A Vote for Our Future: Dues Restructuring

By Thomas R. Mathison, AIA
President, AIA Michigan

Congratulations once again to Dick Fry, FAIA, for his election as a vice president to the National AIA Board of Directors in 1997. Together with our Regional Director Carl Roehling, AIA, we have never been so well represented at the national level. This will surely be a tremendous benefit to AIA Michigan in the months ahead.

Congratulations, also, to Arnie Mikon, FAIA, Les Tincknell, FAIA, and Steve Whitney, FAIA, on their election to the College of Fellows. Their induction ceremony at Minneapolis was a real highlight at the convention, and they become the latest standard-bearers of quality, integrity and professional service for all AIA members to follow.

Board News

At the June 20 meeting of the AIA Michigan Board of Directors, the board voted unanimously to bring a special vote to the full membership to simplify and restructure member dues for AIA Michigan. Over the next several months, each member will be receiving information about the background and implications of restructuring. A ballot vote will take place in September. If the proposal is approved, the new dues structure will take effect January 1997. Here are highlights of the proposal:

• All supplemental dues will be eliminated for AIA Michigan. This dovetails with National’s elimination of supplemental dues for AIA members.

• All members will pay one, single dues price, creating a simple, easy-to-understand system of calculating dues.

• Some of the dues that formerly flowed to Washington, D.C. in the form of supplemental dues would be redirected back to Michigan, where they can be used more effectively.

• Important initiatives such as government affairs, public awareness, communications and continuing education programs would be funded at a level which would allow us to sustain and improve upon them.

• The current debt and maintenance obligations at Beaubien House would be addressed directly, with the goal of paying off all mortgages in five years.

• Our reserve fund would be enhanced to a modest level to take care of emergency expenses in the future. The target amount of this fund is 10 percent of the annual operating budget.

• For the average AIA Michigan member, the total amount paid in dues will actually go down. For example, the average member will pay about $15 less for combined National State dues.

• A goal of the new structure is to provide new incentives to increase membership throughout the state.

The last time AIA Michigan had a modification of the dues structure was in 1987.

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Courts Bring Victory for Licensing

In a recent statewide survey of Michigan residents, AIAM learned that an overwhelming majority viewed the role of the architect as a gatekeeper of the public safety in buildings. The respondents would not support any move by the state to relax requirements on who was qualified to design a building.

In the spirit of protecting public safety, AIAM has redoubled its efforts to monitor and pursue incidents of unlicensed practice. To date, we have pursued action in four cases.

Charlevoix County
This suit was brought against Andre M. Poineau, Woodworker, Inc. of East Jordan for designing (and building) four (4) residences over 3500 sq. ft. without an architect. He also was using the word “architectural” on his documents which is a violation of the law. After the attorneys worked out the language of the agreement, he issued a letter (on his stationery) admitting his illegal activities and that he will not design a residence over 3500 sq. ft. This case is concluded.

Kent County
This suit was brought against Roersma & Wurm Builders, Inc. of Comstock Park for designing (and building) a residence over 3500 sq. ft. without an architect. The consent order issued by the judge and agreed to by all the parties admits their illegal practice of architecture and they agreed not to do it again. This case is concluded.

Oakland County
This suit was brought against Interior Space Management of Michigan, Inc. of Troy. This firm has admitted practicing architecture for an interior office project in Southfield, and they also agreed to retain an architect if a building permit is required for the work in the future. This was outlined in the consent order issued by the judge. This case is concluded.

Genesee County
This suit was brought against a firm in Flint for acting as the architectural firm in designing an office building in Grand Blanc. A structural engineer was involved and sealed the drawings that were submitted. This case is still pending.

Future Vote (Continued from page 1)

Since then, the AIA Michigan leadership has consistently held the line on expenses and has navigated into the new reality of government affairs and public awareness activity. The special assessment a few years ago allowed us to launch important legislation that has yielded real fruit. (See the story on this page.) In order to sustain the level of activity and to maintain our presence in these arenas, we must look to this new proposal for consistent support.

Bottom line: we can redirect dollars we have been sending to Washington back to Michigan, where it can be used most effectively. We can meet the legislative and continuing education opportunities and challenges that lay ahead, and we can establish a solid foundation for AIA Michigan's future if this proposal is approved. And, we can do it for less than the average member is now paying out in dues.

