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Now that August is here, the summer hours are dwindling fast and the Fall events are lining up to keep all members busy.

Be sure to see page 14 for the schedule of all regular chapter meetings for the year; and you will want to read about the Eleventh Annual Central States District Conference on page 8. Dates you will want to remember are:

September 13, 14 and 15—Eleventh Annual Central States District Conference, Omaha and Lincoln, Nebraska.

September 18—September Chapter Meeting at the Golden Ox.

September 24—Enrollment for Business and Professional Men's Art Class, Kansas City Art Institute and School of Design.

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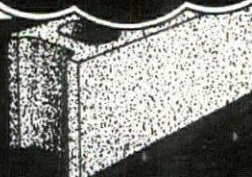
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Resume of Meetings

CHAPTER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

During the 88th Annual Convention of the A.I.A. at Los Angeles, May 14, 15 and 16, the Chapter Affairs Committee held three meetings. Those in attendance from our Chapter were Lloyd Roark, Member of the National Chapter Affairs Committee, Frank Slezak and Don Hollis. James P. Schlueter, of Iowa State College, who is a member of the Executive Committee of NASA was the only student representative from our district. The following covers the business transacted during the Thursday morning meeting as it affects the Chapters of The Institute.

This meeting marked the first assembly of the Officers and Directors of The Institute and the Presidents of the chapters, and it is hoped that this will be the beginning of an annual "Chapter Presidents Conclave" at conventions. It was the first time that discussion and transfer of ideas took place between the national, state and chapter levels of our associations in the presence of the Regional Directors. This group is the real core of our organization.

The following subjects were presented:

- A. The regional meeting was pointed up as the real floor for discussing Chapter Affairs. Regional Directors were encouraged to make seminars on Chapter Affairs a permanent part of their regional set-up. The Chapter Affairs representatives and chapter presidents were encouraged to make certain that this type of meeting is on the agenda of every regional meeting.
- B. This marked the first time that students participated with A.I.A. chapters on a common ground and with a feeling of equality. It is hoped that future meetings of Chapter Affairs committees will see educators, students, representatives of the working architects and the officers of The Institute joining together in a discussion of common problems. The President of the National Student Forum, Jim Berry, spoke to the assemblage and encouraged a close liaison and cooperative effort between student chapters and A.I.A. chapters.
- C. The function of the Chapter Affairs' representative at the chapter level was pointed up as follows:
 1. To help make his chapter better and stronger by stimulating the activity of every committee.
 2. To make certain that his chapter issues at least one printed document for public or architectural consumption each year. Chapters are encouraged to reprint documents issued by other chapters if they cannot generate them themselves. (Permission to change the name designation is all that is required for the average chapter to pass a document over to a neighboring chapter.)
 3. To encourage his chapter to set up traveling exhibits of the work of its members and see that it is placed in spots of public gathering where the greatest client gain can be obtained.

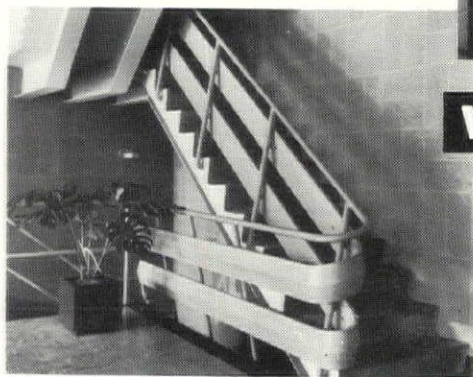
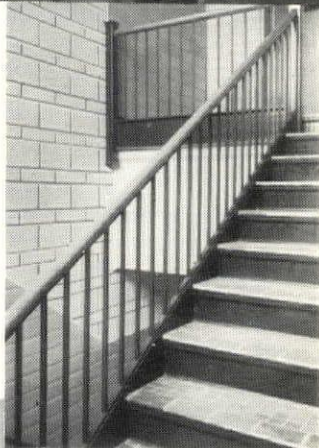
4. To provide a strong liaison between the students of his local architectural school and his A.I.A. chapter. Also, between the local young working architect and the local A.I.A. chapter.
 5. To disseminate the techniques for better operation of his chapter as he gets them from bulletins and from the regional and national representatives of this Committee.
 6. To make certain that he attends the regional Chapter Affairs' seminars whenever held in order to bring back to his chapter the good things that are being done throughout the region and the nation.
- D. All chapters throughout The Institute must complete their vertical organization of the thirteen outstanding committees as part of our national program. Tom Grand spoke on behalf of this project and advised that the Chapter Affairs Manual contained a breakdown for smaller chapters to enable them to take advantage of this type of organization.
 - E. The necessity for encouraging the organization of student chapters where they do not now exist, and stimulating and revitalizing those that do exist was pointed up by Harry Maslow. The Philadelphia story and the activity in New York was mentioned as a stimulating effort in this direction.
 - F. The revitalization of the state organization so that it could fit into the national program was examined. Attention was directed to this stepchild of the A.I.A. which should find a more potent place in the chain of command and active functioning of our chapter and national organization.
 - G. The matter of membership was discussed and its ultimate desegregation was mentioned as a proposal now being propounded by a special committee of The Institute. Opinions of the chapters will be sought out to determine whether this nationalization of student educator, practitioner and working architect is desirable.
 - H. The matter of splintering of chapters was raised by the Board of The Institute. Many members exist in a floating membership just outside the reaches of an active chapter centered in a metropolitan area. Should these men band together in small splinter chapters or should they be active groups associated with a larger chapter, meeting periodically close to home and once each year making contact with the mother chapter? The Chapter Affairs Committee will delve deeply into this subject and also make a complete study of the chapter, state association and regional function as it now exists throughout The Institute.
 - I. The experience with the younger architect was mentioned as one of the vital problems of The Institute, and the New York Chapter was commended for its activity in this direction. Alonzo Clark of that chapter briefly touched on this subject.

