AIA Colorado has arranged a Mini-Grassroots Legislative event, to be held at the State Capitol on Friday, February 21, 1997. Our primary goal with this program is to increase the legislators' awareness of architects, architecture and the AIA. To do this, we have a number of programs planned. For the event to be successful, we must have strong attendance by our membership. We are offering this program free of charge to our members.

We have secured the use of the Capitol for our program.

- There will be a number of presentation boards on easels, located around the second floor and rotunda of the Capitol. This presentation will be concentrated on Public Architecture, and will include some of the design award boards recently presented at the Design Conference in Aspen.
- We will begin the morning by hosting a continental breakfast for our members to discuss our issues with the officials in small, informal groups.
- We will then proceed with a session in the Old Supreme Court Chambers in the North Wing of the Capitol:
  1. Welcome to the Capitol – Speaker of the House and/or President of the Senate
  2. An Overview of the Legislative Session – Four to Six Legislators
  3. Hot Issues for AIA – Government Affairs Chair/Lobbyist
  4. Capitol Development Briefing
  5. Renovation of the Capitol Complex Briefing
  6. An Early Look at the Sunset Process – Licensing Law Subcommittee
  7. Briefing of AIA Colorado-sponsored Legislation: Good Samaritan Law for Architects – Government Affairs Committee
- Following the session, we will break into small groups and take the legislators to lunch, discussing issues important to our profession, and pushing for support of our sponsored legislation.

Mark your calendars for Friday, February 21, and plan on joining us for this important event – you’ll earn AIA/CES Learning Units! Call AIA Colorado to register for this free program, 303.446.2266 or 800.628.5598.

A part of our efforts at the Capitol, AIA Colorado will be sponsoring a 1997 legislative bill. Along with our Mini-Grassroots event, this will greatly enhance the AIA's presence and recognition (and that of architects in general) at the Capitol.

We chose the topic of a Good Samaritan Law in the case of a declared disaster. If this law passes, it would provide a release of liability (immunity) so the architect can volunteer his/her services to help the affected community, while at the same time elevating the perception of the profession in the eyes of both the legislature and the public.

The AIA encourages its chapters to provide technical assistance to their communities and surrounding areas in the event of disasters that cause widespread structural damage such as earthquakes, floods, and hurricanes. Such technical assistance may include emergency damage assessment, disaster mitigation planning, and the review of building codes. A number of AIA state and local components now have disaster preparedness/assistance teams in place, including AIA Colorado – many have been instrumental in a variety of situations, including helping the citizens of Oklahoma City following the terrorist bombing of the Federal Building.

Our goal is that during emergency response efforts, volunteer architects do not become threatened by the fear of liability. Our bill states that an architect who voluntarily provides structural inspection services at the scene of a declared emergency will not be held liable for personal injury, wrongful death, or property damage caused by the good faith but negligent inspection of a structure, and applies to inspections within 45 days of the declared emergency.

Representative Vickie Agler (R-Littleton), has agreed to carry the bill as the author. We have also received the support of the Board of Examiners of Architects.
President’s Message

When Neil Armstrong took his first step on the moon, he made the famous statement, “That’s one small step for a man, a giant leap for mankind.” When Meriwether Lewis, halfway through his long and arduous exploration of the American West, wrote, “This day I completed my thirty-first year reflected that I had as yet done but little, very little indeed, to further the happiness of the human race, or to advance the information of the succeeding generation. I viewed with regret the many hours I have spent in indolence, and now (lamentably) feel the want of that information which these hours would have given me had they been judiciously expended.” Both portrayed a form of leadership worthy of closer examination. Both were part of a team effort. Both were pursuing a mission set by others and for the good of others. While famous for their courage and accomplishments, both minimized their individual role, though undoubtedly obtained great satisfaction for their acts and accomplishments.

As your president, taking a lesson from those great individuals and learning from many others who have graced my life, my mission has been established: to further the happiness of the human race, or to advance the information of the succeeding generation. I viewed with regret the many hours I have spent in indolence, and now (lamentably) feel the want of that information which those hours would have given me had they been judiciously expended.” Both portrayed a form of leadership worthy of closer examination. Both were part of a team effort. Both were pursuing a mission set by others and for the good of others. While famous for their courage and accomplishments, both minimized their individual role, though undoubtedly obtained great satisfaction for their acts and accomplishments.

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Proposed Changes to State Contract in the Works

In the 1970s and 1980s, through a concerted effort of architects, engineers and others, the Colorado Legislature passed the “Mini-Brooks Bill.” This new law basically brought Colorado in line with the Federal Government, whereby the services of Design Professionals are selected based upon professional qualification, not the lowest bid. This Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) process provides the State of Colorado with superior designs and exceptional projects, both large and small.

The Mini-Brooks Bill provided that small projects — those with design fees of $10,000 or less and construction costs of $100,000 or less — were exempt ONZ from the advertising requirement, NOT the requirement that design professionals must be selected based upon qualifications.

In 1995, the State Building programs initiated a pilot project for the “as needed” projects, whereby the various agencies advertised and qualified design firms for the exempt projects, to expedite the process. The pilot project has been considered a success.

In a follow-up to the pilot, the program has not only been renewed, but improved. Although some final details have not been announced, the “as needed” program will be regionalized to reduce the number of responses to Requests for Qualifications (RFQs), thereby making the “as needed” program easier, less costly and less time-consuming for firms of all sizes, especially the solo practitioner/small firms.

The Mini-Brooks Bill has not been amended since its enactment in the 1980s. Two years ago, in an ill-conceived effort by the State Building programs without dialogue with the design community, legislation was introduced to raise the exemption limit. As a result, the legislation was soundly defeated.

Since that time, the Director of State Buildings, Larry Friedberg, AIA, has begun a very open dialogue with the AIA Colorado Government Affairs Committee, particularly the above “as needed” program. However, the mandate of raising the exempt limit of a state audit is that (limit) exemption for “as needed” projects be increased to effectively and economically release more projects.

The auditor’s recommendations are that the exemption to the project-by-project advertising be increased from $10,000 to $50,000 in design fees (from $100,000 to $500,000 in construction costs). As a result, State Buildings will be introducing 1997 legislation to increase the exemption accordingly.

Your input on this proposal is crucial in assisting us to develop a position. Please call Joe Jackson, AIA Colorado Executive Vice President, with your advice, concerns and thoughts.

by D.A. Betram, AIA, Esq.

Board of Examiners Update

NEW APPOINTMENTS: Governor Roy Romer has appointed Linda Smith, SDVC, to serve as a public member on the Board for a term expiring February 15, 2000. Smith replaces Pegge Hall who served on the Board for eight years. Linda Smith is the past Executive Director of AIA Colorado (1981-85) and is currently working with Remax Metro Properties, Inc. The Governor also reappointed Margaret Gilbert, an architect from Colorado Springs, and Sarah McCarthy, a public member from Denver, to serve on the Board for terms expiring February 15, 2000.