As you receive information in the days ahead, I urge you to consider and support this proposal as a tremendous opportunity to strengthen and improve the AIA where it matters most — at the state and local levels.

Energy Efficiency Directory Available

Energy Efficiency: It's Our Business, a directory of energy efficient products and services, is available at no cost from Urban Options (phone: 517-337-0422) or the Michigan Dept. of Consumer and Industry Services (phone: 517-334-6261). The directory can help you find products and services that can help reduce your energy costs. The directory also identifies information resources and provides energy saving ideas for building managers. Call now to get your free copy.
Budget on Target: Future Needs Increase

At the mid-point in our fiscal year, the AIAM budget is tracking close to target. Better-than-expected revenues from Expo '96 and less-than-anticipated staff expenses have put us slightly ahead of budget projections.

Continued success in the last half of the year will depend upon certain programs, such as Mid-Summer Conference, and upon controlling legal expenses associated with unlicensed practice. Since three of four cases are concluded successfully already, the budget outlook is optimistic. We'll continue to monitor our expenses against the budget.

In setting goals and identifying priorities for the future, the Board of AIAM has been examining several issues which will have significant financial impact. A summary follows:

**Government Affairs**
As we’ve increased involvement in government affairs, our need for funding this area has grown. Based upon anticipated level of future activity, we are projecting an annual shortfall of $40,000 per year for this very important effort.

**Technology**
AIA Michigan is a leader in computerization of operations relative to other chapters around the country. Our system allows us to track services and financial information efficiently and accurately. However, as we move toward single point dues collection at the national level, and as we become more involved with continuing education delivery and tracking, we will need to update our system and training. This is a potential $5,000-$10,000 annual expense.

**Beaubien House Maintenance**
This year we are replacing the ceiling in the main board room (we hope before it falls on our heads!). However, each year we seem to add to the deferred maintenance list more than we subtract. Realistically, we need to budget $5,000-$10,000 more per year than is currently available.

**Beaubien House Debt Reduction**
We currently pay $48,000 annually in total mortgage payments for the Beaubien House. We have examined several options for reducing this debt — including selling the Beaubien House. Our best option is to pay down the debt at an accelerated rate in order to reduce interest charges, eliminate the debt, and free up this money for other uses. Ideally, we would allocate $30,000 per year for five years.

**Reserves**
Given our scope of activities in government affairs and other areas, the Board has set a goal of building up a $50,000 reserve (almost 10 percent of our operating budget) over five years beginning in 1997. This amounts to $10,000 per year. We have traditionally operated with little or no financial reserves. Our current reserves total $4,000.

**Miscellaneous Issues**
Two additional initiatives will have financial impact: continuing education and an AIA Michigan presence in Lansing. Specific allocations have not been made at this point, but surely they will need to be addressed in the near future.

By Gary L. Skog, AIA Treasurer

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Focus Group Addresses Professional Concerns

Fifteen participants in a recent focus group meeting at the Beaubien House addressed key issues affecting the role and value of architects. The focus group discussion was organized by the Public Affairs Committee along with our communications consultant, Christina Lovio-George, of Lovio-George.

Tom Lucas, FAIA, a member of the public affairs committee, expertly guided the participants through four difficult questions. They were:

1) In your opinion, what three organizations/entities are the strongest candidates for coalition building? What three things would you do to make it happen?

2) What are the three best success stories (examples in your chapter) of architects’ work in the following areas: safety, environment, aesthetics/meaning, and leadership?

3) The statewide survey indicates that the public perceives architects as “charging too much.” What three things would you say to them, or in an interview, that responds to that question?

4) What is the single most important action AIA Michigan could take to insure the survival of the profession?

Lovio-George will use the results of the state-wide survey and the focus group discussion to formulate a three-year communications plan.

Meeting participants included: John Allegretti, AIA, SWAIA, Fellows Committee; Ric Anselmo, AIA, MMAIA, Fellows Committee; Jerry Crane, AIA, AIAHV, Fellows Committee; Rae Dunke, Hon. AIA, AIAM executive director; Marla Janness, AIAM newsletter editor; Tom Lucas, FAIA, Legislative Affairs Committee; Tom Mathison, AIA, AIAM president; Ken Neumann, FAIA, AIAD, Fellows Committee; Stu Pettitt, AIA, Legislative Affairs Committee; Betty Lee Seydler-Sweatt, AIA, Lawrence Technological University; Jerry Shea, FAIA, Urban Priorities Committee; Les Tincknell, FAIA, MAF President; Ben Tiseo, AIA, Professional Licensing Committee; Andy Vazzano, AIA, Communications Committee; Steve Vogel, FAIA, chairman Government Affairs Committee.

