GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS
MASONRY IN MICHIGAN WEEK

Governor William G. Milliken has proclaimed January 11-17, 1976, as Masonry in Michigan Week. And you are invited to join in this tribute to man's oldest building material by attending the first annual Masonry Awards Banquet
Saturday, January 17
Somerset Inn:
Troy, Michigan

Highlight of the evening will be the announcement of the winners of the 1975 Honor Awards Program for excellence in masonry design sponsored by the Masonry Institute of Michigan in cooperation with the Michigan Society of Architects. A distinguished jury of Chicago architects selected four projects from a total of 48 submitted by MSA member firms. Special "M Awards" will be presented to the architect, owner, and mason contractor on each winning project.

At the banquet, you will also have the opportunity to join us in saluting the winners of the masonry design competition sponsored by the Masonry Institute for senior and junior architectural students at Lawrence Institute of Technology. A total of $1,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to these architects of the future, and their winning projects will be on display.

Banquet tickets are priced at $45 per couple. Included is a cocktail hour, dinner, and dancing to the music of the Jack Qualey Orchestra. For reservations, contact the Masonry Institute at (313) 476-2495. Or mail in the response card that accompanied the invitation you received in the mail.

All firms that entered the design competition are entitled to a complimentary ticket (admitting one couple) to the banquet. But you must notify the Masonry Institute in advance if you will be attending.

Please join us for the climax of Masonry in Michigan Week on Saturday, January 17, at the Somerset Inn in Troy.

Sincerely,

MASONRY INSTITUTE OF MICHIGAN, INC.

John A. Heslip
Executive Director
UPDATE ON MSA PENSION/RETIREMENT PROGRAM

The MSA Revision/Retirement Program has been available to the membership for about three months since its acceptance by the Board in August. The response, although not fantastic, has been significant considering the short time the program has been available. Several member firms have expressed a definite interest and a larger number have requested information and greater detail from the Travelers representatives.

To date the interest in the program options is almost exclusively directed toward the Profit Sharing and Employee Savings and Investment Plans. These options represent the pension/retirement vehicles most directly related to profit or surplus income rather than a fixed or increased personnel cost. Similarly most of the membership response to the program has been directed toward the establishment of new plans rather than the upgrading of existing plans. A good many initial responses were from employees seeking information to turn over to employers in support of the need for the program. It is difficult to assess the response to the program after only the first three months and given the current economics of the building industry, however, the initial responses have tended to confirm the appropriateness of the programs options.

The program has been structured to provide a means by which firms with existing plans can upgrade and improve their current set-ups. Several firms have expressed concern over investment performance, employee communication, and the need for plans modernization and improvement and have been provided with the information necessary to consider modification. The most significant element in the MSA program effecting existing plans are the vesting provisions and the return on investment at probably a lower cost than a current plan. Both The Travelers and the MSA would welcome inquiries and provide any assistance they can with respect to the existing plans.

Even with the current economic uncertainty, we would encourage any firm considering a new or modified plan to contact the MSA or The Travelers. Benefit programs should be and definitely will be a part of the economic program for any firm and we encourage firms to plan for that eventuality. The program was implemented, as will others, as a membership aid and encourage the member firms to take advantage of its availability.

Roger W. Bee, AIA
The Travelers:

Michael D. Busby (313) 965-9797
Ralph P. Aufheimer (313) 355-5000

LEGISLATIVE LOG

The MSA is strengthening its Legislative Minuteman Program and needs your assistance. We have listed every State Senator, Representative and U.S. Congressman including Governor Milliken, Senator Hart and Griffin. When you list your name please indicate your relationship with your respective Representative and Senator.

1. Choose Personal Friend
2. Close Business Acquaintance
3. Business or Residential Neighbor
4. Actively worked on campaign
5. Contributed to campaign
6. Acquainted on First Name Basis
7. Acquainted on Last Name Basis
8. Not acquainted but willing to contact.

