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NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES SELECTIONS

The Committee on Nominations has unanimously recommended the following nominations for officers, directorships and elective standing committees in accordance with Article 11, Section 6 of the By-Laws:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

First Vice Pres. & Pres.-Elect	James S. Polshek
Vice President	Robert F. Gatje
Vice President	Max Bond
Secretary	Der Scutt
Treasurer	James B. Baker
Director	to 1973
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ETHICS COMMITTEE

to 1973	Alan Schwartzman
to 1973	Robert S. Hutchins

COMMITTEE OF FELLOWS

to 1974	William D. Wilson
to 1974	Richard Stein

FINANCE COMMITTEE

to 1974	Thomas F. Galvin
to 1974	Stephen A. Klimet

JURY FOR THE MEDAL OF HONOR AND AWARD OF MERIT

to 1973	John H. Burgee
to 1973	Paul Rudolph
to 1973	George A. Dudley

(There is no nomination for the office of the President, since Frederick G. Frost, Jr., current First Vice President and President-Elect, will assume that office at the Annual Meeting on June 2, 1971.)

Independent nominations must be submitted to the Secretary on or before May 3, 1971, in accordance with Chapter By-Laws which read "At least thirty days before the annual meeting, independent nominations for any or all of the offices, directorships and elective committees, in addition to the names submitted by the secretary, may be made by ten (10) or

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METROPOLITAN CHAPTER BEING CONSIDERED

An organization called the Architects Council of New York City exists today, but without the participation of the New York Chapter, AIA. In 1962 the Chapter and the Council parted company because of a dispute over the proposed new Zoning Resolution. We were for it. The Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island Chapters were not. We also weren't getting a fair share of the vote with our majority of 1600 members. Consequently, since 1962 there has been no single organization representing the profession on City matters. A single organization would obviously have more political power speaking as one voice.

A draft of a plan for New York Metropolitan Chapter, AIA, has been prepared by C. Donald Weston, President, Architects Council of New York City; Harvey Kagan, President, New York City Society of Architects; and Frederick G. Frost, Jr., New York Chapter, AIA. The plan proposes that all members now assigned to the Bronx, Brooklyn, New York, Queens and Staten Island Chapters of the AIA be reassigned to the New York Metropolitan Chapter and that non-AIA members of the New York Society become members of the AIA and also be assigned to the Metropolitan Chapter. Each of these components is now designating two members to form a study group to discuss the plan. The New York Chapter Executive Committee has appointed Frederick Frost and Simon Breines.

It is proposed that the present Chapters and the Society retain their separate identities as Sections of the New York Metropolitan Chapter. They may continue special interest functions such as the NYCAIA minorities scholarship programs. They might also continue traditional social events. In matters of city-wide public and professional concern, if a majority of members of a Section disagrees with a position taken by majority of members of the Metropolitan Chapter a minority report would be issued with the majority reports.

A 17 member Executive Committee would include; besides officers; seven members not officially representing any of the Sections. There would be a nominating committee elected with provisions for nominations by petition. With additional members

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

April 17, 1971

- Called for a Special Chapter Meeting to discuss political contributions.
- Accepted report of Office Practice Committee on the economic situation in architectural offices.
- Appointed Frederick Frost, Jr. and Simon Breines as the Chapter's representatives to a study group to pursue the possibility of a Metropolitan Chapter.
- Approved recommendations of Awards Committee.
- Discussed the purpose of the new Political Affairs Committee.
- Accepted and endorsed the statement of the Natural Environment Committee on Air Quality and the Environment.

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

The following letter was received from Mayor Lindsay by Giorgio Cavaglieri who had written him concerning the economic situation.

"Dear Mr. Cavaglieri:

Although I anticipated that there may be a slowdown in the construction industry because of the economic problems faced by the nation, I was disturbed to learn from your letter of February 24, 1971 that members of the architectural profession are already feeling the consequences of the downturn.

According to our records, the City has a number of authorized capital projects whose design has not been started. I am, therefore, asking my newly designated Director of Construction, Milton Musicus, to press the construction agencies to employ as quickly as possible the architects needed for his work

I trust that this action will help the profession and, in turn, help us expedite the City's construction program.

John V. Lindsay
Mayor

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the chances of developing a permanent headquarters with related organizations would be enhanced. The committee structure would follow that of the national AIA. There would be no duplication with component committees. On major policy actions such as for zoning, building code, and master planning, general meetings would be held; otherwise the Executive Committee would act for the Metropolitan Chapter on lesser matters.

It can be anticipated that many members may look with dismay at the idea of a city-wide chapter after so recent a split. One question raised by the plan is how separate Sections can exist without having their own officers and committees which supposedly may take issue with New York Metropolitan Chapter positions. Regardless of what the study group recommends, there will be ample opportunity for discussion. This would be a major By-laws change on which all members will have the opportunity to vote. "Oculus" will keep you informed.