ENFORCEMENT NEWS: During the period February 1, 1996 through December 1, 1996, the Colorado Board of Examiners of Architects took action on 19 complaints, of which 4 were stipulated cease and desist agreements against unlicensed individuals.


by Wendy Thorsen, AIA
The good news is AIA Colorado has one of the better governmental and legislative programs for a state with our membership size. Our committees are established and effective with a core group of members that are experienced and knowledgeable about governmental affairs. We have an dedicated staff, headed up by Joe Jackson, Associate AIA, and an effective and committed lobbyist, Jerry Johnson. The bad news is that we do not have as much involvement by our overall membership compared to other states. This limits what we can accomplish in the legislative process in Colorado. Many of the other states have more legislative activities and events. They initiate legislative changes every year. Many of the states I am referring to have had far more crisis situations to deal with than we have faced in Colorado. But, the lesson to be learned is that many of the issues they have reacted to and are dealing with today are national in scope and they can emerge in Colorado at any time. These are my broad impressions from attending a national roundtable meeting for two days in Portland, Oregon in November.

The meeting was inspiring and challenging. We can do to more and we need to do more pro-active. AIA architects in other states have more influence in their legislative process. Many of the states, with a larger membership size, have large political action committees, ranging up to $30,000 of funding annually. The PACs in some states like California and Florida are even larger because they are facing significant threats to the profession. There is proposed legislation in California that would allow only state employee architects to design public buildings. An issue like that can affect architects licensed in California practicing out of offices located in Colorado.

AIA architects can be formidable players in the state legislative process. This influence is contagious among the membership of many states. Ultimately that role by architects is one of the most profound ways to raise the image of our profession and the public's understanding of our worth.

GET INVOLVED!

by John Williams, AIA, GAC Chair

For registration information contact University College, 303.871.3394.

“Day at the State Capitol” Friday, February 21, 1997

7:00 AM to Noon

Sponsored by AIA Colorado, this Mini-Grassroots Legislative event will be held at the State Capitol to increase the legislators' awareness of architects, architecture and the AIA. Free of charge to our members. For more information see the Mini-Grassroots article in this issue of Colorado Architect.

Graphisoft ArchiCAD Course

Evaluate ArchiCAD in greater detail while earning 12 Learning Units. The kit includes demonstration software of ArchiCAD, a tutorial and a video for a cost of only $35.70. Contact Kevin Wichmann at CADDesigns at 303.384.9136 to schedule a demonstration or a seminar for your office.

The Spring 1997 Series begins Tuesday, February 25, 1997 with Design Build “Architects who Build.” Earn three Learning Units for each of the seven sessions. Watch for more information in the February issue of Colorado Architect.

AIA Denver Spring Breakfast Seminar Series

“Value of Design” January 14, 7:30-9:30 AM, HBA offices, 1400 S. Emerson, Denver. $5.00 at the door. Continental breakfast followed by panel discussion and slides on architectural value in housing design. See article in Apogee section for more information.

program. Only programs you have attended while you were an AIA member will count toward your total credits.

AIAOnline on the Web

AIA members can have free unlimited access to the new AIAOnline website as of August 1, 1996. TeleBuild, LC will give AIA members free access to the new AIAOnline. Existing subscribers should use their current user ID and password to gain access to the AIAOnline website. Subscribers who wish to switch to the exclusive use of the AIAOnline website must notify Telebuild of this intent so that the regular monthly billing of $9.95 can be stopped. Notice Telebuild by calling Martha DeLuna at 800.864.7753. Include in your message your user ID number and that you wish to switch to the exclusive use of the AIAOnline website. Remember you can access your AIA transcript at www.aiaonline.com.

Memorable questions asked in 1996 about continuing education

• Can my secretary take my continuing education for me?
• I have 400 learning units. Do I have to learn anything else?
• Is it too much to write a book. How do I count my credits?

Phone Numbers to Remember

• CES hotline: 800.605.8229 or 202.879.3089
• TeleBuild, LC, CES director at AIA National, 202.626.7478
• 50744 (AIAOnline number)
• thom@capcon.com (Internet address)
• AIA Colorado, 303.446.2266 or 800.628.5598

Chuck Berry receiving Legislator of the Year Award from Dennis Humphries, AIA.

On Saturday, October 12, at the Design Conference in Aspen, House Speaker Chuck Berry (R. Colorado Springs) was honored by AIA Colorado, winning its 1996 Legislator of the Year Award. This award is given each year to Legislators whose performance best exemplifies their commitment to public service, with high professional and ethical standards. Berry was recognized for his overall leadership and support of the AIA, and his strong support for capital construction funding in Colorado. During the time he has been speaker, capital construction expenditures in the state of Colorado have doubled.
Fremont County Experiences Growth
ARCHITECT, ELECTED TO CITY COUNCIL IN CASON CITY, PART OF THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

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Jim Verkaik, AIA, and family
cater in great majority to the prisons, and a greater population base that needs housing. Although prisons offer no direct tax base, the employees and payroll benefits are attractive for any city and county. And even if the force behind this economical growth. They have helped bring more business in town, with food, materials, supplies in general, and businesses that

during 1995 for a $5 million water plant expansion will bring the existing supply to capacity for the growth expected.

For economic reasons that include and go beyond the water supply, annexation has become a key issue met with strong resistance. In the 1990's, both City and County are facing the consequences of a growth rate 2 to 3 times the historical average and predicted to be at 3% for the coming year. From 1987 to 1992 building permits were issued for 21 million dollars of residential and commercial work. In 1993 that number grew to 10 million, in 1994 to 12 million and in 1993 Canton City issued permits for $21 million of commercial and residential construction in the city limits. "Over the next 20 to 50 years, the number of prisons in the county may double," says Verkaik. "As prisons expand, our region's growth should increase as well. We want to be able to supply their needs, including water, and those of the people who will come to live and work in Canton City and other towns in Fremont County." Prisons have been the force behind this economical growth. They have helped bring more business in town, with food, materials, supplies in general, and businesses that

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the early eighties. Focus has been on attracting the manufacturing and industry segments. Results have been extremely positive. The few companies that moved to Fremont County in the last five years have tripled in size. Another booming sector in the building industry by residential work. "When the prisons just started opening, there was a housing shortage for workers," comments Verkaik. "Then they bought the spec homes as fast as they were built by local contractors. Spec homes indeed constitute the majority of the residential projects in the past five years. But the market may be changing soon, as many high-income families who, having bought what was available, will start building housing more suited to their needs. The area has also attracted senior citizens, although not to the point of creating retirement villages.

