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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your Chapter has developed a leadership in City and State affairs which will benefit both the profession and the general public, thus making it a more dynamic force. It's in good shape financially—and even more important, psychologically.

Your Chapter will assume more responsibilities in the months and years ahead and as individual architects and firms, we must carry on with these responsibilities. For instance, an active interest in legislation on both the City and State level has been initiated. We must exercise our individual responsibility to understand the spirit of the law and make sure that it is upheld—have interest in the laws and diligently abide by them when they are right and work for change when change is necessary.

Fee scales need re-evaluating, and we are moving forward in that area.

Better working relations are being established with the press. Your Chapter is clarifying areas of ignorance in the public mind regarding architects and architecture. It's an important job and not one that can be done overnight.

As a Chapter and as individuals we are more aware that we have a definite duty to the community. Serving on committees and cooperating with other groups take time—the experience may occasionally be frustrating, yet your Chapter officers and members are accepting an increasing number of such assignments in the broad public interest.

What is the biggest problem that now confronts us as architects?—Better Planning and Better Design. The better the design, the better the job and the better are relations with the client. Good architecture and satisfied clients go together—it's as simple and as complex as that.

Your Chapter operates through committees. Sincere interest on the part of chairmen and committee members has resulted in a well-coordinated and successful effort. As retiring president I sincerely hope that the chapter membership will support each succeeding administration as well and with a little more effort. My sincere thanks to all.

## THE YEAR'S WORK—NEW YORK CHAPTER—1957-1958

Chapter activities have reflected all the varied aspects of our profession: for the practical minded there have been technical discussions and field trips; for those aesthetically inclined there was an opportunity for critical analysis through competitions and awards, culminating in a record ninety-three entries for the LeBrun Fellowship; for the business minded there were special Public Relations programs and symposiums; and a Supper Dance and several cocktail parties to honor visiting dignitaries provided opportunities for those socially minded. In all there were one hundred and twenty committee meetings, twenty Executive Meetings and some thirty-five scheduled events throughout the year.

This issue of Oculus is devoted to a review of these activities as reported by the various Chapter Committees. The abbreviated length of these reports in no way reflects the true extent of one's participation in these activities. For, in addition to the Chairman and Committee members, there have been many young and active members who through their interest and efforts have made these chapter activities a reality. To these the New York Chapter owes a vote of thanks.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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## JURY FOR THE MEDAL OF HONOR AND AWARDS OF MERIT

ROBERT W. CUTLER  
*Chairman*

GIORGIO CAVAGLIERI  
ROBERT I. CARSON  
OLINDO GROSSI  
ANTONIN RAYMOND  
EDWARD D. STONE

The Jury unanimously selected Ludwig Mies van der Rohe as the recipient of the New York Chapter's Medal of Honor. Mies is being honored both as a teacher and as a distinguished designer of buildings. His citation reads in part "Because of your notable architectural achievements in many lands, and the continuing influence of your architecture and philosophy, Because of your appreciation of the needs of the young architect and your ability to inspire him to greater efforts, Because of your clarity of expression and refinement of form and proportion, and Because, above all, of your gift of interpreting the contributions of Technology to achieve an aesthetic and moving architecture, you are hereby awarded The Medal of Honor of the New York Chapter, the American Institute of Architects."

## COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

HAROLD C. BERNHARD  
*Chairman*

J. GORDON CARR  
FERDINAND EISEMAN  
PHILIP IVES

Charges of unprofessional practice against a number of members were carefully considered by the Committee. In two instances the charges were referred to the Executive Committee and Washington headquarters for disciplinary action. In most instances, however, members were notified of an infraction of the mandatory rules of the Institute with a warning of more serious consequences if the violations continued.

More time consuming, however, was the almost daily chore of answering of questions relating to professional practice by telephone and letter on the part of the Chairman.

## COMMITTEE ON FELLOWS

OTTO TEEGEN  
*Chairman*

ARTHUR C. HOLDEN  
ROBERT ALLAN JACOBS  
FRANCIS KEALLY  
WALTER H. KILHAM, JR.  
CLARENCE S. STEIN

The Committee on Fellows met several times during the winter and in January submitted its recommendations to the Chapter Executive Committee which must approve all names to be sent to the Jury of Fellows in Washington for ultimate selection.

Of nine names comprising the first group under consideration, including those submitted by Chapter members, one was dropped because it was found he no longer belonged to the Chapter, and a second because he did not fulfill the requirements that a nominee must have been a corporate member for not less than ten years. After due deliberation and study the Committee recommended the remaining seven names to the Executive Committee, who in turn approved four of them. Washington selected three of these plus one name nominated and submitted by a self appointed group of Chapter members. Those receiving advancement to Fellowship, were Marcel Breuer, Gordon Bunshaft, Robert Carson, and Edward D. Stone.

## COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

LEOPOLD ARNAUD  
*Chairman*

ARTHUR C. HOLDEN  
ROBERT S. HUTCHINS  
FRANCIS KEALLY  
HARRY M. PRINCE

Your Nominating Committee for 1958 has presented a slate in accordance with Article 8, Section 7 of the By-Laws of the Chapter for Officers and Elective Standing Committees.

## ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

DAVID L. EGGERS  
*Chairman*

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N. N. CULIN  
WALTER H. KILHAM  
RICHARD STEIN  
ROBERT JACKSON SMITH  
THEODORE J. YOUNG

The Admissions Committee held thirteen (13) meetings from May 21, 1957 to April 24, 1958. Seventy-eight (78) applicants for Corporate Membership, and fifty-one (51) applicants for Associateship in the New York Chapter were interviewed. Seventy-eight Corporate applications and forty-nine Associate applications were sent to the Executive Committee with favorable recommendations.

## AWARDS COMMITTEE

PHILIP IVES  
*Chairman*

STUART BAESEL  
PHILIP C. JOHNSON  
ALEXANDER D. KNOX  
JULIAN H. WHITTLESEY  
EDGAR I. WILLIAMS

Two awards were recommended during 1957-1958:

For the 1957 Sidney L. Strauss Memorial Award, Mr. Arthur J. Benline, Technical Director of the New York State Building Code Commission, was nominated by our Chapter because of the benefit to the profession derived from his work. We were subsequently gratified to have notification from the New York Society of Architects that our nomination was successful and the Strauss Memorial Award Committee had conferred its award on Mr. Benline.

For the Institute's R. S. Reynolds Memorial Award, two structures were recommended for the consideration of the Jury of Awards in which it was considered that aluminum had been used both structurally and aesthetically in designs regarded as distinguished, as follows:

The Franklin National Bank at Roosevelt Field, N. Y.

by I. M. Pei & Associates

The Connecticut General Life Insurance Company

at Bloomfield, Conn. by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

Honorary Associate Membership in the Chapter has been recommended by the Committee of Awards to be conferred upon Mr. James Felt, Chairman of the New York City Planning Commission and the nomination was submitted to the Chapter Membership and approved at a meeting held on May 20, 1958.

The Citation reads: "In acknowledgment of the creative stimulus derived by the profession from his leadership in planning a better Community."

## BRUNNER SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

ELISABETH COIT  
*Chairman*

A. S. DOUGLASS, JR.  
STANHOPE A. FICKE  
EMANUEL N. TURANO  
JULIAN H. WHITTLESEY

The 1958 award amounting to \$2,400 was given to Dr. Harry A. Anthony to forward the completion of his book, "Basic Principles of Urban Planning Practice."

Dr. Anthony, an architect-planner, who teaches at Columbia University and also practices as a city planner, convinced the Committee of his fresh approach to the subject, of his ability to complete the work (already far advanced) and of his enthusiasm. The Committee also agreed that the work would be particularly useful and interesting to the architectural profession at large.

There were twelve applications this year, one less than in 1957.

A grant of \$500 was made to Mr. Robert Weinberg for illustrations in the forthcoming book developed by a joint A. I. A. - A. I. P. Committee, "Planning for Community Appearance." An additional \$3,500 was given towards its publication.

The Committee also approved a grant, suggested by the Chapter's Executive Committee, of \$1500 from the Brunner Scholarship Fund to the Chapter's Civic Design Committee to aid in a study of the proposed 30th Street Express Elevated Highway (in collaboration with the City Planning Commission).

The Interim Report from last year's Scholarship winners, Messrs. Ratensky and Snibbe (jointly) states that 12 European and 7 U. S. cities (chosen because of their wealth of large-scale urban developments) have been visited. Agencies and civic leaders were consulted, projects visited, and a mass of illustrative material collected that is now being put in shape.

Mr. Caleb Hornbostel, who received a grant last year to further his work on materials in architecture, has asked the Brunner Committee members to visit his office in May to see the progress of his work.

**CIVIC DESIGN COMMITTEE**

G. HARMON GURNEY  
*Chairman*

HARRY A. ANTHONY  
SIMON BREINES  
ANTHONY J. DAIDONE  
JOHN FARON  
DAVID H. HUGHES  
EDWARD J. MATHEWS  
GEOFFREY PLATT  
SAMUEL RATENSKY  
RICHARD STEIN  
ANTHONY VARNAS

The Civic Design Committee of the Chapter, in a series of meetings and working through certain sub-committees, carried on studies and recommended action on the following matters which they felt were of interest to the Chapter:

Proposed Amendment of Section 21-C of the Zoning Resolution—Models covering recommendations were presented to City Planning Commission. Chairman Felt assured the Committee that proposed new Zoning Resolution would cover these recommendations. Models were therefore turned over to Voorhees, Walker, Smith & Smith.