Fry Named AIA Vice President

Minneapolis convention delegates elected three national vice presidents, including a leader in the Michigan architectural profession — Richard Fry, FAIA.

Fry has been principal and owner of Fry & Partners Architects, Inc., Ann Arbor since 1971. In 1990 he founded and chaired the highly successful Michigan Design Retreat. Fry has been active in the AIA since 1976 and has served on the national board of directors, as liaison to AIAS, as liaison to the AIA documents committee, as president of AIAM, and as president of AIA Huron Valley chapter. He has chaired the Mid-Summer Conference and the Design Awards & Recognition Committee.

In Ann Arbor, Fry is a former city planning commissioner and currently serves on the city’s building board of appeals.

In addition, Fry has taught as an adjunct professor at the UofM College of Architectural and Urban Planning and as an architectural instructor at Washtenaw Community College.

Obituary

FRED E. CARNE

Fred Erick Carne, an architect and former president of the Plymouth Rotary Club, died June 7 of cancer at his Plymouth home.

Carne wrote and illustrated “Shorelines of the Great Lakes,” which will be published this fall by Thunder Bay Publishing in Lansing.

Born in Highland Park, he graduated from the University of Detroit with a bachelor’s degree in architecture. He served in the Army at the end of World War II.

Carne and his wife, Patti, owned and operated an art gallery, the former Old Village Gallery in Plymouth, and then Carne Associates, an architectural firm, for 20 years. He designed, among other things, the Plymouth courthouse and the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.
AIA Flint
So who says you can’t work and have fun, too? Architects and contractors in Genesee County designed and built seven dream playhouses to raise money for Habitat for Humanity. AIA Michigan members Dale Suomela, AIA and Rusty Hudson, created a rustic Northern Michigan cottage perfect for pretend camp-outs and sleepovers! A Usonian House, designed by Park Smith, AIA included built-in furniture and shelves. It was based on a 1935 Frank Lloyd Wright design.
THA Architects and Engineers designed a bright red country schoolhouse complete with an old-fashioned cupola and school bell. The finished interior features a loft with a ladder to reach and ring the bell.
Other designs included a fire station, carriage house, candy shoppe and a bungalow. The playhouses were auctioned and generated more than $18,000 for the charity.

Grand Valley
Grand Valley members also plan to join forces with Habitat for Humanity, later this year. They are also in the midst of planning a Regional Urban Design Assistance Team (RUDAT) in Grand Haven. The group has been involved in two RUDATS in the past three years.

Huron Valley
Kids have received lots of attention from Huron Valley members. The chapter is working with the Boy Scouts and has established an Explorer Scout Troop in Ann Arbor. In addition, a job shadowing program for intermediate school children provides kids with an opportunity to watch architects at work.

Mid Michigan
Mid Michigan chapter members recently participated in their local public television station’s (WKAR) auction fundraiser. Also, members are working to inform Lansing-area residents about what’s happening with AIA architects through two programs with the Lansing State Journal — “In the Works” and “On the Boards.”
This chapter annually works with Lansing Community College High School Drafting Competition. Students around the country participate with major sponsors donating funds for scholarships.

Northern Michigan
This chapter is promoting architects utilizing tools from the AIA advertising campaign. Their efforts focus on the Traverse City Record Eagle, The Leelanau News and Traverse City Magazine. They’re also sending post cards to local real estate offices to promote area architecture.

Saginaw
Saginaw is working on a six-step approach to building a positive image for local architects. Their focus is on community involvement and media campaigns.
Continuing Education

CES Facts & Figures

With less than one-and-a-half years remaining until the continuing education requirement for architects kicks in, statistics show that just over a third of AIA's members are currently participating.

By December 1997, AIA members are required to log 36 learning units, eight of which must be in health, safety and welfare.

To date, 24,877 members have reported LUs, with 6.2 percent having met the 36 LU requirement. The average of LUs reported per participant is 28.8.

