AIA Colorado Seeking Officers for 1996

The AIA Colorado Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following slate of candidates have been nominated for 1996 AIA Colorado:

- Steven Walsh, AIA (Colorado North)
- Ron Abo, AIA (AIA Denver)
- Mary Mason, AIA (AIA Denver)
- Keith Hayes, AIA (AIA Denver)
- Heidi Hoffmann, AIA (Colorado West)
- William B. Tracy, III, AIA (AIA Denver)
- Jim Bingham, Assoc. AIA (AIA Denver)
- Steve Frey, Assoc. AIA (AIA Denver)
- Shawn Gaither, Assoc. AIA (Colorado North)

Dennis Humphries, AIA - 1996 President
Wendy Thoresen, AIA - 1996 Treasurer
(elected in 1995)

There may be filed with the AIA Colorado Secretary, by August 14, petitions signed by not less than five (5) members eligible to vote, placing in nomination one or more candidates other than those filed by the Nominating Committee (per AIA Colorado Bylaws).

Ballots will be mailed to every AIA and Associate AIA member by First Class Mail on or about August 25. Included with the ballot will be statements, bios and photos of the nominated candidates. Return envelopes will be provided and will need to be returned by September 7 (per AIA Colorado Bylaws). Due to time constraints, bios and photographs are not included in this issue of the newsletter as reported in last month’s newsletter.

Call Dennis Humphries, AIA (303/607-0040) if you have questions.

1995 Conference Takes Shape

Mark your calendars now for December 8 and 9 for AIA Colorado’s Design Conference. Plans are moving along to provide you with another wonderful conference.

Susan Stamberg, Special Correspondent with National Public Radio will be a featured speaker. One of the most popular broadcasters in public radio, Stamberg is well-known for her conversational style, intelligence, and knack for finding an interesting story. Other speakers include: Fred Koetter, FAIA, Dean of Yale’s School of Architecture; David Dillon, Journalist and Architectural Critic for The Dallas Morning News; and...
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Blair Kamin, Journalist and Architectural Critic for The Chicago Tribune.

The 1995 AIA Colorado Design conference will capitalize on the knowledge and perspective of distinguished critics, architectural journalists and educators to help us determine our place on the cultural landscape. By shifting the frame of reference that of skilled observers we will garner fresh insight that provokes, challenges and, perhaps, inspires.

MEMBER NEWS

New/Reinstating Members

AIA
Roy T. Blythe, AIA (Colorado West)
Laura Greenfield Arney, AIA (Colorado North)
David R. Bonde, AIA (Colorado North)
Steven Buetow, AIA (Colorado West)
Kent Koeber, AIA (Denver)
Keith E. Thompson, AIA (Denver)
Garry Woodman, AIA (Denver)

Associate
Jerry A. Burns, Associate AIA (Colorado South)
Dale Diane Hammond, Associate AIA (Denver)
Kristen Hurty, AIA (Denver)
Brian Wilson, Associate AIA (Colorado West)

Transfers
Leighann Oliver Brignati, Associate AIA (from South Carolina to Denver)
Julia Cochran Novy, Associate AIA (From Oakland to Colorado West)
R. Randall Vosbeck, FAIA (from Northern Virginia to Colorado West)

Student Affiliate
Sung Kim, SA (Denver)
James A. McWhorter III, SA (Denver)
Peter Pfister, SA (Colorado North)

Classifieds


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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 11 Colorado West Chapter 10 x 10, Carbondale, 6:30, Village Smithy
August 11-13 Loveland, Colorado’s 12th annual “Sculpture in the Park,” an international exhibition, sale and auction at Benson Park Sculpture Garden. Call the Loveland High Plains Arts Council at 303/663-2940 for more information.
August 11-13 Building Bridges, AIA National’s 2nd annual national diversity conference in San Francisco.
August 21 AIA Denver Golf Tournament. Call AIA Denver at 303/446-2266 for entry form and information.
August 22 Western Mountain Region Design Awards submittals due.
September 12-15 Universal Design: Designing to include people with disabilities in park and recreation facilities, Breckenridge. Presented by the National Park Service and the National Center on Accessibility. For more information or a registration form, call the National Center on Accessibility at 317/349-9240 or 800/424-1877.
September 23-24 AIA Denver House Tour. Details to be announced.
Sept. 28-30 Western Mountain Region Conference, Santa Fe, NM. Call Mark Harberts at 505/268-1234 for more information.
Dec. 8-9 AIA Colorado Design Conference, Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs.

