

NEW YORK CHAPTER



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ELECTIONS

At the Annual Meeting of the New York Chapter on June 1, 1960, the following members were elected by 282 valid ballots to serve as officers of the Chapter for this year:

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GEOFFRY NOEL LAWFORD

Committee on Fellows
WALTER H. KILHAM, JR.
(1963)
ROBERT S. HUTCHINS (1963)

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LECTURER FROM ENGLAND

On Wednesday, September 28th, Mr. Desmond Heap, the Controller and City Solicitor to the Corporation of London, will speak to the members at Chapter Headquarters in Gallery A. Mr. Heap, who is making a tour of the East at that time, has spoken often on Town Planning Law and the City of London Reconstruction.

The Lecture is being arranged by the Civic Design and Legislative Committees and promises to be interesting in its specialized field. The subject will have particular interest to those members who have been working on the re-zoning of the City of New York.

Mr. Heap is an excellent lecturer and, although not a technician on Town Planning, can speak with authority on the subject and in particular on the legal aspects.

The Lecture will take place at 5 P.M.

PRE-CONVENTION LUNCHEON

All members are to note on the Calendar the start of activities of the new year for the Chapter on Thursday, September 29th.

The usual Pre-Convention Luncheon will have as the top order of business, discussion of resolutions to be taken to the New York State Association of Architects Convention to be held early in October in Lake Placid. Please give your resolutions to the Chapter office in advance so that they may be made part of the agenda.

NEW YORK REGIONAL COUNCIL

This year, the regional conference of the New York Regional Council of the AIA will be held on Tuesday, October 11th at the Whiteface Inn on Lake Placid in Whiteface, New York.

It will be held as in previous years, at 10 A.M. The Chapter members will be allowed to attend as this is just before the N.Y. State Association of Architects Convention.

NYSAA CONVENTION OCTOBER 12—15

You are urged to attend the forthcoming New York State Association of Architects Convention which will be held at Whiteface Inn on Lake Placid, N. Y., from October 12th through 15th.

Toward the success of this Convention we call attention to the Chapter Pre-Convention Luncheon which will be September 29th. At this meeting it will be necessary to consider any resolutions which we wish to present to the Convention.

We hope to have a substantial representation at the convention this year.

COMING EVENTS

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May 1960, New York

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

At the Chapter meeting on May 17th to vote on withdrawal from the Architects Council, discussion by individuals was limited to two minutes. I would appreciate an opportunity to complete the statement I made from the floor of that meeting.

I was in favor of the resolution to withdraw but not for the reasons most often advanced. I don't believe disproportionate representation was in itself a sufficient cause for the break. I also do not feel that the Chapter's public "image" was seriously damaged by association with our colleagues in Staten Island or the Bronx. My own reason was that the profession in New York City sorely needs a single, unified Chapter of the A.I.A. and that the Council is actually a roadblock to that goal.

Our main professional problems are first, *Standards* (i.e. standards of competence and standards of compensation) and second, *Public Service* (i. e. leadership in city planning, public building, etc.) In my opinion, little progress has been made in New York along these lines by the architectural profession in recent years.

I recognize that changing the organizational form of the profession in New York City will not of itself solve anything. There must be a clear policy and a will to carry it out. But recent experience with the Council persuades me that we are more likely to make headway toward improved professional standards and increased public service if all of the architects of the city are in a single chapter of the Institute.

It seems to me that only if it leads in this direction will withdrawal from the Council realize its full potential for good.

SIMON BREINES, A.I.A.

BRUNNER SCHOLARSHIP

The New York Chapter, American Institute of Architects, is accepting applications for the 1960 Arnold W. Brunner Scholarship at this time. The grant is for an amount up to \$3,000 for advanced study in a specialized field of architectural investigation and is awarded annually by the Chapter.

Candidates are required to be American Citizens with advanced professional backgrounds and currently active in architecture or related fields and should file applications now.

