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A Message from the President

A year has rolled around and the Annual Meeting approaches marking the end of my term of office as President of the Missouri State Association of Registered Architects. The year has passed quickly. A brief review of activities of your Board of Directors reminds us of a few accomplishments and much remaining undone.

I think all will agree that the year has seen a development of our good working relationship with the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers. The good work begun by Harold Casey has been continued through our legislative committee headed by Joseph B. Shaughnessy. Four bills introduced before the legislative are evidence of the work of this committee. While their fate at this writing is unknown, we trust some of them at least will become law. They will definitely enhance the status of our profession.

The Grievance Committee under Bob Elkington has done yeoman service in investigating several cases brought before it. The procedures previously agreed upon with the State of Registration have begun to work and will be perfected with practice. This is a disagreeable but very essential phase of our Association’s business. Diligently worked at, it too will result in better service to the public and higher standards of professional practice.

A committee has been appointed to survey the need and desirability of a State Building Code. Dwight Brown is Chairman and John Sweeney and Trueeman Martinie are members. They have been in contact with a similar committee of the Engineers and we are looking forward to their report at the Annual Meeting.

The event of the year as far as the members are concerned is, of course, the Annual Meeting on May 7th. “Architect’s Day” has become increasingly worth-while and this year promises to be better than ever. The business meeting in the morning will give you all an opportunity to ask questions, express opinions and elect two new members of the Board of Directors. Take advantage of this and come and tell us what you think the Association should do. The afternoon and evening sessions described elsewhere in this journal will be educational and inspirational and we can all use some of that. The social hours are your opportunity to make acquaintances and meet your brother architects from all over Missouri.

All Architects and Architects-in-Training, whether members of the Association or not, are cordially invited to attend. We are looking forward to seeing you on May 7, 1955, in Jefferson City.

Rex L. Becker.

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10:30 A.M.—12:00 Noon—
Annual Business Meeting—Jefferson Building
Elections, Reports
Discussion of Pending Legislation

12:15 P.M. Luncheon—Missouri Hotel . . . $2.25
Speaker—Senator A. M. Spradling, Jr.
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5. Aspects of the new Hospital License Law.

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Speaker—Architect Richard M. Bennett, A.I.A.
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Ladies are urged to attend the luncheon, cocktail party and dinner and are cordially invited to attend the Seminar if they desire. The ladies committee is arranging a special afternoon program. Retiring and dressing room for ladies is reserved at the Missouri Hotel.

A feature of the meeting will be a general exhibit of Architectural work of many kinds.

All Missouri Architects are urged to bring exhibits for this meeting. Space has been arranged for many participants. Reservations: Send all requests for luncheon and dinner tickets direct to President Becker at 705 Olive Street, St. Louis 1, Mo. Send requests for room reservations direct to Missouri Hotel, Jefferson City, Mo.
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The principal speaker at the annual banquet will be Architect Richard Marsh Bennett of the well known firm of Loebl, Schlossman and Bennett of Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Bennett is no stranger to the St. Louis Chapter A.I.A. as he served on the jury for their Merit Award Competition in 1953. Mr. Bennett graduated from Harvard in 1931 and studied abroad under the Appleton Fellowship from 1931 to 1933. He has taught at Rensselaer, Vassar, Columbia University and Pratt Institute and was Professor of Architecture and Chairman of the Dept. of Architecture at Yale University. He is a fellow of the A.I.A., a member of the School Building Council of the A.I.A., and a member of the Architect's Advisory Committee to the Chicago Planning Commission. He is co-author of the book, "Churches and Temples." He has designed several buildings at Michael Reese Hospital and the Lewis A. Weiss Memorial Hospital in Chicago. His firm also did the Park Forest Housing Project in Chicago.

From the brief sketch above, you will note his wide interest and experience in all kinds and types of buildings. He has actively served his profession in practice, in teaching, and in writing and has spoken at many meetings including the Ann Arbor Conferences.

The committee is very happy that Mr. Bennett has so kindly consented to take the time from his busy schedule to attend our meeting. We know his talk will be a high spot of the program.
Special Notice to All Registered Engineers and All Registered Architects

Blanks for renewal of registration for 1955 will be mailed on or before December 15, 1954.

Do not mail renewal checks without official renewal blanks. Use of check form attached to renewal blank will accelerate processing your renewal. In any case, check must be payable to State Department of Revenue. The Collector is not responsible for cash.

Do not confuse renewal of your registration with membership in any professional engineering or architectural society or association.

Renewal is for the calendar year ending December 31, 1955. Not for any part of the year in which registration was granted as shown by Board records.

Renewal applications and fees are processed in the order in which they are received at the office of the Board.

Renewal cards for 1955 will be mailed after January 1, 1955.

If registration is not renewed and annual fee paid on or before April 1, 1955, your registration is suspended by law on that date, subject to reinstatement on proper application and payment of a reinstatement fee of $10.00.

