PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Mike Callahan, AIA
Northern Michigan Chapter Member, Michigan Society of Architects

GRASSROOTS ’82—“A QUEST IN TIME”

How was the Institute’s Grassroots this year, you might ask. During the days of the meetings, January 12th thru the 15th, the weather was cold; it snowed and snowed; the city of Washington was paralyzed; the Metro subway suffered its first derailment, three were killed, and an airplane crashes on takeoff into the Potomac River, killing 77. All of these dire happenings occurred while approximately 400 component representatives gathered from all over the country to represent their chapters, state societies, or regional groups. As with previous grassroots, the intent of the Institute was to create during their presentations and forums the opportunity for interaction between Institute personnel, invited governmental speakers, and those attending. Thoughts, ideas, concerns, and problems were thoroughly organized and orchestrated, I believe the purpose of the grassroots meeting was successful and those attending received a further understanding of the Institute and of the other chapters around the nation. The Governmental Affairs Day presentation was very well presented and appreciated by all. The conclusions on the economy, economic forecasts, and the government’s involvement were not encouraging. Wednesday evening’s Congressional Reception was well attended even though Congress wasn’t scheduled to start session until January 25, 1982. There were very few Senators or Congress members in attendance except that the Michigan group was pleased to meet and talk with Congressman Dale E. Kildee of the 7th District (Flint).

Those from Michigan that attended were: Charles McCafferty, AIA (Detroit); Jim Plaendner, AIA (Detroit); Danny Park, AIA (Flint area); Frederick Hall, AIA (Grand Valley); John Wacksmuth, AIA (Huron Valley); Albert Vegter, AIA (Huron Valley); Barry Wood, AIA (Mid-Michigan); Nelson Nave, AIA (Western Michigan); Roger Margerum, AIA (MSA-VP); Ann Stacy, Hon. AIA (Exec. Dir.); Rae Dumke (MSA Staff); and Mike Callahan, AIA (MSA President).

If your chapter had someone that attended, ask him for his impressions.

1981 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

from Karoub Associates/MSA Lobbyists

The Michigan Legislature adjourned December 16, after achieving significant progress in its fall session goal of revising Michigan’s Worker’s Compensation Laws.

How much Michigan Business will save by reforms of the Workers’ Compensation System is unknown, but two things are certain . . . there will be substantial savings, and the reforms were achieved because varying numbers of Democrats voted with Republicans.

When the Legislature returns January 13, it will face completion of reforming Workers’ Compensation, consideration of amendments to the single business tax, and discussion of the other issues contained in the Governor’s recovery plan.

It also will face continued battles over interest rate ceilings, property tax relief, a comprehensive transportation package which includes proposed gas and weight tax increases, and the possibility of budget cuts even beyond this year’s $270 million executive order.

Whether the bi-partisan effort will be continued is questionable, because 1982 is an election year for all senators and representatives, and because Governor Milliken, by announcing that he will not seek re-election, will have forfeited some of his powers of leadership.

Added to election year jitters will be the uncertainties of reapportionment and of a petition drive to shorten legislative sessions and reduce legislators’ salaries by about two-thirds.

Following is a report on the most important issues we have been working on for you:

Procurement Process: The most important issue we have been involved in this fall is the proposed change by Management and Budget in its selection process for architects and engineers. We appreciate DMB’s willingness to let us be involved in the decisions and we also appreciate your excellent involvement and responses. Hopefully, this issue will be resolved to our satisfaction before the end of January.

HB 4126: Would require comparative cost analysis of energy systems in construction of public buildings. We are prepared, with your statements, to fight this bill if it is scheduled for hearing.

Copol—The commission on Professional and Occupational Licensure is proceeding very slowly, mainly because it doesn’t have any staff. It won’t get to architects and engineers until the latter part of next year.

SB 580—Delays the effective date of the construction lien law, as it affects everything except homebuilding, until March 1, 1982. We believe you are adequately protected.

Legislative action not concluded in 1981 will carry over to 1982.

(Submitted to MSA December 23, 1981)

DETROIT CHAPTER PRESIDENT’S MEMO

By Charles McCafferty, AIA

In this first letter as your Chapter President for 1982 I want to thank you, first of all, for the opportunity to serve you and our profession. It is a distinct honor as well as a duty and I hope that your trust in me will be fulfilled. I will do everything in my power to assure that.