Closing date for all applications is November 15th, 1960. Full information may be procured from the Chapter Office at 115 East 40th Street, New York 16, N. Y. (Murray Hill 9-7969). Emanuel N. Turano is Chairman of the Arnold W. Brunner Scholarship Committee.

PHILADELPHIA CONVENTION 1961

We're eager to acquaint all those who couldn't get to San Francisco with the wonderful attractions of the 1961 Convention, and to give them every chance to make their reservations early. The demand is particularly heavy for tickets to the unique command performance of the Philadelphia Orchestra on Tuesday evening, April 25th.

Come to the N. Y. Chapter office and see the complete program of events from April 23rd through April 28, 1961.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Once more we are faced with a crisis. You owe dues, and we have to ask you for them. Please do not postpone this obligation. The Chapter operates almost wholly from dues income so they are important.

PLEASE . . . JUST FOR THE LADIES

Far be it for us to get involved in domestic matters, but when it becomes a Chapter matter, we take the "bull by the horns."

It has been made evident to us that the Ladies, both WAA members and wives (non-WAA members) are being deprived of a look at the OCULUS.

So, for Heaven's sake, PLEASE take your copy home for her to see. This will increase our reading public by at least 600 and, who knows, might even improve dinner table conversation . . .

NEW YORK SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS STRAUSS MEMORIAL AWARD

The New York Society of Architects informs us that nominations are open for the 1960 Sidney L. Strauss Memorial Award, presented annually to an Architect, or *any other person*, for having rendered outstanding service within the previous five years for the benefit of the architectural profession.

The name and qualifications of nominee should be in the hands of the Awards Committee of the New York Chapter not later than August 20, 1960.

Please address as follows:

Sidney L. Strauss Memorial Award Committee
New York Chapter, AIA
115 East 40th Street
New York 16, New York

SURVEYORS JOBS

If you are interested and qualified for the job of Surveyor of Unsafe Buildings, will you write to the Chapter Office stating that you have at least ten years experience in building construction and are a resident in New York City for the last three years.

City employees are not eligible to serve. The Surveyors' Fee is \$50.00.

SERVICES & CHARGES

The Corporate members of the Chapter are entitled to a copy of the publication, "Statement of Services and Charges of the Architect." If you will call at Chapter Headquarters you may pick up your copy.

This is a fine work completely written and edited by our Fees and Contracts Committee under the Chairmanship of Albert Homer Swanke.

Extra copies of the "Statement of Services and Charges of the Architect" are available to members for 50¢ each and to non-members for \$1.00 each. The Fee Schedule which is included in the booklet is available separately at 20¢ each for members and 40¢ each for non-members.

CHAPTER HONORS

A city planner, an architectural critic, a writer, a publisher and a student planning to enter an architectural school this fall were honored at the annual meeting of the New York Chapter on June 1st.

James Felt, Chairman of the City Planning Commission, was given the Chapter's Award of Merit in recognition of his integrity and dedication as a public servant with the most laudable ambition to create a new zoning ordinance for the City of New York.

Lewis Mumford, was made an Honorary Associate member of the New York Chapter of the A.I.A., at the same luncheon meeting.

On behalf of the A.I.A.'s Annual Architectural Journalism Competition Jury, the Chapter also awarded Certificates of Merit to Time Magazine, the Nation and Horizon Magazine. The jury cited Time Magazine "for the excellence of a continuing series of the Nation, received that magazine's award, given Jones, writer of the series accepted the award on behalf of the magazine. George Kirstein publisher of the Nation, received that magazine's award, given "for excellence of a series of articles on architecture." The magazine Horizon was honored also by a Certificate of Merit. An article on architecture by Grady Clay, real estate editor of the Louisville Courier, run in Horizon Magazine, won first prize in the journalism competition. Eric Larrabee, of the American Heritage Publishing Company, Inc., publishers of Horizon, received the award.