The AIA National office logged more than 25 CES calls per day in a recent three-week period, in addition to more than 11 calls per day to the University of Oklahoma CES.

Rae Dumke, Hon. AIA, executive director, and other members of the AIAM staff will also answer questions about CES. Call 313-965-4100.

Reporting Self-Directed LUs Is Simple

Learning Units can be earned by attending a registered provider program, or by self-directed personal learning activities.

A form is available for reporting self-study programs such as course work, architectural trips or tours, etc. At least 60 minutes of study are required to report any Learning Units. A copy of the form was printed in our Sept. '95 newsletter and additional copies are available from the AIAM office.

The form is two-sided and easy to complete. The toughest part is probably finding your AIA ID number. This is the number that appears on the black and red plastic card issued by AIA. If you can't find the card, call the AIAM office and we will look up the number for you.

The back of the Self Report Form is a worksheet to determine the level of quality of the program/learning project. The rule to completing this worksheet is basic, just follow the guidelines and stop at the level where “no” is the appropriate response. If “no” is the appropriate answer to “C” then the program is a Quality Level 1, etc.

After completing the worksheet and determining the Quality Level of the program, fill in the QL blank on the front and multiply the number of hours to establish the number of LUs earned.

The form can be faxed or mailed (make yourself a copy!) to: The University of Oklahoma; Continuing Education, AIA/ CES; 1700 Asp Ave Rm B-4; Norman, OK 73072. Ph: 800-605-8229, Fax 405-325-6965.

If you have questions about the form or how to complete it, call the AIAM office at 313-965-4100.

Continuing Education Opportunities

For Architects

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The information on seminars listed above are seminars/conferences that the AIA Michigan will publicize to its members. Additional seminars from all sources will be added as they arise and information will be updated as we receive the information. Continuing education programs statewide may be submitted for review and added to this calendar. University programs from LTU, Andrews, UDM and UM will also be included.

Continuing education credits will automatically be credited where AIA Michigan or AIA Detroit is the primary provider. AIA members may receive credits for any program, provided the member complete the self-evaluation form and return it to AIA National.

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Magazine Deal Confuses Membership

There has been a lot of confusion among AIA members surrounding the following three issues:
1) the AIA’s transition of the official magazine from Architecture magazine to Architectural Record;
2) the termination of Progressive Architecture magazine; and
3) the renewal notices AIA members are receiving from Architecture magazine (the current official AIA magazine).

Beginning in 1997, AIA members will receive Architectural Record as the official magazine of AIA, rather than Architecture, following an agreement between the AIA and McGraw Hill, which published Architectural Record.

AIA’s current agreement with Billboard Publications Inc. (BPI), which published Architecture, will end in December 1996; Architecture will continue to be the magazine of AIA until that time.

To add to the confusion, BPI acquired the assets of Progressive Architecture magazine, previously owned by Penton Publishing, and announced that Progressive Architecture magazine will no longer be published.

ADA Home Page on the Web

You can now access the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) on the World Wide Web. The address is: http://www.aecnet.com/codes/ada/adarhome.html.

National AIA Clarifies Document Reproduction

The National AIA recently clarified the limited license to reproduce fill-in AIA Documents. The limited license applies when the blanks in a document have been filled in with project specific information, even if the document is not yet signed.

Once project information is filled in, the document may be copied up to ten times. The reason for this license is to recognize the possibility that mistakes could be made in transcribing multiple copies of the same information onto ten copies of a contract form. The point is to assist purchasers of AIA documents by allowing them to copy a small number of completed documents for a specific project, before signing, without having to individually complete original AIA documents.

Document users who have a concern about the red line warning on the first page of many AIA documents can do one of two things. Wait until all parties have signed the contract before making any copies. Or, complete the document up to the point of signature, make the allowable copies, and present the original and copies to the other parties for signing.

Questions or concerns may be addressed to the Documents Department or General Counsel at AIA.

MIM Offers New Membership Category

The Masonry Institute of Michigan offers an Information Member Classification which features many of MIM’s support services at a reduced cost. Benefits include:

- Two free in-house continuing education programs per year
- MIM’s professional services at lower cost including plan and spec review; construction review of new projects; and cursory verbal review of existing projects
- Free updates for purchasers of BIA or NCMA Technical/TEK Notes binders
- Membership rates for seminars and other events
- Opportunity to advertise in the directory
- Newsletter.

