THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF AIA NATIONAL

By Carl Roehling, AIA
Candidate for Regional Director - AIA Michigan

Two years ago, AIA National retained a consultant, Mr. Weiss, to advise the organization on ways to improve its effectiveness. The report, known as the Weiss Report, recommended that National decentralize its operations. Moreover, in 1994, the delegates to the AIA Convention in Los Angeles passed two resolutions calling for the same action.

I believe some progress has been made. However, as Regional Director, a representative of AIA Michigan, I must push for immediate changes. They are:

- **Reallocate dues resources**
  Local components are the best at providing services to the members. The dues structure should reflect this. Of the total dues I currently pay including the supplemental, ($477 per year) 70 percent should be used locally. Currently, 63 percent of Michigan’s AIA dues are sent to National and only 27 percent stays in the state. The allocation must be reversed.

- **Reallocate functions**
  Currently, every component of the AIA (300 total) does the same things. AIA National must become a supporting organization and should provide only those functions that the local components cannot provide for themselves. For example, legal consultation, human resources consultation, national marketing, the convention, federal government lobbying and national public relations should be done at this level. All other functions should be located within the local components.

- **Integrate the organization**
  The three current levels of the organization are redundant. This type organization was based on communications requiring physical presence and governance by geography. In today’s world, information is instant and organizations must be flat. Members must perceive themselves to be members of one organization, not three!

The AIA must be organized around interests. If a member has an interest or need in their professional practice, then they are a member of an AIA network/committee that provides them with local, state and national involvement. We should not have to join the AIA at three levels and then join the network at three levels as well. It should be one transaction.

- **Focus on the members’ welfare**
The entire AIA organization, local, state and national should begin a TQM program to focus staff on their customers, the members. Too often, the purpose of programs is to perpetuate the organization and not to deliver the services members need.

Programs must be constantly evaluated to ensure that members’ welfare is being served. The measure of the organization’s success should be measured in the individual member’s welfare i.e. income, status in society, education and skill levels, firm value and future prospects for success.

- **Streamline the Board of Directors and AIA Involvement**
  We must reduce the cost of the Board and combine national meetings to reduce the number of meetings and events. The AIA should support interest group conferences and regional meetings rather than forced Committee meetings. We need to make Grassroots a forum for governance (an annual caucus) and the AIA Convention the same. Too often, the organization meets for the sake of meeting, and the agendas are filled to accommodate the time already committed. Agendas must be issue oriented.

These changes are not just desirable. They are required if Michigan architects are to remain a viable profession. When my term is complete in 1999, I expect to report to you that these changes have been accomplished.
SEND IN YOUR BALLOT TO ELECT CARL ROEHLING

Regional Director Functions
According to Institute Bylaws, a director is elected from the Michigan Region and represents the members of the Michigan Region on the Board of Directors of the Institute. The Regional Director shall also be a member of the Board of Directors of the Society. In addition, the Regional Director must meet with the Society President and Chapter Presidents at least twice a year, in a formal meeting chaired by the Society President.

Nomination and Election
A regional convocation of delegates was called by the Regional Director to nominate a successor in January. Those placed in nomination are announced in a Society publication 30 days prior to the first of June to allow for nominations to be made by petition or by resolution of any Chapter.

The election of the Regional Director takes place by direct mail ballot. The nominee(s) for Regional Director, their qualifications and platform, are presented to membership in a Society publication prior to the end of June. Ballots must be returned to the Society on or before July 31. A plurality of votes cast is required for election. Election results will be announced at the Mid-Summer Conference.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS: INTERPRETING PA 400
By Stephen Vogel, FAIA

Public Act 400, which was enacted at the end of last year, gives standing to AIA Michigan to seek injunctive relief for unlicensed practice. As has previously reported, the Act includes some confusing language that has been misinterpreted by various self-interest groups.

Letters that have circulated around the state have implied that building designers, interior designers and mechanical contractors are somehow exempt from violations of licensing laws. AIA Michigan's legislative and legal counsel are in complete concurrence that PA 400 does not prevent seeking injunctive relief against anyone who is in violation of the current licensing laws.

Since all licensed professions are concerned about the campaign of misinformation, it is evident that this confusion will be cleared up either through legislation, in a court of law or by legal interpretation. In any event, rest assured that PA 400 gives architects another tool in dealing with the rampant issue of unlicensed practice.

STATE LICENSING BOARD NAMES LEADERS
Norman Hamann, AIA, of Kalamazoo and James Bauer, AIA, of Battle Creek, were named chairman and vice chairman, respectively, of the state licensing board. Rainy Hamilton, Jr., AIA, was named secretary.

Other members of the board include J. Robert D'Alessandro, AIA; Daniel Redstone, AIA; Charles Scales, Jr., PE; and James Granger, professional surveyor. Public members include Virinder Chaudhery of Northville and Ben Landheer of Fremont.

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I cast my vote for the nominee put forth by the Regional Convocation of Delegates:  

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TREASURER’S REPORT

Gary Skog, AIA

Last May, the Financial Reporting Task Force, a subcommittee of the Financial Committee chaired by Gene Hopkins, AIA recommended the Society begin reporting regularly to the membership, through this newsletter, information on financial issues impacting AIA Michigan. This is the first of these activities. The intent is to keep you better informed on what's going on with the budget, membership dues, expenses and other financial matters. As a beginning, the charts below illustrate the 1995 vs. 1994 overall Budgets.

