NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 20th, 6:30 p.m.
Subject: "Pre-Convention" Business.

All matters on which our Delegates are to speak for us in Cincinnati will be taken up at this meeting. Every Chapter member is invited, nay urged, to send in a suggestion, a proposal, even a grievance, for discussion at this meeting. Your President has already invited a number of our newly elected members to give us their ideas on what more the A.I.A. can do for the profession. The Agenda for this meeting will be made up from the answers to this appeal.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INSTITUTE

The next Annual Meeting of the Institute will soon be upon us. It is scheduled for May 26, 27 and 28 at Cincinnati. Since so many of our members are now in the Armed Forces and so many others are tied down to war work of one sort or another, it devolves all the more upon those of us whose time is still subject to our own control, to go this year to Cincinnati.

The old complaint "Architects are never vocal" is still true.

These yearly meetings of the leaders of the architectural profession in America are the opportunity—unfortunately not always looked upon as such by some members—to make our architectural voice heard. It is moreover the opportunity to learn and understand what the rest of the architectural profession is thinking and doing. Only by means of these meetings with their frank discussions and their ironing out of thoughts and ideas, can a national policy be established and a firm course laid for the future.

As one of our members has truly said, "The individual is helpless by himself in the face of world changes. It is only by cooperation, concerted and disinterested thinking and unified action that any impression can be made on the course of events. There is no better way of accomplishing these ends than by joining a professional society and taking an active, serious, selfless and persevering part in its activities."

INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES:

Cincinnati is an overnight trip. You may board the B & O at 2:20 p.m., arriving in Cincinnati at 9:20 the next morning, going via Washington; or you may go by the New York Central leaving New York at 4 p.m., arriving at 8:45 the next morning, going via Albany. Round trip coach fare $24.60. Round trip Pullman $45.45. Lower berth $5.80.

A new slate of Institute officers will be elected in Cincinnati. Nominations have been filed by a number of Chapters, including our own, for Raymond J. Ashton of Utah for President, James R. Edmunds, Jr. of Baltimore for Treasurer, and Ralph Walker of this Chapter for Secretary.

As voted at the last Chapter meeting, our own Edgar Williams is slated to be Regional Director for New York, and as such he will be a member of the A.I.A. Board.

Mutterings about making the "Octagon" a more vital, colorful and effective journal, and more truly representative of the architects of the country, have brought forth some excellent, broad and at the same time practical suggestions. Your Public Relations Committee is now taking these under advisement and will present some definite proposals to the next Chapter meeting for the information of our delegates.

MEMBERSHIP

CANDIDATES:

The following names have been submitted for Institute membership:

1. Herman Henry Bouman
   Sponsors: Antonin Raymond
   Walter E. Anderson
2. Robert T. Handren
   Sponsors: Albert Schweizer
   Morris Ketchum, Jr.
3. Sidney Leon Katz
   Sponsors: John Eberson
   Antonin Raymond
4. Herbert Arthur Magoon
   Sponsors: Matthew Del Gaudio
   Elliott L. Chisling
5. Robert J. Reiley
   Sponsors: Arthur L. Harmon
   Frederick G. Frost

THOUGHT FOR THE FUTURE

What is an Architect? Webster defines him as "one versed in the art of building."

The Statutes of New York State, however, define him as one able to "perform professional service such as consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning, design, including aesthetic and structural design . . . wherein the safeguarding of life, health or property is concerned, when such professional service requires the application of the art and science of construction based upon the principles of mathematics, aesthetics and the physical sciences."

Of the 48 States in the Union, 42 now require that a man must prove he has such qualifications as described above before he may practice architecture, and there is no doubt the time will soon come when the remaining six States will join with the rest.

However, until architectural registration becomes nation wide, the American Institute of Architects, which is national and whose by-laws cover all States, cannot require registration as a condition precedent to membership.

This leads to consideration of the eligibility of non-registered men. This Chapter has been faced with the problem of deciding whether or not to recommend for full membership men who are not registered, but who as employees in architects' offices have all of the desirable qualifications of experience, training and education.

One solution of course is to invite these men to apply for Associate membership in the Chapter, pending the time when registration is accomplished. One of the principal reasons for this is based upon the argument that if non-registered men were accepted as corporate members of the A.I.A., it might logically be assumed that the Institute recognizes these men as having the right and privilege of claiming their membership as an indication of architectural competence. This to some seems contrary to the spirit of the New York State Registration Law.

The Institute has always encouraged the registration of qualified architects by State Law, and it should therefore consider carefully any action on its part which might tend to weaken such legislation.
This year's award goes to Edward Murray Bassett, known as the «Father of Zoning.” Presentation of the Architectural League on Friday, May 14th, at one o'clock. All members of the New York Chapter are cordially invited to be present.

The principal speaker at the lunch will be the Hon. George Mcaney, first recipient of the City Planning Medal and an Honorary Associate Member of this Chapter.

Mr. Bassett, now in his 81st year, was largely responsible for the enactment of New York's first zoning ordinance of 1916. As head of legal research for "The Regional Plan of New York," he drafted the State Planning Laws, adopted in 1926 and 1927, which give every municipality the right to establish an official Planning Commission.

The Medal of Honor is awarded jointly by four professional organizations of the Metropolitan Area, including the New York Chapter.

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