Building Relationships

Over the past nine months, the AIA Michigan Executive Committee and Board of Directors have been meeting throughout the state to encourage participation and provide information exchange while building relationships. We have visited the Flint, Grand Valley, Huron Valley, Mid-Michigan, Saginaw Valley, Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula Chapters.

Dates of board meetings are published in this Bulletin. We welcome these opportunities to meet with members to discuss practice, chapter and professional issues.

Concurrently, our dialogue with the Home Builders and the Interior Designers has continued. The Home Builders have refrained from formal discussions until they determine their legislative position and direction.

Numerous positive discussions with the Interior Designers have resulted in a hold on H.B. 4535 until after the Oct. 16 AIA Michigan board meeting. We intend to negotiate and suggest legislative language beneficial to all.

We also plan to initiate a close working relationship with the Interior Design organizations, which may include joint programs, continuing education, public awareness and awards. Currently, a series of articles is planned on the benefits of using design professionals in the planning and implementation of commercial and residential projects. I am convinced these programs will benefit all of us!

In addition, Tom Lucas is spearheading the Public Awareness campaign for Michigan, which will undoubtedly build a stronger relationship with the public, demonstrating our value for an even more prosperous future.

We will continue to keep members abreast of committee and board efforts – especially those that develop into member benefits. As always, I welcome questions, comments or concerns regarding activities of the Society. I look forward to speaking with you, and seeing your participation within our extremely influential professional association.
Natural Surroundings, Great Weather Enhance Design Retreat

Warm fall weather and thought-provoking presentations added up to a fantastic Design Retreat at Camp Hayo-Wenl-Ha at Torch Lake, September 5-6. More than 135 participants sported their new retreat T-shirts, designed by Hastings Award winner Nelson Nave, AIA.

Friday’s popular open discussion format found members kibitzing well into the evening. The core of the retreat – presentation of sixteen projects ranging in size and scope from a residential renovation to a large urban hospital – encouraged spirited and creative discussions.


This year’s retreat featured a special Saturday evening presentation on “Is Retail Architecture Really Architecture?” by Jim Ryan, AIA of JRPA. He introduced participants to intriguing aspects of the retail world and “toured” some of his firm’s recent projects. Discussion of Jim’s presentation and the other projects continued well past midnight at the bonfire pit, thanks to the breadth of this year’s projects and the warm weather.

Sponsors contributing to the success of this eighth annual Northern Michigan retreat include SMACNA, Federlein and Keranan, PC, MichCon and Consumers Energy.

Attendees who have not yet turned in evaluations can still do so. The committee uses the feedback in making the event a valuable retreat experience. Forms can be faxed to Bill Grindatti, AIA at 248-353-5996. Anyone interested in presenting a project next fall (Sept. 11-12) should contact Bill by phone at 248-353-5995.

New Program Consolidates Sponsorship Efforts

A special task force of the AIA Michigan Finance Committee has launched a new campaign to increase sponsorship dollars and consolidate fundraising efforts for AIA Michigan and Michigan Architectural Foundation events and program. The new “Partners Forum” program provides three categories for major contributions. Each level of sponsorship entitles donors to a wide range of recognition options as well as opportunities to interact with the architectural community.

Categories of giving include Executive Partner ($15,000 or more), Principal Partner ($10,000-$14,999) and Associate Partner ($5,000-9,999).

The task force efforts, spearheaded by AIA members Tim Casai, Carl Roehling, Gene Hopkins, Les Tincknell and Tom Mathison, culminated in the printing of a “package” of materials outlining all events, programs and services supported by sponsorship dollars. “By consolidating the fundraising efforts into one package, major donors will only be approached one time each year,” explains Tim Casai. “They can determine a level of giving, and designate a variety of programs they wish to support. In return, we provide expanded levels of recognition and give them more meaningful opportunities to interact with architects.”

Currently the task force is identifying potential major donors and putting together a team of members to implement the program. Members interested in helping with the sponsorship effort should contact Tim Casai at TMP, 248-338-4561 or Rae Dumke at 313-965-4100.
BCRC Committee Seeks Members

The AIA Detroit Building Codes and Regulations Committee needs new members to replace outgoing members for 1998 and 1999. The commitment is for two years. This is an excellent opportunity for architects with an interest in codes, code issues and the development of codes to step forward and become actively involved in a dynamic and exciting committee.

Members of the committee serve for two years with the exception of the chairman and the newsletter editor.