As you can see, significant differences include 1) an increase on budgeted expenses for Government Affairs and 2) a decrease in Publications. The Government Affairs budget reflects the Society’s increased interest and activity in this important area as expressed by the membership. The decrease in Publications is a result of outsourcing the publication of Place Magazine at less expense than doing it ourselves.

In the future articles we will take a look at the financial results of some of the individual programs we put on as well as general updates on other significant issues impacting our financial health. In the end, we hope you'll gain a better awareness of how your dues dollars are allocated.
FOUNDATION GOLF TOU RNEY ATTRACTS OVER 100 GOLFERS

The first golf outing sponsored by the Michigan Architectural Foundation attracted 100 golfers, and raised funds for the AIA Michigan Presidents Scholarship endowment.

The outing, held on May 26, took place at the Huron Golf Club in Ypsilanti. Special thanks to Golf Committee Chairman Carl Roehling, AIA; and members Gene Hopkins, AIA; Lee Mamola, AIA; Less Tincknell, AIA; Robert Washer; and Rae Dumke, Hon. AIA.

AEC USER GROUP MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE

Computerized Facility Integration, Inc. (CFI) is sponsoring AEC user group meetings at its Southfield headquarters. All members of the AEC community are invited to attend. The next meeting will be held on Thurs., June 22, at 8:30 a.m. The gatherings last about two hours.

The purpose of the Users Group is to advance the state of the art in Computer Aided Drawing. Topics of discussion include latest developments in software and hardware, how to use CAD more effectively, etc. The next meeting will focus on typical hardware problems.

The user group meetings, held about every six weeks, have attracted an average of 10 people to each meeting, according to Larry Horning, AIA, of CFI. CAD managers from many of this area’s large firms have been in attendance since the group started meeting in January, said Horning.

For further information, contact Horning at 810-557-4234.

DESIGN CONFERENCE

AIA Michigan is looking for design visionaries and explorers for the Sixth Annual Design Retreat to be held Sept. 15-16, 1995. This is an extraordinary opportunity for 16 visionaries who are willing to display their creative abilities within the casual environment of Camp Hayo-Went-Ha at Torch Lake.

Take the challenge and recharge your spirits as we explore the magical and mystical aspects of design. Be part of our design tradition and become a visionary. Please send a minimum of six slides of your creation by June 30, 1995 to:

Arthur F. Smith, AIA,
Arthur F. Smith Architects
10 Oak Hollow, Suite 100
Southfield, MI 48034

Include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like your slides returned. For further information, please call Art at 810-353-5995.

OBITUARIES

William H. Ellis, architect and co-founder of Ellis/Naeyaert/Genheimer Associates, Inc., died at his home in Royal Palm Beach, Fla., on May 5 at the age of 79. A native of Detroit, Mr. Ellis retired in 1961 after a 40-year career in architecture. He helped start the firm that bears his name in 1964. Prior to that he was a project manager for several major industrial, nuclear development and aero-space programs.

Dr. James W. Pfaendtner, son of Aileen and James Pfaendtner, AIA, passed away in April. Most recently, he worked for the National Weather Service, where he was responsible for the computer activities associated with the daily weather forecasting for the nation.

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NEWS FROM THE "NEW" SDA MICHIGAN

The newly-formed Society of Design Administration Michigan recently polled its members to identify future programming topics. Some topics which may appear at future meetings include: accounting software; business writing; developing an employee handbook; financial accounting; legal issues; marketing secrets for everyone; performance evaluations; project accounting; and writing job descriptions.

The group will not meet during the months of June, July and August.

ST. LOUIS STUDENTS LEAN TOWARD ARCHITECTURE CAREER

Architecture and computer programming are the leading career choices of male junior and senior high students in the St. Louis, Missouri area, according to an article in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Nursing and the law were the top selections by female students.

Questionnaires were distributed to 44,000 students by the Exploring Division of the St. Louis Area Boy Scouts of America.

The top two choices for male and female students are the same as those in a survey conducted a year ago, according the the Post-Dispatch.

Thanks to Dan Redstone for clipping this article for us.

FIRM NEWS

Albert Kahn Associates celebrates its 100th anniversary. AKA was featured prominently in the Detroit Free Press; and ESD recently announced historical awards for several of Kahn's buildings... Gintautas Gaska has moved to 2445 Mulberry Ct., Ann Arbor, MI 48104-6389; the mailing address for his firm, ArchiTECHS, is P.O. Box 15407, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-5407, Ph: 313-662-1222, Fax: 313-662-1248...Harley Ellington Design is the new name for Harley Ellington Pierce Yee Associates...Architects Inc., P.C. has moved to 333 W. Jackson St., Battle Creek, MI 49017. Ph: 616-968-4300, Fax 616-968-7120...The newly-built magnesium die cast facility of Magnesium Products of America built in Eaton Rapids was awarded the prestigious Marvin M. Black Excellence in Partnering Award from AGC. The facility was designed by Hobbs + Black Associates...Soil and Materials Engineers named Timothy Bedenis and Chuck Gemayel senior associates and David Hurlburt associate...BEI Associates, Inc. has moved to 601 W. Fort St., Detroit, MI 48226...Nelson Breech Nave moved his firm, The Kalamazoo Group, to a new "old" building called The Edwards Block at 100 N. Edwards, Kalamazoo, MI 49007. He is part-owner of the 1893 structure which is open to rental by other small design firms...Albert Kahn Associates named Thomas McAdoo associate of the firm...AKA has been selected as an architectural-engineering partner of IBM Great Lakes Availability Services...Smith, Hinchman & Grylls Associates has received Chrysler's Gold Pentastar Award in recognition of outstanding supply performance during the past model year, placing them in the top three percent of the company's suppliers...SH & G was recognized by the Gypsum Association for excellence in drywall construction in a nonresidential project, receiving an honorable mention for the Detroit V.A. Medical Center...Guy Taylor, Greg Graczyk, Joe MitrA, Steve Kellogg and Slavko Stajninger have recently joined The Argos Group...Ellis/Naeyaert/Genheimer Associates has relocated to 888 W. Big Beaver Rd., Suite 1000, Troy, MI 48084-4736. Ph: 810-244-8700, Fax: 810-244-2080...Giffels Associates, Inc. has been awarded an ESD Construction and Design Award for its contribution in the development of the Chrysler Technology Center's Scientific Test Facilities in Auburn Hills...Kingscott has changed its name from Kingscott Associates, Inc...The Precast/ Prestressed Concrete Institute has awarded BEI Associates a Special Recognition Certificate for the Greektown Parking Structure.

