Bits and Pieces

It's been a few weeks now since our Mid-Summer Conference on Mackinac Island, but I still think about the terrific time we had. If you were able to attend this year I'm sure would agree. The weather was great, despite a little rain on Saturday, the events were fun and well run as always, and the Grand Hotel was — Grand! Dinner at the Fort on Friday night was spectacular. What a view over the town and harbor at twilight.

We also had some special guests from AIA National, including Ron Skaggs, FAIA, current Vice President/President Elect, and Norman Koonce, FAIA, the new CEO. It seems the reputation of this event is spreading each year in Washington DC. Christopher Fillingham, the current President of the Ontario Association of Architects was also on hand, following our recent partnering with the OAA at this year's spring convention in Windsor. Tremendous thanks goes to this year's conference chair Steve Whitney, FAIA, and all of the committee members and sponsors for yet another success!

On the Public Awareness front, I hope many of you caught my guest editorial piece in the Detroit Free Press about the current opportunities for architects across the state. The significance of this piece is not the topic, but that it was one of the first products of our Media Relations Task Force. The article was written, with help from our PR consultant, Marx Layne Associates, and pitched to the Free Press for publication. It demonstrates that we can be successfully proactive in getting messages out to the public, and that we have interesting points of view to share. The next article, being authored by Gene Hopkins, is already in the works, targeting the Ann Arbor Press. My hope is that we can continue to move forward with similar articles in other parts of Michigan. Supporting this effort, we are also getting ready to launch the Institute's ad campaign in Michigan this fall. Hopefully you will soon be seeing a steady stream of ads and articles by and about architects.

Things are generally quiet right now in Government Affairs, at least with the homebuilders issue regarding eliminating the requirement for an architect's seal on any size single family home. The Senate bill to effect this change is stuck in committee at the moment and may be there for while. Our Government Affairs Committee is working hard to keep it there while we figure out how to initiate a compromise.

On the other hand, the interior design issue has taken another interesting turn. As most of you have probably heard, the interior designers have officially pulled out of the National Accord agreement with the AIA, and are actively pursuing practice legislation. If you recall, AIA Michigan recently helped pass what we considered to be title legislation for interior designers in Michigan, only to be "called on the carpet" this spring by AIA National for having done so, because they felt we had gone too far in establishing a protected area of practice for interior designers. Now, with the interior designers voiding the Accord, it appears Michigan's legislation is being promoted by AIA as somewhat of a "model" for other States to follow. Funny how quickly things change.

Lastly, on a very positive note, we have officially paid off our First Federal Bank mortgage on the Beaubien House. This is a very significant milestone in our debt reduction plan put in place four years ago. And one we have achieved a year ahead of schedule. Hats off to the Finance Committee!
Mackinac Island Memories

Ron Skaggs, FAIA, first vice president and president-elect of AIA, shared the results of AIA’s strategic long-range planning process, called Aligning the Institute for the Millennium. The AIM Report identifies new mission and vision statements, core values, stakeholders and objectives. The following are excerpts from Ron’s remarks at Mackinac.

“It is a plan that shows us where we should go, but leaves it up to us to figure out how to get there… that’s the kind of road map to the future that should be liberating, transformational and empowering. After all, it derives its strength from what our profession does best… designing solutions that work…”

“But innovation is hard work. It means trusting your instinct and breaking out of the box. Performance plans that depend on innovation can be frustrating. We all know that a rigorous intellectual process is required. It means getting to the root of an issue to address causes instead of applying band-aids to effects.”

New AIA Mission Statement
The American Institute of Architects is the voice of the architecture profession dedicated to serving its members, advancing their value and improving the quality of the built environment.

Vision Statement
Through a culture of Innovation, the American Institute of Architects Empowers its members and Inspires creation of a Better built environment.

Skaggs Comments on the Seven Objectives of AIM
Education - Promotes the accountability of schools offering professional degree programs for better preparing their students to become architects upon graduation.

Knowledge Delivery - Challenges the AIA to be at the forefront of information and delivery.

Engaging the Public - The Boyer Report admonishes us to develop a “language of engagement.” We need to foster dialogue that engages the architect with the marketplace.