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- J. Jim Hunter, Chairman of the National Committee on Education, spoke about the work of his men on the program to be used at the chapter level. He spoke of the job that chapters can do in public service with their school boards, with students who want to be architects and in telling the story of Architecture to students who might otherwise never hear about it. Jim also spoke of the work of the Committee in setting up a vocational guidance test being studied at Princeton University and which will soon be ready for use in the secondary schools. He spoke of the log book of apprentice experience primarily for the architect in preparing himself for registration. This is one of the outstanding jobs that The Institute can do at this time. Pilot runs are being conducted throughout the country and this document should soon be ready for distribution nationally.

Many other facets of the Burdell Recommendations were given to the assembly and a bright future for the work of the Education Committee in every chapter was presented.

Discussion followed ranging over many problems and solutions. A few of those about which some conclusive word can be said are herewith listed.

- A. The entrance of young men into the architectural field was discussed at great length with varying points of view presented. The older practitioners differ greatly in the tolerant attitude of the younger men in welcoming the young men coming out of school who are anxious to be heard and make their impact felt. The sense of the meeting was directed to a tolerant attitude toward young men who may be bringing the future character of architecture into our offices. It is also felt that a period of training in office practice is desirable before a young man can make his mark in the architectural world.
- B. Facts given out by the Chapter Affairs Committee during the year should be directed to every member of The Institute instead of merely the executive board of each chapter. It was the sense of the meeting that the Octagon be charged with disseminating this information to every member and that the Committee make a strong effort to see that this is carried out.
- C. Recognition was given to Joe Smay as one of the early founders of the Chapter Affairs movement, and his resolution was carried unanimously to the effect that a training film be prepared by the Institute for the use of its chapters showing the functions of an architect from the day he seeks out, or is sought out by the client, to the day the building project is completed, showing every stage in his work and every stage in the construction process and his participation in it.
- D. The matter of awards and citations was discussed and the Southern California Chapter was commended for its Certificates of Merit placed in buildings throughout the Southern California area.
- E. Chapters were advised to carry over part of their officers and committees each year.
- F. Advertising in newspapers on the part of clients of architects came in for serious discussion. In various parts of the country this has almost reached a form of blackmail on the part of newspapers. Sub-

contractors and architects are almost held up to contribute to full-page advertisements on completion of construction projects. It was requested that the Board study this matter and report on a recommended procedure. The Southern California Chapter finds it advisable when such an occasion arises to congratulate the Owner on behalf of the chapter in a separately placed advertisement if such action is taken at all.