GRAPEVINE

Jay Pettitt has been named supervisor of Benzie County...Aglimantas Bublys, vice president of design at Rossetti Associates has been named president of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture Alumni Advisory Council...AIA Grand Valley awarded Jim VanderMolen the Young Architects Award. He has been active in the Grand Valley AIA design committee, the Grand Rapids Festival and the GR Community College Introduction to Architecture Series...Also awarded from AIA Grand Valley was the President's Award to Tom Mathison, who has provided significant leadership since his presidency and has been active in AIA Michigan...Stuart Pettitt received a special commendation award in the 1995 National AIA Architectural Photography Competition for his photo of Labour Party Headquarters in London...Greater Detroit Chapter of The Associated General Contractors of America was designated "Chapter of the Year" by national AGC. The 1994 chapter president, Thomas Landry of A.J. Etkin Construction, was singled out as "Chapter President of the Year." AIA Detroit also received kudos for its public relations program...Gint Gaska and his wife Ruta are the proud parents of Virigilia Maria Gaska born on February 13, 1995...David Evans, of Quinn Evans, made a presentation about new construction in commercial historic districts at the Michigan Historic Preservation Network's Annual Spring Conference...Perini Building Co.-Central U.S. Division appointed Bruce Potter senior estimator and Michael Robinson estimator...The Detroit News recently published an article featuring Evie Asken, director of campus planning, engineering and construction at Western Michigan University, and a past president of
AIA Southwest Michigan... The new edition of Encyclopedia of American Architecture published by McGraw-Hill features Balthazor Korab as illustration editor. This second edition is 724 pages and costs $89.50... Robert Raisch, longtime supporter of AIAI, celebrates the 40th anniversary of The Supersine Company, which was started by his father... Sharon Sutton gave the invocation at the AIA College of Fellows dinner on May 7 in Atlanta. She has also been invited to keynote the AIAS Grassroots Leadership Conference in August... Earth Tech of Grand Rapids is an Honor Award winner from ACEC for a groundwater remediation project near Muskegon... Mark English, of Mark English Associates, was profiled recently in the Detroit Free Press Business Monday Section.

OPPORTUNITIES

Architects, drywall contractors, and builders or general contractors are invited to submit their finest gypsum board projects for the Gypsum Association's Excellence in Gypsum Board Design and Construction award program. Projects submitted must be 90 percent or more completed by the end of 1995. Entry deadline is Dec. 31, 1995.

The Council on Architecture of the Oakland Museum, Oakland, California, is sponsoring its fourth biannual photography competition this year. The Architecture in Focus competition is open to anyone. Photos must be architectural in subject matter or represent some element of the built environment. Awards given in both color and black and white categories. Entries due Oct. 2-20. Send a stamped self-addressed legal-sized envelope to Helene Villett, 1038 Keith Ave., Berkeley, CA 94708 for competition conditions and entry forms.

The AIA Religious Art and Architecture Awards entry deadline is July 17, 1995. Both new construction and renovations/restorations are eligible. For complete information call the awards department at 202-626-7586.

Landscape Architecture Design awards program: public landscapes (Sept. 18 deadline) and residential design (Oct. 2 deadline). Interested call Landscape Architecture magazine at 202-686-2752.


For information on competitions sponsored by National Kitchen and Bath Association phone 908-852-0033; fax: 908-852-1695.

AIAS student competitions, programs and deadlines vary; ph: 202-626-7472. NIAE student competitions ph: 212-924-7000.


NEA design project grants and individual grants/fellowships (up to $20K) for designers ph: 202-682-5437. Aug. 15 deadline.

The U.S. Dept. of Transportation and the National Endowment for the Arts announced the Design for Transportation National Awards Program. The awards will honor projects exemplifying the highest standards of design and making an outstanding contribution to the nation's transportation systems and the people they serve. Projects completed and in use between Jan. 1, 1988 and Mar. 1, 1995 are eligible. Information contact Thomas Grooms at 202-682-5437.

An international conference on the Visual Arts and Religious Communities will be held July 31-Aug. 4 in Berkeley, California. A number of sessions deal with architecture and the arts, including presentations by architects such as Edward Larabee Barnes and Moshe Safdie. For registration information call 800-999-0528.


Entries for the Wood Design Award Program are due Oct. 6, 1995. Projects must have been completed since Jan. 1992 and the greatest portion of the exterior must be wood. In addition, wood members must form an integral part of the project's structure. Ph: 202-463-2769.

Entry deadline for the International Small Home Design Competition is June 30. Fax request for competition guidelines 970-491-4855 or mail Tremblay/Barnford, Int. Small Home Design Comp., 156 Aylesworth Hall, SE, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523.