I wish to become an MSA Minuteman

1. State Representative _______________ 12345678
2. State Senator _______________ 12345678
3. U.S. Congressman _______________ 12345678
4. U.S. Senator _______________ 12345678

Remarks

NAME ________________________ TYPE OF MEMBER

CHAPTER ________________________

RESIDENCE (voting) ADDRESS

FIRM NAME ________________________

BUSINESS PHONE _______________ RES. PHONE _______________

Help us help you

Through our legislative Breakfasts many members are acquainted with their legislator; however, HELP US HELP YOU - we need verification that you are still in the district we have on record.

REMEMBER, The 1976 MSA Convention will be in Lansing and we want to focus on our legislative activities.

The Senators and Representatives of the State of Michigan are listed below to assist you in completing the form above.
At the final meeting of the 1975 MSA Board of Directors new officers were elected by unanimous vote to serve the Society for 1976. Vice President, Pres. elect is Paul Bowers of Grand Valley Chapter; Bill Grahek of Northern Michigan is Secretary and Jim KinVill of Detroit was re-elected to the office of Treasurer. President for 1976 is Gene Dilaura of Detroit, the Vice President for 1975.

1975 President Bob Tower presented certificates of appreciation to retiring directors Louis A. Rossetti, William Werner and John Jackling of the Detroit Chapter; Dale Suomela, Flint Area; J. Wesley Olds, Mid-Michigan; Jack Feagley and Leslie Tincknell of the Saginaw Valley Chapter; Dick Slocum of the Western Michigan Chapter.

President Dilaura has established dates for the 1976 Continuing Education Programs sponsored by the Society. These programs are open to members at a token charge of $5.00 per person per session. Non members are welcome to attend at a cost of $10.00 per person. A reservation form will be found in this issue of the Newsletter.

The first meeting of the MSA Board for 1976 will be in Lansing following the Grass Roots session on February 4.

DEANSHIP

COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN PLANNING

The College of Architecture and Urban Planning at the University of Michigan is seeking candidates for the position of Dean. Individuals with high administrative capabilities and with a strong commitment to excellence in teaching, research and the professions are desired.

Nominations and applications will be accepted through February 15, 1976 and should be directed to:

Dr. Edward A. Dougherty
Office of the Vice-President for Academic Affairs
3079 Administrative Building
The University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109

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CONDOMINIUM ACT

The Michigan Department of Commerce, Corporation & Securities Bureau is in the process of revising the existing Condominium Act. Copies of the proposed revisions are available upon request, for review and comments by writing to the following address. Michigan Department of Commerce, Corporation & Securities Bureau, 5511 Enterprise Drive, Lansing, MI 48913. If you have comments forward them to the same address.

ETHICAL NOTE:

The Anderson Windowalls 2-page ad in the December issue of 'Progressive Architecture' which features Ralph Rapson's vacation house is not in accordance with AIA Standards of Ethical Practice (AIA # J 330) section 4 the document states:

An architect may not endorse or imply endorsement of any product in preference to another.

"An architect shall not publicly endorse a product, system, or service, or permit the use of the architect's name or photograph to imply such endorsement. However, an architect may be identified with any product, system, or service designed or developed by the architect."

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

Federal agencies have begun using SF 254 and SF 255 to replace the old SF 251 in the procurement of A/E services. The two new documents became effective October 30, 1975, and advertisements in the Commerce Business Daily (CBD) are now beginning to make the switch. Institute members may obtain the new forms from any federal agency office near them, or by contacting the Office of Construction Management, Public Buildings Service, GSA, 18th and F Sts. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20405, tel. 202/343-4731. Any questions regarding implementation of the forms may be directed to Bruce Schafer, Federal Agency Liaison Director, at AIA headquarters, tel. 202/785-7382.

ATTENTION MICHIGAN ARCHITECTS!!!

State of Michigan Housing Authority is interested in locating Michigan Architects who would like to work with the Housing Authority on architectural projects.

If interested please contact the Housing Authority.