This is, without a doubt, a most difficult time to be in the architectural profession, particularly in the state of Michigan. Each of us knows from our own experience as well as those of our colleagues what a difficult time the last year has been, and we have yet no clear idea what the future will hold. Our best hope is that the worst is behind us, and that we can look forward with some anticipation to stabilizing and improving economic conditions which will provide the basis for renewed capital expenditures and a demand for design services.

A period such as this is by its very nature a great test of our fundamental professionalism, that is, our commitment to our profession of architecture. This commitment includes our concern for the built environment, for the health, safety and welfare of the users of our buildings, and our own economic well-being as well as professional satisfaction.

It is worth nothing, as members of the Detroit Chapter, that the motto on the great seal of the City of Detroit, responding to the great fire of 1805, says “Speramus meliora—we hope for better things.” That sentiment is as profound and appropriate today as it was in 1805.

My best wishes to you for 1982 and I hope to see each of you participating in Chapter activities.
GOVERNMENT DAY
MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ASSOCIATIONS
Tuesday, March 16, 1982
Long’s Convention Center
Lansing, Michigan
7:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.
COMPLETE THE RESERVATION FORM AND RETURN IT TO MSA HEADQUARTERS, 553 East Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan 48226, prior to March 6, 1982.

GOVERNMENT DAY 1982
The 1982 Government Day
Breakfast is your time to exchange ideas and concerns with your Michigan senators and representatives. The MSA in conjunction with the Michigan Council of Professional, Scientific and Technical Associations (MCPSTA) has the opportunity to meet their legislators on Tuesday, March 16, 1982 at Long’s Banquet Center, Lansing. This year’s theme is in keeping with “new momentum for Michigan” and other technical issues of interest. The purpose of this joint organizational breakfast is to unite in common positions on those design issues that can be supported by all member organizations. Council President Bernard Sallot will make a brief presentation on the Council and its activities of the past year, identifying issues which will include the Council’s work on the following position papers:

“Expanding High Growth Technology Based Industry in Michigan”

“Low Level Radioactive Waste Disposal”

“Development of Michigan Center of Advanced Engineering and Technology”

Members of the MCPSTA include: Michigan Society of Professional Engineers, Society of Manufacturing Engineers, Engineering Society of Detroit, Affiliate Council of ESD, Consulting Engineers Council of Michigan, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, Inc., American Society of Mechanical Engineers—Detroit Section, Michigan Association of Landscape Architects, Michigan Society of Community Planners, Greater Detroit Chapter of Society of Safety Engineers, American Society of Mechanical Engineers—Central Michigan, Michigan Institute of Chemists, American Nuclear Society and the MSA.

Chairperson of this year’s program is Evie Askren, AIA, and co-chairperson is Stephen Wagner of CEC.

We need your assistance, voice, and commitment to contact your legislator to make sure this program is successful. The MCPSTA has issued an invitation to every senator and representative in Lansing—now it’s your turn to contact your legislators and bring them to breakfast on the 16th. The time commitment is short—breakfast and short program. The ticket price of $20.00 per person includes your senator and representative in Lansing—now it’s your turn to contact your legislators and department heads on an informal basis. Call MSA if you need assistance.

MPMCA CONVENTION
The Michigan Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association will present its 90th Annual Convention/Exposition at the Amway Grand Plaza and Grand Center in Grand Rapids, February 17-20, 1982. The theme of the Convention/Exposition is “Today and Tomorrow, You Make the Difference.”

Exhibitors at the convention are being asked to feature energy saving equipment because it is the plumbing and mechanical industry which holds the key to a major share of energy conservation in the world. The Exposition will be open to architects and guests of the convention from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 18, 1982 in the Grand Hall of the Grand Rapids Grand Center.

BULLETIN
INSTITUTE DUES
You can pay your Institute dues by credit card, VISA or MasterCharge. Check with MSA Headquarters for the exact procedure on the Institute’s billing form.
(313) 965-4100

HEALTH FACILITIES
The 15th Annual Health Facilities Planning Seminar will be held on March 4 and 5 at the Park Place Hotel, Traverse City.