Harvard University Graduate School of Design is offering a Public Library Planning and Design course this summer. Programming and design issues are explored. July 13-14, 1995. Ph: 617-495-1680; fax: 617-495-5967.

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WHAT'S GOING ON AT NATIONAL AIA?

ACTIONS TAKEN AT MAY AIA CONVENTION

Delegates defeated Resolutions 95-1, Rescind Interior Design Accord, and 95-2, Continuing Education — A System that Provides Member Benefit.

The intent of 95-1 was to rescind the Interior Design Title Certification Accord (the Accord) signed by the AIA, ASID, IBD and ISID in 1988 supporting title registration of interior designers.

The intent of 95-2 was to redirect the current mandatory continuing education system to a program that recognizes continuing education as a learning achievement and assures compatibility with requirements of regulatory agencies.

The following Architect members were elected Institute officers for 1996:

First Vice President/President-elect
Raj Barr-Kumar, FAIA, RIBA

Vice President
AIAM vice presidential candidate R.E. Fry was unsuccessful. The winners were:
Richard H. Bradfield, FAIA
Michael J. Stanton, FAIA
Joseph J. Wisnewski, AIA

Treasurer
L. Duane Grieve, AIA

Raymond “Skipper” Post, Jr., FAIA, will serve as president in 1996 and James H. Anstis, FAIA, will continue his two-year term as secretary.

AIA TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT INTERNS COMPENSATION LAWS

To ensure that architects who do not practice in compliance with federal wage and hour laws are not promoted through AIA awards programs, publications, speaking engagements, election to office, or Fellowship, sections 2.3, 6.2, 6.3 and Chapter 10 of the Rules of the Board were amended.

This requires that anyone wishing to participate in these activities must sign a declaration stating that they do not employ unpaid interns. The Board also amended its Governance Policies to reflect the declaration requirement.

WAIVING CONTINUING EDUCATION PROCESSING FEES FOR MEMBERS

The Board directed management to not impose processing fees on members for the creation or maintenance of continuing education records. The financial impact of this policy will be evaluated and the impact on Institute resources will be reported to the Board in September.

SMALL FIRM INSURANCE OFFERED

The AIA Trust offers a new program, The Small Firm Program, which is a professional liability insurance program specially designed for small architecture firms by the CNA Insurance Companies and Victor O. Schinnerer & Company, Inc.

Bylaws Amendment 95-C, Hardship Dues Reduction by the Component. Approved as amended on the floor by 2/3 majority of votes accredited to be cast. This amendment gives the components, rather than the Institute Secretary, responsibility of deciding whether a member is eligible for a hardship waiver of dues or fees at any level of AIA membership. If a waiver is granted, the reduction in fees must be proportionally the same for local, state and national levels.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

Two licensing public policies and four Government Procurement public policies were approved on the second reading. The public policies are (1) Reciprocity/Uniform Criteria and (2) Relationship of AIA and NCARB. The four government procurement policies are (1) Architect/Engineer Selection, (2) Project Delivery Approaches, (3) Stock/Prototype Plans, and (4) Design/Build.

A new public policy, Licensing: Mandatory Continuing Education, and revisions to the Licensing: Maintaining Practice Competence public policy were approved on first reading and will be presented at the September Board meeting for second reading and final approval.

To request copies of the revised and proposed public policies from the AIA Government Affairs Department, please call Nancy Somerville, Hon. AIA at 202-626-7386.
AIA ONLINE - HAVING PROBLEMS LOGGING ON?

Several offices have recently reported difficulties logging onto AIA Online. This may be caused by using an out-of-date version of DOS software. The current version is 1.1. The version designation appears in the center of the screen that appears when the software is launched, but before the log-on procedure is started. The latest DOS version may be downloaded as follows:

1. Log on (using the older 1.0 version)
2. From the SERVICES menu select NETWORK INFO
3. Select the NEW VERSION submenu header
4. Read and follow the simple instructions.

If you are experiencing problems logging onto AIA Online or need further assistance, please call 800-364-9364.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE THRESHOLDS ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION

The Public Health Code requires that the Michigan Department of Public Health annually, beginning January 1995, adjust the covered capital expenditure thresholds.

The amount of adjustment is determined by the state treasurer and reflects changes in the consumer price index.

The covered capital expenditure threshold adjustment effective Jan. 1, 1995, is 3 percent. The clinical service area CCE threshold increases from $2 million to $2,060,000 (excludes the cost of nonfixed medical equipment). The non-clinical service area CCE threshold increases from $3 million to $3,090,000.

MDPH will review all applicable projects submitted since Jan. 1. If a project falls under the revised review threshold, the applicant will be notified that the project does not require Certificate of Need review and will be refunded the fee.

NEW BUYING SERVICE AVAILABLE FOR AUTOS

The AIA Michigan Board has approved a new group buying service for auto and truck purchase and lease through Executive Vehicle.

The program helps members statewide get the lowest possible price. Assistance with financing and trades available. For further information see the ad on page 5 of this newsletter, or call 313-881-2700.

DESIGN TRENDS
CALL FOR HELP

Again this year, the Educational Facilities Planning Seminar October 5-6, 1995 at Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire Michigan will feature a session on "School Design Trends". A subcommittee will prepare a slide show of new schools, additions renovations and significant features of school projects in Michigan... and they’re looking for your participation.