NINA PALMER MEMORIAL

A nine piece silver coffee and tea service were presented to the Welcome Committee of the Founders Society Volunteer of the Detroit Institute of Arts by the Women's Architectural League of Detroit.

The silver service was presented by past president Marie Noth in memory of the late Nina Esterbrook Palmer.

Mrs. Palmer left funds to the WAL with the stipulation in her will that a suitable permanent gift be made by the WAL to the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Museum Director Frederick Cummings acknowledged the gift as did Esther Krystal chairman of the Volunteer Committee.

The WAL also makes an annual contribution to the Education Department of the Institute.
CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Detroit Chapter AIA Professional Education Committee will initiate a program of continuing education for the benefit of the professional practitioners of Michigan, under joint sponsorship of the Chapter and one or more of the local colleges and universities. The program will consist of forums presented in varying lengths and numbers of sessions, and will include those for which the participant would receive academic credit, if he so desires.

To help the committee determine where the practitioners' interests lie, we ask that you respond to the questionnaire included herein. For the convenience of your employees, additional copies of this form may be obtained from your Chapter office, or copies may be xeroxed for internal distribution.

Practitioner Interests
Continuing Education Program
Detroit Chapter, AIA

1. Age ______
2. Position with firm __________________________
3. Please list subjects you think are important enough to warrant commitment of your time. Then rank them in order of importance (one being the most important)

   __________________________________________
   __________________________________________
   __________________________________________
   __________________________________________
   __________________________________________

4. Would you commit enough of your time necessary to attend sessions for which you would receive academic credit — based on approximately five hours of classroom lecture per 1/2 credit hour
   yes _____ no ______

5. If forums are developed covering the subjects that you listed, under what conditions would you participate in terms of —
   a. Cost per session:
      $10 yes_____ no______
      $15 yes_____ no______
      $20 yes_____ no______
      $25 yes_____ no______
      $30 yes_____ no______
      $40 yes_____ no______
      At the current credit hour tuition rate
      yes _____ no ______
   b. Time: (please rank one to five, one being your first choice)
      Evening sessions, two hours ______
      Evening sessions, four hours ______
      Saturday sessions, half day ______
      Saturday sessions, all day ______
      Sessions during office hours ______
      Evening session and Saturday morning session ______

6. Would your participation be based on the time of year
   yes _____ no ______
   If so, indicate your preference —
      Summer ______ Winter ______ Spring ______ Fall ______

Please mail this sheet to: Professional Education Committee
Detroit Chapter, AIA
28 West Adams
Detroit, Michigan 48226

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COLORADO CODE OF CONDUCT

The Colorado Board of Examiners of Architects has removed the anti-competitive bidding rule from its code of conduct, following a request from the State attorney general.

The antitrust unit of the attorney general's office maintained prohibition of competitive bidding is a violation of the state antitrust law. The application of the antitrust law to professionals and the legality of the action was not questioned by the board, which acted three days after receiving the request.

DOCUMENT SPECIAL OF THE MONTH

Document M 188 -- 'Compensation Management Guidelines For Architectural Services AIA' now on sale at $9.00 per copy, originally $10.00 a copy. Limited quantity. On a first come first served basis. Call MSA Headquarters at (313) 965-4100.
WANTED!!!

The most exciting, most creative playground sculpture that you can design!

For Festival '76, June 4, 5, 6, 1976, Calders Plaza, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Anyone may enter. $500 First Prize. Two Honorable Mentions, $50 each.

The Festival will fabricate the winning entry and display it on Festival weekend, June 4, 5, and 6, 1976.

The piece will then become part of a City playground, hopefully the Bicentennial riverfront park in the heart of downtown Grand Rapids.

Fabrication cost in Grand Rapids (professional estimate please) cannot exceed $1750. We will help you find the fabricator if necessary.

Fabrication cost in another city cannot exceed $1750 which must include transportation cost to Grand Rapids.

Maximum area size to be occupied: 50' x 50'.

No weight limitation, but the piece must be transportable.