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON

“Voila!...Your new dream home! If you like, I can get a crew mixing wood fibers and saliva as early as tomorrow.”
CHAPTER REPORTS

Colorado South

The July Board Meeting was held at The Broadmoor Hotel in conjunction with the State Board of Director’s meeting. A presentation of the latest “State Staff Reorganization Plan” was presented to interested South Chapter members. The following concerns were stated by South Chapter members regarding the plan:

1. A definite financial plan is needed
2. It is believed that the State Executive Director should be an architect
3. Some opinions that a Denver-based person for the “North, South, West” position may not work very well.

Since that time, David Hieronymus, AIA, South Chapter Treasurer, has developed an “Alternative Financial Plan” for funding this reorganization. A reception, which was open to all South Chapter Members, was held at the conclusion. It provided an opportunity for further discussion of issues membership wished to bring to Board Members. However, the attendance was very disappointing.

A seminar/workshop for “Affordable Housing System” is still being planned for sometime in August, and will qualify for CE Learning Units. The September program will be a “Client Needs/Wants Forum,” the October program is to be determined, and in November the South Chapter Annual Meeting/Dinner and Design Awards Program will be held.

Denver Chapter

The 1995 AIA House Tour is planned for the weekend of September 23 and 24. This year’s tour will continue past themes of renewal and change in urban neighborhoods, focusing on historic residences in Capitol Hill. The focus of the tour will be on homes which have been rehabilitated into present day uses different from the original single family residence, although several of these will also be included. The tour also tries to present the greatest remaining examples of Denver’s turn of the century housing stock, generated by such Denver practitioners as William Lang, Frank Edbrooke and Jaques Benedict. Tour goers will receive a printed booklet of anecdotal, architectural and historical information on 40+ homes in the area, and have access to at least six of those. Anyone interested in getting involved in the tour (many volunteers will be needed in August and September) should contact David Pfeifer at 303/294-9448 or Angela Ricker at 446-2266.

The 3rd annual AIA Denver Golf Tournament will be held once again at Hiwan Country Club in Evergreen on Monday, August 21. Engineers, contractors, and suppliers all participate in the tournament, allowing members the opportunity to make contacts with peers and professionals. The deadline is August 12, and the tournament always fills up quickly. Prizes will be awarded and winners announced at the luncheon ceremony. Call AIA Denver at 303/446-2266 for a Golf Tournament Registration Form.

AIA Denver, along with AIA Colorado and RNL Design, were the sponsors for the CANstruction ’95 team “On The Right Track with AIA,” consisting of AIA Colorado staff members Linda Smith and Dawn Givens on July 8 at Southwest Plaza Shopping Center. Their structure, a representation of a track and field event, won an award for “Best Use of Theme” (the theme was the Olympics). Awards were presented as follows: Jirsa Hedrick & Associates for “Best of Show”; S. A. Miro, Inc. for “Best Meal”; Hoover Berg Desmond for “Best Use of Labels”; AIA for “Best Use of Theme”; S. A. Miro, Inc. for “Design Ingenuity”; MARTIN/MARTIN, Inc. for “Structural Integrity”, and Arcanectonica received an honorable mention for their structure, “CANolympic Shrine.” The event raised 5,300 pounds of food, which was donated to the Food Bank of the Rockies.

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AIA Colorado North Chapter

The North chapter Committee on the Environment (COTE) held a potluck/lecture by David Barrett of Barrett Steel Architecture on July 13th featuring the work he presented earlier this year at Cal Poly San Louis Obispo along with Antoine Predock and Bart Prince. Thanks to Scott Rodwin for organizing the event and to David Barrett for hosting it.