The late Bassett Jones, an engineer who developed lighting systems and elevators for skyscrapers, was honored by a special citation from the New York Chapter "in affectionate memory of his distinguished contributions to the technical development of architecture and his stimulating collaboration with its practitioners."

For the second year the Plastering Institute of Greater New York awarded a \$1,000 scholarship, administered by the New York Chapter of the A.I.A., for the use of an architectural student entering school this fall. This year's winner is Donald Ira Liss of Long Island City, a student at the High School of Music and Art, the Bronx.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers and elective committees who are listed on page one.

CHECK YOURSELF

It is with interest and more often with curiosity that we read in the various Annual Meeting records that there are some thirty or forty void ballots at each election time.

This represents more than 10% of the votes cast and it occurs to us that these votes are probably cast by the same people making the same mistake each year. Since ballots are not returned it could be YOU.

Next time you vote, remember:

DO NOT sign your ballot

DO sign your ballot envelope

DO NOT insert anything else in the envelope — just the ballot

SEAL your ballot envelope

MAIL the envelope before the deadline

and, oh yes, be sure to mark each candidate you select with an "X" or a check mark.

This year, of 327 ballots turned in, 45 were void!

HERE & THERE

On Wednesday, May 25th, the National Academy of Arts & Letters and the National Institute of Arts & Letters introduced their new members: Eero Saarinen, NAAL; Wallace K. Harrison and Gordon Bunshaft, NIAL . . . The Chapter contributed \$350 during the past year to the joint ACSA-AIA Committee on the Teaching of Architecture for the Summer Seminar for Teachers of Architecture . . . When was the last time you visited the Museum of Modern Art? There are four floors of exhibitions at 11 West 53rd Street. Film showings are daily at 3 and 5:30 P.M. in the gallery auditorium . . . We, and therefore you, have been asked to contact our Congressmen and Senators to request the Postmaster General, Arthur E. Summerfield to rule affirmatively on the printing of a new Apprenticeship postage stamp. The idea of recognizing the need for apprentices in all professions, crafts and trades seems to us to be worthy of our note and the stamp is a good reminder . . . Dues for Associate members have been raised; are you affected by the new rates?

HELP WANTED

The Chapter Office is in need of help from some of the "less busy" members. If you are available to help in some statistical work regarding a members file, will you kindly contact Mrs. Henkel at MURRAY Hill 9-7969.

Who knows, we may even give you an impressive title and lots of publicity. Seriously, our need is great, will you volunteer?

MAYOR'S PANEL OF ARCHITECTS

The City Civil Service Commission has established the following procedures for the filing and receipt of applications for the Mayor's Panel of Architects.

Application blanks are obtainable by the applicant in person or by his representative at the Application Section of the Department of Personnel at 96 Duane Street, Manhattan, New York 7, New York. They will be mailed on request provided that the request to the above section is accompanied by a stamped (4 cents) self-addressed 9½-inch envelope for each application requested.

All applications with accompanying photographs, where required, must be mailed or delivered to the Department of Personnel, Examining Service Division, Room 210, 299 Broadway, Manhattan, New York 7, New York, not later than October 27, 1960.

Applications will be examined by an Architectural Jury appointed by the Presidents of the following societies and recommendations will be made by them to Mayor Robert F. Wagner for his 1960 Panel of Architects:

New York Chapter, The American Institute of Architects.

Brooklyn Chapter, The American Institute of Architects.

Bronx Chapter, The American Institute of Architects.

Queens Chapter, The American Institute of Architects.

Staten Island Chapter, The American Institute of Architects.

New York Society of Architects.

Brooklyn Society of Architects.

The Municipal Art Society of New York.

Fine Arts Federation of New York.

LOGIC & MAGIC

Throughout this past year the Museum for the Arts of Decoration has participated in the centennial celebration of the Cooper Union.