Projects for possible inclusion in the presentation must be submitted before August 1st, 1995. Most of the school districts in Michigan have under 3,000 students—we suggest you submit projects dealing with renovations and updating of smaller schools. Your slides should contain the following:

- 35mm title slide with firm name
- 35mm color slides of the building and significant features
- written description of slides

Label your slides on the slide mounts with your firm name and the project name. Send only copies (duplicate or extra slides) of your materials, as the committee cannot return them. They will be kept at the AIA Michigan office archives. Mail them to: Ralph Moxley, AIA at Beta Design Group, 50 Monroe Place, Suite 300, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Questions - call Ralph at 616-235-6220.
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WHERE WE ARE IN GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

By Steve Vogel, FAIA, Government Affairs Chairperson

With misinformation being circulated around the state by other associations concerning PA400 (HB5100), it would be beneficial to provide an overview of government affairs activities so that this Act can be seen in context. Issues surrounding unlicensed practice and the power of the Board of Architects have been with us for decades. The struggle to maintain the integrity of the profession will be an ongoing and never-ending process.

The Architects and Engineers Legislative Committee (AELC) was formed approximately ten years ago to be a watchdog on the increasing amount of state legislation impacting the design professions specifically, and health, safety and welfare issues generally. This committee utilized Legislative Counsel (Cawthorne, McCullough and Cavanagh) which is paid for jointly by the engineers (CEC) and the architects. AELC has done a tremendous job in both responding to legislation and, in so doing, forming a close working relationship between our professions. By its very nature, however, AELC is generally reactive i.e. it is for or against legislation that is introduced by others.

In a totally different strategy than AELC and, over many years, individual AIA chapters have formed Practice Committees to look for violations of licensing laws. About five years ago, these committees became more vocal and organized on a statewide basis. The number of complaints filed with the state increased dramatically. Frustratingly slow investigation and enforcement became more acute.

In reaction to this, AIA Michigan formed a joint task force with the engineers to look at self regulation as an approach to financing and more stringently enforcing our licensing laws. The need for action became even more apparent when the state formally informed architects that incidents of unlicensed practice would no longer be investigated or enforced. The primary reason cited was budget, even though a large portion of our licensing fees were directed to the general fund and not to our Board of Architects.

Reacting to members' growing frustration, a forerunner to the Government Affairs Committee was formed in 1991 to coordinate efforts and seek more proactive ways of dealing with increasing aggressive legislation and actions on the part of the state. Attempts by interior designers to pass practice act legislation was one example of the legislation that was coming to the fore.

Finally, in 1992, almost one third of our members signed a petition, circulated for only three weeks, demanding that AIA Michigan take more aggressive action. This led to the reformation of the Government Affairs Committee that would ultimately include four major task forces: Professional Licensing, Professional Practice, Legislative Affairs and Communications. Communications and legal counsel would work in with legislative counsel for a totally coordinated effort.

The overall goal of government affairs was a phased process of resolving unlicensed practice, promoting mandatory continuing education for licensing and ultimately changing the Board of Architects back to a Class 1 Board with real policy-making and enforcement powers. The concept of pure self-regulation was changed, because of the philosophy of the current administration, to work to make the existing system much more powerful.

In early 1993 a summit was held with consultants, task force chairs and other AIA volunteers. Many strategic possibilities were discussed, including suing the State of Michigan, seeking injunctive relief under the Consumer Protection Act, etc. Several courses of action were decided upon. They included requesting an Attorney General opinion on whether AIA Michigan and individual architects had "standing" to seek injunctive relief, and introducing proactive legislation to resolve licensing enforcement issues.

In December 1992, the Board of Directors of AIA Michigan assessed $100 per member to raise approximately $130,000. AIA National, the engineers and land surveyors also contributed to the effort. The funds primarily paid for counsel, computerized minuteperson programs, and public relations and communications tools including the "Architectural Update" video and brochure. The communications aspect of government affairs was growing in importance because the root issue of our problems was lack of understanding of what architects do and why it is important, especially to the health, safety and welfare of the public.

Out of the legislative initiatives came HB4787 allowing for increased architectural licensing fees to go into a dedicated fund to pay for special assistant Attorney Generals and other enforcement tools against unlicensed practice. The Homebuilders, with a powerful Lansing presence, were adamantly...
opposed to this legislation. They viewed it as a potential attack, even though they have a very large problem with unlicensed practice. They introduced SB330, which would eliminate the need for licensed architects on any residential project.

In a meeting held with the Homebuilders to discuss differences of opinions, a partnership was forged which resulted in HB4787 being changed through elimination of the enforcement provisions and insertion of a negotiated square footage requirement for single-family houses that would require the use of a licensed architect.

The Homebuilders, in turn, did not press on SB330 and ultimately introduced HB5100 which gave “standing” to associations and individuals to seek injunctive relief for unlicensed practice. With the Homebuilders’ support, HB4787 cleared the House and was moving along.

The thrust of our 1994 efforts were to support both pieces of legislation and to continue to fight a host of defensive actions against other bills. Negotiations with interior designers broke down over this period and they had opposition to both 4787 and 5100.

The AIA Michigan Board of Directors voted in October of 1994 to develop a fund to support the testing of 5100 through legal action. However, our alliance with the Homebuilders for a complex set of reasons seemed shaky. It was reported late in the year that both 4787 and 5100 were dead for this session and we would have to start all over again in 1995. In a set of political tradeoffs that occurred on the last few days of the legislative session, on issues that had nothing to do with our bills, 5100 was passed and signed into law by Governor Engler as PA400.

