PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
MIKE CALLAHAN, AIA
President,
Michigan Society of Architects

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Dear MSA Member:

• Hearings are being held to determine whether architects and other design professionals should be licensed.

• Our Michigan State Architect plans some “test projects” whereby selection of the design professional will be made by competitive bidding.

• The Federal “Brooks Bill” (which requires selection of architects for Federal work on the basis of professional qualifications) is constantly under attack.

These are three examples of governmental action that is neither in the best interest of the public nor the profession. Both the National AIA and the MSA have mobilized to protect and advance the architectural profession — Grainger, Kane, Graham, Moutsatson, Reid, Schulwitz, and Mayotte to name a few MSA members.

As a concerned MSA member, your support is vital to both the MSA/PAC And the AIA/PAC. We are asking for a minimum two-year pledge of $100 per year — split between the two organizations as you choose.

A united effort, aided by your political contribution, can directly affect our profession.

Cordially,
Paul D. Bowers, Jr., FAIA
Chairman, MSA/PAC
State Coordinator, AIA/PAC

AIA/AGC CHAPTER LIAISON

By Robert Bliven, AIA

In September of 1982, Sam Popkin was asked by the Detroit Chapter, AGC, to appoint a representative to their Industrial Relations Committee. I was fortunate to have been selected by Sam to represent the Chapter.

The Industry Relations Committee is presently composed of twelve members from various firms. The committee is an action group which responds to requests from ACC members. Meetings are held monthly except during the summer. As with many committee groups, homework is a vital part of the activity.

While some of the items discussed were strictly between the contractors, most of them have an effect on Architects and it is refreshing to be part of frank and open discussions on matters which affect our industry. I feel the benefits are two-way. We are able to INPUT the Architect’s point of view in initial discussions.

Contrary to the opinion of some, the relationship between the Architects and Contractors is mostly one of cooperation and understanding of the other’s “way of life.”

Some of the topics covered will be addressed by the Construction Industry Council (CIC) in the future guidelines, while others are handled internally by AGC. As can be seen from the following, almost all involve our own practice in one way or another.

The items listed below were typical of the topics addressed by the committee and followed up by the AGC staff:

• Owners asking contractors to sign contracts which waive their Waiver of Lien rights.

• Owners asking contractors to furnish 100% labor and material bonds for unknown major subcontractors bidding separate portions of the work which are to be assigned to the General Contractor.

• Devising methods of obtaining interest from Owners who do not make timely payments of approved requests.

• Responding to Owners who are asking Contractors to discount their invoices on previously awarded contracts.

• Commenting on AGC’s national draft of standard form of Design-Build Agreement and General Conditions Between Owner and Contractor.

• Contacting Owners who are charging a non-refundable fee for bidding documents.

Among the items discussed and
CALL FOR CHAPTER EXHIBITS

The MSA Convention Committee/Flint '82 has requested Chapters participate in the MSA convention by contributing exhibits of Chapter activities to be displayed during the three-day event.

The Convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency, Flint, October 13-15, 1982. Contact exhibits chairman Bob Gazall at (313) 239-4691.

LETTERS

Dear Ann:

International assignments are interesting — and professionally rewarding, but “there’s no place like home” to coin a phrase from the classic film.

Life in Puerto Rico is somewhat different from the hectic corporate pace I experienced in Michigan, but the problems and solutions required are the same. It’s the approach to the problem solving process that is different.

I know the Michigan economy is not making life easy for the professionals of the state, but it’s bound to improve. Just encourage everyone to reach into their hip pocket for the necessary fortitude to weather the storm. From it they’ll come back stronger than ever.

Please give everyone in Michigan my best wishes.

Best regards

Robert Frearson, AIA, American Bell Inc.
GPO Box 6048
1500 Roosevelt Ave.
San Juan,
Puerto Rico 00936

Mr. Floyd H. DeShane, AIA
WBDC, Inc., (Grand Rapids)

Dear Bud:

Enclosed is the Steelcase contribution for the MSA Midsummer conference. We are pleased to support this well established annual event.

With this contribution, we are reaffirming the Steelcase commitment to professional excellence in the design of the built environment; not only in our home state of Michigan but to all of those in the practice of architecture. We wish you all, the very best at the conference.