Partners - We must make a fundamental commitment to true teamwork, so as to change the perception that we are willing, indeed, eager, to play on any team that lets us be coach.

Advocacy - The AIA has not been delivering our message as well as we should and must. The new mission challenges us to speak clearly, consistently and effectively in whatever venue the AIA is called upon to represent the profession.

Inclusiveness - We must grapple with issues of attracting women and minorities to the profession and increasing the percentage of licensed architects who join AIA.

Governance - It’s a difficult issue: Does the AIA have the right organizational structure to facilitate the kind of bold and innovative response called for by the other six Objectives?

APAC Contributors

Many thanks to the following contributors to the Architects Political Action Committee (APAC) for the first half of 1999.

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News from National AIA

New Members Increase by 41 Percent

More than 4,000 members have joined the AIA since the beginning of the year. This represents a 41 percent increase in new members compared to the same time last year. Associate membership grew 65 percent, the most of all member categories. More than half of the new members are Associates.

The great majority of new members join the AIA through local components. Specific recruitment programs targeting Intern Development Program participants, educators and graduating students have also been successful in bringing in new members. And the number of members joining through AIAOnline (www.aiaonline.com) continues to grow.

This is a good time of the year to recruit new members. Members who join now will have their dues prorated to 50 percent at the national, state and local levels.

Questions About Insurance & Finances?

The AIA Trust offers access to insurance and financial programs designed expressly for AIA members. Retirement plans, health, life, disability, auto, homeowners, professional liability and business insurance programs available through the Trust are at competitive, and in some cases, discounted rates. Call Ann Marie Boyden or Cheryl Mowery at (202) 626-7321 or (800) 552-1093.

A variety of insurance programs are also offered through AIA Michigan, in conjunction with Michigan Benefits Plans and Citizens Insurance. For personal attention, call Ray Elliott at Michigan Benefits Plans, (810)377-9606.

AIA Honor Awards

AIA Michigan members: consider advancing nominations for AIA Honor Awards to recognize achievement amongst your peers!

Note the following upcoming submission binder deadlines:

- **Fellowship** • October 22, 1999 (Recognizes U.S. architects who have made a significant contribution to architecture and society and who have achieved a standard of excellence in the profession.)
- **Honorary Fellowship** • November 5, 1999 (Recognizes achievements of foreign architects.)
- **Honorary Membership** • December 18, 1999 (Recognizes non-architect who has given distinguished service to the profession or allied arts and sciences.)
- **Institute Honors for Collaborative Achievement** • October 1, 1999 (Recognizes distinguished achievements of allied professionals, clients, organizations, architect teams, PLAs and others who have had a beneficial influence on or advanced the architectural profession.)
- **Institute Honors for Professional Achievement** • October 1, 1999 Edward C. Kemper Award (Conferred on an architect member who has contributed significantly to the profession through service to the AIA.)

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NCARB

Architects without NAAB Degree

NCARB Votes to Retain Certification Opportunity

NCARB voted in June to lift the sunset provision on the Broadly Experience Architect (BEA) alternative for satisfying the NCARB education standard.

This means that this program will not end on July 1, 2000, and architects who do not hold a degree that is accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) may take advantage of the BEA avenue to NCARB indefinitely. In order to participate in the BEA, you must have been registered as an architect for at least 10 years, and you must also have practiced as a principal or been in responsible charge of the practice of architecture in the jurisdiction where you are registered for 10 or more years.

Once these qualifications have been verified, you will be asked to obtain an evaluation of your formal education from the Education Evaluation Services for Architects (EESA). This evaluation identifies the NCARB education requirements that have not been met, and you will be asked to prepare a dossier illustrating how your experience has compensated for formal education. Finally, you will be invited to meet with a panel of three of your peers to discuss your dossier and your experience. The panel will make a holistic assessment of the dossier and the discussion. A favorable consensus will mean you have met the NCARB Education Standard and are eligible for the certification.

For further details, see pages 3-4 of the NCARB Education Standard, which is available on the NCARB Web site (www.ncarb.org) or call the Council, (202) 783-6500.