New Zoning Resolution—After a meeting with Planning Commission, Chairman Felt arranged a briefing by Mr. P. C. Smith and staff; summary to be sent to Civic Design Committee for study and recommendations as soon as completed.

Disposal of Ellis Island—Recommendations were submitted and approved by Executive Committee and a press release was issued commending the General Services Administration for their action on rejecting bids for private purchase of Ellis Island. No attempt was made to pass judgment on the merits of the proposals submitted.

Lincoln Square Redevelopment—After clearance with Executive Committee, letters were sent to both City Planning Commission and Board of Estimate by Chairman expressing approval of the general principles of the proposed development.

Washington Square—A sub-committee is carrying on studies so that recommendations can be made before final action is taken by Planning Commission.

Upper West Side Rehabilitation—Members of Civic Design Committee have been briefed on this proposal and report will be in our hands shortly for study.

30th Street Express Elevated Highway—Chairman Felt has requested the Civic Design Committee to carry on studies in collaboration with the Planning Commission of this controversial issue. The Executive Committee has approved and the Civic Design Committee, after meetings with Mr. Felt, is now ready to proceed with these studies.

Forum on Increasing Traffic Congestion—Lambda Alpha has requested that Civic Design Committee sponsor a forum on increasing traffic congestion and pedestrian deaths together with Lambda Alpha, Regional Plan Association, and Columbia University.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

BENJAMIN LANE SMITH  
*Chairman*

LEOPOLD ARNAUD  
HARVEY P. CLARKSON  
RALPH G. GULLEY  
WALTER H. KILHAM  
I. M. PEI  
DOROTHY SCOTT  
ESMOND SHAW  
HARVEY STEVENSON  
OTTO TEEGEN  
ROLLAND D. THOMPSON

An important activity of the Education Committee has been the work of the sub-committee on the architect-in-training program. A separate report has been submitted covering their activities.

A considerable number of inquiries from students of architecture, and prospective students of architecture, regarding problems of education were handled either by personal interviews or letter advice.

**EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE**

OTTO TEEGEN  
*Chairman*

JAMES R. COLEAN  
D'ANSON ISLEY  
J. W. SEVERINGHAUS  
KENNETH K. STOWELL

Having during the winter continued its work started two years ago, the Committee ended this season with the decision to accept the National Committee on Education's version of the A.I.A. Log-Book in preference to our Chapter Log-Book issued two years ago. This change in point of view was caused by an announcement by the A.I.A.'s Committee on Education that men without a college degree could not be included in the Architect-in-Training Program, a point our Committee was insisting on, and our acceptance of the fact the A.I.A.'s Log-Book is being distributed nationally. Although still of the opinion that the operation of the A.I.A.'s Log-Book is unnecessarily complex, we believe we should go along with it because of its national distribution. We will, as a consequence, now operate within the rules and regulations laid down by Washington's decisions and not our own preferences.

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**EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE (continued)**

Next season should see the work on this sub-committee restored to its rightful custodian when it becomes an integral part of the Chapter Committee on Education's agenda. We hope that Committee will succeed in developing the Architect-in-Training program into the success it deserves.

**FIFTH AVENUE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE**

HAROLD R. SLEEPER  
*Chairman*

Your committee for the Fifth Avenue Association met on January 22, 1958.

JONATHAN F. BUTLER  
RICHARD A. KIMBALL  
JULIAN C. LEVI  
ELDREDGE SNYDER  
EDGAR I. WILLIAMS

On January 29, 1958 three members of this Committee met, as requested by the Fifth Avenue Association, with their own committee of three in a joint meeting to plan for visitation to the buildings eligible for awards. It was decided that the two committees would independently visit these buildings. These inspections have been made and the joint committees met on April 9 and made their final determinations.

All of the functions of the committee have been completed except for the drafting of the joint report which is now in process.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

WILLIAM POTTER  
*Chairman*

The Finance Committee has met regularly throughout the year and at most of the meetings Mr. David B. Kirkbride, Investment Counsel, has presented his report and recommendations concerning the investment of the Chapter funds and the Scholarship accounts.