With kind regards, I am,

Terry West, Manager, Architect/Designer Programs
Steelcase, Inc.,
Grand Rapids

(Editor’s Note: Steelcase is one of the many sponsors and prize donors that make the Mid-Summer Conference the successful event it is each year — Bud DeShane is one of the committee members who raise money for the conference.)

GRAPEVINE

Southfield corporations and artists join efforts to bring artists and Southfield business community together in ways to benefit both groups. Detroit member Louis Redstone is a member of the committee... George Liljebald, a Flint landscape architect has been appointed acting director of the Flint Dept. of Parks and Recreation... Gunnar Birkerts, recently received the top architecture award of the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters. His exhibit “Selected Works of Gunnar Birkerts” will be displayed at UM College of Architecture and Urban Planning, October 6-30, 1982... Evie Asken was honored at the 78th Annual Meeting of the Kalamazoo County Chamber of Commerce... Fred John has been named project manager—planning and design for the Taubman Co. ... THY of Flint was awarded the ESD Construction Award for 1982 for their energy efficient building, Oxford High School in Oxford, MI... Richard Pinnell, was quoted in the Detroit News for SH&G’s Joe Louis Arena in response to a contest by the newspaper... Roger Lepley designed the banners for the Bronson Park Art Fair held in Kalamazoo... John Heslip, president of the Masonry Institute of Michigan was recently named a recipient of the Award of Merit by ASTM, the standards-writing organization... Paul D’Alessandro, son of Tonie and Bob D’Alessandro, Bishop Gallagher High School sophomore, was selected as the Michigan representative to the Hugh O’Brien Youth Foundation’s international seminar and was selected for participation in a Space Shuttle Symposium by the national Science Teachers Association... Richard Wiggins and Charles O’Keefe have been appointed to the Grand Rapids Construction board of Appeals... Bruce Smith, of Royal Oak organized community efforts to remove 250 feet of old fence in downtown Royal Oak separating the city parking facility and the Grand Trunk Western Railroad... The Masonry Institute of Michigan awarded three 1982 scholarships to students at LIT — winners of the $850 awards were: Donald Andreski, 21, of Sterling Heights; Daniel Biber, 30, of Huntington Woods and Gretchen Rudy, 33, of Detroit... John Berry, Director of Corporate Communications for Herman Miller has announced the newly initiated Eames Memorial Program, 14 films produced by Ray and
Ceramic Tile and Life Cycle Costing

COST PER SQUARE FOOT PER YEAR

WALL FINISHES:

*21¢ glazed wall tile
*25¢ structural glaze
34¢ plastic laminates
43¢ resinous glazes
52¢ fabrics

21¢ painted plaster

*Permanent finishes

COST PER SQUARE FOOT PER YEAR

FLOOR FINISHES:

71¢ ceramic mosaics
73¢ quarry tile
81¢ "wax-free" vinyl
93¢ resinous terrazzo
98¢ terrazzo

$1.21 vinyl composition
$1.51 carpet

These figures are derived from a Life Cycle Cost study conducted by Robert G. Sharf and Associates, independent consultants. Copy of the complete study is available for inspection in our office.

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The purpose of this competition is to stimulate greater interest and pride in the techniques of architectural and engineering drafting and particularly to emphasize the need for more "professional quality" in our working drawings.

SMACNA Detroit Chapter's Industry Promotion Fund was developed to build good public relations for the sheet metal industry by encouraging the best in workmanship, trade knowledge and contract performance for architects, designers, contractors and building owners. The SMACNA Industry Fund feels that by promoting excellence in drafting they will benefit the entire building industry and thereby enhance good will for the sheet metal industry.

As evidence of their sincerity in this direction the SMACNA Industry Fund is sponsoring the MSA-MAC 1982 Drafting Competition. To assure the success of this Competition they are providing $1,875 in Cash Prizes. There will be five First, Second and Third place Cash Awards in the Categories:

(A) Architectural,
(S) Structural,
(M) Mechanical (any mechanical trades work such as heating, cooling, air handling, plumbing, fire protection, piping, process, etc.),
(AM) Mechanical Air handling and
(E) Electrical — fifteen opportunities to be a WINNER! (Winners will also receive plaques.)

Additional information is available in the brochure.

CLOSED DATE
All entries must be received by mail, prepaid, or by personal delivery until 5 p.m., Tuesday, September 7, 1982 at the office of Mr. Gerald Ducharme, Director of Engineering, SMACNA—Metro Detroit Chapter, 3221 West Big Beaver Rd., Suite 305, Troy, Michigan 48084. Telephone: 313-649-5450.