Verkaik is also part of Canton City's push to restore the historical parts of town into a destination point. The River Station Project, which started in 1990, consists of renovating the Santa Fe Depot for commercial use. Another historic structure, the Peabody Mansion, built by James Clelland in 1880 and later occupied by then Governor Peabody, was restored by the Chamber of Commerce. The local Palaeontological Society along with the Bureau of Land Management, scientific advisors from the Denver Museum of Natural History, and the City of Canton City are working together toward building a $40 to $50 million Dinosaur Discovery Center, located seven miles north of Canton City in the Garden Park fossil area, in the vicinity of the Royal Gorge Bridge, and transforming the former Small Town USA theme that is making a come back, and getting prepared for our touristic future as well, with two new hotels, one under construction and the other being planned right now," Verkaik says.

Water is the County's biggest concern right now. With all the growth they have triggered, prisons are very large consumers of water. "The problem is that Canton City supplies water to 60% of the County. We are at 2/3 capacity now, either being used or committed for approved developments, and would reach our limits by year 2030. In the past, subdivisions have needed a letter from the city guaranteeing them water rights, but right now we have a moratorium on guaranteeing water outside city limits."

With planning foresight, a bond passed
AIA Colorado 1997 Board of Directors to Assist President in "Reawakening The Spirit of Being an Architect"

Ron Abbe, AIA, NCARB, President of Abe-Copeland Architecture, Inc., has been elected 1997 President-Elect. A graduate of the University of Colorado, his AIA activities include President of AIA Denver and Board Member for 6 years, Chair of the Minority Architects, and serving on the Breakfast Seminar Committee. He is currently a Mayoral Appointee to the Denver Private Industry Council, a Board Member of Colfax-on-the-Hill. Ron is a member of the Denver Chapter.

Kelly Karmel, AIA, is the incoming Secretary. The founder of Design Balance, an architectural and sustainable design consulting firm in Denver, she has been an active member of the AIA since 1990. She is also the Director of the new Design Technology for the Built Environment Program at the University of Denver. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Stanford, and a Masters in Architecture from the University of Colorado at Denver, and is a member of the Denver Chapter.

William Tracy, AIA, returns to serve his term as Treasurer. Bill is an architect and Senior Associate with the Denver office of Gensler, a large design firm with 14 offices and over 900 employees worldwide. He has been with Gensler for 15 years and specializes in project management and facility planning services. Bill is a graduate of the University of Illinois and The Wharton School of Business and Finance at the University of Pennsylvania. He has been an active AIA member since 1970 when he joined the AIA as an Associate member, and is a member of the Denver Chapter. Bill lives in Greenwood Village with his wife, Susan, and their three daughters.

Dean Bosen, AIA, has been elected Treasurer-Elect. A member of the AIA Colorado South Chapter, Dean is a Vice President with Durrant Architects, having joined the firm in 1977 moving from Dubuque, Iowa to Colorado Springs. He is a past president of AIA Colorado South, and has served on the Board of Colorado Preservation, Inc. and the Colorado Springs Historic Preservation Board. He is a graduate of Iowa State University and Bachelor of Arts and Master of Architecture degrees.

Rick Dominick, Associate AIA, is 1997's Associate Director. He currently works for Morter Architects in Vail, and is a graduate of Virginia Tech University where he received his Master of Architecture. He received a B.A. in French from Davidson College, and attended the University of Paul Valery in Montpellier, France. He has served as the Colorado West Chapter AIA Coordinator in Vail, and was the founder of the Young Architects of Vail. He has been actively involved with Habitat for Humanity, has designed stageset for the local community theater and coaches 6 to 8-year-olds in soccer. Rick is a member of the AIA Colorado West Chapter.
THE CLIENT CONNECTION
TANOR CENTER, WESTIN HOTEL
DENVER, COLORADO
MARCH 6TH - 8TH, 1997

"Help us learn from one another." This was a suggestion from a panel of clients at the 1995 AIA Summit on Expanding Architectural Services. The Client Connection Conference is designed to do just that! Clients and leading design professionals will be brought together in Denver, Colorado on March 6th - 8th to explore the new challenges and opportunities being offered to the profession. These professionals will lead workshops and seminars on a wide range of cutting edge issues facing architects today and in the future. Are you an agent? Are you a vendor? Are you a Manager? Learn how to discover, market and profit while better servicing your client.

Throughout the conference, five (5) general sessions with client panels and speakers, will help define the role of architects as they seek to meet the needs of their clients, communities and environment. Breakout seminars will provide practical tools for architects to implement the lessons learned in the general sessions. Programs are targeted for architects practicing in small and large firms, as well as in the corporate and public sector.

Join with nationally known experts to hear about the "leading edge" of our profession. This conference will challenge and inform you with insightful questions and how-to-answers. You can't afford to miss a minute!!!

Five different topic tracks will be offered with 22 individual sessions discussing topics on:
  Design/Build
  Construction Management
  Risk Management
  Alternative Futures
  Information Technology & Communications

This conference provides an opportunity to earn all 36 learning units needed for the 1997 AIA Continuing Education Requirements. For additional information, or to register, please call 203.626.7482. Or, call Brad Buchanan, AIA at 894.8000.

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AIA Denver 1997 Sponsorship Program Benefits

The 1997 AIA Denver Sponsorship Program is here! We invite you to participate this year and take advantage of the opportunities directly available to you as an event or corporate sponsor. Sponsorship allows you to attend chapter programs and interact with architects: event sponsorship allows you to market your products as a sponsor at one of our primary events; corporate sponsorship provides you expanded opportunities throughout the year to participate in chapter programs and develop lasting relationships with architects. What better way to extend your company's marketing efforts!! During 1996, sponsorship supported the following Denver Chapter programs and activities:

- our Annual Awards Gala September 28th at the Denver Public Library
- the Annual Golf Tournament and lunch on August 10th at the Hiwan Golf Club in Evergreen
- an exciting reception and Spring Lecture featuring William Brubaker, FAIA from Perkins and Will, Chicago
- 14 different Breakfast Seminar continuing education programs ranging from "Design Competitions," to "Adaptive Use," to "Small Practice/Small Projects"
- a month long gallery exhibit on the architecture of "Lost Denver."

The sponsor of the gallery exhibit received an opportunity to display a product and company board for a month in the AIA Denver gallery space which highlights a glass storefront and attracts AIA architects every day.

Sponsors and players of the Golf Tournament enjoyed playing an early morning round of golf on a beautiful golf course and lunched with architects in a relaxed hilltop setting.

Sponsors of the Annual Awards Gala received public exposure and recognition at the premiere event of the year – our Annual Awards Gala – where architects are recognized and honored for their award-winning designs and hard work.

Sponsors of the Breakfast Seminar programs offering continuing education units to member architects received: an early morning breakfast, recognition, an hour long presentation, and an opportunity to network with architects before beginning the day.