- G. The lack of document exhibition on the part of The Octagon was scored as a defect in our national administration. The Octagon is once more reminded of the recommendation of this body for several years regarding the lack of such a traveling exhibit of salable material from the Octagon.
- H. The Dallas Chapter pointed out its luncheon in honor of award winning architects by members of its chapter. At that time local officials are invited and the affair made into one of outstanding public relations for the chapter.
- I. Hirsch of the Westchester Chapter pointed out the outstanding program of scholarships awarded to students of architecture by that chapter. This practice is carried out throughout the country in varying degrees and too much attention cannot be drawn to it as a means of stimulating a better relationship between students and A.I.A. Chapters.
- J. It was recommended that chapters throughout the country attempt to produce films on an amateur scale such as has been done in various areas. Such films could be secured from taped television programs on building construction and the use of the architect, or semi-professionally with the help of dramatic groups in the various areas. The President of the Michigan Society of Architects attested to their own film and its fine success. The availability and distribution of this fine film can be made through contact with the Michigan Society.
- K. Leon Fagnani, President of the Delaware Chapter, cited the experience in Delaware when the state attempted to legislate architects' fees at lower than standard practices. It was once more pointed out that The Octagon librarian was accumulating the legal aspects of state registration laws so that the states could be guided in their attempts at revision towards strengthening these statutes.
- L. An annual system of reporting on chapter activities has been set up and forms will be distributed each year by the Chapter Affairs' representative in each region, collected by him, forwarded to our sub-committee chairman, Tom Grand, who will compile and resolve all the statistics and forward them to the Board for its annual spring meeting. This will be a yearly project and the cooperation of all chapters is desired.

11th ANNUAL CONFERENCE—

Where: Omaha and Lincoln, Nebraska.

When: September 13, 14 and 15, 1956.

Conference Headquarters: Hotel Sheraton-Fontenelle
18th and Douglas
Omaha, Nebraska

Theme: "THESE CHANGING TIMES AND THEIR IMPACT ON
THE ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION"

Program:

The First Day—Thursday

A get acquainted social day with Greyhound coach trip through West Omaha—The University of Nebraska Medical Center, shopping centers, new residential developments and Boys Town. An inspirational address in the famous Senate Chamber in Goodhue's Capitol, luncheon at the Lincoln Country Club, following this a tour of Lincoln's architectural gems, then return to Omaha through General LeMay's SAC Air Base and on to the "Chuck Wagon Party" at President Frank Latenser's home.

The Second Day—Friday

A seminar day—a cultural program in the morning at the lovely Joslyn Art Gallery, a chance to see three special architectural exhibits, then luncheon at the Fontenelle and an outstanding technical program in the afternoon followed by cocktails and the Annual Banquet with President Leon Chatelain as honor guest.

The ladies will have lunch separately and then be the guests of the Nebraska Architects Ladies Club at a special afternoon program.

The Third Day—Saturday Morning

The Business Meeting and the election of a Regional Director and then a meeting of the Regional Council members.

RAL STATES DISTRICT, A.I.A.

Speakers:

The Honorable Victor A. Anderson, Governor of Nebraska
Wilfred Payne, Ph.D., Head, Department of Humanities,
University of Omaha
C. D. Loeks, St. Paul, Minnesota
Dr. Turpin C. Bannister, University of Illinois
S. Herbert Hare, Kansas City, Missouri
Walter A. Taylor, The Octagon, Washington, D. C.
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Frederick W. Miller, Consulting Engineer, Columbia University
and, of course,
President Leon Chatelain, Jr.

Registration: By Mail, and Thursday Morning 8:00 to 9:00 A.M. at
Sheraton-Fontenelle Hotel.

Thursday, 12:30 to 1:30 P.M. at Lincoln Country Club.

Thursday, 5:00 to 6:00 P.M. at Sheraton-Fontenelle Hotel.

Registration Fees:

Corporate Members A.I.A.	\$10.00
Associates	7.50
Junior Associates	5.00
Students	2.00
Ladies and Guests	1.50

Registration fee does not include price of Luncheon tickets,
Chuck Wagon Party or Banquet.

Events—Tickets to Buy:

Each Ticket

Thursday Bus Tour (Men and Ladies)	\$2.00
Thursday Luncheon (Men and Ladies)	2.50
Chuck Wagon Party (Men and Ladies)	4.00
Friday Luncheon (Men)	2.00
Friday Luncheon (Ladies)	2.00
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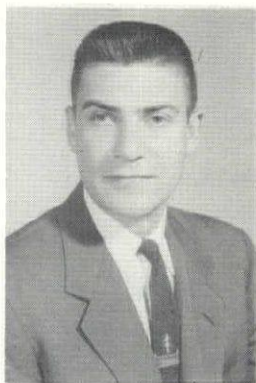
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Membership Changes . . .



Herbert Donald Duy is now an Associate Member of the Chapter. He has been a Junior Associate Member since 1949. He is with the firm of Cooper-Robison-Carlson-O'Brien and has been since 1946, when the firm was known as Archer, Cooper & Robison.

A new Junior Associate Member is **Joseph B. Shaughnessy, Jr.** Joe received his Bachelor's Degree in Architecture from Notre Dame last spring. He is now employed in the office of Shaughnessy, Bower and Grimaldi.