K.K.

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more assigned members of this chapter in good standing whose signatures must be appended to such nomination." Independent nominations for the Executive Committee must include appropriate biographical data.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 2, at 12:30 p.m.

PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM UNDERWAY

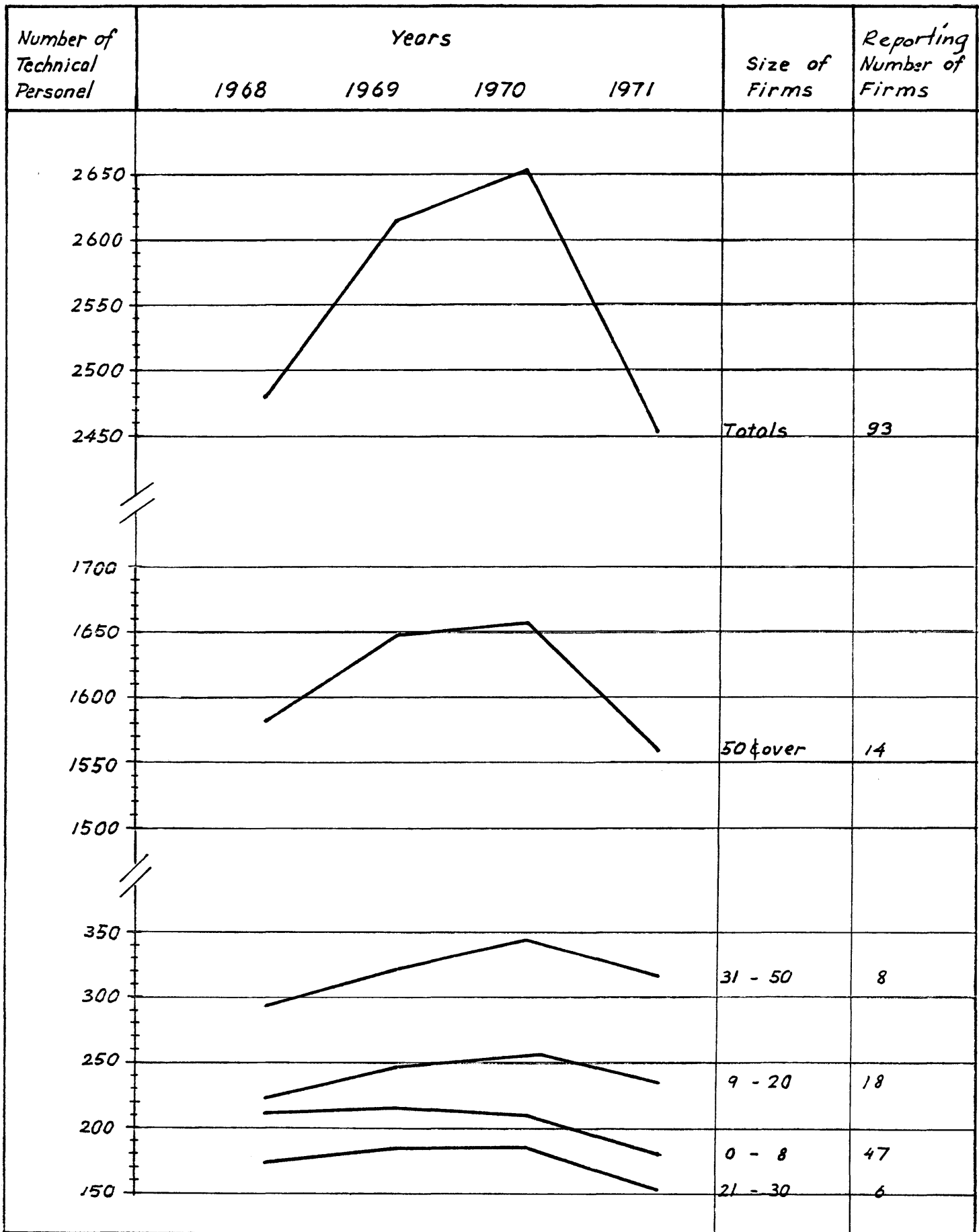
At a special meeting in March, the Chapter gave its approval to the Public Service Fund Program. Our goal is to raise \$300,000 for minority scholarships over a period of five years. \$75,000 is to be by assessment within the Chapter. A fund raising committee will seek \$225,000 from other sources in the construction industry.