Event sponsors support three primary chapter programs targeted towards architects and affiliated organizations: the Annual Awards Gala, the Annual Golf Tournament, and continuing education programs. Three levels of event sponsorship are available: $500, $1,000 and $2,500. This year's sponsorship program offers extended sponsorship opportunities by becoming a corporate sponsor. Corporate sponsorship is available at three levels: $3,000, $5,000 and $10,000.

As an AIA Denver Corporate Sponsor, you will receive recognition at everyone of AIA Denver's programs and activities on a Corporate display board, and depending on the sponsorship level, receive additional corporate recognition:

- in every issue of the new Colorado Architect state-wide newsletter
- by receiving exclusive mailing labels of AIA Denver architects
- including the exclusive right to use "A 1997 Sponsor of The Denver Chapter of The American Institute of Architects" identifying logo on your company letterhead, promotional material, or public relations brochure
- through inclusion in an annual private mailing identifying our corporate sponsors to each of our 850 AIA Denver members
- by displaying your company product table at one or more continuing education programs
- through a published article profiling your company in the Colorado Architect statewide newsletter.

AIA Denver board and architect members will be calling our 1996 sponsors in early January 1997 to solicit your support of the Denver Chapter for 1997. You should have received our 1997 Sponsorship package in December, however, if you did not receive our sponsorship package and would like information on the 1997 Sponsorship program, please call daphne scott-monroe, Assoc. AIA at 464.2266.
**Committee Roundup...**

**Associates Committee: The New ARE Schedule**

With the new format change in the exam process, the Associates Committee has revamped and expanded its exam preparation schedule. In addition to our usual format of study aids, we will be offering an information session on the new exam format, as well as a special session conducted by Peter Schneider, CU School of Design, on techniques in test taking.

The price for each seminar is $15 for AIA members and $30 for non-AIA members. The Construction Documents Review Session will be $20 for AIA members and $35 for non-AIA members. The price of the Mock Site Design and Building Design Exam Reviews is still to be determined.

**Anticipated Schedule**

- **Mechanical and Electrical Seminar** January 25, 1997 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- **Site Design Seminar** January 25, 1997 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- **Mock Site Design Exam Review Session** February 5, 1997 8:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
- **Construction Documents Seminar** March 1, 1997 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- **Mock Building Design Exam Review Session** March 29, 1997 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- **Mock Building Design Exam Review Session** April 2, 1997 5:30 p.m.

**Structures Seminar (General and Long Span)** April 26, 1997 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Structures Seminar (Lateral Forces)** April 26, 1997 1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

We will begin our exam preparation on Saturday, January 25th at 8:00 a.m. If you have specific questions about where to locate study materials, or concerning the review seminars, please contact Don Harrell, at 446.2266.

**Breakfast Seminar: Committee Time Spring Series**

Now it's REALLY the most important meal of the day!!! AIA Denver's 1997 Breakfast Seminar series is right around the corner and this year, like every year, you'll have to hear it to believe it!

Next Spring, AIA National will be bringing "The Client Connection" Conference to Denver on March 6th - 8th, and your AIA Denver Breakfast Seminar Committee will be "bringing it home to you" both before and after the conference.

The Breakfast Seminar series will begin with two preview seminars on the conference theme, and then follow this national conference with additional programs to apply local perspectives and examples to the topics discussed by the national speakers. The current schedule is as follows:

- **February 25th** Designbuild: Architects Who Build
- **March 4th** Construction Management
- **March 11th** Risk Management: Risk vs. Rewards
- **March 18th** Information Technology
- **March 25th** Alternative Futures: What’s Next??

April 1st to be determined

April 8th to be determined

Plan to be there to learn and earn (learning units, that is!). For more information, look for a direct mailing piece in early February and an article in the February newsletter. The Breakfast Seminars are a great opportunity to earn those CES learning units and a great way to prepare and follow up on the Spring Conference in Denver, "The Client Connection." The Spring 1997 Breakfast Seminar Series is co-sponsored by the AIA Denver Breakfast Seminar Committee and the AIA Denver Designbuild Committee.

**COBRA Committee: 1996 Awards Winners**

The COBRA awards program is sponsored jointly by AIA Denver and Colorado Homes and Lifestyles Magazine. This annual award program aims to bring the finest residential design work in the state to the public’s eye. Residential projects of any type from multi-family lofts in LoDo, to mountain top retreats are eligible.

AIA Denver's 1996 COBRA awards entries were juried on November 15th by a jury consisting of:

- **Mike Houx, AIA** Principal at Baker, Hogan and Houx
- **Evelyn McGraw** Editor of Colorado Homes and Lifestyles Magazine
- **Peter Olevans, AIA** 1997 President – AIA Denver
- **Jeff Sheppard, AIA** Principal at Reich & Sheppard Architects
- **Diane Wilk, AIA** Architect and Assos. Professor at UCD

Three award winning residences were selected out of 32 submissions. The first Merit Award winner is Genger Fuller Architects, Aspen, for a Private Residence located at Horse Ranch in Snowmass. Judges comments were "a dynamic design, with exceptional interior detailing, creative use of materials melding a glass box into a mountain landscape.”

The second merit award winner is Fritzlen, Pierce, Briner, Vail, for the Wissmann Residence in Denver. Judges comments were "the design created a very successful solution to a difficult site located at the corner of Alameda and University Avenue. The design incorporated clean forms and a comfortable scale, and included an inventive use of a variety of textures.”

The Honor Award winner is Morter Architects, Vail, for a Mountainside Residence located in Avon. The jurors selected this residence as the honor award for its “innovative use of logs and proportion of log and stone elements, its creative use of steel and log trusses, and its exquisite detailing.”

In addition to receiving an award certificate from AIA Denver and Colorado Homes and Lifestyles Magazine, each merit and honor award winning residence and designer will be profiled in an early Spring issue of Colorado Homes and Lifestyles Magazine.

Stay tuned for additional information on the publication of the COBRA award winners in future issues of the Colorado Architect.

**Housing Committee**

AIA's "The Value of Design" appeals to builders, home buyers and more. Continuing its stimulating series on architecture and its influences in the Denver metro area, the AIA Denver Housing Committee presents "The Value of Design" on Tuesday, January 14, 1997 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the HBA offices at 1400 South Emerson Street. A $50.00 at-the-door admission includes a continental breakfast. The program leads off with Arlo Braun, AIA, moderator and speaker, of Arlo Braun and Associates Architects. Joining Braun as panel members are Rick New, AIA, of Downing Thorpe James Architects and Rich Davis, Vice President of Marketing for Pulse Homes. The three speakers, whose backgrounds include many years of achievement in the Denver housing market, will address the value architects add for both large-scale production builders and home buyers. Of special interest to home builders and home buyers, planners and developers, as well as realtors, are the planned discussions of "brand name" identification; high profits for builders and high resale value for home owners; and the value that well-designed, new production homes can bring to existing neighborhoods.