Judges will be: Stuart O. Dawson, Principal, Sasaki Associates, Watertown, Massachusetts, William Pries, Director, Parks Department, City of Grand Rapids, Nancy Mulnix, Festival '76 Committee.

Judges will look for excellence of concept and design, safety and low maintenance factors.

Three dimensional models (model scale 1" = 1') made of clay, styrofoam, or whatever, must be submitted by March 1, 1976 to: "The Playground", City of Grand Rapids Parks Dept., 132 Monroe NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49502 (616) 456-3103.

Included with the model must be a professional estimate of fabrication cost and general structural drawings which would describe materials and method of construction and the transportation cost if that is applicable.

Judging will be completed by March 21, and the winners will be notified promptly.

All entrants may retrieve their models, etc., after March 31. The judges will prepare a summary of their review for each entry.

It is understood that the artist will retain all rights of reproduction or duplication.

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Reputable Field Rep. or Proj. Eng. avail. full or pt. tm., O.H. Purdy (313) 839-9709

For Sale - Old Architects Drawing Table. Hand crafted in 1885. Paneled solid red oak. 69" x 39" x 35" high. 8 drawers, 2 cupboards. Fine condition. Write: S.L. Parks, 4225 Apple Tree Lane, Lansing, Mich. 48917

ADDRESS CHANGE

Pravin D. Sheth an Associate member of the Detroit Chapter has a change of address to 31240 Cline, Birmingham, Michigan 48009. This appeared in the December issue but was incorrect.

Constantin V. Micuda, AIA of the Detroit Chapter has a change of address to 2590 Carlson Port, West Bloomfield, MI 48033.

GRAPEVINE

Gary S. Van Neck, AIA, Vice President of Rossetti Associates/Architects Planners of Detroit has been appointed Regional Representative of the Office Management Committee for 1976 by the American Institute of Architects Board of Directors. Michael B. Margerum has joined the architectural staff of Roper Margerum AIA Inc. . . .Hold Bowers De Shane Covert is pleased to announce the addition of James Remington, Jr., Registered Landscape Architect. . . Smith, Hinchman & Grylls announced the establishment of a new division, the Value Management Division, and a new Washington, D.C. office.

The division and the office will be directed by Alphonse J. Dell’Isola, PE, a nationally recognized authority in the fields of value analysis and value engineering in construction. . . .Mark T. Jaroszewicz, has been elected Vice President, Pres-elect of Oklahoma Chapter AIA. During his presidential term Oklahoma City will host an AIA Regional Convention. . . Constantin V. Micuda, AIA has left the firm of O’Dell, Hewlett & Luckenbach. . . Mary-Margaret Hunski has joined the firm of Architonics according to Robert F. Cole. . . Bradley G. Field, AIA, was named Corporate Director of Architecture, which he will direct the preparation of contract documents for all company projects for SH&G.

CALENDAR

JANUARY 6 Business Tax Session in Marquette. For further information see below.

JANUARY 7 Business Tax Session, 8:45-4:00; Michigan Inn, 16400 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield.

JANUARY 13 One day Business Tax Session, Marriott Inn, 3600 Plymouth Rd., 8:45-4:00.

JANUARY 13 One day Seminar "The Role of The Subcontractor Today" at ESD.
Frederick Levine will lecture on Franz Marc and the Apocalyptic Vision.

Masonry Honor Awards Banquet Saturday, at Somerset Inn.

AIA Grassroots Central, Minneapolis.

Conference, 'Mandatory Continuing Education for Professionals: Prospects and Dilemmas' at Pick-Congress Hotel, Chicago. Additional information may be obtained from Don Moore, 114 Illini Hall, Univ. of Illinois, Champaign, Ill., 61820

Edward Fry to Lecture on the Constructivism in Poland.

Charles H. Millard to analyze the condition of painting around 1940 in the U.S.

Annual Technical Conference and International Lighting Exposition, Cleveland, Ohio.

For further information regarding the Business Tax sessions see p. 2 of the December issue of the Bulletin Newsletter.