The committee is comprised of eleven members, eight of whom must be AIA-Detroit members. Three members of the committee are “advisors” and do not require AIA-Detroit membership. The advisors are the AIA/Detroit Executive Director Rae Dunke, Hon. AIA; AIA/Detroit Chapter secretary; and Irv Poko, AIA, of the Bureau of Construction Codes.

The committee meets the first Wednesday of every month except July and August. The committee studies code issues and promulgates code. It is Professional Chapter 8 of BOCA, and members must maintain professional membership in BOCA.

The committee sponsors full day, half-day and two-hour evening seminars which are vital venues for obtaining new information relevant to architects; developing a better understanding of codes and code related issues. They are a valuable source for obtaining continuing education credits.

Contact Chair Jacquelyn Arredondo, AIA, at 248-680-0680 or Assistant Chair Craig MacDonell, AIA, at 248-244-2990.

Zweig Letter Supports Fight Against “Competition Killer”

Zweig White & Associates has joined the fight against the so-called “PECG Initiative” in California. The firm has pledged 10 percent of all new subscription income from its weekly newsletter, The Zweig Letter, to Taxpayers Fed Up with More State Bureaucracy (FED UP!) through the end of 1997. FED UP! is a coalition of professional organizations, private consulting firms and other groups and companies fighting the PECG Initiative.

The PECG Initiative would amend California’s constitution with language that would all but end the ability of private consulting firms to compete for work with state and local government agencies. It would do this by weighting the selection process so heavily in favor of state workers that few, if any, private consulting firms could compete for state-funded, state-operated, or state-permitted projects. Hence, the name “Competition Killer.”

The PECG Initiative will probably appear on the statewide ballot in mid-1998. Two bills in the California legislature mirroring the philosophy of PECG were shelved until 1998, so this will be a major issue in California next year.

For more information about the fight against the PECG Initiative, call Dana Rambo of FED UP! At 415-340-0470. For information about the Zweig Letter, published weekly dedicated to serving the A/E/P industries, call 508-651-1559, or visit web site www.zwa.com.

Roofing Contractors Award Scholarships

The Southeastern Michigan Roofing Contractors Association awarded six scholarship grants to college-bound students at a June banquet in St. Clair Shores. Commercial Roofing Contractors of Southeastern Michigan, through the SMRCA, along with the Roofers Local #149 annually award college scholarships to dependents of employees of member roofing contractors.

This year’s winners were Mark Davidson of Lincoln Park; Mark Casper of Sterling Heights; Gregory Nixon of Ypsilanti; Adam Nixon of Fair Haven; Tina Hughes of Taylor; and Casey Garrett of Howell. Contractors employing their family members include Fisher Roofing Co., Schreiber Corp., and Christen/Detroit.
October

9-10 **Education Conference**
“Educational Facilities Conference” sponsored by AIAM and MAF. Shanty Creek, Bellaire. Call 313-965-4100

11 **UofM**

22 **AGC/AIA Detroit Conference**

23 **Construction Industry Series**
“The A/E & Owner’s Role in Construction Project Decision Making” sponsored by Michigan Construction Industry Professional Education Council and the Annual Fall Conference of the Michigan Construction Users Council. A panel discussion moderated by political reporter Tim Skubick will feature Gordon Holness of Albert Kahn Associates, John Titus of Titus Pinkster Assoc., James Page of Ellis/Naeyert/Genherimer Assoc., Dennis King of Harley Ellington Design, Tom Healy of Owen Ames Kimball, John Wieland of Aristeo Construction, Carl Thoreson of Upjohn, James Sears of Wayne State University, Lee Grider of Ford Motor Land Services and Larry Palizza of BASF. The afternoon will feature roundtable discussions and a presentation on general conditions, with Thomas Young of SHG as one of the speakers. 9 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. Holiday Inn West, Lansing. $95. Call MCUC at 517-485-8230

23 **SMPS Michigan**
Society for Marketing Professional Services luncheon meeting, “Economic Outlook.” www.rust.net/mic/smps

23-28 **Convention**
American Society of Architectural Perspectives 12th Annual Convention and Exhibition, Peabody Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee. Call 617-951-1433

25-26 **Feng Shui Conference**
“Intuitive Feng Shui for the Architectural and Design Community,” speaker is William Spear, a leading Feng Shui educator and business consultant. 12 LUs. $295 before Oct. 1. Drake Hotel, Chicago. Sponsored by McCarthy & Neurauter. Call Jacqui Neurauter 847-359-6391, e-mail neu@starnetusa.net