Topics covered will be Health Care Trends and Regulations, Communications and Computers, Status of Barrier Free Codes, Material Handling and Management, Effects of Energy Conservation and Health Care Delivery, Master Planning a Health Care Facility and Owners Approach to Organizing a Design and Construction Team. Your MSA Committee is Bill Graheck, Northern Michigan, Sam Popkin, Detroit Chapter and Robert Tower, Western Michigan.

Registration fee for the two-day seminar is only $50.00. For information contact MSA Headquarters or your local committee member.
LIEN LAW PROGRAM—MARCH 26th

The New Lien Law and how it will affect the Architect is the seminar topic conducted by attorney and engineer, John Grylls, on Friday, March 26, at the MSA Headquarters, The Beaubien House, 553 E. Jefferson, Detroit.

Basic points about the new law are: Notice of Commencement, Notice of Furnishing, Waivers and Sworn Statements and ‘Homeowner’ Recovery Fund Act.

For more information on how the Lien Act affects you, make your reservation today. The price is $5.00/person paid to MSA. Attendance is limited so make your reservation by sending your check to MSA.

WORKERS’ COMPENSATION PACKAGE

Karoub Associates has sent MSA an analysis of the WORKERS’ COMPENSATION PACKAGE. If you would like a copy please call MSA Headquarters.

FLINT AIA HOSTS SAGINAW VALLEY ENGINEERING COUNCIL ANNUAL BANQUET & MEETING

The Flint Chapter, AIA, is sponsoring the Annual Banquet for the Saginaw Valley Engineering Council on Thursday, February 25, 1982. The Council consists of professionals in the Flint, Bay City, Midland and Saginaw areas. The evening’s topic will be “If Japan Can, Why Can’t We?” The speaker is Dr. Tony Hain, President, Industrial Administration Department, G.M.I. Hain is a noted researcher who will discuss Japanese management techniques successfully applied in the U.S., illustrated with slides.

This meeting is open to all professionals and you are encouraged to bring your spouse or guest. The location is the new Hyatt Regency Hotel, Flint (site of the MSA October convention). Cocktails, CASH BAR, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Dinner at $16.00/person followed by the program. For information contact: Pete Danner, AIA, SSO&E, Inc., 200 Mott Foundation Bldg., Flint, MI 48502. Phone: (313) 238-3200.

CONVENTION BOUND

The AIA Hawaii Convention dates are June 6-10, 1982. Bob Tower, Western Michigan Chapter, is the MSA Coordinator for group travel from Michigan. Time is running out; if you haven’t contacted Bob you still have until the 25th of February—we need to know if you’re going to the convention for special rates that are available for group travel. Contact: Bob Tower, AIA, (616) 343-6133 for information.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME


HURON VALLEY: Stanley Monroe, AIA.

MID-MICHIGAN: Thomas Greene, Prof. Aff. and Frederick Mahoney, Associate.

WESTERN MICHIGAN: Arthur Bates, Jr., AIA, Rodney Chapman, AIA, John Piller, AIA, and Mark Reile, Associate.

FIRM CHANGES


Mid-Michigan Chapter member Duncan Black, AIA, is now located at Cannon Design, 2170 Whitehaven Dr., Grand Island, New York, 14072. Telephone: (716) 773-6800.

CLASSIFIEDS

Eleven years architectural experience on industrial, commercial and medical projects is seeking related position in Detroit area. Contact: Mark Furstenberg, Associate Member AIA; 20496 Cheyenne, Detroit, MI 48235; (313) 341-3522.

TROUBLES & PROBLEMS: Construction specifications, contracts, terms and conditions, computer bleeps, claims and liabilities, consultant liaison, coordination, contractual responsibilities, construction management, fast-track and bureaucracy complexities? For expert help in many areas, please contact: Gordon L. McQuade, CCS, Box 552, Plymouth, MI 48170. (313) 455-2286.