Unfortunately, some obscure amendment language was added by the interior designers, mechanical contractors and building designers that, on the first reading, said if they were practicing a profession illegally, this Act would protect them from action. Our legal and legislative counsel assured us that this is not the case. Sound legal minds have subsequently reinforced this. Some reports and letters, particularly from the mechanical contractors, have circulated with incorrect interpretations of this Act. President Graham Dickens will be sending a letter to members shortly outlining our legal counsel response to PA400 and why it is a good Act for our profession.

During the hubris of these actions we also received, after a two-year wait, a letter from the Attorney General asserting that we, in fact, do have standing.

This brings us up to the present time. We are concerned that a new version of SB330 will be introduced this year and are strategizing a response to this. And now that we have 5100 we are strategizing its best use in dealing with the issue of unlicensed practice. It will be another tough year in Lansing.

We need money for APAC and we need you to communicate with your legislators on the seriousness of these issues and particularly to respond when you are called upon by our nationally-recognized minuteperson program.

SINGLE STATE CODE & MICHIGAN’S BARRIER FREE DESIGN PROGRAM PUBLIC FORUM

The state Construction Code Commission will be hosting a series of public forums to gain input on issues relative to a single state construction code and Michigan’s Barrier Free Design Program.

The public forums will be held at three locations on the following dates and times: April 25 from 1:30-3 p.m. at Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire, MI (barrier free design only). June 13 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Holiday Inn, 23655 Telegraph Rd., Southfield, MI; 810-353-7700. July 19 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Midway Hotel, 4101 28th St., SE, Grand Rapids, MI; 616-942-2550.

R.E. FRY CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

The AIA Michigan Board of Directors and all 10 Michigan Chapters have endorsed Richard E. Fry’s candidacy for national vice president. Dick is one of six members running for this office. Only three will be elected. He needs your help. Anyone attending the convention can vote for Dick and that is a great help.
Your friends from around the country can also vote for Dick.

Just in case you don't know Dick...here is the print version of who is Richard E. Fry, FAIA. He is principal of Fry & Partners Architects, Inc. He has been active in AIA since 1976, serving as president of both the state and local (Huron Valley) chapter. In 1990 he founded and chaired the highly successful Michigan Design Retreat. Dick currently serves on the national Documents Committee and the students' AIAS board of directors.

His candidate statement for office: Architecture is a profession which inspires passion, dedication, and frustration. Architects are in the precarious position of having to provide art that functions. This challenge is what makes architecture exciting. But architects provide services which are often undervalued by the public and our potential clients. In order to change this, we must convince the buying public that these services are worth every dime and demand fair compensation. It is the AIA's responsibility to work as the architect's advocate, providing tools to help us convey our value, pushing for legislative reforms to help protect our members' interests, and convincing the public that our services are indispensable.

Want to help? Call Dick Fry at 313-761-4021 or Rae Dumke. Hon. AIA. Executive Director AIA Michigan at 313-965-4100 and request written information to send to friends around the country. Michigan alone has over 100 votes...make sure your delegates are informed and attend the Michigan Delegate Breakfast during the convention on Saturday, May 6, 1995 at the Hyatt Regency, headquarters hotel for national and Michigan AIA.

**PLACE/DIRECTORY**

The spring issue of PLACE magazine will be a Directory issue listing all members and a firm roster. Information will be mailed from the publisher to Michigan firms. The due date for the completed form is May 1. This a free listing to all Michigan firms. However, without the form, data cannot be included. If you need another form call headquarters.

PLACEMAKERS, the directory of Michigan firms by specialization, will also be included in this issue. This is the directory that is reprinted and sent to those calling headquarters requesting the services of an architect. The cost per category is $50.00. Again, the due date for this information to be returned to AIA Michigan is May 1.

**TWO MICHIGAN MEMBERS ELECTED TO FELLOWSHIP**

Philip Lundwall, FAIA, a member of the Grand Valley Chapter and Dr. Sharon Sutton, FAIA, a member of the Huron Valley Chapter will be elevated to Fellowship at the National Convention on May 6 at the Fox Theater in Atlanta.

On Thursday April 27, 1995, AIA Michigan will honor these new Fellows at an open house at the Beaubien House from 5-7 p.m. Michigan Fellows and all members of the Society are invited to congratulate both Sharon and Phil.

The AIA Michigan Fellows Committee chaired by Robert Ziegelman is looking for potential candidates for Fellowship nomination. Send your resume to Bob c/o of the Beaubien House prior to May 1.

**1995 DESIGN BUILD GOLF TOURNAMENT**

A benefit to fund AIA Michigan Presidents Scholarship Endowment sponsored by the Michigan Architectural Foundation (MAF) will be held on Friday, May 26, 1995 at Huron Golf Club, Ypsilanti, MI.

The Presidents of AIA Michigan support architectural students that exhibit leadership in the profession and the community through the MAF. This golf scramble will help support the future leaders of our profession and industry.

The scramble features: Honorary Captains — clients have volunteered to join your foursome; one of them will lead you in the competition for best Design/ Build golf team, top of the flight honors, and individual honors. Networking — architects, contractors and clients from the entire State of Michigan will be participating.

The day begins at 11 a.m. with registration, team assignments, warm up and lunch. The shotgun scramble start is at noon, followed by reception, dinner and awards. For registration information call Cathy Mosley at the Beaubien House 313-965-4100 or Carl Roehling at 313-983-3600.

**OPPORTUNITIES**

The BURNHAM PRIZE is an annual competition sponsored by the Chicago Architectural Club. Eligibility is limited to architects and architectural degree graduates under 40 or those who received their prof. degrees after Jan 1, 1985, who are residents of IL, WI, MN, IA, MO, OH, IN or MI. Portfolio submission April 14. Information contact: Fax 312-332-4727, or call Alan Armbrust at 708-940-9600 (X1295).