RONALD ALLWORK  
ROBERT B. O'CONNOR  
AARON N. KIFF (*Ex-Officio*)

The expenses of running the Chapter during the past fiscal year, October 1956 to September 1957, were \$34,333.81 which were met mainly from membership dues with some assistance from income from the Contingent Reserve Fund and income from the sale of documents.

In October the Committee approved a budget for the current fiscal year of \$34,652.00.

The approximate market values of the several security accounts are as follows:

	Market Value May 6, 1958	Market Value April 30, 1957
<b>1. Principal Accounts</b>		
Brunner Scholarship	\$158,192.	\$156,621.
LeBrun Fellowship	37,541.	37,495.
Contingent Reserve	65,391.	65,351.
<b>2. Income Account</b>		
Brunner Scholarship	2,055.	2,610.
LeBrun Fellowship	5,570.	8,295.

**HISTORICAL BUILDINGS COMMITTEE**

FERDINAND EISEMAN  
*Chairman*

We have kept in touch with the National Committee of the A. I. A. through its chairman, Mr. Earl Reed. We attended a meeting he called in New York of the Preservation Officers of the chapters in the Metropolitan Area. Work continues on indexes for the National Survey and progress compares very favorably with the efforts of other Chapters. Other programs were discussed at committee meetings but have not advanced beyond the discussion stage.

ALAN BURNHAM  
LEONARD B. FREEMAN  
D. C. C. GILBERT  
SANTIAGO IGLESIAS, JR.  
LOUIS McCAGG  
ELEANOR PEPPER  
RAYMOND A. RUGE  
W. K. STURGES

While there is always danger of the destruction of historic buildings we know of no outstanding ones that were lost during the past year.

**HOSPITAL AND HEALTH COMMITTEE**

WILLIAM C. TAYLOR  
*Chairman*

Our committee was selected in September 1957 to continue the activities previously started by our very able former chairman, Isaiah Ehrlich. The following is a brief outline of our activities since September:

J. BRUNO BASIL  
NICOL BISSELL  
J. A. BURGUN  
ALONZO CLARK, III  
ISAIAH EHRLICH  
GANNETT HERWIG  
GEORGE HOLDERNESS  
DANIEL C. JENSEN  
HAROLD J. OLSON  
ISADORE ROSENFELD  
MARY WORTHEN

**HOSPITAL PLANNING LECTURE SERIES:**

A series of three discussion group meetings arranged by Nicol Bissell were held from 5:15 to 6:30 P.M. open to all offices without charge. Offices have been urged to encourage their employees to attend. Attendance has averaged 40 persons.

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## HOSPITAL AND HEALTH COMMITTEE (continued)

### FIELD INSPECTIONS OF HOSPITALS:

Held on Saturday mornings, under the chairmanship of J. Bruno Basil, four of these trips were arranged averaging an attendance of about 20 persons. These trips proved to be exceptionally interesting.

### SPECIAL MEETINGS:

Two special dinner meetings chaired by Harold J. Olsen were held at the Harvard Club for which attendance was restricted to qualified Hospital planners in the Chapter and guests invited by special invitation. Attendance averaged 25 persons. The first meeting was an important one arranged by the Research Committee at which speakers outlined the program and requirements for the Chapter to apply for a research grant. The second meeting was one covering Psychiatric Treatment of Patients and arranged by the Special Meetings Committee.

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

A special regional meeting was arranged by Mr. Alonzo Clark, with an attendance of 14 members, at which time several Hospital planners in the Chapter reviewed problems relating to hospital planning specifically related to jobs completed in their own offices. This meeting was very interesting and enlightening.

### RESEARCH COMMITTEE:

The Research Committee has, under the chairmanship of Isadore Rosenfield, been exceptionally active in connection with the filing of an application for a federal research grant. This application is now on file and will be considered by the authorities between October and December and, if approved, the project would be ready to start in January 1959.

Special thanks is due to all of the members of the Hospital and Health Committee for their active help throughout the year.

## HOUSE CONSULTING COMMITTEE

GIORGIO CAVAGLIERI  
*Chairman*

PHILIP G. BARTLETT  
ALY S. DADRAS  
C. E. FOUHY, JR.  
M. E. FREEHOF  
BRUCE C. GRAHAM  
CHARLES K. HIRZEL  
VLADIMIR MOROSOV  
GUERINO SALERNI  
SIDNEY SHELOV  
IDA WEBSTER  
LEO SHANG WOU

Considerable correspondence was handled by the Chairman answering inquiries from different sources on matters of interest to residential construction.

An opinion was presented by the Committee in connection with activities of the Washington Committee on the House Building Industry in regard to architects' work for builders' houses: Rosters of specialists are undesirable and if prepared, should remain open at all times to young people entering the profession.