JUDGES:
The judges shall consist of the following:
1. The chairman of the Competition Committee, Mr. Frank Kiatke, A.I.A.
2. Two members of the Mechanical Air-Handling Contractors, Div. of SMACNA.
3. Member of the Associated General Contractors.
5. Members of the Michigan Society of Architects.
6. Members of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers.
7. A member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Engineers.

Complete this form and attach to two copies of white prints of original drawing.

Send entries to: Gerald Ducharme, Director of Engineering, SMACNA, 3221 West Big Beaver Rd., Suite 305, Troy, Michigan 48084

Date __________, 1982

The Michigan Society of Architects 1982 Drafting Competition Sponsored by MAC — Mechanical Air Handling contractors, Division of SMACNA, Metro Detroit Chapter.

The undersigned certify that the attached entry:

Entry Category: __________

(Sheet Number) (Title of Drawing)

(Job Number) (Firm Name)

Is in compliance with the rules of the MSA-MAC 1982 Drafting Competition.

(Print: competitor)

(Signed: endorser)

FOR ADDITIONAL ENTRY FORMS, MAKE (XEROX) COPIES.
Charles Eames which Herman Miller has made available to 10 colleges across the country — locally Cranbrook Academy of Design was one of the colleges. LIT dedicated its new $10 million classroom and office building designed by Louis G. Redstone Associates. The Masonry Institute of Michigan Honor Awards Program entry slips and fee deadline is August 10th. A special luncheon was held during the Detroit/Winsor International Freedom Festival to honor Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish Lutheran, who single-handedly saved more than 20,000 Hungarian Jews from the Nazi gas chambers in 1944 and 1945. Wallenberg has not been seen since he left Budapest, under so-called Soviet protection, 37 years ago. Wallenberg is remembered by University of Michigan alumni because Sol King, of Albert Kahn, was responsible for establishing the Wallenberg Lecture in honor of the former School of Architecture student.

AIA DOCUMENT UPDATE

The AIA Document 201, General Conditions of the Contract for Construction is being revised by National AIA and members are requested to submit their thoughts and comments to Dale R. Ellickson, AIA, Director, Documents Division, c/o AIA.

SPACE AVAILABLE

Need professional office space? We have approximately 670 sq. ft. available now in our offices in Farmington, MI, that we will sublease. For details, call John Heslip at the Masonry Institute of Michigan (313) 478-6455.

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POSITION AVAILABLE

Asst/Assoc. Prof. of Interior Design, full or part-time. Advanced studio skills necessary. Masters degree preferred. Contact: Dr. L. Shelef (313) 577-2500. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

MATERIALS WANTED

Wayne State University Interior Design program urgently needs used drafting equipment: tables, stools, lamps, storage cabinets, etc. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Call (313) 577-2500 for pick-up.

FIRM CHANGE

The a/e firm of Straub Van Dine Associates is now known as Straub Associates/Architects located at 1441 East Maple, Troy, MI 48084. (313) 689-2777.

CATO Companies (Ray Cato) has moved his office to 1125 E. Milham Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49001 (on Portage Creek), (616) 329-0700.

MAA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS


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Many plans also have individual conversion privileges, which employees should ask about if their insurance will be terminating.

For information or help, please call the AIA Insurance Service Organization, Association Administrators & Consultants, Inc., at 1-800-854-0491.

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**CALENDAR**

**AUGUST**
- 5-7 MSA Mid-Summer Conference, Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island
- 17 DAGL Outing
- 19 Detroit Chapter Board of Directors Meeting

**SEPTEMBER**
- 14 CSI Monthly Bulletin/Detroit Area
- 16 Huron Valley Chapter Meeting
- 21 DAGL Outing

**OCTOBER**
- 3 Detroit Chapter House Tour Bloomfield Hills area 12:00 Noon-5:00 p.m. Tickets $8.00/person
- 12 DAGL Outing
- 13-15 MSA 67th Annual Convention Hyatt Regency Flint, MI
- 21 Huron Valley Chapter Meeting Detroit Chapter Board of Directors Meeting & Annual Dinner/Election

**DECEMBER**
- 4 Detroit Chapter Annual Honor Awards Banquet, Detroit Boat Club, Belle Isle

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