PROJECT ARCHITECTS, SENIOR DESIGN, SENIOR PRODUCTION SPECIALIST. A 225-person architectural engineering firm in Madison, WI has immediate openings. Project Architects must have 5-10 years of experience including health care or laboratory planning and design. The Senior Designer and Senior Production Specialist must have 10 or more years experience with varied facility types. Salary commensurate with experience. Send your resume and salary history to: John P. Reil, Flad & Associates, P.O. Box 5098, Madison, WI 53705. (608) 238-2661. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Architect, 35, with Michigan Registration and diversified private practice seeks responsible position or merger with design oriented Michigan firm. AIA, NCARB, CSI. Call (616) 845-6755, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Production Manager: Tampa Bay firm seeking someone with minimum 10 years experience in preparation of construction drawings and specifications. Experience as production manager or job captain with responsibility for supervising others; field experience inspecting construction; coordinating work of consultants; knowledge, experience in systems drafting techniques. Registered architect not required; design ability preferred. Salary, fringe benefits negotiable. Submit resume to Murano Associates, Architects, Inc., 1189 N.E. Cleveland St., Clearwater, Florida 33751. Attn: Bill Lemmel.

GRAPEVINE

Howard Sims has been elected a trustee of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation for a three-year term . . . Derwin H. Bass, of Dow-Howell-Gilmore of Midland will be traveling in Argentina for six weeks this spring. He is part of a five-member team of young professionals sponsored by Rotary International in their Group Study Exchange Team program . . .
Northern Michigan Chapter has a new Newsletter—Congratulations!  

J. Michael Kirk has been elected to associationship in the architectural firm of William Kessler and Associates. Don Wilson, Architects has evolved into the office of Wilson, Grant Architects with the addition of Robert Grant. Architectural firm of William Kessler has been elected to associationship in the American Concrete Masonry Institute has presented a special award to Giffels Associates for the design of the Dept. of Energy Tokamak Fusion Test Reactor Facility at Princeton Univ. Jim Gray of J. P. Gray and Associates in Grand Haven has opened up a Manistee branch of his architectural firm at 399 River St. SH&G Associates have announced the formation of a new South American affiliate, SH&G/Zolcsak, Inc., with Joseph E. Compton, PE, as president. The ASC/AIA IDP Meeting held in Michigan was attended by Art Nelson, Bob Metcalf and Ken Livingston. Radiation—Can the Danger Be in Not Having It? This is a 26-minute, 16mm film that clears up the confusing and often misunderstood subject of radiation. For information contact: MCPSTA, Attn: Harry R. Ball, Secretariat, P.O. Box 10214, Lansing, MI 48901.  

Thumbnail—the Mid-Michigan Chapter is once again publishing their Newsletter—the January issue covers the Building Code Update—for information write the editor, John Luttig, Mid-Michigan Chapter. Architectural Consortium, a Lansing architectural firm elected Robert B. Smith, President; Gregory Houghtaling, Vice President; and Thomas Kane, Secretary/Treasurer. TMP Associates now have 100% AIA members according to President Tom Lucas. Jim Mason has just returned to PHI after a month's recovery from an auto accident. Top winners of the 1981 Masonry Institute of Michigan for architectural students at LIT were David Mielock and Pascal Viel. Linn Smith is now in Cleveland Clinic. Call/write Grace at Cleveland Clinic Inn.

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

17-20 MPMCA Annual Convention/Grand Rapids  
18 Detroit Chapter Board of Directors Meeting Third Thursday/Beaubien House  
20-27 Engineers Week  
25 Flint AIA Hosts Saginaw Valley Engineering Council & Meeting (See NL for Details)

MARCH

4-5 Health Facilities Seminar Sponsored by MSA & The State of Michigan Dept. of Public Health, Park Place, Traverse City. (See NL for details)  
6-14 Builders Home Furniture Show/Beaubien House  
9 International Night CSI  
9 "Steel and Energy Efficient Building" sponsored by Detroit Chapter CPMC  
11 Patrick Horsburgh/LIT Lecturer "Geotechnics," 7:30 p.m. LIT  
16 Government Day, MSA & MCPSTA Long’s, Lansing (See NL for details)  
18 Detroit Chapter Board Meeting & Third Thursday/Beaubien House  
23 The Builders Exchange of Detroit & Michigan Annual Meeting/Detroit Plaza Hotel  
25 Laurence O. Booth, LIT Lecturer "Synthesis of Gentle Architecture," 7:30 p.m., LIT  
26 Lien Law Seminar/John Grylls Beaubien House (See NL for details)

MAY

15 Design Registration Workshop/University of Michigan  
22 Workshop—University of Michigan

JUNE

5 Design Registration Workshop/UM—(contact UM for details)  
6-10 AIA National Convention/Hawaii

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