The JUICE, a competition about justice. A Garden of Justice with a memorial to victims of violent crime is the design charge. The site is in the heart of downtown Los Angeles. The JUICE is an ideas competition only. Anyone may enter. Registration closes May 30, 1995. Grand Prize $10,000. Reg. Fee $50. To register and to receive THE JUICE program, submit name, address, telephone number and fee to: The END, P.O. Box 1332, Culver City, CA 90232. Phone/Fax 213-296-6226.

Architectour Japan 95 explores the culture, design and lifestyle of Japan and its celebrated design professionals with a choice of 15-day or 9-day programs in September 1995. Many sites open to Westerners for the first time. Offered by Architects Abroad Inc., 44 Montgomery St., San Francisco, CA, in conjunction with the Boston Society of Architects. Call 800-272-8808 or 617-1433 (X221). Special rates available for reservations made before May 15.

If you have a new or remodeled project in the Birmingham/Bloomfield area that might be a good candidate for the 1995 AIA House Tour, contact Keith Logsdon at 810-645-2605 or Carmen Santourian at 810-681-3942.
INTERN NEWS

Eric J. Hill, AIA, is the State Coordinator for the Intern Development Program. He may be reached at 313-965-3100. Below are a few news items that appeared in Hill's information package to statewide chapter and university IDP coordinators.

News items of note: AIA Detroit is sponsoring an IDP Workshop Series again this year. There are also tentative plans for a workshop at the Design Conference on September 15-16.

Wanted: Advisors for IDP. These are registered architects and are most preferably independent of the intern’s firm of employment. It's understood that if the intern is in a more remote location, or just unable to connect outside, the advisor can be employed by the same firm.

Lacking a list of available advisors, the general advice to interns is to network beginning with their sponsor.

NCARB Contact: On the subject of contacts, a number of complaints from interns concerning the alleged lack of responsiveness by NCARB staff. There is an answering machine system that delivers by having calls returned within 24 hours. Call 202-879-0505.

Duplicated use of NCARB IDP Forms: Photocopying NCARB IDP forms and thus circumventing the payment of fees to NCARB is not a good idea. Jack Sharpe informs us that the state expects NCARB’s processing of the forms, including verifications, not just a facsimile of the form’s appearance. He said the state would not accept this approach. For questions contact Sharpe at 517-335-1669.

ARE SEMINARS

AIA Detroit, AIA Toledo, UDM, and UM are sponsored the spring ARE seminar series which began on March 29 through May 31. For information contact 313-965-4100.

GRAPEVINE

Detroit member Robert Bryce made the front page of the Detroit Free Press/News last month with his new computer service, Home & Design Online. The network can be accessed through a personal computer with Windows or a Macintosh. Call 810-855-3837 anytime or outside the area code, 800-357-7567...NCARB has extended the amount of time allotted for the Division B: Site Design, Graphic portion of NCARB’s ARE by 30 minutes...Tawny Ryan Nelb, PA and an architect and Architectural Records Consultant based in Midland has been named as a trustee of the Historical Society of Michigan. Masonry Institute of Michigan officers for '95 are John Robovitsky, President; Skip DiGiovanni, Vice Chair; Dan Tollis, Secretary; Charles Wilson, Treasurer...The '95 Tile Council Handbook for Ceramic Tile Installation is available from the Great Lakes Ceramic Tile Council. Call 810-476-5559 for your copy...The first advertisements of National AIA’s advertising campaign were featured in BUSINESSWEEK and FORBES magazines, listing an “800” telephone number for readers to call if interested in receiving a referral list of architects in their area...Ann Stacy, Hon. AIA, a former executive Director of Michigan, Baltimore and Los Angeles is the new Executive for AIA Chesapeake Bay...Professional Underwriters unveiled a new corporate identity in celebration of their 25th anniversary...Congressman Fred Upton appointed Robert Tower, AIA, as a delegate to the White House Small Business Conference in June.