Three Steps to the ARE for IDP Interns

If you are nearing completion of the Intern Development Program (IDP), it's time to begin the application procedure to take the Architect Registration Examination (ARE). Follow these steps to initiate your exam registration:

1) Contact the architectural registration board in the state where you are seeking registration. The address and phone number of each board is listed in IDP Guidelines and on the NCARB web site at www.ncarb.org/stateboards.

A. Inform the board that NCARB will be forwarding your IDP Council Record to their office.

B. Inquire about any special procedures, forms or fees specific to that state. It is important to understand that not all states have adopted the NCARB education and training standards. All questions regarding your eligibility for examination should be directed to your state registration board.

2) Send a written request to NCARB to authorize that your IDP Record be sent to your state board. You may also submit an e-mail request from NCARB's web site: www.ncarb.org/forms/req_idptran.html.

A. This letter of authorization should be submitted at least three months before you would like to schedule your exam.

B. NCARB will not send your Record until it is ready per your state board's requirements. So make your request early.

C. Within 30 days of your request, NCARB will check your IDP Record for:
   1. compliance with your state's education requirement.
   2. compliance with your state's IDP training requirement (typically completion of the NCARB IDP Training Requirement).
   3. compliance with your state's training duration requirement (if applicable).
   4. payment of NCARB fees.

D. If your Record is ready, NCARB will send the Record to your state board. If your Record needs additional documentation or fees, NCARB will send you a letter with specific instructions and special return envelope(s).

E. Additional information and fees submitted as directed will be reviewed by NCARB's evaluators within 30 days.

F. You will receive written confirmation when your Record has been sent to your board.

3) Your state registration board will review your qualifications as shown in your NCARB IDP Record and will inform you of your eligibility to take the ARE. At that time, you may call the test center to schedule your examinations. A list of test centers appears on the NCARB Web site at www.ncarb.org/are/testcenters.html.

For further information concerning interns, call the NCARB Student and Intern Services Department at (202) 879-0500, or visit www.ncarb.org/idp.

License Info Available on Web

Architectural (and other professional) licensure information is available on the Internet, on the Michigan Dept. of Consumer & Industry Services Web site, www.cis.state.mi.us.
Talk Design and Enjoy Nature!

Camp Hayo-Went-Ha on Torch Lake provides a serene, rustic, "get-away-from-it-all" environment for this popular annual retreat. The program provides an opportunity to talk about architectural design with peers, and enjoy some fun in nature's surroundings.

In addition to discussing design problems handled by members of the profession, join in a presentation from Dan Hoffman on the Cranbrook Masterplan vision. Program sponsors include MichCon, Federlein & Keranan, PC, Hedrick-Blessing Michigan and SMACNA.

New this year: a golf outing preceding the retreat! Registration fee is $125 for "Pros." Students and Associates enjoy special rates. Call AIA Michigan for details.

House Tour

AIA Detroit sponsors the Birmingham/Bloomfield House Tour on Sunday, Sept. 26, 1999. Tickets are $15 per person, or $13 if purchased in advance.

Motor coach transportation departs Seaholm High School in Birmingham between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Advance tickets are available at the following locations: AIA Detroit; Pewabic Pottery; Gormans, Troy; Harmonie House Classical, Royal Oak; Expressions; The Upper Crust, Grosse Pointe Farms and Hagopian, Novi; as well as at the following Birmingham locations: Architektura, Inc.; Blossoms; Green's Artist Supply and Hagopian.

Golf Outing

Construction Innovation Forum
1999 "Reload" Classic
Sept. 16 • Ypsilanti
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Educational Facilities Conference Slated for Oct. 28-29

Security planning, quality learning environments, design solutions for high schools, building costs and fire safety update are just a few of the topics at the upcoming Educational Facilities Planning Conference. The event is slated for Oct. 28-29, 1999 at Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire, Michigan.

Registration for the two-day program is $195 for members of sponsoring organizations prior to September 15. After that date, registration is $230 for members. Sponsoring groups include AIA Michigan, Michigan Architectural Foundation, Michigan School Business Officials, Michigan Department of Treasury, Michigan Association of School Administrators, and Michigan Association of School Boards.