The information membership is limited to entities that are not mason contractors and masonry suppliers or do not qualify as MIM Associate Members. Annual cost is $300.
AR.E. Exam Changes for '97

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards has announced changes to the Architect Registration Exam (A.R.E.) based on the results of a field test of its new computer-administered exam given earlier this year.

Beginning in February 1997, all divisions of the A.R.E. will be offered year-round, six days a week at a network of test centers across North America. Candidates will be able to take the exam in any order on any day they wish and need not schedule all divisions within a short time frame as is now done with paper-and-pencil testing. They will also not be limited by political boundaries. Candidates applying for initial registration with any registration board can take the test in any test center.

The current 12-hour Division C: Building Design exam will be broken into two parts: Building Planning and Building Technology. The Building Planning division will take about 5 1/2 hours to complete and will contain three vignettes — Block Diagram, Schematic Design and Interior Layout. The Technology division will take approximately 4 1/2 hours and will contain six vignettes — Structural Plan, Building Section, Mechanical and Electrical Plan, Roof Plan, Stair Design and Accessibility-Ramp. The testing times are not yet final and may still be adjusted based on further analysis.

Simpler titles have also been approved by NCARB. They are dropping the “Division X” portion of the names. Candidates who have passed previous versions of the divisions will not be required to retake any division under the new naming system.

20 Keys to Preventing Troubled Jobs

What can we do to prevent a claim? CNA/Schinnerer commissioned an A/E Management Practice Study which looked at A/E firms, their project and firm management practices, and their claims experience over a ten-year period. Among other questions, the study asked firm leaders about the factors they thought prevented (or at least ameliorated) claims as well as those factors that, in their experience, started (or perhaps aggravated) claims. The top 20 claims starters or aggravators was printed in the May 1996 newsletter.

Top 20 Claims Preventers or Ameliorators

- Site responsibilities are clear and coordinated
- Firm turns down projects with uncompensated risks
- Construction administration services are in the contract
- Project staff in the firm are experienced
- Firm has substantial experience with the project type
- Scope, schedule, and budget are determined at the outset
- Firm’s PM is experienced in managing projects
- Client differences resolved immediately
- Firm’s values and orientation are stable over time
- Client’s project representative is experienced
- Systematic review of construction documents
- Firm has past experience with the client
- Key issues are resolved before agreement is signed
- Project staff have experience with project type
- Staff are assigned to the project on a continuous basis
- Firm’s PM has experience with the project type
- Firm’s leadership/ownership stable over time
- Construction schedule, budget are appropriate to scope
- The client makes decisions firmly and on time
- Systematic materials/product investigation
- Helping eliminate adversarial situations.

New Construction Publications Available from AGC Michigan

Two new publications from the Michigan Chapter of the Associated General Contractors will help clarify legal and contractual issues in the construction industry.

Construction Industry Recommendations was developed in conjunction with AIA, and contains recommendations for:

- Contract document provisions with emphasis on quality, fair working conditions, increased efficiency and more economical costs to owners
- Identifying problems early to minimize exposure to liability due to document deficiencies
- Increasing productivity by helping eliminate productivity by

This is the Second Edition of the “Orange Book,” which was originally published in 1972. It is $5 per copy.

A Contractor’s Guide to Michigan Construction Law is a 150-page text explaining Michigan construction law in plain English. While the notebook-format publication is clearly geared toward contractors, it is also a valuable tool for other members of the industry including architects, engineers and owners.

Firm News

Awards...

George Sass, president and CEO of Johnson Johnson & Roy has been elected a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects. The Fetzer Institute Retreat Center and Miller Davis Co. received the first Build Michigan Award. Stuart Fine & Associates received this year’s Preservation Award for Historic Commercial Design from the Birmingham Historic District and Design Review Commission for its work on the Historic National Bank Building Landmark. AIAM Professional Affiliate Jerry Bellan, PE, has been named Engineer of the Year by the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers, Detroit Metro Chapter.

New Positions...