The fund raising committee, called the Public Service Committee, met on April 8th at the office of Emery Roth & Sons. The committee is headed by Tim Prentice and David Glasser. Other members—Saul Edelbaum, Richard Roth, Jr., Werner Wandelmaier, Rolland Thompson and Tician Papachristou—will act as sub-committee chairmen. Each sub-committee will be responsible for fund raising within four major industry related categories: owner-builders, general contractors, principal sub-contractors, and material suppliers and manufacturers.

President Giorgio Cavaglieri has mailed a questionnaire to all sustaining-firm members in order to determine individual associations which might be used for person to person contacts. A master list of volunteers is being collated and each member will be assigned to the sub-committees on the basis of his preference. Anyone interested in supporting this important Chapter activity and who does not work for a sustaining firm should contact Tim Prentice or David Glasser personally.

K.K.

ARCHITECTURAL PERSONNEL IN CHAPTER OFFICES Mar. 31, 1968-Mar. 31, 1971
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RESPONSE TO DEPRESSED ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

The Office Practice Committee has prepared a three-point program relative to the effect of the economic situation on architects; this was approved by the Executive Committee on April 7.

- *Informational.* To obtain a barometer of the level of office activity. The accompanying chart, the result of an initial questionnaire, shows the number of architectural personnel in Chapter offices as of March 31 in each year since 1968. Approximately 35% of firms responded, including a very high percentage from larger offices. This kind of information can be used by the Chapter in communicating with organizations and publications.

- *Services.* A job bank is proposed for positions wanted-available, and loan (temporary inter-office) positions wanted-available. The N.Y. State Employment Service has some of the required information, and it is anticipated that they could develop a central computerized program for this job bank. The Chapter will assist with referrals and liaison on additions and deletions to the lists. The Professional Placement Center will distribute a descriptive brochure on its services; they have requested an architectural advisory committee for this purpose.

- *Public Relations.* To establish close liaison with allied professions, contractors' organizations and unions to present the most effective lobby possible to counter-act economic downswings and to reverse the mounting rate of unemployment of trained and experienced professional personnel and the diminishing opportunity for young people.

CONTACT WITH NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS NEEDED

The Institute has developed a list of some 125 government officials whose actions and decisions have a direct bearing on matters of interest to the profession. The names of architects who know them on a first-name basis, and who are willing to represent the profession on urgent specific issues, are needed. Officials on the list from New York are Stanley P. Resor, Secretary of the Army; Louis R. Bruce, Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs; John N. Mitchell, Attorney General; Peter M. Flanigan, Assistant to the President; and Samuel R. Pierce, Jr., General Counsel, Dept. of the Treasury. Please notify George Lewis at the Chapter office if you can take part in this AIA Executive Contact System.

PROPOSED NEW TOWN TO BE DISCUSSED

The Urban Design Committee will sponsor a seminar on the proposed New Town for Staten Island. The main speakers will be Holt Meyer, Director of Office of Staten Island Development and Christopher Chadbourne, Director of the Staten Island Planning Office who will discuss the proposed new Town in relation to the Plan for New York.

The meeting is scheduled for 5:30 on May 25th, at the Chapter Headquarters.

MUSICUS SUBMITS CITY-WIDE CONTRACT PROPOSAL TO CHAPTER FOR REVIEW

On March 30 the Chapter received a draft copy of a city-wide contract for engineers and architects submitted by Milton Musicus, Administrator of Municipal Service. After initial review a meeting was held on April 12 with Mr. Musicus and President Giorgio Cavaglieri, First Vice-President Frederick Frost, Jr., Past President David Todd, Daniel Schwartzman, Chairman of the Public Agencies Committee; Robert Gatje, Chairman of the Fees & Contracts Committee, and William Eipel, representing the engineering professions. This was the first of several meetings to be held to discuss the proposal. In the September issue of "Oculus" we hope to be able to report the conclusions of the discussions.

The Chapter has been actively involved over a number of years with agency heads and other City officials on contracts but without much success. Last September an open chapter meeting was held to hear and debate suggestions. Information on problems with City contracts was gathered from architectural and engineering firms. Late in the Fall, Dan Schwartzman and Robert Gatje prepared a contract draft with city officials, and about the same time the Mayor appointed Mr. Musicus to his coordinating position. The proposed contract, drafted by Mr. Musicus, was done without Chapter consultation. K.K.

MONASCH ADDRESSES JOINT NYCAIA-AIP EARTH WEEK MEETING

Walter J. Monasch, President of the American Institute of Planners, warned against the fragmentation of approach to environmental problems by design professionals at a meeting on April 22. He also contended that if designers do not make themselves heard more effectively they would be "left behind by the Ralph Naders."

Joining Monasch in the symposium at the Carnegie Endowment sponsored by the Natural Environment Committee were Jeh Johnson, Architect; Adolf Ciborowski, U.N. planning official; M. Paul Friedberg, landscape architect; and Lev Zetlin, engineer.