As a contribution to the centennial observance, the Museum is presenting an exhibition called "The Logic and Magic of Color," which is an exposition of the scientific, symbolic and aesthetic aspects of color. The show will run through August. For the first time this show seeks to bring together all the ways in which colors evolve and affect people in their living and their work.

Special visits in a guided tour can be arranged for Chapter members if the group is large enough.

NEW MEMBERS

The New York Chapter extends its warmest welcome to the following new members:

Corporate

WILLIAM ERNEST BALTZ
ANTULIO CONESA
THOMAS F. GALVIN
THOMAS A. NORTON
STANLEY L. HOROWITZ
MAURICE L. MEDCALFE
JOHN AVERY PRUYN
ROSARIO ANTHONY ROMANO
JOSEPH ROTH
JAMES TORRES-GAZTAMBIDE

Associate

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GINO P. COFACCI
JON ERIC ERICSON
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JOAN deRIS ALLEN
PETER WALTER AMATO
HAROLD R. FOSTER
G. DARCY GIBSON
JEH VINCENT JOHNSON
MICHA KOEPPPEL
WILLARD A. LENZ
JANE F. PATTON
WRIGHT W. SALISBURY
JAMES H. STEARNS
JAN VIKTOR WHITE



WOMEN'S ARCHITECTURAL AUXILIARY

It is with great pleasure and satisfaction that the Woman's Architectural Auxiliary announces THE SECOND ANNUAL DORIC DEBUTANTE CO-TILLION!

It will again be held at The Metropolitan Club in New York City. Ben Cutler's Orchestra will be playing as gaily as before. Plans are now being completed for Saturday, November 26th. Owing to the demand, the number of young ladies to be presented has been increased to ten. The daughters of members of the New York Chapter, A.I.A. will, of course have preference, but Architects' daughters from out of town will be considered and are eligible. So please acquaint us with your fair candidates as soon as possible. Time is a-wasting!

A Reminder to Wives — Your dues should be paid now. Make check payable to the Women's Architectural Auxiliary in the amount of \$5.00 and send to 24 West 55th Street, New York 19, N. Y. Telephones are CI 7-4436 and CI 6-1288 for further information.

CANDIDATES

Information regarding the qualifications of the following candidates for membership will be considered confidential by the Admissions Committee:

Corporate

JAMES SELFRIDGE CAIRNS
GERHARD GRANGE
PAUL JOHN GRAYSON
WILLIAM ARNOLD HOFFBERG
ALBERT PRESTON MOORE
CLAYTON PHELPS MOREY
JAN SVOBODA

Associate

Sponsors:

GEORGE E. MERKEL	{ Albert Homer Swanke
AUGUSTUS RICHARD	{ Robert H. McKay
SCHROWANG, JR.	{ Anton J. Egner
NATHAN SILVER	{ Harry E. Christian
GEORGE WILBUR WILCOX, JR.	{ John Henry King
	{ Thomas J. Kupper
	{ John J. Carlos
	{ J. Gordon Carr

COMING EVENTS

September 14, Tuesday.....Chairman Luncheon
Pine Room — 12:30 P. M.

September 28, Wednesday.....Lecture by Desmond Heap, Controller and City Solicitor of the Corporation of London.
Subject: Town Planning Law and Reconstruction of the City of London.
Gallery A — 5:00 P.M.
Arranged by Civic Design and Legislative Committees

September 29, Thursday.....Pre-Convention Luncheon for New York State Association of Architects Convention
Gallery A — 12:30 P.M.

October 11, Tuesday.....New York Regional Council of American Institute of Architects.
Regional Conference
Whiteface Inn on Lake Placid — Whiteface, N. Y. — 10:00 A.M.

October 12—15, Wednesday through Saturday.....New York State Association of Architects' Convention
Whiteface Inn on Lake Placid — Whiteface, N. Y.

October 26, Wednesday.....Chapter Fall Opening Meeting
Place to be Announced — 7:00 P.M.