You may be interested in our changing membership. Since the first of the year, we have gained 8 new Junior Associate Members; 8 men have advanced to Associate from Junior Associate; and 9 men have applications for Corporate Membership in process. These 9 forthcoming Corporate Members are all advancing from Associate status.



Several requests have been received lately for the current addresses of the Missouri and Kansas Registration Boards, so here they are:

Missouri State Board of Registration for
Architects and Professional Engineers
P. O. Box 184
Jefferson City, Missouri

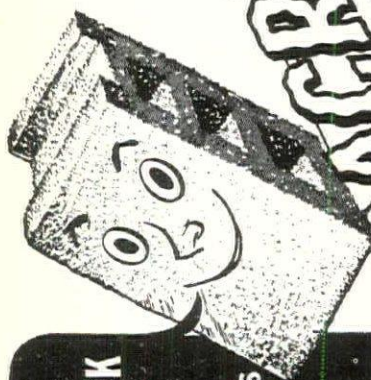
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The program is arranged in two 8-week sessions. Instruction will be by a full-time member of the Institute faculty.

Classes will meet Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 10 P.M. The first session will begin September 24, and will continue through November 14. The second session will begin November 26 and continue through January 30, 1957.

Tuition for each 8-week session will be \$25. Materials needed may be purchased at student rates at the School Store.

In recent years the Institute has offered this program and it has been enthusiastically received by the professional and business men who have attended. There are today almost 100 of Kansas City's business and professional leaders who paint competently and well and who derive a real satisfaction from this avocation.

Any member of the architectural profession who is interested should call Miss Mary Woods, Dean of Admissions, VA. 1-2854, and get more complete details or arrange for a personal interview. Each class will be limited to 25. Space will be made available in order that this men's group will have privacy as well as the necessary equipment.

Registration will be the evening of Monday, September 24, from 7 to 10 P.M.

Remember—Copies of ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AND COMPENSATION are available from Frank Grimaldi . . . 25c per copy.

1956-57 SEASON ANNOUNCED

(Note: The following communiqué was received from the Program Committee. After reading it you will probably want to give a silent round of applause to the Committee, for this is the first time in the history of our chapter that a complete program has been definitely set before the first meeting of the season. Congratulations, Program Committee.)

The Program Committee has prepared the ENTIRE FISCAL YEAR PROGRAM for the AIA. This will let the membership know "What is what" and "Who is who".

We believe the AIA members and prospective members will find the schedule full of interesting and diversified programs. It will also let us all be prepared to invite guests to appropriate meetings.

The programs will in general be held at the "Golden Ox," with larger meetings such as Installation and Award nights held elsewhere. The program schedule is as follows:

September 18th—Mitchell Models, St. Joseph, Michigan.

October 16th—Frank Montana, Notre Dame University.

November 20th—Technical Meeting on ceilings and suspension.

December 18th—Annual Meeting.

January 15th—Installation of Officers.

February 19th—Ralph Rapson, University of Minnesota.

March 19th—Furniture, Knoll Planning Department.
(Student night)

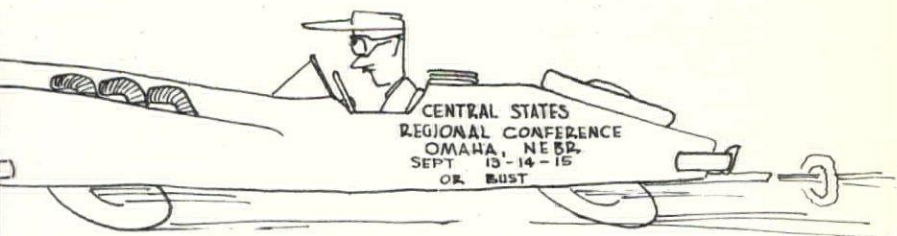
April 17th—Medal Awards.

May 14th—Technical Meeting on Hi-Fi and built-in PA.

June 19th—Structural Meeting, Anton Tedesko on Pre-stress.

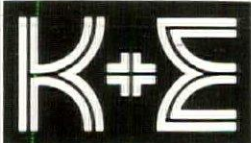
The meetings have all been confirmed except May and June. Many members of our group are "draggin' their feet", calling themselves AIA at every opportunity to sell a job but neglecting to support their organization with attendance or interest. The Program Committee has worked hard to provide good educational programs and a good place to hold the meetings. The other committees and the officers have in like manner planned a good year for the AIA. For all the regular attenders and all those who have drifted away, we hope these programs will make this year one of the most successful for attendance in many years. **Come on out and enjoy and support YOUR American Institute of Architects.**

Jim Mantel
Program Chairman



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