The Committee cooperated with the public relations counsel of the Chapter in the preparation and release of information concerning architects' duties in residential construction. A report was written specifically outlining architects' duties and services for house construction. Interviews were given to several newspapers, and two radio appearances were arranged.

The Committee participated in the World Housing Forum at the New York Coliseum which had been arranged by the Director of Housing and Planning for the United Nations.

A movie by Kentile on small house construction was examined and judged; a film sponsored by the Institute titled "What's A House" was examined and judged on May 1.

## LEBRUN TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

ARTHUR C. HOLDEN  
*Chairman*

LEOPOLD ARNAUD  
A. S. DOUGLASS, JR.  
THEODORE HOOD  
D. SCHWARTZMAN  
LESTER D. TICHY

The Committee formulated a program calling for the Design of a Memorial Exhibition Building located in an open space donated to the City. The program required a scheme for both building and environs and seems to have elicited an unusual amount of interest.

Ninety-three exhibits were received in competition for the award. The Committee held the judgment on April 24, and awarded the prize to Mr. Bill N. Lacy, Stillwater, Oklahoma. Alternate for prize and 1st Honorable Mention was awarded to Mr. David C. Ashley, Fayetteville, New York. The Committee also awarded three Special Mentions and seven Mentions and recommends that if practicable, the fourteen selected drawings be exhibited in several cities in addition to the exhibit arranged for New York City.

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

HARRY B. RUTKINS  
*Chairman*

G. H. BISSELL  
ALBERT W. BUTT, JR.  
GEORGE J. CAVALIERI  
M. W. DEL GAUDIO  
F. C. GENZ  
SAMUEL KATZ  
JOSEPH B. KLEIN  
SAMUEL M. KURTZ  
LEE SCHOEN  
HENRY STEINHARDT

The Legislative Committee has actively participated in all state and city legislative matters that in any way affected the architect, his practice or the profession. Action was taken on bills amending the Education Law, Multiple Dwelling Law, Labor Law and Building Code. Through the Joint Committee of the State Association, the committee helped defeat the engineering corporation bills, the elimination of the architects seal and \$10,000. provision for buildings, the setting up of an architectural section in the Education Department, and the waiving of qualifying examinations for registration of architects. It had reviewed and endorsed many of the desirable bills. Through the Architects Council, the Committee had helped with legislation dealing with certificate of occupancy practices which will assure adequate supervision by the architect or engineer at various stages of construction and will expedite the issuance of certificates of occupancy by making it possible to eliminate unnecessary final inspections. It helped with the important bill dealing with exits and the travel distances thereto, now pending in the City Council. It is making a study of plan examination procedure in the Department of Buildings with a view towards simplification.

Through the State Association of Architects, printed placards have been posted in the Department of Buildings quoting the section of the Education Law relative to the requirement of the architects seal on plans. Arrangements are being made to provide the placards in municipalities of the other counties comprising the territory of the New York Chapter.

## MEETINGS COMMITTEE

MAX O. URBAHN  
*Chairman*  
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WALKER O. CAIN  
E. A. DENNISON  
A. S. DOUGLASS, JR.  
JOHN FOUNTAIN  
PAUL J. GRAYSON  
JOSEPH C. HAZEN  
JOHN C. B. MOORE  
DOROTHY C. SCOTT  
F. MARSHALL SMITH

During the fall of 1957 and the spring of 1958 the Committee met regularly to plan eight special meetings or social affairs. The following is a brief summary of each of those functions.

October 17, 1957—A meeting was held at the Architectural League for all Committee Chairmen. Nineteen men attended.

On October 18, 1957 a very successful meeting was held at Jaeger House. This was the Centennial Student Meeting for students from Columbia University, Cooper Union and Pratt Institute. The attendance of students and Chapter members was 140.

The Fall Dinner Meeting held November 6, 1957 at the Architectural League was attended by 164 members and guests. Everyone enjoyed the delightful discussion of "My First 100 years in Architecture" by Architect Roger Allen brought here from Grand Rapids, Michigan by the Committee.

On January 23, 1958 the Committee held the annual "nominations luncheon" which was attended by 65 members.

The highlight of the Committee's activities and the New York Chapter's social calendar came on the night of February 28, 1958 when 268 AIA members, their wives and guests gathered in formal attire at the Metropolitan Club for the Chapter's Anniversary Supper Dance. The ladies and flowers were beautiful, the bars and band, delightful, the food and fun, plentiful. The Chapter even made a profit of \$95.00 which was contributed to the American Architectural Foundation, Inc.

A special meeting was arranged for May 6, 1958 to discuss the pro's and con's of the extension of the East Facade of the National Capitol. Attendance 79.

