA steering committee. Presently Randy is co-chair for the Denver Computer Committee.
Victor D. Langharm, AIA

c/o TRA Architects
1875 Lawrence St., #610
Denver, CO 80202

Anticipates adding staff for their efforts at the New Denver Airport and other projects:

1. Project Architect with some interior architecture experience -- CADD experience required.
2. Architect with experience in contract administration on large projects.
3. Interior Designer with project management experience in design, space planning and furniture systems -- CADD experience required.

Havekost + Lee Architects
1121 Grant Street
Denver, CO 80203
(303) 861-1121

Draftsperson / Intern Architect with design degree and experience with design development/construction documents. Salary range 1000/1200 month.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
U.S. Department of the Interior
Rocky Mountain Regional Office
Division of Human Resources
P.O. Box 25287
Denver, CO 80225

(Note: This is NOT a complete description of job opening specifications and requirements. For complete information and necessary forms contact the above office.) Term position, 1-4 years, depending on the progress of project work, for an Architect (Position #GS 808-5/7/9) to work as a trainee (salary grade GS-5) or an advanced trainee (salary grade GS-7), to assist higher level professionals by performing architectural design work. Duties include: preparation of schematic designs; design development and construction document drawings and correspondence; preparation of layout and detail drawings from specific instructions, notes or sketches; reference to manuals, manufacturer's literature and other technical material for pertinent material to be used in design or by higher level architect; visitation of project sites as necessary.

Requirements: Bachelor's or higher degree in architecture OR related field from an accredited college or university, OR a combination of education and experience: college-level education, training and/or technical experience that furnishes a thorough knowledge of the arts and sciences underlying professional architecture.

To Apply: Submit application for Federal Employment (SF-171), Selective Service Registration Form, separate sheets detailing knowledge, skills and abilities (in such areas as: photography, interior design, energy conservation, independent research, planning, landscape architecture, teaching, delineation-rendering, hobbies and interests and others) and optional Background Survey. A complete portfolio will also be required during the screening process. However, at the time of application, only photocopies of representative work (no larger than 11x17), along with items above, will be required.


closest office suites available for architects/designers 1 1/2 blocks from Saks Fifth Avenue on Fillmore in Cherry Creek. Share common areas and full facilities in design co-op with illustrators, designers, and architects.

Wonderful environment, great location, reasonable rent. Rent includes phone and copier use. Blueprinting and plain paper FAX in-house. Conference room, kitchenette, lobby.

No better deal for designers in Denver! Call Ali or Rob at 303/388-2918 for more information.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>NAME:</th>
<th>C. Aubrey Carson</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ADDRESS:</td>
<td>1639 E. 22nd Ave.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PHONE:</td>
<td>303-832-7835</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>POSITION SEEKING:</td>
<td>Intern Architect</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SPECIALTIES:</td>
<td>CADD Management, Construction Documents, Construction Management</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SCHOOL(S):</td>
<td>University of Auburn</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DEGREE(S):</td>
<td>Bachelor of Architecture</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EXPERIENCE:</td>
<td>Commercial - 1 yr.; Residential - 1 yr.; Recreational - 1 yr.; and Construction - 2 yrs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CADD/COMPUTER:</td>
<td>IBM; AutoCAD; AutoLISP; ASG; Wordperfect; Lotus; and DOS.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>NAME:</th>
<th>Susan Diamond</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ADDRESS:</td>
<td>3333 E. Bayaud Ave. #718</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PHONE:</td>
<td>303-322-0171</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>POSITION SEEKING:</td>
<td>Intern Architect</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SPECIALTIES:</td>
<td>Residential, Commercial</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SCHOOL(S):</td>
<td>University of Wisconsin; Ray College of Design</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DEGREE(S):</td>
<td>BA - Interior Design; BA - Art History</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EXPERIENCE:</td>
<td>Commercial - 1 yr.; Residential - 1 yr.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>NAME:</th>
<th>Robert Christian Savi, AIA Associate</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ADDRESS:</td>
<td>2559 N. Tucson Blvd., #2104</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PHONE:</td>
<td>(602) 327-3706</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>POSITION SEEKING:</td>
<td>Intern/Draftsman</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SCHOOL(S):</td>
<td>University of Arizona</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EXPERIENCE:</td>
<td>Commercial, Residential, Institutional, and Cultural.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COMPUTER EXP:</td>
<td>Two CADD courses.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>NAME:</th>
<th>Michael J. Sickbert, AIA</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ADDRESS:</td>
<td>4750 Quail Creek Lane</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PHONE:</td>
<td>(303) 530-2785 / FAX (303) 581-9961</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>POSITION SEEKING:</td>
<td>Project Architect / Associate / Partner</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SCHOOL(S):</td>
<td>University of Kansas and Kansas Art Institute.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DEGREE(S):</td>
<td>Bachelor of Environmental Design</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STATE LICENSE(S):</td>
<td>Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Texas, Hawaii, Arizona, Maryland, and Certified NCARB.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EXPERIENCE:</td>
<td>Commercial - 6 yrs.; Institutional - 3 yrs.; and Retail Interiors - 4 yrs.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**ABOUT THE 'JOB BOARD'**

The "Job Board" is a weekly bulletin of job openings in the architectural profession provided as a service to members of AIA Colorado, architectural employers and job seekers. Listings typically are in the Denver metropolitan area, but also occasionally include openings elsewhere in the state of Colorado, or in other states. The Job Board is updated on Mondays and Thursdays, and mailed to Job Board subscribers once a week. Other features of the "Job Board" are: For Sale or Lease advertising, Personal & Networking advertising and Resume Listings. Circulation is approximately 200 issues per week. The Job Board is also included as an insert to the monthly AIA Colorado newsletter, The Field Report, (circulation 1500).