Our chapter is working on behalf of member architects with the Boulder Planning Department to help fashion development review procedures. Chapter President Steven Walsh spoke addressed the Boulder City Council July 18th to make known the consensus position of the AIA North Chapter on proposed non-residential growth caps.

Membership chair Steven Loos’ drive featuring public architectural awareness events in Fort Collins and Boulder with members and non-members working side by side.

August 95
The Mystery of CES

by Linda T. Smith, CAA

Reading a book about Mies van der Rohe counts for credits, watching a video on historical preservation or a presentation about architecture on PBS counts too. You don’t have to go out of your house if you don’t want to in order to keep up your points. Although, they will accumulate faster if you do.

Like a black hole in outer space, the new Continuing Education System is hovering around AIA members. Architects - beware. It’s real and it’s really happening. Don’t be afraid though - it’s really very simple. You just need to keep track of the seminars and monthly programs you attend that your chapter provides. Keep a mindset as if you were recording billable hours. The study AIA did showed that you were already meeting the requirements if you were an active member - or even just a sometime active member. The AIA Colorado Design Conference offered over 20 Learning Units in 1994 and will be offering almost that many in 1995.

The “Provider” will have a form for you to fill out at the meeting you attend. You sign your name and membership number. That’s it. They do the rest. Tattoo your membership number on the inside of your forearm or maybe use the Membership Card you receive each year in the mail after you have paid your dues - you know the black card that looks like a credit card! A “Provider” can be your local or state chapter or other professional organizations that you participate in. The Society of Design Administration is also a “Provider.” If you are attending a seminar, don’t be shy about asking if they are providers. If they are not, they may think you are strange, but may want to find out more about being a part of the system.

So you got the part about filling in the form. Well, what happens if there is no form for you to sign. Here enters the “Self Report Form.” Call your local AIA chapter for a supply of these or retrieve from the your “reading pile” a copy of AIArchitect.. There is usually a copy in most issues. Here’s where it gets tricky - now you have to fill in the form and send it to the address in Oklahoma listed on the sheet. Make a copy for yourself for your files - just in case!

Note regarding CES Programs

In Colorado West Chapter 6/95 109th Meridian News there was a statement to call AIA Denver for a current list of programs that are registered to provide Learning Units.

AIA Denver is keeping track of their current programs that carry Learning Units by providing information in their newsletter about upcoming events; to date, there are not enough events to warrant the publication of a list, as the CE requirement is so recent. The AIA office has been hit hard with calls for such a list, and have frustrated many members by not knowing what they are talking about. We hope this explanation clears up the confusion.

Thanks for your patience with this misunderstanding. We try to provide you with prompt and accurate information when you call.
Mark your calendars! The Submission deadline is nearing for...

**ELIGIBILITY**

"Housing Colorado..." is a design competition open to all residents in the state of Colorado. Built and unbuilt projects will be accepted as entries, but sites must be located within Colorado. Single family new construction, renovations, mass housing, low-income and transient housing are all acceptable submissions. Models, computerized demonstrations, and presentation-style boards are all suitable for entry as well.

**CRITERIA**

In addition to accepting designs which work well for their users, "Housing Colorado..." is also seeking out those entries with an unique ability to be a participating member of their built or natural surroundings.

Jurors will be asked to review each entry based on its ability to challenge & define some or all of the following:

1. **CONTEXT**
2. **MEMORY & METAPHOR**
3. **SELECTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS**
4. **PARTICIPATION** of the project in high quality public environments, or area activities-daily or seasonal.
5. **QUALITY/CLARITY** of the entry submitted.

Winning entries will be displayed, along with jurors’ comments, at the opening night reception on Friday, September 29th, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Opening night is included as part of Denver’s "Architecture Week."

**PRIZES**

1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes, as well as honorable mentions will be awarded.

All entries submitted must be accompanied by a statement (maximum 250 words) explaining how the project exemplifies and preserves a neighborhood, city, or region’s spirit of place.

**CALENDAR**

Submissions are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 15th, at the A.I.A. Colorado headquarters in Denver.

**QUESTIONS?**

Please contact Shawn Gaither at (303)447.1859, or Laureen Ferris at (303)893.1990.