Using colorful slides and other visual aids, the panel will demonstrate how homes designed by well-known architects can have more value, which can lead to faster sales and higher profit margins for builders. The panel of professionals will also address what creates the type of architectural...
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excellence that can impart a lasting perception of value. This panel discussion complements the success of AIA Denver's two previous programs on "The Denver Style." The first of these programs addressed the impact of landplanning and development on style, while the second focused on custom homes and the Denver legacy of style. Like its predecessors, "The Value of Design" will conclude with a Question and Answer session that is certain to be as entertaining and informative as the previous two seminars. For more information, call Mike Kephart, AIA at 303.832.4474.

LECTURE SERIES COMMITTEE

The AIA Denver Lecture Series Committee is kicking off a new lecture series program called "The AIA Lectures" which will focus on lectures given by Denver-area AIA architects. This is a good opportunity to come out and discover some of the trade secrets of AIA Denver architects who have submitted their life work for review by AIA, and succeeded in being recognized for their contributions to the field of architecture.

Five lectures will be given by:

- Ron Menis, FAIA
- Cab Childress, FAIA
- Blake Chambliss, FAIA
- George Hoover, FAIA
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The fee for each lecture program is $5.00 per lecture for AIA members, $10.00 per lecture for non-AIA members, and free to students! For additional information, or if you have any questions about the lecture programs, contact Dennis Reschke, AIA at 303.757.0800, or daphne scott-monroe, Assoc. AIA at 303.446.2266 or 800.628.5598.

SMALL FIRMS ROUNDTABLE COMMITTEE

The January roundtable discussion of the AIA Denver Small Firms Roundtable Committee will focus on "Fleet and Public Works Facilities for City/County Governments." The presentation will be facilitated by Norm Hodge, AIA with discussion after the formal presentation. Topics discussed will be:

- Programming
- Schematics
- A "mind expanding experience" occurs during the schematic phase. It is necessary that the architect and client tour public works facilities so the team can develop a common vocabulary to better communicate everyone's priorities.

Design Development Drawings: Do's and Don'ts

Throughout our 25-year involvement in public works facilities, architects have encountered experiences which we have shared with other consultants. This is important so our profession will grow in stature for the betterment of the public.

Construction Documents: Hard Bid or Design-Build

There is a revolution of procurement processes affecting government entities. The architect must, for one's own protection, be conscious of the client's desire in procurement when developing a fleet facility. The architect can be more effective in selecting the bid method by knowing the real requirements of the client.

The Small Firms Roundtable Committee meets every other odd month on the second Thursday at 7:30 a.m. at AIA Denver. Look for the 1997 AIA Denver Small Firms Directory to be available in late January!! If you have any questions, call David Fisher, AIA at 303.795.1643.

MEMBER NEWS...

Hanscom Expands Denver Office

...and a local writer finds a job!

Ms. Caitlin Clemens has joined Hanscom's Denver Office as Marketing Coordinator. A nationally published writer and graduate of the University of Colorado at Denver's General Writing Program, Caitlin will lend her demonstrated marketing abilities to the firm's regional office. Hanscom is an international construction management firm celebrating its 50th year in business this month.

Pahl-Pahl-Pahl Hires Three

New Employees

Pahl-Pahl-Pahl has hired three new employees, bringing its total staff to 17 employees. New staff members are: George A. Snodle, AIA, ASID, architect; Christy L. Fockler, architect intern; and William E. Wood, architect intern. Pahl-Pahl-Pahl's growing workload made these staff additions necessary. The firm is working on the Coors Event Center at UC Boulder; Otero Junior College in La Junta; Pueblo Community College, Clement Park, and an increasing number of projects from La Quinta Inns in Grand Junction, Colorado Springs, and DIA.

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SUCCESS STORY

The COBRA Reception

When Federico Peña began his campaign he asked the citizens of Denver to "Imagine a Great City." While at the same time some may have considered this only a campaign statement, those people were proven very wrong. Mayor Peña was absolutely committed to the image of a great city. During his eight-year term we saw the planning and beginning of a tremendous period of important civic projects.

Consider these projects which began under the leadership of Federico Peña and that we enjoy today:

- The Colorado Convention Center that has been so successful that is already looking to expand
- The planning of the Platte Valley
- The move of Elijah Gardens to the Central Platte
- The redevelopment of the viaducts as signature entry to the City
- The development of Lower Downtown
- The remodeling of Larimer Square
- Union Station's plan to redevelop as an inter-modal facility
- The development of Cherry Creek Mall
- The saving and remodeling of the Mayan Theater

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...Federico Peña Honored

At AIA Colorado's 1996 Design Conference held at The Meadows in Aspen, Former Denver Mayor and Federal Transportation Secretary Federico Peña was last year's recipient of the 1986 Contribution to the Built Environment Award. This award is given for outstanding accomplishments of a non-architect in Colorado for demonstrating exemplary achievements in contributing to the quality of the built environment. Nominees may be clients, developers, artists, educators, civic leaders, historic preservationists or allied professionals. Secretary Peña was nominated by the AIA Denver Chapter.

In 1993, the Denver Design and Construction industry was in the beginning of a major recession that would last far longer than any of us believed. No major Public Works projects were in progress, many buildings were vacant or had high vacancies, and Denver was beginning to lose population.

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...from the desk of the executive director... the year in review...

It's been a challenging and rewarding year for me at AIA Denver. I am grateful for the support and patience shown to me by the AIA Denver Board of Directors, committee chairs, and members, during the time it took for me to become familiar with the operations of the Denver chapter.

Ned K. White, AIA 1986 AIA Denver President, and I both learned on the job as we began working in early March 1996 with the financial status of the chapter. We quickly discovered in February that the chapter had carried over approximately $20,000 in expenses from 1995 programs into the first month of the 1996 calendar year. As AIA Denver was on a November 30th - October 31st fiscal calendar, and because our Annual Awards Gala falls in late September, the expenses can easily be rolled over into the next fiscal year. As a result, AIA Denver experienced a January expense month double what a typical expense month should be.

During the first months of 1996, AIA Denver made a critical decision to support the reorganization efforts of AIA Colorado across the state by joining in a collaborative effort to produce: 1) a single statewide newsletter for AIA activities, and 2) a single state-wide profile of members and member firms. This decision meant that AIA Denver could no longer produce The Denver Apogee as a monthly newsletter, or The AIA Denver Profile as a local member profile. In the spirit of collaboration, AIA Denver lost considerable advertising revenue through the loss of both publications.

Challenged with how to reorganize the finances of the organization to operate on two in 1995 deficit and 1996 revenue losses, it became obvious that AIA Denver would have to depend on its sponsorship program to deliver programs to the membership. In September, Ned received the President's Circle award for raising the most money in the sponsorship drive. On top of a schedule already busy due to Presidential demands, Ned took considerable time to make dozens of calls to potential sponsors to raise operating funds for the Denver chapter and membership. Thank you, Ned! Just as I owe considerable gratitude to Ned for struggling gracefully through the fiscal challenges of 1996, I owe the same to many of AIA Denver's committee chairs and members who worked with me during the year.