The Pre-Convention Luncheon was held May 20th in Gallery A at the Architectural League. Attendance 75.

The Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, June 4th, at noon at the Architectural League for the election of Chapter officers and other necessary Chapter business.

The Chairman wishes to thank the members of the Committee on Meetings for their continued support and the time they spent in preparing for the meetings above mentioned.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

JAMES J. SOUDER  
*Chairman*

CHARLES E. HUGHES  
*Co-Chairman*

CHARLES G. BECKWITH  
GEORGE H. FERRENZ  
M. W. DEL GAUDIO  
B. SUMNER GRUZEN  
CLARENCE B. LITCHFIELD  
WALTER McQUADE  
HELEN G. PARK  
ELEANOR PEPPER  
RICHARD ROTH, JR.  
MAX URBAHN

The Membership Committee has concentrated this year on a joint effort with a dozen architectural firms in selecting and inviting applications from men of demonstrated professional capacity who have not previously applied for membership.

At a series of early evening cocktail and buffet supper parties these firms and the Chapter have been co-hosts to 225 men whose employers consider them well qualified for membership. The scope of A. I. A. activities and the opportunities for active, personal participation in Chapter and Institute affairs were presented. Paul Nelson, Fred Severud and Jose Sert have addressed and joined them in informal discussion.

These parties have been well received both by our guests and by the Chapter members who have attended, but the rate of applications for membership has been a disappointing ten per cent. This is about one quarter of all applications received this year. The Membership Committee is now attempting to uncover the factors which keep this rate low and will submit its findings to the Executive Committee in the near future.

The Committee is grateful for the support of those who have assisted in its program as speakers and as hosts, and it is especially grateful for Mrs. Henkel's active and useful support.

## OFFICE PRACTICE COMMITTEE

GEORGE S. JOHNSTON  
*Chairman*

GILBERT L. SELTZER  
*Co-Chairman*

ALBERT W. BUTT, JR.  
THOMAS D. CHRISTIANO  
JAMES R. COLEAN  
EUSTIS DEARBORN  
ERNEST A. DURHAN  
FRANK A. FAILLACE  
GEORGE H. FERRENZ  
EDWIN M. FORBES  
MEYER KATZMAN  
HENRY KOHLER  
RICHARD ROTH  
D. F. M. TODD

The Office Practice Committee during the current year has been continuing the analysis of Fees and Contracts and is preparing a documented list of complexities in modern building construction. The Committee has also reviewed contracts for architectural services in connection with Housing Projects financed by the City of New York under the Limited-Profit Housing Companies Law, from which a report was made which resulted in a letter being prepared which was addressed to the Comptroller's Office of the City of New York, drawing to their attention the inequities of this type of contract. This letter was signed by President Cutler. A Task Program for the next five years is also under consideration and preparation.

## PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

GILLET LEFFERTS, JR.  
*Chairman*

LEON S. BARTON, JR.  
HARVEY P. CLARKSON  
G. K. GEERLINGS  
CARL E. PANCALDO  
HERBERT L. SMITH  
PETER VAN BLOEM  
H. BRADLEY VER BRYCK

The Publications Committee has held several special meetings during the year 1957-58 (in addition to the regular monthly meetings) for the purpose of reviewing the contents and format of the Chapter's publication, "Oculus." As a result of these meetings several changes were effected. Feature articles have been included in many issues chosen for their provocative content or for their general interest to the membership. Harvey P. Clarkson, Gerald K. Geerlings and Peter Van Bloem, all of the Publications Committee, are to be congratulated for their contributions to this endeavor. Each article prepared by these aforementioned members has subsequently appeared in other Chapter publications from Washington State to Westchester.

A new two column, printed format was introduced with the February issue and a student competition has been held for the design of a new title page for possible adoption by next year's Committee. We were fortunate in obtaining the services of Gordon C. Aymar, Art Director, as a jury member for this competition.

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## PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE (continued)

The Committee also undertook two projects not directly related to publications but of benefit to the Chapter as a whole. Leon Barton has prepared a list of all Architects practicing in the New York Chapter's territory who are not now members of the Institute. This list, which numbers over 500 names, is available in the Chapter office. The Chapter membership owes Mr. Barton and his family a vote of thanks. A list of current metropolitan buildings of general interest to visitors who make inquiries through the Chapter office is now in the process of being revised and extended by Herbert L. Smith and Harvey P. Clarkson.

The Publications Committee regrets that it did not receive many more voluntary contributions from the Chapter membership nor letters of a critical or helpful nature, for it is only through such extended participation that Oculus can truly represent and serve the Chapter. We do wish to thank those few who have submitted information for consideration by the Committee.