AIA/Colorado is pleased to welcome you to our new office and to introduce our ongoing series of quarterly exhibits in the "piazza:" the center of town.

Graphic Design for AIA/Colorado is donated by TaCito Design, Inc.
Western Mountain Region
Submitted by Pat Rehse, AIA, Senior Director, 602/264-0428

The WMR Conference schedule is out. The conference will be September 20-30. Call Mark Harbarts, AIA, WMR Conference Chair, at 505/268-1234 for questions. The WMR Design Awards Call for Entries is out. The WMR Awards for Silver Medal, Firm Award and Award of Distinction is being chaired by Jess Holmes, FAIA, of Nevada.

Generally, the comments I received were that the National Convention was successful. The Host Chapter Party was very hospitable. Attendance was poor, especially by the local architects and those in adjacent states. Let’s break this trend and support WMR ‘95 by your attendance.

Single point dues collection covers the entire spectrum from very happy and positive to very negative and unhappy. There is a perception that there is a lack of control on the money collected and distributed. Linda Smith at AIA Colorado is committed to get WMR components on single point dues and has very positive experiences to share. Call her at 303/446-2266.

Give me feedback on Architecture Magazine. Do you believe that it is successful in presenting the message of AIA as its magazine? The Board has discussed the possibility of establishing an ongoing liaison committee that stays with the issue of editorial content. Some think that there is a prejudicial attitude against publishing certain building types such as hospitals, prisons and retail facilities. What are your ideas?

Are you frustrated by the AIA/NCARB relationship? How can AIA Continuing Education be recognized as a method of keeping your professional registration current? NCARB has not been friendly to AIA. This is a state by state issue because of our differing laws. What can your state do? What does your state do? Let me know.

Talk up the positive experiences of attending the WMR conference. Support WMR ‘95 in Santa Fe this September. Call John Anderson, FAIA with all gripes and complaints. Call me with all compliments and praise!

In Memorium
Frederic “Fritz” Benedict, FAIA emeritus

Considered by many to be the chief architect of Aspen, and the designer of the Vail, Snowmass and Breckenridge ski resorts, Frederic “Fritz” Benedict, FAIA emeritus, died July 8 at the age of 81. An apprentice of Frank Lloyd Wright, Benedict spent time before World War II at Taliesien West, Wright’s Arizona compound. During World War II, he was a part of the 10th Mountain Division, an Army combat unit trained on skis at Camp Hale near Leadville. “When they were on the top of the mountain one day, they saw this beautiful ranch on the other side of the valley, and Fritz declared that if he made it through the war alive, he would come back and buy that ranch, and that’s exactly what he did,” said Harry Teague, AIA, an Aspen architect and lifelong friend.

Benedict’s designs included Aspen’s pedestrian malls, and the Aspen meadows complex at the Aspen Institute which he designed with his brother-in-law, Bauhaus architect Herbert Bayer. He was appointed by the governor to the Colorado Historical Preservation Committee, leading a crusade to preserve Aspen’s historic Wheeler Opera House and to save Hunter Creek Valley from dense development.

Born in Medford Wisconsin, Benedict graduated with a master’s degree in landscape architecture from the University of Wisconsin and then apprenticed with Frank Lloyd Wright for three years. He is survived by his French-born wife Fabienne, whom he married in 1949.

As we go to press, we mourn the passing of Victor Hornbein, FAIA emeritus who died on July 17, 1995.

Mr. Hornbein was one of the city’s first modern designers. His designs can be found on over 80 public and private buildings.
Call For Entries

You are invited to submit your work to the Table, Lamp + Chair Design Competition and Exhibition for 1995. TL+C is an international juried competition dedicated to furthering the advancement and understanding of the process and design of furniture and lighting. Accepted entrants will be given the opportunity to exhibit their work publicly in Portland, Oregon, September 30–October 15. The deadline for submitting entries is August 11, 1995. A panel of distinguished professionals in the field of furniture and lighting design will jury the competition. Winners will be announced on September 29, 1995. If you have questions, or for an entry form, call 503/226-3556.
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