November

1, 15, 29 **Lighting Workshops**
In collaboration with John Barrie, AIA, Madonna University will host three lighting workshops. The half-day programs will provide up-to-date information, case studies and access to energy experts. Nov. 5 - Public Schools/Municipal Buildings; Nov. 12 - Grocery Stores/Retail Stores; Nov. 13 - Office Buildings/Hotels, Motels. Call Madonna University College of Continuing and Professional Studies, 313-432-5300

6-9 **PIA Forum**
National AIA, U.S. Green Building Council and the U.S. Dept. Of Energy sponsor this joint Professional Interest Area forum on “Environmental and Economic Balance: The 21st Century Outlook.” Seminars, workshops, presentations, tours, and exhibits will facilitate the exchange of ideas, information and expertise regarding sustainable development and livable communities. For information call the AIA’s PIA Information Line at 800-242-3837 or visit web site www.aiaonline.com (see conferences and events)

11 **Education Fest**
13 Detroit Conference on Labor
Fueled by proposed stadiums and casinos and millions of dollars in roadwork, the need for construction workers in Detroit has surged, renewing concerns of a labor shortage. AGC-Detroit sponsors this half-day conference to explore projects and personnel requirements for the next three years. Earn 8 LUs. 8 a.m. - Noon on Nov. 13, at the City-County Building Auditorium in downtown Detroit. Call Joe Neussendorfer at AGC, 248-948-7000.

20 SMPS Michigan
Society for Marketing Professional Services meeting, “Delivery Methodologies.” www.rust.net/mic/smps

21 UofM
College of Architecture + Urban Planning Lecture Series features Peter Eisenman, Eisenman Architects, New York

21 Professional Development Conference
Sponsored by AIA Chicago, this professional development conference is geared to principals and decision-makers. Sessions include Rejuvenating the Educational Environment, Recycling Older Buildings for Residential Use, Strategic Teams: Finding the Right Partners to Win New Commissions, Global and Local Code Issues and Growing a Firm Fast. Up to 15 LUs, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Merchandise Mart Conference Center, Chicago. $50. Call 312-670-7770.

December

2 Sustainable Business Forum Conference
“1997 CEO Forum on Sustainable Business” will provide critical information CEOs can use to develop their own competitive business and risk management strategies and it will explore important sustainable business opportunities. The conference will provide a forum in which CEOs can interact, compare lessons learned and challenge complacency with new thought, potentials and solutions. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Ritz-Carlton Hotel, San Francisco. Attendance fee based on gross sales. Call 650-583-7168, www.SustainableBusiness.org

Labor Shortage Conference
Fueled by proposed stadiums and casinos and millions of dollars in roadwork, the need for construction workers in Detroit has surged, renewing concerns of a labor shortage. AGC-Detroit plans a half-day conference to explore projects and personnel requirements for the next three years.

The Detroit Building Boom Conference will be 8 a.m. - Noon on Nov. 13, at the City-County Building Auditorium in downtown Detroit. For information, call Joe Neussendorfer at AGC, 248-948-7000.
Questions and Answers
About AIA Contract Documents

Reprinted from Supplements, the newsletter of the AIA Documents Supplement Service

Those of us who work in the AIA Contract Documents Program receive dozens of phone calls each week from architects, contractors, lawyers and members of the general public. While some callers have legal questions that are best answered by their lawyers, most questions can be answered using readily available services.

Q: I have a question on the AIA contract...
A: Let’s nip this one in the bud. Many callers — including architects and their office staff — are under the impression that there is one universal AIA contract. This is not so. There are more than 70 unique contract documents available through the AIA, each written and designed to illustrate specific relationships between owners and architects, owners and contractors, architects and consultants and others involved in a construction project.

Anyone who isn’t sure which contract they need should first consult the current edition of the Architect’s Handbook of Professional Practice, which contains samples of the AIA documents. The Documents Synopsis — contained within the Handbook and available free from AIA Michigan — explains the purpose of each document and how the documents are coordinated.

Q: Can I create my own sample document by stamping “Sample” on an original from my files?
A: No. AIA labels some documents as “Sample” as a method for publishing documents for illustrative purposes, such as examples in the Architect’s Handbook of Professional Practice. Under certain circumstances, AIA’s General Counsel’s office will license others to publish samples, but again it is only for illustration.

Q: Can you fax me a copy of document number ...?
A: No. AIA documents are copyrighted and sold through AIA regional distributors. Call 313-965-4100 to order.