Steve Newman, AIA, and the Annual Awards Gala Committee were faced with a similar challenge in having to produce an awards gala with half of the budget of previous awards programs - and they were successful - and half the experiential knowledge due to a first year executive director as support staff.

In April and May, Gay Felsue, AIA, worked through a former part-time AIA Denver staff member, Dori Harrell, to structure an ARE seminar program, without missing a beat, while I was preoccupied working with Ned to restructure the operating budget for the chapter.

The Programs Committee, chaired by Barry Sherman, AIA organized a wonderful general membership meeting, at no cost to the membership and complete with a wonderfully catered lunch, and suffered through the unfortunate timing of being scheduled on the night of one of the last Avalanche home games, and the night after a record turnout lecture by Will Perkins from Chicago. Oops!

Several committees operated so efficiently and self-sufficiently (Golf Committee, COBRA Committee, Professional Development and Breakfast Seminar Committees, and the Committee on the Environment), that I learned through their leadership about AIA Denver programs and their historical significance to the chapter.

Largely because of my experiences in this first year, I have a lot of confidence in the membership of AIA Denver. I have seen tremendous leadership and commitment from all of our committee chairs, and many member volunteers, during this organizationally challenging year.

While I learned an incredible amount during this first year, I also saw many opportunities for expanding beyond our boundaries and creating "new and creative" activities for the membership. Look carefully, you should see changes in how AIA Denver operates during this coming year!

Even after revising the operating budget in early 1996 to accommodate the 1995 deficit and the reduced 1996 revenue stream, the fiscal year end statement reflects that AIA Denver's 1996 expenses exceeded 1995 actual revenue by $7,143.47. This deficit, coupled with a cash flow situation (program revenues ending at the end of the fiscal year, accomplished by a half when dues revenue is generated), forced us to transfer our savings account balance into the general account for operating support through the months of October - December 1996.

Our challenge in 1997 is to operate the Denver chapter on a reduced budget without jeopardizing program and member services.

The operating budget for 1997 will be $160,300 for the chapter against previous year operating budgets at $210,000. Additional revenues generated this year will go towards rebuilding our savings account and establishing a reserve fund for operating expenses in future years. We have established committees of the AIA Denver board to assist with generating new program ideas and what I am calling, structural revenue sources (revenue sources that remain constant for the organization from year to year) for the Denver chapter. This will be done by studying new and creative program ideas from other chapters across the country.

The year end financial statement for 1996 is presented above along with the projected 1997 operating budget below. If you have any questions regarding the budget projection, please call me at 720-446-2266.

I am looking forward to another challenging and always inspiring year in 1997.

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...from the desk of the executive director... the year in review...

1996 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

REVENUES
AIA Dues $655,877.07
Association Dues 6,190.87
Prof Affiliate Dues 2,600.00
Western Min Region Rec 60.00
Student Dues 700.00
Public Membership 7,095.00
Emeritus Dues 60.00
Non-AIA Denver Dues 118.00

1997 OPERATING BUDGET

Program Revenues $117,068.59
Advertising 750.00
Sales 3,290.91
Committee Revenues 8,138.30
Grants 7,750.00
Royalties 3,626.44
Sales 3,489.63
Enrollment Grant Fe 29.95
Interest Income 1,664.75
Other Income 5,030.89
TOTAL REVENUE $158,484.85

EXPENSES
Program Expenses 36,428.05
Advertising 37,382.43
General Admin Expenses 99,394.39
TOTAL EXPENSES 209,604.87

INCOME BEFORE SPONSORSHIP $51,120.02
Sponsorship $43,976.55
EXCESS REVENUE $7,143.47
OVER EXPENSE $7,143.47

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Annual Meeting
Focuses on History

The 1997 Colorado North Chapter Board of Directors introduced, and the 1996 Board was recognized for their dedication and accomplishments.

There were 16 submittals for the Design Awards. One Honor Award and threeMerit Awards were given. John Anderson, FAIA, Western Mountain Regional Director, represented the Western Mountain Region. Peter Heintz, AIA, chaired and moderated the annual meeting. Gary Brothers, AIA, was in charge of the Design Awards.

AIA Colorado North Chapter wishes to thank the following sponsors of the 1996 Annual Dinner:

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Love of a City Inspired Architect to Get Involved

Between 1986 and 1994, if a structure was built in the city of Loveland, chances were that Dave Lingle, AIA, had taken a closer look before the foundation was poured or the first nail pounded. A partner in the Ft. Collins architectural firm Aller-Lingle, Dave was a member of the Loveland Planning Commission from 1988 to 1994, serving as its chairman for four of those six years. The Loveland Planning Commission reviews the plans of many developments to make sure they conform to the laws of the city and do not impede on existing developments.

Dave feels that it is important to contribute some positive influence on the direction that development is taking in the city. As an architect, he has areas of expertise that are not typically represented by other members of planning commissions. During his tenure, Loveland was at a stage in its development when a lot happened in a short period of time. Many different sectors of the community came into play, and the decision-making process was too extensive to rely on the work of city staff alone to accomplish what needed to be done. Community involvement is important to Dave, because he feels that a wide range of backgrounds and opinions are necessary for balanced decisions.

Dave also values the relationships he developed while serving on the commission with people such as the director of the Loveland Housing Authority, the director of the Downtown Development Authority, and the chief planner for the city of Loveland. "Architecture is as much a service as it is an art," he says. "But I derive as much satisfaction working with people in helping solve a problem in the community as doing actual architecture."
Denver Botanic Gardens Wins 25 Year Award

Colorado Architects represented by the AIA Colorado Board of Directors have named the Boettcher Memorial Center (dedicated to Claude and Edna Boettcher, at Denver's Botanic Gardens) winner of AIA Colorado's Twenty-Five Year Award for 1996. The project was designed by Victor Hornbein and Edward White. Projects that have withstood the test of time, having been completed 25 to 30 years ago, and still being a usable part of Colorado's landscape, are eligible for this honor. The award was accepted by Richard H. Daley, Executive Director, on behalf of the Denver Botanic Gardens, on October 12 at the 1996 AIA Colorado Design Conference in Aspen. Accompanying him at the award ceremony was Edward White, AIA. Victor Hornbein, FAIA, died in July, 1995. AIA Colorado held its November Board meeting at the gardens, and Richard Daley gave them a tour of the facilities and an overview of the renovation currently taking place.

Opened in January, 1966 and designated as a Denver City Landmark in November, 1973, the Boettcher Memorial Center is the only concrete conservatory between St. Louis and the west coast. The conservatory was designed by combining arches, ribs and trusses to form a 51-foot-high center vault, spanning 72 feet and encompassing the 11,500-square-foot conservatory which is used for the display of the Garden's tropical plant collection.