We particularly wish to thank the Executive Committee for its sympathetic support and encouragement of the innovations introduced this past year. And without the energies and good offices of our Executive Secretary, Mrs. Margot A. Henkel, and her able staff "Oculus" would have never seen print.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

ROBERT A. JACOBS  
*Chairman*

ROBERT CARSON  
*Co-Chairman*

LATHROP DOUGLASS  
*Co-Chairman*

WILLIAM W. ATKIN  
THEODORE A. BORK  
GEORGE D. BROWN, JR.  
MICHAEL HARRIS  
IRA KESSLER  
ARVIN B. SHAW, III  
ELDRIDGE SNYDER

Your Chapter started a public relations program, with professional public relations counsel—Edward Gottlieb & Associates, Ltd.—the first of the year, and in the first four months fine results, in our estimate, have been achieved.

The first objective of the program is telling the story of the individual architect and the small firm. For that reason the architect's role in home building has been, and will continue to be, stressed.

The second objective is to use every tool of communications to make the public more conscious of architecture and architects. A story about a member of the Chapter, or a Chapter activity, or the reactions of architects visiting here from other nations can all help achieve that objective.

In this initial period the Chapter has appeared many times in all New York City newspapers. A story on the house consulting committee, for instance, was carried in the Times, Herald Tribune, World-Telegram & Sun and News. Another story, quoting that committee on the role of the architect in home building, has appeared in hundreds of newspapers in this area and throughout the nation. Two other syndicated articles, one on school building trends, are now ready for release.

These are some typical articles which have appeared in New York papers: Chapter participates in World Housing Forum; Chapter's 91st anniversary dance; Brazilian architects comment on New York architecture; Chapter urges preservation of Ellis Island for public; Engineer speaks on precast sandwich panels at technical committee lunch; Landscape architect speaks at committee lunch and Architects discuss shopping center design.

In addition, members of the Chapter have appeared on five major television and radio shows, arranged by the Gottlieb television and radio department. The magazine department of that organization is also working on several projects, but considerable time elapses before such efforts bear fruit. Finally, a series of five meetings on Public Relations with the press and magazine editors is currently running. This was geared to give the individual practicing architect the know how on how to help get his work across to the public.

Your Public Relations Committee welcomes your comments on and interest in the program, and above all appreciates the active cooperation already given to it by members of the Chapter.

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

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*Chairman*

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D. F. M. TODD

The Technical Committee held meetings on September 11, 1957, October 24, 1957, November 12, 1957 and February 20, 1958.

The program of this year's activities arranged for presentation under the Technical Committee has drawn an unusual participating attendance and we wish to thank the Members of the Technical Committee who have given of their time and services toward the success of the program.

The following programs, six in number, were presented:

On September 25, 1957 at a Luncheon Meeting, the noted Architect, Mr. Feliv Candela, of Mexico City, presented a most interesting illustrated talk of design trends in Mexico and his own work in this field. Attendance: 110.

At a Dinner Meeting on October 9, 1957, Dr. Darell B. Harmon, outstanding Educational Physiologist, discussed his significant studies which have revolutionized the design of schools in the last decade. Attendance: 70.

At a Dinner Meeting on December 4th, Mr. John I. Yellott, Executive Director of the Association for Applied Solar Energy, discussed the use of solar energy for future heating of both homes and office buildings, and exhibited the winning designs for the International Solar House Architectural Competition. Despite a crippling snow storm, Attendance: 48.

At a Luncheon Meeting on January 28th, Mr. Karl Lin, Landscape Architect, presented a very interesting illustrated discussion of his work in connection with the design, use and application of plantings in interiors. Attendance: 79.

At a Luncheon Meeting on March 6, 1958, Mr. Philip M. Grennan, P.E., gave an illustrated talk on the use of Precast Sandwich Panels and most interesting examples of his work in this field. Attendance: 105.

At a Dinner Meeting on April 30th, Dr. Cline Smith, of the F. W. Dodge Corporation, presented a talk and discussion of the economics of building design. Attendance: 36.

The Committee has received numerous suggestions and requests for inclusion in the current program which it was unable to fit into the schedule. A number of them the Committee feels will be of exceptional interest and value to the Chapter Membership, and will be referred to the 1958-59 Committee for consideration for inclusion in its program.

**VISITORS COMMITTEE**

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The following official cocktail parties were sponsored by the Visitors Committee:

June 3, 1957—Cocktail Party to honor Kenneth M. B. Cross, President of R. I. B. A., attendance 64 members and guests.