If any suspended registration is not reinstated on or before December 31, 1955, it expires on that date by law.

Re-registration fee is $25.00. All fees collected by the Collector for Board services are turned into the State Treasury to the credit of the Architects and Professional Engineers Fund. None of such funds can be expended by the Board without Legislative appropriation.

An engineer in another state, this year, lost a $5250 fee because work was contracted while he was delinquent in payment of renewal fee due last January. Don't let this happen to you!

Meetings of the Board:

Semi-annual meetings of the Board authorized and required by statute are held the second Monday in February and August each year.

Regular intermediate meetings authorized but not required by statute are held the second Monday in May and November each year.

Special meetings may be held on such dates and at such places as may be designated by the Chairman of the Board or by the Chairman of either Division with the approval of the Chairman of the Board.

Examinations for Registration:

Examinations for registration as professional engineers are given at Jefferson City once a year on the first Monday and Tuesday in October. The fee fixed by law for examination for registration is $25 which entitles applicant to one reexamination if he fails all or any part of the examination. The law requires applications for examination to be filed in the office of the Board 60 days prior to date of examination. Examinations for registration cannot be completed in less than 60 days.

Examinations for enrollment in the Architectural Division are referred to the Engineering Division and returned with the recommendations of the Division. The thorough review and investigation required to be made of applications for registration cannot be completed in less than 60 days. The examination for registration is a 2-day examination.

Engineer-in-Training Examinations:

Examinations for enrollment of engineers-in-training only are given annually by the Board between the first day of March and the first day of June at Columbia, Kansas City, Rolla and St. Louis. Examinations for enrollment are also given on the first day of the examinations for registration at Jefferson City, which is the first Monday in October each year. Fee for examination for enrollment, as fixed by law, is $5.00 which must accompany an application for enrollment. Payment of this fee entitles an applicant to one re-examination if he fails all or either part of the examination. The examination for enrollment is a one-day examination.

Statutory Duties of the Board Include:

1) Consider and act upon applications for registration;
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3) Permit an accused registrant to appear in person, or by counsel, and cross examine the witnesses against him; subpoena and compel attendance of witnesses in his defense; and subpoena and compel the production of books, records and documents as evidence on behalf of the accused;
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There have been a number of comments received regarding House Bill No. 348 providing for the integration of the Architectural and Engineering professions with their respective State Associations. People naturally resent being forced to do something even when they know it is for their own good.

We think the following article which we have borrowed from the Journal of the St. Louis Engineer's Club and which originally appeared in The Registration Bulletin (quarterly publication of the National Council of State Boards of Engineering Examiners) is apropos. (We have changed the wording "Engineer" to "Architect.")

"It is impossible to over-emphasize the fact that technical competence is the necessary but not the sufficient condition for becoming a professional architect. There must be developed, in addition, certain personal characteristics, qualities of personality and of character, which will establish unmistakably a feeling of trust, confidence, and loyalty in man-to-man relationships.

"Active participation in the affairs of a local architectural society or branch of a national society offers many opportunities for becoming acquainted with the professional men of a community. "Most societies arrange for young men immediately to share in the responsibilities of committee work. Participation in meetings of professional groups provides an excellent opportunity to discuss the canons of ethics and the responsibilities of members of the profession to the public.

"Every architect should be familiar with the laws governing the registration of professional architects in the state where he practices."

House Bill No. 348 does not affect any man who is presently registered and applies only to those registered after enactment of the law. We hope that it will make the registrant feel his responsibility to the profession at large.

We think that when the purposes and scope of the proposed bill are fully understood it will find general acceptance.

Code of Ethics in State Law

Missouri State Senators Noble and Hatcher have introduced a bill in the State Legislature amending the Architects and Engineers Registration Law in several important respects. The bill has been endorsed by the Missouri State Association of Registered Architects and the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers.

For the first time in the history of Missouri, it is hoped that some of the important aspects of the ethical practice of architecture, long endorsed by the A.I.A., can be spelled out in the Registration Act.

This should be another step forward in our continuing efforts to improve the practice of architecture, to protect the public from the unscrupulous, and to raise ever higher the professional standards which every client has a right to expect from his architect.

The bill also more clearly sets forth the responsibilities assumed by an architect or engineer when he affixes his seal to a set of plans. It states that the seal shall be the legal equivalent of the signature of its owner, and that the architect or engineer who affixes his seal to one or more sheets of a set of plans or specifications shall be responsible for the whole architectural or engineering project unless he attaches a statement over his signature specifying the particular documents intended to be authenticated by his seal and disclaiming responsibility for those affecting other parts of the project.

This again should increase the stature of the profession, require higher standards of practice and protect the public from partial, incomplete, and unsatisfactory service.

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I am myself more interested in the present day than posterity and I believe at such an important building as the governor's new house will have an impact on residential architecture in the state.

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