Hornbein's buildings share an architectural vocabulary similar to that found in Frank Lloyd Wright's Usonian Style. This is particularly evident in the cubist conception of the building volume and the horizontal orientation of the educational wing of the conservatory. It is also expressed in the variety of window treatments and other ornamental and geometric designs found throughout the building. Also reminiscent of Frank Lloyd Wright's influence is the use of exterior construction materials which are carried inside the structure where they are employed as interior finish materials.

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More communities throughout Colorado are struggling with the issues of growth, preservation, and quality of life. As architects, all know what value we can bring to the process, but does the community truly understand the potential of our contributions?

One way to increase our credibility is to be in touch with the issues that are most important to our communities, and to be perceived as understanding those issues and contributing constructively.

We asked a number of CWC members to respond to the following question posed by William Lipsey, AIA, of Aspen:

How can citizen architects that serve on governmental boards and committees best inform themselves regarding the "vision" of their community so as to participate effectively in the democratic process?

Following are the responses by members throughout our chapter area who serve or have served on governmental boards.

Glenn Rapaport, AIA
Basalt, Colorado

Somehow government boards and commissions seem to be overlooked as a place where architects can refine skills endemic to their profession. As an elected official serving on the Town Board in Basalt, Colorado, I have many opportunities to deal with citizen concerns, critique development proposals and help to set direction for long range plans. Often it appears that people who are not trained in urban issues lack the ability to focus on concerns beyond pure aesthetics. A vital community is comprised of many parts. The relationship of these parts to each other is infinitely more significant than what each part looks like. It is often these relationships that lack refined discussion when a town attempts to respond to proposals or define its vision. Architects can be valuable, supplying a much needed vocabulary with which cities and towns can define themselves and deal with change. Architecture is a political act.

John Elde, AIA
Montrose, Colorado

As a citizen and architect discussed who sits on the county Board of Planning Commissioners, the County Board of Adjustments and the Board of Appeals, I have found that in order to participate most effectively, I must stay informed as to the vision of the community. Since I located here three years ago, I have involved myself in the activities of the community not only to assist myself but to benefit my professional endeavors but also for the purposes of serving in the community in an informed way. Two important steps that I have taken to be an effective participant in the democratic process are:

First, by being selected as a class member of the inaugural Uncompahgre Valley Leadership Program. This program consisted of eight day-long work study sessions with the leadership of the community, region and state. Issues that were discussed focused on aspects that have affected the community and its response to the current regional growth. Subjects included: 1) changing real estate trends; 2) municipal and county government; 3) state government with meetings with the state legislature; 4) education; 5) economic development; and 6) public lands and the natural environment. The work sessions consisted of presentations and debates with informed groups representing all factions of the issues. I feel that there was no better process for myself to become quickly and thoroughly immersed into the vision of Montrose on both a local and state level.

Second, as an adjunct to the Leadership Program, I participated in the update to the Uncompahgre Valley Community Action Plan. The Action Plan was developed after a series of Town Meetings where citizens were able to discuss their hopes and aspirations for the region. I wanted the region to respond to the current growth changes. From these meetings, an overall vision statement was developed as relates to Community Character, Managed Growth, Education, Economic Development and Community Coordination.

This Vision now acts as the community model for a planned and coordinated action plan. It serves as the constant reminder that the citizen's vision is to achieve a balance between the protection of the natural environment and progressive economic growth maintaining a sense of community character and quality of life, preserve the agricultural heritage and recreational resources, and accommodate diverse community purposes of serving in the community in an informed way. Two important steps that I have taken to be an effective participant in the democratic process are:

Without the above introduction to the community and the understanding that this participation provided, I would still be involved in a lengthy process of trying to develop my interpretation as to what makes Montrose tick. If you want to participate, get involved. If you want to serve effectively, work to understand the vision of the people.

Larry Holcomb, AIA
Durango, Colorado

Having lived and practiced architecture in Durango for 15 years and having served on the City of Durango Design Review Board for six years from 1990 - 1995, I have gained a fair notion of what it takes to discover the "vision" of my community. Actually, Durango's vision has evolved greatly over the time I have been here. It has undergone a transformation from a somewhat relaxed, almost sleepy western town to a bustling, vibrant tourist-oriented community. The steady growth of the area compelled the City to enact Design Guidelines for the Central Business (Historic) District in order to "provide for change and new development in Durango while preserving and protecting the special character and identity of our downtown."

The vision of Durango (which is essentially a policy statement in the City) has resulted from much input by, and discussion with, the citizens of the community along with the excellent City Planning Staff. This vision, along with the Design Guidelines, continues to be refined and revised as any dynamic document or plan. The ultimate challenge as an architect on a design review board is to convey this local vision to applicants in a way that ensures that all projects can be quality oriented and beneficial for the community.

William Lukes, AIA
Aspen, Colorado

I serve as the chairman of the Pitkin County Board of Adjustment, a volunteer board charged with acting on requests for variances from zoning regulations of the Pitkin County Land Use Code and appeals for the administrative decisions of our County's planning staff. We have a five-member board with 3 additional alternates, all of whom are appointed by the board of County Commissioners, and we handle approximately 30 to 50 requests annually. The Board typically includes people with working experience in development and real estate, such as architects and others in the design fields, attorneys and Realtors. My day job is that of principal of a small architectural firm in the Aspen area.

I have served on this Board during two periods over the last 15 years. I learn a tremendous amount about my community simply by serving as a volunteer and listening to people express the personal hopes and aspirations that are embodied in their construction plans and, indirectly, their vision of our community as expressed by where and what they want to build. I also find that, by sharing opinions and interpretations of our land use codes with other board members during our deliberations, there is an opportunity for shared reflection on long and short term goals and visions that I would not otherwise have the opportunity to experience, except perhaps at the occasional conference. I believe that, by the personal hopes and aspirations that are embodied in their construction plans and, indirectly, their vision of our community as expressed by where and what they want to build. I also find that, by sharing opinions and interpretations of our land use codes with other board members during our deliberations, there is an opportunity for shared reflection on long and short term goals and visions that I would not otherwise have the opportunity to experience, except perhaps at the occasional conference. I believe that, by the
I have been in Aspen, culminating now with a position on the Aspen City Council. This has been an opportunity for great personal growth in an area quite different from the more solitary aspects of design and drawing. Through these years, I have slowly grown in my understanding of the vision of my community. Through interaction with other concerned citizens, I have also been able to influence that vision as my knowledge has grown. There is no better way to participate in the democratic process than by just doing it, and no easy or quick ways to get the “vision.” As designers, architects, and artists, I feel we have a special responsibility to become involved because we are the ones who are trained and have spent most of our career lives visualizing the intangibles of the future. We need to study seriously the issues of the day, be active in government either on boards, study seriously the issues of the day, be active in government either on boards, or committees, with a position on the Aspen City Board of Adjustment, or committees, with a position on the Aspen City Board of Adjustment, or committees, with a position on the Aspen City Board of Adjustment.