Oct. 22, 1957—Cocktail Party for the Delegation of architects from Argentina, Uruguay and Chile, attendance 12 members of the group and 30 members of the New York Chapter.

May 1, 1958—Cocktail Party for 3 Brazilian architects, attendance 33.

In addition to these, the following called at the Chapter office and were given information or arrangements were made for them to meet with members of the Chapter, or to visit buildings, through the good offices of Mrs. Henkel: Flemming Grut, Copenhagen; Lucian Jean Enzels, Belgium; Ross Hepburn Thorne, Australia; Roderick I. MacDonald, Australia; F. Ottenhof, Holland; S. M. Roscoe and Eric Arthur of Canada; A. Gennan, Canada; S. Penn Smith, Cyril Strouzer and Hans Biel of England; Ulrich and Jurgen Fenske, Berlin; Manuel Alzina de Menezes, Lisbon; J. A. Ortigao Tiedemann, Brazil; in all, there were 20 such calls.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Aaron N. Kiff

The following is a summary of income and disbursements for the period October 1, 1956 to September 30, 1957 and 7 month period beginning October 1, 1957 to April 30, 1958:

	Fiscal Year 10/1/56-9/30/57	7 Month Period 10/1/57-4/30/58	
<i>Receipts</i>			
Dues Collected .....	29,070.25		28,082.50
Sale of Documents .....	8,022.30		4,333.94
Miscellaneous Income .....	350.98		293.66
Reserve Fund Income .....	2,810.00	40,253.53	1,463.11
			34,173.21
<i>Disbursements</i>			
Administrative .....	17,169.50		9,943.38
Dues to Other Organizations..	5,056.00		3,870.00
Cost of Documents .....	3,498.66		1,869.43
Committee Expenses .....	5,702.62		2,952.82
Contingent Reserve Fund .....	2,907.03	34,333.81	2,808.26
			21,443.89
		5,919.72	12,729.32
Year End Balance 55/56 .....		7,391.77	
		13,311.49	
Year End Balance 56/57 .....			
Less Appropriation for Student Buffet Supper .....		321.15	
		12,990.34	12,990.34
Year End Balance 56/57 .....		12,990.34	
Balance as of May 1, 1958 .....			25,719.66
<i>Book Value of Funds</i>			
Contingent Reserve Fund .....	42,671.25		45,479.51
Arnold W. Brunner Scholarship Fund .....			149,058.52
LeBrun Fellowship Fund.....	146,393.26		44,350.80
	43,472.67		

1. Against the Year End Balance 1956-1957 an appropriation of \$1,900 has been made for Delegate expenses.
2. The total balance as of May 1, 1958 does not take into consideration the expenses of the Public Relations Campaign which is self supporting.
3. On the advice of the Finance Committee each Officer and Chapter employee has been bonded.
4. *Arnold W. Brunner Scholarship.*  
From the Brunner funds a maximum total of \$7,900 has been allocated. This sum has provided a Scholarship to Dr. Harry Anthony, helped toward the publication of a book entitled, "Planning and Community Appearance" in collaboration with the A. I. P. and to support studies of the 30th Street Express Elevated Highway.
5. *LeBrun Fellowship*  
Bill N. Lacy of Oklahoma has been awarded an amount of \$3,000 for six months travel in Europe.
6. Disbursements have been kept well within budget appropriations. Audit reports as of September 30, 1957 are on file at the Chapter Office.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

L. Bancel LaFarge

It is recorded with regret that the following eleven members have died during the past year:

Corporate Members

- Maurice Courland
- Louis W. Feldman
- Bruno Funaro
- Philip L. Goodwin
- Walter P. McQuade
- John Knox Shear
- James Stewardson
- William C. Vladeck

Honorary Associates

- Irving V. A. Huie
- Francis H. Taylor

Associate Member

- Harold V. Goubert

There has been, over the year, a net gain of 78 in Chapter membership accounted for below:

	Honorary Associate	Emeritus	Corporate	Associate	Unassigned	Students	Total
May 1, 1957	8	42	759	195	12	145	1161
<i>Gains</i>							
New Members	—	—	70	50	—	81	
Transferred	—	—	2	—	—	—	
Internal	—	10	10	—	—	—	
		10	82	50		81	223
	8	52	841	245	12	226	1384
<i>Losses</i>							
Deceased	2	2	6	1	—	—	
Transferred	—	—	6	—	—	—	
Internal	—	—	10	10	—	—	
Graduated	—	—	—	—	—	85	
Resigned	—	—	2	10	1	—	
Terminated	—	—	6	4	—	—	
	2	2	30	25	1	85	145
Totals	6	50	811	220	11	141	1239

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