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THE PRESIDENT REPORTS

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Notes from all around . . . Thanks for allowing me to be your president this year. It has certainly been anything but boring. For instance: we broke in a new Executive Director (or she broke us in); we negotiated a great improvement in our health insurance plan and refunded money to its subscribers; we successfully negotiated in the legislature to provide some needed relief from unjust statute requirements; a working public relations committee was formed and immediately launched into an active position, and . . . many other benefits for us all.

Please be alerted that we may be very active again in this year's legislative matters. We have an excellent lobbyist in Lillian. She and the legislative committee will need your individual assistance from time to time this spring.

It used to be that an architect could set up shop with pencil, paper, drafting board and parallel. Cheap. Now the capital outlay for computers, software, libraries, etc. can be quite disconcerting for new firms.

AIA has many good resources for many subjects for which you may be interested. Have you considered getting their library catalogue?

Best wishes for the New Year.

1985 DOCUMENT PRICE INCREASE

Effective January 1, 1985 there will be a 4.8% document price increase. The increase in price is to cover paper and other material costs related to document production. Please include this price increase in any of your orders place after December 31, 1984. New price lists will be mailed in Janu-

ary. Please remember that orders less than \$25.00 must be accompanied with payment.

NCAIA MEMBER PROFILE

NCAIA surveyed its members a year ago to assist the conventions committee in planning more interesting programs. Members provided us with invaluable suggestions and information in this area, but we also were able to put together a profile of architects in NC. Below is the NCAIA data compared with a national AIA survey which was also conducted in 1983.

Detailed Distribution of Firms by Firm Size

	NCAIA (%)	National (%)
Permanent Employees		
1	18.3	17.7
2-4	44.2	33.5
5-8	17.6	25.8
9-13	4.7	11.0
14+	9.5	12.0

Distribution of Firms by Type

	NCAIA (%)	National (%)
Architecture	70.07	88.5
A/E	1.0	8.6
E/A	17.0	.6

Total Compensation

	NCAIA Members
0-\$10,000	4.5%
\$10,001-\$15,000	3.4%
\$15,001-\$20,000	8.0%
\$20,001-\$30,000	15.6%
\$30,001-\$50,000	15.0%
over \$50,000	33.0%

Total Compensation in Firms Principal

	NCAIA	AIA
range: \$39,000 - \$122,400		
mean: \$53,240		
mean in South: \$50,742		
Supervisory - manager, dept. head, project architect		
range: \$28,000 - \$55,200		
mean: \$35,668		

mean in South: \$33,863
Technical I
job captain, senior designer
range: \$23,000 - \$39,250
mean: \$26,049
mean in South: \$25,501

Technical II
not licensed, intermediate level
range: \$17,000 - \$31,000
mean: \$21,322
mean in South: \$21,525

Technical III
not licensed, junior staff
range: \$13,000 - \$22,600
mean: \$15,047
mean in South: \$14,525

Age Distribution	NCAIA (%)
20-32	8
33-45	50.4
46-61	32.8
61+	8.4

BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD UPDATE

Your Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverage has been amended for persons between the ages of 65 and 70. Any participants reaching age 65 (and still actively working) will now be able to choose whether they want to retain full benefits of the NCAIA sponsored plan, or whether they wish to have Medicare as their primary coverage coupled with a Blue Cross Medicare Supplement. All participants age 70 and over or age 65 and retired must switch to Medicare as primary coverage. Necessary information will be sent by Blue Cross when these events happen in the future. Any active participants between 65 and 70 who are now on the Medicare Supplement coverage and who wish to change back to full plan coverage should call Jane Johnson at NCAIA Headquarters and necessary information will be sent.