The Planning Committee expresses its special thanks to the many sponsors of this conference. This year's event has more sponsors than previous conferences, and the committee appreciates their generous support.

For information or to register, call AIA Michigan at (313) 965-4100.

Program Highlights

Best of '98 Slide Show & 1999 Educational Facilities Slide Show

How Well-Planned Schools Support Learning
Facilities of the Future

Impact of New Facilities on Learning & the Community

Legislative Update
Building Cost/SF

Impact of New Facilities on Operating Costs
Selecting Your Professional Team

Office of Fire Safety Update
Security Planning for Tomorrow's Schools
Bond Issue Planning Process

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September

10 Huron Valley Seminar
Building Science: Keeping Buildings Healthy and Dry will be addressed at Huron Valley AIA's upcoming seminar in Ann Arbor. The speaker is Joseph List Berek, PE, a principal of Building Science Corporation in Westford, Mass. Architects earn 24 LUs (8 HSW). Fee is $135 for AIA members; $45 for interns/students. For information or to register, call (734) 332-9008 or (734) 394-9400.

14 Law Seminar
“Michigan Law for Design Professionals,” sponsored by Lorman Education Services, is a one-day seminar designed for architects and engineers. Speakers are Michael Lynch of Plunkett & Cooney, PC and Kevin Gleeson of Sullivan, Ward, Bone, Tyler & Asher, PC. Topics include contracts, liability, ADR and risk management. Cost is $249. Location is Crowne Plaza Port Huron, Port Huron. For information or to register call (715) 833-3959.

17-19 AIAM Design Retreat
Camp Hayo-Went-Ha on Torch Lake provides a serene, rustic, “get-away-from-it-all” environment for this popular annual retreat. The program provides an opportunity to talk about architectural design with peers, and enjoy some fun in nature’s surroundings. In addition to discussion of design problems handled by members of the profession, join in a presentation from Dan Hoffman on the Cranbrook Masterplan vision. Program sponsors include MichCon, Federlein & Keranan, PC, Hedrick-Blessing Michigan and SMACNA. New this year: a golf outing preceding the retreat! Call AIA Michigan for details.

17-19 Historical Society Annual Meeting
Living Vibrantly in a Historical Setting is the theme of the 125th Annual Meeting of the Historical Society of Michigan, at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo.

Presentations, plus tours. Fees vary. For information or to register call (734) 769-1828.

24-25 Preservation Workshops
The State Historic Preservation Office presents its annual fall workshop in cooperation with the Michigan Historic Preservation Network. Sept. 24 (8 a.m.-4:45 p.m.) program is Preserving Our Past Through Creative Partnerships with speaker Constance Beaumont from the National Trust for Historic Preservation; and Keith Schneider, of the Michigan Land Use Institute. Cost is $12. Sept. 25 (8:45 a.m.-1 p.m.) program is The New Michigan Preservation Tax Credits: Are They for You? Cost is $8.50. For information or to register, contact (517) 373-1630, or visit www.sos.state.mi.us/history/history.html.

October

8-9 Huron Valley Workshop: Sustainable Buildings
Sponsored by Huron Valley AIA, this workshop is produced by U of M’s Center for Sustainable Systems. This National Sustainable Buildings Workshop will focus on sustainability indicators; economics of environmentally responsive projects; local, state and federal code issues; organizational conditions; and education of stakeholders and the public. Architects earn 25 LUs (12.5 HSW). Fee is $25 for AIA members. Location, U of M Alumni Center, Ann Arbor. For information or to register, call (734) 936-2542, or visit www.umich.edu/~nppc/pub/workshops.

8 Preservation Tax Credit Seminar
The New Michigan Preservation Tax Credits: Are They for You? Half-day seminar covers establishing eligibility for the credit; companion Federal credit; standards for rehabilitation; financial side of credits and more. Sponsored by Michigan Historic Preservation Network. 8:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is $8.50. For information or to register, contact (248) 625-8181.