Giffels Associates, Inc.: Michael D. Shea and Paul H. Lemley have joined the firm and both will be working in business development. University of Oregon: Robert Melnick, FASLA, professor of landscape architecture has been named dean of the School of Architecture and Allied Arts. Ritter French Associates: Robb James Rittner has joined the sales staff. Integrated Architecture, P.C. has promoted the following employees to associates: William Culhane, RA, Kathy Fencil, and Richard Koprowski; James Herrick, AIA, CSI has joined the firm as architect. Hobbs & Black Architects: J. Scott Hester, AIA, vice president; and has named the following employees to associates: Gregory Doucette, Steven Dykstra, Kevin Kerschbaum, Thomas Phillips. Lindhout Associates Architects, AIA, P.C.: Matthew Prince, intern. Donald A. Johnson Architects: Audie Bates, AIA, architectural project director. LCF Performance Group, Inc.: Thomas Chen, PE, president, and as vice president of A.J. Etkin Construction Co.

New Addresses...


Renamed...

Tomblinson Harburn Associates Architects & Engineers, Inc. to THA Architects & Engineers.

ESD Awards Recognize Members

A dozen AIAM members were recipients of the ESD’s 22nd Annual Construction & Design Awards. In all, fourteen projects were honored. A jury from the Cleveland Engineering Society selected the winning projects from among many submitted by Michigan-based architects and engineers. They were evaluated on the basis of seven criteria including the quality of overall design, innovative construction techniques, land use/environmental consideration, appropriateness of materials, unique engineering systems, degree of energy consciousness, and end use/social and economic impact on their state.

AIAM members honored include:

- Allegretti Architects, Inc. - Brennan Residence, Stevensville
- BEI Associates, Inc. - Chrysler Assembly Plant: NS Minivan Assembly Plant, Windsor, Ontario
- Ghafari Associates, Inc. - Patterson Technical Center, Dearborn
- Harley Ellington Design - Seasons, A Center for Renewal, Kalamazoo
- Albert Kahn Associates, Inc. - Replacement Parking Structure, Detroit Metro Airport
- Kessler Associates, Inc. - Wayne Co. Medical Examiner’s Office, Detroit
- Constantine George Pappas, AIA - St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Troy
- Rossetti Associates Architects - Ford Collocated Vehicle Design Center, Dearborn
- Arthur F. Smith Architects - Steel House, Birmingham
- Smith Hinchman & Grylls Associates, Inc. - Francois-Xavier Bagnoud Aerospace Engineering Center, Ann Arbor and the Guardian Building, Detroit, Historic Category
Grapevine
Les Tincknell, FAIA, writes “I wish to thank AIA Michigan for the great reception for the new Fellows on May 2. It was a fine event and the turnout for the evening was most gratifying to us. I want to thank all the members who have called or sent me messages of congratulations for the Gold Medal and Fellows honors this past year. I really appreciate everyone’s generosity and thoughtfulness”...LovioGeorgeInc., AIAM communications counsel, has received a Renaissance Award of Merit from the International Association of Business Communicators for the marketing plan created for AIAM...New state IDP coordinator for Michigan is Blake Elderkin, Associate AIA. Eric Hill, AIA, still serves as Detroit IDP coordinator...Architect Marc Rueter of Rueter Associates in Ann Arbor was featured in the winter 1995 issue of Old-House Interiors magazine for his work on a Greek Revival home built in 1993 in Washtenaw County. The home was also featured in the Summer 1996 issue of Style magazine...That same issue of Style featured architect Art Smith’s, AIA, renovation of a 1904 Dutch Colonial in Oakland County...The May 12 Detroit Free Press featured Mark Nickita, AIA, of Archive DS, in a lengthy articles about urban/suburban quality of life...Bruce Babiarz, marketing director for Ghafari Associates, Inc. has been elected to the SMPS Michigan Chapter Board of Directors...Mary Lou Williams extended her thanks in a note for AIA members who visited, sent flowers and made contributions to the Karmanos Cancer Institute in memory of her late husband, Ray...Scott Wortman, AIA has joined Perini Building Co. as project manager of the new Detroit Symphony Orchestra project...The May 2 sports section of the Flint Journal featured AIA member Park Smith, not for architecture, but for his first love — fly-fishing and fly-tieing. Park has donated framed flies to MAF’s auction every year...UofM College of Architecture + Planning news: Robert Beckley spent two weeks in April traveling through Hong Kong, Thailand and Korea speaking about the college and meeting with various professionals and educators; James Chaffers presented a paper on “Place Making in the American City: Accelerating the Search for Harmony Between an Architecture of the ‘Private’ Place Making and and Urbanism of ‘Public’ Family at the Environmental Design Research Assn. conference in June in Utah...Metropolitan Detroit CSI has named Harry Peck as president for 1996-97...David M. Chasio, AIA, assistant professor at Lawrence Technological University, presented a paper/lecture on “New European Museums” at the XIX Congress of the International Union of Architects in Barcelona, Spain.