Q: Can I make copies of current AIA documents?
A: Only under certain circumstances which are described in the document’s instructions. For most of our documents, a limited license is granted to retail purchasers to reproduce a maximum of 10 copies of a completed agreement, with or without signatures, but only for use in connection with a particular project. Further reproductions are prohibited without the express written permission of the AIA. Consult the “AIA Documents: Use and Reproduction” guidelines for more information. Free copies of this publication are available by calling 202-626-7359.

Q: What is the most recent edition of document number ...?
A: The AIA Contract Documents Price List provides the item number, title, price and publication year of the current edition of each AIA document we sell. The price list is available free from AIA Michigan.

Q: Can I get an interpretation of a provision in AIA document number ...?
A: The AIA generally does not offer legal interpretations of the documents as they relate to specific contractual situations. If you are confused by the wording of an AIA document, call either Mark McCallum (202-626-7531) or Dale Ellickson, FAIA (202-626-7440). They will walk you through the language and help you to understand what it means.

We recognized that not all users of AIA documents are

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lawyers or experts in construction terminology and thus some may occasionally require further explanation of the wording of a contract. Note that both the A201 and B141 come with their own commentary booklets that explain the wording of the documents.

Q: Are AIA documents available on disk?
A: Yes -- so don't even think about scanning them into your computer! The AIA Contract Documents: Electronic Format for Windows™ is a custom software package you install on your personal computer. The software allows you to modify the documents to fit specific project needs, then output copies on your printer. A one-year license costs $325 for AIA members. Call AIA Michigan for an order form.

Q: What documents do I use for bonds?
A: Document A310 and A312 are available for your use. The AIA does not publish standard bid forms, however, so you will need to assist your client (the owner) in drafting one.

Q: Am I required to use A201/SC, "Federal Supplementary Conditions," on all federal projects?
A: No. Using A201/SC is not mandatory -- it just makes it easier to adapt AIA forms to specific federal requirements.

Q: Where can I find forms SF 254 and SF 255?
A: These forms are available from the Government Printing Office at 202-512-1800.

Q: My bank is asking me for an AIA "schedule of value" form. Where can I get this form?
A: The AIA does not publish a standard form for schedule of values, or "draw schedule." For some reason, many lenders seem to think that we do, but it is the contractor -- not the AIA -- who prepares a schedule of values. However, AIA Document G703, a continuation sheet for the G702, might also be helpful.

Annual subscriptions to the AIA Documents Supplement Service are $35 for AIA members. AIA Documents are regularly sent to all subscribers, along with other AIA publications of interest. For information, write to AIA Documents Supplement Service, The American Institute of Architects, 1735 New York Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20006.

Web Sites of Interest

Web Site Connects Building Resources

Experts needed to complete a building project make up the resources featured on BuildSource (www.buildsource.com), a new web site established as a resource for Michigan companies and individuals involved in building projects.

BuildSource, on-line since July, was founded by Robert Bush, president of the code consulting firm Code Source PC and a former member of the architectural firm WBDC Group.

BuildSource includes an extensive database of building expansion experts including architects, engineers, construction financiers, design/build contractors, commercial realtors and building site and soil experts. The web site facilitates direct interaction with these experts at their respective companies.

Internet Bookstore Offers Management Advice for Design Firms

A new on-line bookstore specializing in management issues relevant to architectural consulting firms is available on the internet. The DPIC Management Services Bookstore features an up-to-date selection of books by leading management consultants.

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Firm News

Awards...

Allegretti Architects, ESD Construction & Design Award for a private residence in New Buffalo, Mich. and AIA Housing Committee/BUILDER Builder’s Choice Award for Beachwalk....JJR Inc., merit award in the planning category from the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects for The University of Wisconsin - Madison Master Plan...

New Positions...

Architects Design Group, Inc.: Scott Catallo, AutoCad drafting on education and church projects...Diekema/Hamann/Architects, Inc.: Vicki Nelson, AIA and Neil Sexton, AIA to associate...Giffels Associates, Inc.: Coreen Paul, to business development associate, Southfield, and Donald Helton directs client development, Phoenix, Ariz. Office...Gunn Levine Associates: Marjorie Simmons, principal and vp of finance, named director of business development...

New Addresses...

AIA Houston: 300 Richmond, Suite 500, Houston, TX 77098. Ph: 713-520-0155...Arconcepts, Inc.: 496 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 103, Plymouth, 48170. Ph: 313-416-1090...Hooker/DeJong Architects - Engineers, PC: 410 Terrace Plaza, Muskegon 49440...