Johnson noted that the people he dealt with were concerned with such problems as poverty, drugs and decaying social structures. Ciborowski emphasized that architects were responsible for the individual "bricks" that make up human settlements.

Friedberg stated that power was necessary to effect change and that it was not enough to identify the bad guys. He suggested that designers try to create awareness of environmental problems in young people through educational systems.

Zetlin expressed his belief that the leaders of the teams of professionals who would work on those problems would have to be from a completely new discipline so that the approaches used could be devised without professional bias.

PRATT OFFERS EXTERN WORK PROGRAM FOR CREDIT

Sidney Shelov of Pratt Institute has organized a work-study program for 4th and 5th year architectural students. The aim of the program is to broaden the scope of the students' activities and knowledge by exposing them to the realities of a professional office (or public agency, systems builder, etc.) while they are still in school. The student receives academic credit for working on a part-time basis (two or three days a week) for at least one semester, in lieu of attending classes in working drawings and/or architectural practice. Though the main object is a learning experience for the students, offices benefit from their enthusiasm and reasonable salary scale. The program has been in effect since 1969 and is working well. Chapter members are urged to participate by hiring these students. Contact Sidney Shelov, 44 West 56th Street, New York 10019; CI 7-7980, or the Pratt School of Architecture, MA 2-2200 ext. 303.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Technical Education Committee is currently involved in helping review the architectural curriculum of several technical schools in the New York Area. The committee hopes to make the schools' syllabus more relevant to the needs of professionals and to increase NYCAIA members awareness of these schools and their graduates.

Chairman Frank Munzer and members of his committee visited Voorhees Technical Institute last spring and reviewed their 2 year program in Architecture and City Planning. The committee's suggestions have now been adopted by the school and will be incorporated into a revised curriculum. The committee has also been in contact with Delehanty Institute, Manhattan Technical Institute and the Institute of Design and Construction.

Munzer points out that although these graduates are not architects, they are qualified technicians who are trained in the basic skills required by an architectural office.

L. Y.

FIRE SAFETY IN OFFICE BUILDINGS: FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS

Frederick G. Frost, Jr., a member of the Building and Construction Advisory Council to the Buildings Department, reports further development in the study of fire safety standards in the light of the two recent fires in high-rise commercial structures. It appears that ample opportunity will be afforded to all interested parties to make proposals and to review Building Code amendments before they are adopted. The Buildings Department was drafting proposed legislation to amend the Code in areas singled out in the Mayor's interim report on the fires ("Oculus", March, 1971). However, the Administration has indicated that no action will now be taken until there has been a full exchange of views by both industry and City Government.

J.D.K.

WAA OFFICERS ELECTED

The WAA's new officers were elected April 28, at the Auxiliary's annual meeting, held in its fourth floor headquarters. Details of this meeting will be reported in the June "Oculus".

Mrs. R. Jackson Smith handed the gavel over to Miss Winifred Allwork, who will serve as President for 1971-72. The other new officers are Mrs. Alan Schwartzman (1st V.P.), Mrs. Stephen J. Kagel (2nd V.P.), Mrs. David Paul Helpern (Member-at-Large), Mrs. Roland F. Middleton (Treas.), Mrs. Bryant L. Conant (Recording Sec'y), and Mrs. Rolland D. Thompson (Corresponding Sec'y).

Serving as Advisory Board members will be Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Saul Edelbaum, Mrs. Ralph E. Leff and Mrs. David F.M. Todd.

Miss Allwork's mother, the late Mrs. Ronald Allwork was the Auxiliary's president for 1964-65. Through her generosity, an endowment fund was created in 1967.

Co-chairmen for the Annual Meeting were Mrs. Barry Oberlander and Mrs. Stephen Shilowitz. Mrs. John Shober Burrows and Mrs. Roger G. Spross were co-chairmen for the reception assisted by 21 busy hostesses.

There was a full house—husbands included—for the second half of the Auxiliary's double-header afternoon. A "President's Reception" cocktail party was held from 4 to 7 at the AIA.

CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP

Information received by the Secretary of NYCAIA regarding the qualifications of candidates for membership will be considered confidential.

CORPORATE

Sherif H. Erfan
Raul E. Fernandez
Harold Fredenburgh
Sam A. Haffey

Pak Chu Kwong
George F. Large
Whitson M. Overcash
Hussein A. Shahine

ASSOCIATE

Ira M. Berliner
Maria T. Celinska

Robert R. Feitl
Richard Potofsky

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The NYCAIA welcomes the following members:

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Howard N. Cohen
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Peter M. Gottschalk
Bryant P. Gould
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Herman J. Jessor

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Philip E. Little
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John O. Ross
Maurice R. Salo
Tonu T. Vanderer
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