Opportunities
GOLF-Former Mid-Michigan AIA member Bud Budzynski Memorial Golf Scramble will be held at Forest Akers Golf Course in Lansing on Sunday, Aug. 18. Proceeds benefit Lansing Community College Foundation Budzynski Pre-Architectural Scholarship Fund. For information call the Budzynskis: Stan at 517-655-2416, Randy at 517-339-8883, or Gary at 517-339-9344.

AIA HONOR AWARDS-Call for entries has been extended for th 1997 Honor Awards. Architecture entry deadline is Aug. 2; submission deadline is Sept. 6. Interiors entry deadline is Sept. 6; submission deadline is Oct. 4. Urban Design entry deadline is Sept. 20; submission deadline is Oct. 18. The 25-Year Award submission deadline is Sept. 6. For further information call the AIA Awards Department at 202-626-7586.


OVERSEAS GUIDE-The NCARB recently completed an extensive revision of its book, Architect Overseas Practice Standards, a guide that provides pertinent information about practice requirements in a countries where architects may have an interest in practicing. The book is $50. To order with a credit card call 202-783-6500.

LIGHTING AWARDS-The National Lighting Bureau is looking for lighting applications that demonstrate the value of effective electric illumination. Submissions should document how lighting contributed to energy conservation, improved productivity, increased retail sales, or other desirable goals. Projects must have been completed on or after Jan. 1, 1994. Entries are due Oct. 13, 1996. Call 301-587-9572.

DESIGN COMPETITION-Create a National World War II Memorial. Initial announcements were published in the Commerce Business Daily dated April 19, 1996.
**DPIC Study Reveals Risky Disciplines, Projects**

DPIC's 1996 Focus on Claims shows that structural engineers are more apt to experience claims than other design professions — and those claims tend to be more expensive.

Architects appear to be a slightly higher than the average DPIC risk (35 percent of fees, 37 percent of claims and 36 percent of claims dollars), a study based on more than 8,600 closed claim files from 1989 to 1995, and representing more than $269 million in claim payments.

"Average" risk is where percent of fee dollars and percent of claims dollars are roughly equal for a specific discipline or project type.

Higher risk projects include condominiums, airports, bridges/trestles, high-rise structures, correctional/security facilities and hotels.

Lower risk projects include colleges and universities, roads and highways and commercial/industrial projects.

### Relative Risk by Discipline

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Source: DPIC Companies

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### MEDICAL SPACE PLANNER

A national real estate development & program management firm has excellent opportunities available for a Medical Space Planner within its health care facilities division. The MEDICAL SPACE PLANNER position requires the individual to work with physicians & health care clients & a capability to understand the nuances of the health care industry are key factors in the consideration of the individual for this position. Familiarity with Auto-Cad Issue 13.0 & the ability to organize & prioritize one's work load are important skills.

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**HELP! ARCHITECTS NEEDED**

AIA Kentucky Executive Director Janet Pike has advised that several firms in Kentucky are seeking experienced registered architects to fill key positions. Resumes can be sent to AIA Kentucky, 209 E. High St., Lexington, KY 40507

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AUGUST
2 AIA Nat Honor Awards for Architecture entry postmark
8-10 Mid-Summer Conference/Grand Hotel/Mackinac Island
15 Board of Architects Meeting/Lansing

SEPTEMBER
6 AIA Nat 25-Year Award submission
6 AIA Nat Honor Awards for Interiors entry postmark
6-7 Design Conference/Camp Hayo-Went-Ha
11 BOCA AIA Detroit/Copyright Seminar
20 AIA Nat Honor Awards for Urban Design entry postmark
20-22 10th Annual Detroit Festival of the Arts
21-26 BOCA Annual Meeting/Providence, R.I.

OCTOBER
3 Board of Architects Meeting/Lansing
10-11 Educational Facilities Conference/MAF & AIA Michigan/Bellaire
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