8-9 CIVITAS: Community + Design Conference
This AIA conference will explore the role of community design centers as a catalyst to an enlarged mission and redefinition of the profession and professional education. Explore methods, ideas and developments concerning architectural education, the interaction of education and the profession, and the challenging community context in which practice takes place. For conference information, call (202) 626-7305.

13 Arts Council Annual Meeting
Arts & Culture in Michigan Communities/Connecting Collaborating Creating is the theme of the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. Lansing Center, Lansing.

18-19 ICBO Conference in Detroit
The International Conference of Building Officials is slated for October 18-19 at the Omni Hotel in Detroit. AIA members can earn 8 LUs for each of four “overview and perspective” seminars: 2000 IBC Nonstructural Provisions; 2000 IRC Provisions; 2000 IBC Structural Provisions; and 2000 IFC Provisions. Cost is $50 per seminar. Contact ICBO for information or to register, (800) 423-6587, ext. 3418.

23 Tile-Marble-Terrazzo Expo
The International Masonry Institute’s Detroit Tile-Marble-Terrazzo Expo ’99 will be held at Detroit Local 32 Headquarters and Training Center in Warren. The even features exhibits, technical seminars, craft demonstrations and industry awards. Architects earn 9 LUs. Advance registration is $30 for architects, on site is $40. Includes programs, food and exhibits. For information or to register call (734) 458-8544.

28-29 Educational Facilities Planning Conference
Security planning, quality learning environments, design solutions for high schools, building costs and fire
Continuing Education

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.

Earn LUs With Monographs

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards offers a series of monographs, providing architects an opportunity to earn learning units quickly and conveniently. Most of the monographs are worth 30 LUs, one is worth 42 LUs. All hours are in the health, safety and welfare category.

After reading a monograph, an architect completes a quiz and mails it to NCARB for scoring. Passing scores earn learning units, reported to AIA automatically by NCARB.

Monograph titles include Seismic Mitigation; Subsurface Conditions; Indoor Environment Fire Safety in Buildings; Energy Conscious Architecture; and Wind Forces.

For further information, contact NCARB at (202) 783-6500, or visit www.ncarb.org.

Building Technology for Architects: On-Line Courses

Virginia Tech's Department of Architecture is sponsoring a series of online courses for practicing architects and interns. The series emphasizes building structures, systems, and the materials and methods of construction. Each course qualifies for eight Learning Units, and four of Health, Safety and Welfare.

Current courses include Fundamentals of Steel Structure, Fundamentals of Concrete Structure; and Introduction to the International Building Code: Part One-Occupancy.

For further information, visit web site dev8.arch.vt.edu/courses/structure/.

Continuing Education Requirements

At-Risk members have until September 1999 to complete their continuing education learning unit requirements for 1977. If you need assistance on programs or record keeping, contact the AIAM office at (313) 965-4100.

Michigan Preservation Tax Credits Seminar

The New Michigan Preservation Tax Credits: Are They For You? Workshops will be held on Sept. 25 (Lansing) and Oct. 8 (Rochester). Agenda includes establishing eligibility for the credit; how to create a local protective ordinance and historic districts; the Michigan Preservation Tax Credit and the companion Federal credit: are you, your property and the work you are planning all eligible? Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation; the financial side of the credits, how to use them; and how to get more information. Sponsored by the Michigan Historic Preservation Network. Cost is $8.50 per registrant. Call (248) 625-8181.

International Masonry Institute Presents Expo

The International Masonry Institute invites architects to an intensive one-day educational program – The Detroit Tile-Marble - Terrazzo Expo '99 – to be held on Saturday, Oct. 23 in Warren.

The program will feature four seminars in lecture, hands-on and open panel formats. In addition, 20-30 vendors will exhibit materials and installation products. Regional Industry Awards will be presented at the start of the program.

Pre-registration cost is $30, on-site registration is $40 for architects and includes breakfast, lunch, admission to all seminars and exhibits. Learning units will be awarded.