Gary L. Vanderwood, AIA
Grand Junction, Colorado

The question presupposes that if an architect volunteers for board service, he/she will be selected. That certainly should not be a matter of “us” and “them” but rather we must be “them.”

Architects need to speak out loudly and frequently, both individually and collectively, in support of the “big picture,” which for the most part they’ve been well educated and trained.

James R. Morter, AIA
Vail, Colorado

At the risk of oversimplifying the answer, the best way is to jump in with both feet and do it! Architects’ inherent abilities to solve problems; our abilities to assimilate disparate issues into one solution; our understanding of the implications of our decisions on our living environment provide us with the background to serve our communities well.

And we have at least as much to gain as we have to offer. By being active in our communities, we have the opportunity to develop the rules, the attitudes, and the political climate in which we design and live. Plus – it feels so good! To know that our communities are better places not only because of our architectural efforts, but also because we’ve met our obligation as citizens to provide what we have to offer, is all the reason we need to be involved.

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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS CHANGE OVER TIME

One of the largest concerns of the Government Affairs Committee members is getting more AIA Colorado members involved at the monthly meetings. The committee is open to all AIA Colorado members. We meet the second Friday of the month, at 2 PM, at the AIA Colorado offices. The meetings usually last about two hours.

Although the subject areas of interest to AIA Colorado have changed over the years, since the committee was started in 1983, societal response to legislative issues is continually changing. That is why we need new members, to bring fresh and diverse opinions to the debate. Additionally, our membership and the committee members have many ideas and suggestions for improving and expanding our work, but we need more people involved for that to happen. If you want to find out more call John Williams, AIA, at 303.492.5511 or Joe Jackson, Assoc. AIA, at 303.446.2266. By John Williams, AIA

LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE MONITORS LEGISLATION

Your Government Affairs Committee has one standing sub-committee, the Legislative Sub-committee, chaired by Tom McKenzie, AIA. It meets every Friday morning while the legislature is in session to review proposed legislation from both the Senate and the House. This is a formidable task involving every piece of legislation proposed during the legislative session. Their review can include a wide range of issues affecting architects, including: new state construction, capital improvements and facility maintenance, state contracting, workers compensation, asbestos regulation, planning regulations, environmental issues, building and fire codes, transportation planning, regulation of professions, employment related issues, etc.

Each Wednesday Joe Jackson, Assoc. AIA, Executive Vice President of AIA Colorado, receives all the new bills and amendments for that week. He initially reviews and screens them for the sub-committee. Then he distributes copies that may have relevance to the committee whose members also include Stan Andrews, AIA, Mike Wiatrski, AIA, and Jim Zavist, AIA. They are divided up among the members and reviewed in more detail prior to their Friday morning meetings where members discuss AIA Colorado's initial position and what action, if any, to take. Jerry Johnson, our lobbyist, also attends these Friday morning sessions and provides advice based upon his day-to-day involvement with legislators, and what is going on that week in the various committees of the legislature and in debate on the floor of both chambers. Jerry Johnson also provides "historical insight" into the issues and how they have evolved, or been acted up in the past.

The Legislative Sub-committee determines any immediate response, like testifying before committees, writing position papers, lobbying legislators, etc., needed between our monthly Government Affairs Committee meetings. In some cases members are contacted and asked to lobby their legislators, or they are asked to testify when they have expert knowledge on an issue. When appropriate, Jerry Johnson communicates AIA Colorado's interests to the legislators involved in the various issues. Each week a summary report is prepared and reviewed by the chair of the committee, and a detailed review and discussion occurs at our monthly meetings.

The Legislative Sub-committee members provide a tremendous service to AIA, and we are seeking new members for the next legislative session. It is an exciting opportunity to get involved quickly with the legislative process. Contact AIA Colorado, if you want to learn more about getting involved.

By John Williams, AIA

PUBLIC ARCHITECTS FORUM ROUNDTABLE

This past fall a number of architects in the Denver/Boulder area met to discuss the practice of public architecture and to network with each other. These meetings have been attended by both AIA and non-AIA members, and by both private and public (city, state, and federal) sector architects. In October an open committee within AIA Colorado was formed called the Public Architects Roun dtable. Previous meetings have been spent developing goals for the group and future discussion topics such as the quality of public architecture, and technical issues. The goals are similar to those of AIA National's Public Architects Professional Interest Area (PIA). Please join us for our January meeting when we will discuss programs and activities for 1997.

Thursday, January 16, 5:30 PM
University of Colorado at Boulder

For the exact location, please contact: Steven C. Thweatt, AIA, Director, Design and Construction University of Colorado at Boulder 303.492.5511. thweatt@facm.colorado.edu

by Lisa Hadden, AIA

SNOW SCULPTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The town of Avon, the AIA and the Young Architect's Forum of Denver will host the second annual Colorado Snow Sculpting Championships in Avon, Colorado, to be held January 30 through February 2, 1997. Teams of three are invited to compete as part of Avon's Winter Carnival. This carnival will include winter activities like snowboarding, snow sledding, ice races, and displays. All sculptures will receive free lodging and meals for their stay. The first place award will be airline tickets to the national competition in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, during the following week of February 5-9. Winners of the national competition will be asked to compete in the Olympic Art Festival in Nagano, Japan, in 1998. Sculptures will be created from a 6' x 6' x 10' block of snow. A juried panel will select the winning teams, based on a criteria of team qualifications, creative and technical intent. Colorado residency is a requirement to participate. The cost for each team is a total of $75. The event is sanctioned by WinterFuns of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who have organized snow sculptures since 1984. Teams from Florida will also be competing for the Florida State Championship.

Call Ben Wilking, AIA at 303.894.1990, or Alastair Lyall, Special Events Coordinator for the Town of Avon, at 970.494.4280 for additional information.

STATE INTERN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Steven Frey, Associate AIA, has been appointed State Coordinator for the Intern Development Program. Steven can be reached at the Davis Partnership, 303.861.8535.

DESIGN COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Committee members reviewing promotion- al graphics from various architectural firms at the September lunch meeting. From left to right are Leslie Keplert, Doug Ekstrand, Steve Radlinski, Julie Johnson, Phill Hoden, Ken Cilla and Cynthia Fogues.

The AIA Denver Design Communication Committee continues to meet on the third Thursday of each month at the AIA offices, 12:00 PM. January's meeting will focus on computers, scanners, media storage, etc. Call Jim Leggitt, AIA, at 303.312.5353 for information. AIA members from other chapters are invited and welcome to attend meetings.

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