FIRM NEWS

Straub Associates of Troy, MI is now Straub Pettitt Yaste Associates...The Marvin M. Black National Excellence in Partnering Award from AGC of America was awarded to the Christian Company of Lansing...Siegal/Tuomaala Associates of Farmington Hills, were honored by the National Council on Senior Housing of the National Assn. of Home Builders for Waltonwood, a congregation senior care facility in Rochester Hills...Harold VanDine, FAIA has opened a consulting practice at 544 Bates St., Birmingham, MI 48009. Phone 810-540-4274...Roger Magerum, Inc. Architects received an award from the National Organization of Minority Architects for the design of Genesis Lutheran Church...BEI Associates has moved back to the BEI Building at 601 West Fort St., Detroit MI 48226. 313-963-2300. At BEI, David Brochure was promoted to senior associate; and Klaus Ohrnberger, Aïllam Trombley and Ed Valdez were named associates and shareholders...Terri Zegart has joined the firm of Quinn Evans at their Ann Arbor office. He has a master's degree in urban planning from UM and has worked for the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the NY Landmarks Conservancy...AIA Michigan firms honored in the Construction Association of Michigan Showcase Awards were; Albert Kahn Associates of Detroit for Beaumont Hospital Surgery Expansion and Metro Airport Replacement Parking Structure - Phases II & III; Mamola Associates of Novi for Blue Water Plastics Corp. Office & Technology Center; Wah Yee Associates of Farmington Hills for Fairlane North Retail Center; Ghafari Associates of Dearborn for Ghafari Associates World HQ; Yops & Wilkie Architects of Wyandotte for Marshalls Museum and Nature Center, Lake Erie Metropark; Jickling, Lyman & Powell Associates of Troy for Michigan Heart & Vascular Institute; Ralph Calder & Associates of Farmington Hills for Fairlane North Retail Center; TMP Associates of Bloomfield Hills for Rochester Hills Public Library; Redstone Architects of Southfield for Southfield Fire Station No. 2; John Loizon PC & Associates for St. George Greek Orthodox Church; and SHG Associates of Detroit for WMU Student Recreation System Renovations and Additions...David Sheldon, AIA announced the formation of David Shelden Associates, 10455 Nadine, Huntington Woods, MI 48070. 810-541-0739...Albert Kahn Associates has launched a new organizational structure featuring focused groups geared toward key marketing segments. Managing directors are Stephen Whitney, AIA, health care services; David Reeve, PE, automotive and industrial research and development; and Robert Mauck, AIA, PE, special projects...David Barcys, AIA, John Clement, AIA, Damon
Leverett, AIA and Cary Sheremet, AIA have been named associates at Albert Kahn Associates. Cynthia Posolo, AIA was named senior associate at AKA... Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber named as senior associates Peter Daukss, PE, Eric Hugger, AIA, John LeFebre, PE and Donel Vos; Anthony Mourand, PE, and Michael Winchester have become associates... Rossetti Associates named Matthew Rossetti, AIA, vice president... Ellis/Naeyaert/Genheimer Associates named Herbert P. Jensen, AIA, vice president of architecture.

STATE OF MICHIGAN/DEPT OF COMMERCE EFFICIENT MOTOR SYSTEMS TELECONFERENCE

Efficient Motor Systems: Satellite Teleconference will be held on May 23, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The Michigan Public Service Commission, Michigan Manufacturers Assn., and Michigan Assn. of Energy Engineers will sponsor the Michigan downlink site at Radisson on the Lake, Ypsilanti. The conference is designed to inform facility engineering and maintenance staff and business managers about significant cost saving opportunities available with energy efficient motor systems. The morning program will consist of Michigan presenters and the afternoon program will come via satellite from Oregon State Univ. Registration $20/person and includes lunch. Call 517-334-6261 for information.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY UPHELD IN PA; COURT OF APPEALS OVERTURNS DISTRICT COURT DECISION

In a dramatic reversal of a U.S. District Court verdict, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit has upheld the validity of a limitation of liability clause used in a contract between an architectural firm and a real estate developer. The appellate court noted that a significant difference exists between a clause that limits a firm’s liability to a reasonable sum and one that totally exculpates a firm from liability.

For more information contact ASFE at 301-565-2733.

WANT ADS


Dir. of Facilities Planning, Lorain County Community College. Min. requirements Bachelor’s degree in a/e and five years proven experience in space planning and allocation, renovation and const. coordination and equipment/furnishing specification. Salary range $41,073-48,774. Contact Errol M. Brown, Dir. Human Resources, Lorain County Community College, 1005 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria, OH 44035. An affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

Small office seeks employee with drafting and design experience. Two years experience (some residential). Submit cover letter, resume, and small sample copy of a pencil working drawing showing hand lettering and line work. Obie G. Bowman, AIA, 1000 Annapolis Rd., P.O. Box 154, The Sea Ranch, CA 95496. 707-785-2344.


JOBS WANTED

Intern Architect. Ten years experience. Commercial (retail, office and recreational); Residential (high-end and multi-family); Institutional (secondary schools). Graduate LTU/IPD. Extensive contract drawing experience. Practical construction administration skills. Excellent design sketch skills. Trained on Autocad Release II. Completed six divisions of state registration exam. Contact Jay P. Noonan, 810-620-3001.

Univ. of California at Berkeley graduate with BA in architecture. Experience at landscape design and construction firm includes drafting and lettering landscape plans and construction details comprised of carpentry, masonry, retaining walls, irrigation, and planting components. Measured existing sites and measured grade changes with transit, and drafted base maps from field notes. Takeoffs and calculations of job costs for bid and budgeting. Also prepared contracts, proposals and marketing materials. Contact Rosie Favian, 313-662-9770.
CALENDAR

APRIL

27 AIAAM Open House honors new fellows/Beaubien House
27 Renato Soonfienza, Italy, Lecture/LTU

MAY

5-8 AIA National Convention/Atlanta
After April 1st contact Chapter
Presidents for Delegate Cards
Detroit Members contact Beauhbien House
13-20 Michigan Week
16 Firm Principal Breakfast/Detroit Chapter/Beaubien House
18 AIAAM Board/Southwest Chapter
26 MAF 1st Annual Golf Outing/Huron Golf Course/Radisson/Ypsilanti

JUNE

1 State Board of Licensing/Lansing
15 AIAAM Excom/Huron Valley
15-17 AIA National Historic Resources Committee/Cranbrook
23-24 Historical Society of Michigan/UP Conference/Newberry

AUGUST

3-5 Mid-Summer Conference/Mackinac Island/AIAM
7 AIA National Honor Awards entry postmark date
21 AIA National Religious Art & Arch Awards submission postmark date

SEPTEMBER

5 AIA National Honor Awards for Urban Design entry postmark date
11 AIA National Honor Awards submission postmark date, 25-Year Award submission postmark date
15 AIA National Honor Awards for Interiors entry postmark date
15-16 AIAAM Design Conference
20 AIAAM Design Awards/Recognition/Grand Rapids

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