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**Firm News**

**New Addresses...**


**New Positions...**

Albert Kahn Associates, Inc.: John Callas, AIA, Kimberly Nelson, AIA, and Cary Sheremet, AIA to senior associates / stockholders... Argos Group/Barton Malow Design, Inc.: George Houhanisin, AIA as president... The Christian Company: Jim Cash, vp, elected to board of directors... DeMattia Group: W. Keith Owen, AIA to executive vp of design/build, and Gary Roberts, AIA, to executive vp of development... Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc.: Lisa Martin, IIDA, ASID has joined the firm... Gensler: Arthur F. Smith, FAIA, as principal; Bryan Koehn, AIA, Steven Farrelly, AIA, Scott Withers, IIDA and Marjorie Stern, SDA have also joined Gensler's Detroit office... Giffels Associates, Inc.: Thomas Parsons as scheduling manager... Giffels Hoyem Basso: Kirk Delzer, AIA, vp and director of architecture named to board of directors... Ghafari Associates: Patrick Smithbauer, PE as vice president... Hobbs & Black Associates, Inc.: Timothy Andres, AIA, Todd Brandt, AIA, Nicol Chervenak, Larry Gass, RA, Donald Haughton, and Lauren O'Keefe to associate... JJR Inc.: Fred Klananik, PE as president... Kramer Design Group: new staff Jeanette Derowksi, Charles Jordan and Bill Zakes... Quinn Evans / Architects: Laurie Frey Borer and Bradley Cambridge as architect interns; Christina Breed as marketing manager... Jeffery A. Scott Architects PC: Karen Kajanian as director of Marketing... Service & Design Group • Architects, Inc.: Kenneth Catt as senior associate designer and Mary Weitekamp as interior designer... Gerald Yurk Associates, Inc.: Peter Stuhldreher, AIA as architect.

**Awards...**

French Associates design for Woodland Elementary School received a “Best of Troy” award from Troy Chamber; the project also garnered a Gold Citation from the American Schools and Universities magazine's annual Interior Design Portfolio... SmithGroup/Architects Four Historic Preservation: 1999 Outstanding Historic Preservation Project by the Grand Rapids Historic Preservation Commission for the Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts... Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc.: MSPE 1999 Distinguished Corporation Award... Argo Group: to Barton Malow Design.

**New Firms/Offices...**


**Grapevine**

The value of new construction contracts advanced 2 percent in June to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $400.0 billion, it was reported by F.W. Dodge Division of the McGraw-Hill Companies. Both nonresidential building and public works showed expansion, while housing continued to recede from the extraordinary strength witnessed earlier in the year... An OpEd piece by AIA President Gary Skog, FAIA appeared in the Detroit Free Press on Aug. 9. The article addresses the creative challenge facing architects during the current building boom... Integrated Architecture's signature building, The Learning Center in Grand Rapids, is getting lots of attention – including as the focus of a Martin Lighting advertisement appearing in national publications and on Martin's Web site at www.martin.dk... MSPE named is 1999-2000 officers, including President Joellen Thompson, PE; President-elect Ronald Hausmann, PE; Past President Zoran Novak, PE; Secretary William MacMillan, PE; Treasurer Lisa Anneberg, PhD, PE... The Association of University Architects elected Evie Asken, FAIA, of Western Michigan University as its 1999-2000 President. Congratulations, Evie!... Fred Blackwood, a specialist in ceramic tile and marble, offers job inspections as well as consulting services from his new location in Charlevoix. Blackwood founded Beaver Distributors in Farmington Hills in 1964, and retired in 1988. Reach his new company at (231) 547-6300... Allegretti Architects, Inc. won a 1999 Homes for Habitat Design competition. Their design will be built in Maryland, and featured on Bob Villa's television program in November and in Residential Architect early next year... Greg Jones, AIA, an associate at SmithGroup/Architects Four Historic Preservation, presented a program on Federal and State Investment Tax Credits for the Rivertown Business Association and Downtown Detroit, Inc...... A. Alfred Taubman is giving the University of Michigan College of Architecture and Urban Planning $30,000,000, representing the largest single gift ever made to a school of architecture in the U.S. The school will be known as the A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning. Taubman is an alumnus of the college... Dennis King, FAIA, of Harley Ellington Design has been elevated to Fellow of The Engineering Society (ESD)... Crain's Detroit Business list of the region's 200 largest privately held companies included A/E firms SmithGroup, Inc. (ranked 90), Giffels Associates, Inc. (147), The Ghafari Cos. (172), Albert Kahn Associates Inc. (187) and Harley Ellington Design (196)... Several firms, including A/E firm Ghafari Associates, Inc., formed Metro South Development Group, LLC to bid on becoming Master Developer/Coordinator for Wayne County's Pinnacle Aeropark project.
Obituary