Subscribe to the Job Board! It's FREE!
If you would like to receive weekly updated Job Board listings, send us a packet of standard, self-addressed, stamped, #10 envelopes and we will mail you the current listings once a week. Send your envelopes to: The Job Board, AIA Colorado, 1459 Pennsylvania, Carriage House, Denver, CO 80203.

Advertise on the Job Board! Only $10.00 per week!
If you would like to place an ad for a Job Opening, For Sale or Lease, or Personal & Networking Notice on the Job Board, you may FAX or mail your ad to us and it will be placed on the next issue. Please include your name and phone number. The cost is $10.00 per week. We will bill you for advertising following its discontinuance. We do not accept commercial or real estate advertising. Please limit text to 100 words. Our FAX Number is: 303/831-8833 or mail to: Listings, AIA Colorado, 1459 Pennsylvania, Carriage House, Denver, CO 80203.

Resume Listing!
This is a regular feature of the Job Board in which job seekers may post information about their education and work experience, similar to an abbreviated resume. NOTE: Resume listings are $10.00 per week, and must be prepaid. A check, money order or credit card number is acceptable. You may extend your ad for additional weeks by notifying us one week in advance and enclosing additional payment(s). Submit information in above format and mail to: Resumes, AIA Colorado, 1459 Pennsylvania, Carriage House - Denver, CO 80203.

Subscribe to the Job Board! It's FREE!
If you would like to receive weekly updated Job Board listings, send us a packet of standard, self-addressed, STAMPED, #10 envelopes and we will mail you the current listings once a week.
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**November 15** - Preparing Successful Presentation and Awards Boards, 12:00 to 3:00 PM, Lakewood Country Club, sponsored by the Consulting Engineers Council of Colorado. Contact CECC at 832-2200 for more information.

**January 13 - Construction Cost Estimating and Bidding**, sponsored by the University of Colorado at Denver. Call 756-8255 for information and costs.

**January 15-16 - Fundamentals of Strategic Planning for Small to Mid-Sized Companies**, presented by University of Colorado at Denver. Call 756-8255 for more information and registration costs.

---

**DENVER DIGS TREES**

The Park People and Denver Parks and Recreation Kick Off the second year of Denver Digs Trees. Denver Digs Trees, the cooperative tree distribution program of Denver Parks and Recreation and The Park People, gets underway with the distribution of tree request forms. The program, now in its second year, will once again make available approximately 3,000 trees to Denver residents to plant as street trees in front of Denver homes and businesses. The trees are provided free of charge and are made possible with funds from the bond issue approved by Denver voters in 1989. Denver Digs Trees is part of the $3 million bond tree program which will result in 30,000 new trees in Denver's public spaces by 1995.

Denver Digs Trees will offer nine species of trees through neighborhood associations, civic organizations and to individuals. Orders for trees will be taken through November 22 and trees will be distributed at seven park sites throughout the city on April 11, 1992. There is no fee for participation in the program, but trees must be planted as street trees, and those who order trees must agree to maintain the trees properly. Tree request forms with complete information are available through neighborhood coordinators or from The Park People at 722-6262.

---

**NEWS FROM NATIONAL**

**CAD LAYER GUIDELINES.** An AIA Press best-seller is going into its third printing! *CAD Layer Guidelines: Recommended.* A limited number available from AIA Colorado.

*Designations for Architecture, Engineering, and Facility Management Computer Aided Design,* written by the Task Force on CAD Layer Guidelines, is the first attempt to standardize the protocols used in the preparation of computer-aided design construction documents. CAD Layer Guidelines allows design professionals using CAD to communicate construction document data in a universal language.
AIA Colorado
1459 Pennsylvania
Carriage House
Denver, CO 80203

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**
- President: Marvin J. Spam, AIA
- President Elect: Katheryn L. Zeeb, AIA
- Secretary: Peter F. Einsle, AIA
- Treasurer: Charles Brenner, AIA
- Ron Abo, AIA
- James Cox, AIA
- Heidi Hoffman, AIA
- Dana Lockwood, AIA
- Bonita Mueller, Associate AIA
- Mike Riley, AIA
- Ex-Officio: Prof. Mark Gelernter
  - Prof. Peter Schneider
  - Chris Stumm
  - Linda Smith, CAA

---

### NOVEMBER

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sun</th>
<th>Mon</th>
<th>Tue</th>
<th>Wed</th>
<th>Thu</th>
<th>Fri</th>
<th>Sat</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- **Centennial Committee 3:00**
- **Sta Regular Meeting 5:30**
- **Design Conf. 5:00**
- **Newsletter Deadline**
- **Board of Directors 2:00 Radisson Hotel**
- **Design Conference**
- **AIA Colorado CLOSED**

---