New Firms/Names...

SHG Inc. and Stone Marraccini Patterson (San Francisco) plan to merge effective Jan. 1, 1998. New entity will be SMP/SHG...

Obituary

PETE DANNER

Former AIA member Pete Danner died May 30, 1997 of cancer. He was active in the Flint Chapter in the 1970s and 1980s before becoming a consultant for General Motors. Danner is survived by his wife Martha and children, Stephanie, Ava and Nicholas.

Grapevine

Anthony Duce, AIA and Marjorie Simmons, Affil. AIA, both with Gunn Levine Associates lectured on “Campus Image and Environment” at the 1997 Michigan Association of Physical Plant Administrators Conference in August...Brad Pitzer moved to Division Inc. in Novi...Harold Radin, AIA has joined GM Tech Center Facilities Operations, Central Plant Engineering...Harper and Shuman, software provider, launched a new web site at www.harperandshuman.com...Bill Lyman, FAIA, long-time Detroit member before moving east in 1982 was more than a little surprised to run into Harry Van Dine while on vacation in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. Van Dine and his wife, Maureen, were checking construction progress on their home...Scott Heywood, an architectural grad student at UoFM, has been named by the College of Architecture + Urban Planning as the sixth recipient of the Albert Kahn Fellowship...Rudolph/Libbe turned ordinary into extraordinary with the construction of a one-of-a-kind cellular antenna tower at Domino’s Farms. Birmingham architect Gunnar Birkerts, FAIA, first sketched the tower, which is in the shape of a lightning bolt. A national team of tower experts designed and tested the tower prior to actual erection...Quinn Evans/Architects has several projects published in three new books including UoFM Law School classrooms and Moot Courtroom in The Michigan Law Quadrangle: Architecture and Origins and in Creative Lighting: Custom and Decorative Luminaires. The Law School and other projects are in Historic Resource Facilities 1997 Review by AIA Press...Dawn Henson and Jeffrey Sternik left Professional Underwriters to form Professional Liability Marketing, Inc....As reported in Crain’s Detroit Business, Rossetti Associates Architects enjoyed a place on the dais at the U.S. Open Tennis Championships, held at the Rossetti-designed Arthur Ashe Stadium...Barton Malow mail previously sent to a post office box should now be sent to 27777 Franklin Rd., Suite 800, Southfield, MI 48034...
WOOD DESIGN AWARDS – The 1997 Wood Design Award Program recognizes excellence and innovative wood use in residential and nonresidential buildings and architectural interiors, either new or remodeled. Projects completed since January 1994 can be entered in two categories: wood structures and interior architectural woodwork. Deadline for submissions is Oct. 17, 1997. For information or entry materials call Judy Durham, Architectural Woodwork Institute, 703-733-0584.

CINCINNATI ART MUSEUM – Cincinnati’s Contemporary Arts Center seeks an architect to design a major new museum building on a prominent downtown site. Design and construction budget is $10 million. Requests for Statements of Qualifications may be obtained by writing to CAC Architect Selection Committee, 115 E. Fifth St., Cincinnati, OH 45201. Deadline for submissions is Nov. 1, 1997.

ISO/QS-9000 KIT – The ISO/QS-9000 implementation kit by Global QA allows large and small organizations to quickly develop their own quality system. Includes everything needed to implement ISO-QS-9000 Quality System such as detailed manual and guidance notes, procedures notes and flowcharts, forms, and more. Contact Global QA at 248-680-4638.

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SmartFirm provides a framework for translating a firm’s vision and strategy into an integrated set of actions and initiatives – and the means to measure progress towards becoming an effective organization.

PeerPrep allows firm principals and other key managers to individually and confidentially assess where their firm is currently and where they would like it to be with respect to the practice and project management issues critical to the firm’s success.

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### OCTOBER
- **9-10**  Educational Facilities Conference/MAF/Shanty Creek, Bellaire
- **22**  AGC/AIA Information Technology Conference/LTU, Southfield
- **23**  MCUC Fall Conference/Lansing

### NOVEMBER
- **11**  Educational Fest/ Giffels, Southfield
- **14**  AIA Detroit Honor Awards/DIA
- **20**  AIA Southwest Michigan Design Awards

### DECEMBER
- **4**  Michigan Board of Architects Meeting
- **11**  AIAM/AIA Detroit Holiday Open House/Beaubien House

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