GLENN M. "RED" BEACH

Frankenmuth architect Glenn M. "Red" Beach passed away August 1 following a lengthy illness. He was 83. Some of Beach's more well-known projects are the Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn, the Saginaw Children's Zoo and Timber Lanes in Traverse City.

Beach is survived by his wife, Jean, a daughter and three sons.

Opportunities

1999 Ceramic Tile Handbook – The 1999 Handbook for the Installation of Ceramic Tile, published by the Tile Council of America, is available. The book is a designer's guide for clarifying industry practices and standardizing ceramic tile installation specifications. It is revised annually. Copies may be obtained free from the GLCTC, PO Box 164, Farmington, MI 48332-0164; ph: (248) 476-5559.

Aboveground Storage Tank Certification – International Fire Code Institute offers certification in Aboveground Storage Tank Installation/Retrofitting that meets or exceeds EPA requirements and many states for certification of tank workers. The exam concentrates on installation, retrofitting, replacement or relocation, and inspection of certain systems. It covers pre-installation planning, foundations and support, secondary containment, tanks and equipment, pumps and valves, health and safety, and piping systems. Exams are computer-based and given at facilities nationally. For information call (800) 423-6587, ext. 4719 or visit www.ifci.org.

ICBO Offers Energy Code Certifications – Three new certification programs are offered through ICBO including Commercial Energy Code Inspector; Commercial Energy Code Plans Examiner, and Residential Energy Code Plans Examiner/Inspector. Exam applications and schedules are available by calling the ICBO Certification Department at (800) 423-6587, ext. 3419.

MIM Award Deadline

September 30, 1999

Registration for the 2000 Architectural Awards Program for Masonry Design, cosponsored by AIAM and the Masonry Institute of Michigan are due September 30, 1999. Awards recognize excellence in masonry design. The program is open to architectural projects of all classifications.

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**B.J. Harris, Speaker:** Is an internationally recognized expert on environmentally responsible building materials. She provides pioneering research and consultation in both the private and public sectors, in the United States and abroad. As a writer, and creator/editor of The Harris Directory: A Database of Recycled & Pollution Preventing Materials for Home, Office & Garden, she shares her expertise in helping clients build partnerships that stimulates new generations of products and programs aligned with the environment.

**John Barrie, AIA, Speaker:** Has helped to design and construct environmental buildings throughout the United States. His expertise in cost effective projects that are energy efficient, have pristine air quality, and are made of materials that rest lightly on the environment, has earned him a national reputation. Currently Barrie is writing the “Sustainable Facilities Guidebook” for the United States Air Force, a comprehensive guide to the design and construction of all new Air Force facilities. Barrie, having presented over 100 energetic and entertaining workshops, will present new case studies which show how green buildings are good for the bottom line.

**Ramsey Zimmerman, Moderator:** Is the commercial recycling and green building project manager for Recycle Ann Arbor (RAA). Zimmerman has also spoken and facilitated green building workshops in Michigan, North Carolina and Maryland. Currently recycling material for over 300 area businesses, RAA also operates the Reuse Center. The Center accepts donations of used building material and office furniture for resale. Zimmerman has just opened the En-House, a green building demonstration and educational center at the Reuse Center.

### Green Building Workshop Registration

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**Registration Fee:** includes program materials, lunch and refreshments

- [ ] MRC Member $45
- [ ] AIA Member $45
- [ ] Non-Member $50

* This workshop counts toward 6 LUs (3 HSW).

**Return this form with payment by Friday, October 22, 1999 to the:**

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**Upcoming AIAMichigan CE Events**

**Educational Facilities Planning Conference**

*Shanty Creek • Sept. 28-29*

**Design Retreat**

*Camp Hayo-Went-Ha • Sept. 17-19*