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PLAN REVIEW GOES TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Urban Design committee, with the assistance of other interested committees, has studied and debated the Plan for New York City for a year. A draft review has been submitted to the Executive Committee, and it is expected that the Chapter's comments on the Plan will be released to the press and distributed to civic groups and community boards in June.

Walter Rutes is Chairman of the Urban Design Committee, and John Burgee is Chairman of the Policy Subcommittee. Other committees participating in the review and their chairmen were Parks & Recreation, Jay Fleischman; Housing, Seymour Jarmul; Traffic & Transportation, Stanley Lorch; Historic Buildings, William Shopsin; School & College Architecture, Ronald Haase; Natural Environment, John Grifalconi. Steven Foote, a graduate student of architecture at Columbia, and George Lewis have edited. The Urban Design Commission Chairman is James Rossant.

K.K.

CAVAGLIERI SUMS UP TERM

In a statement prepared for the Annual Report, President Giorgio Cavaglieri reviewed some of the Chapter's main concerns and accomplishments for the past year. Among the activities cited were:

- Minority group student scholarship programs supported by assessment.
- Support of the Architects' Technical Assistance Center.
- Continuing efforts to achieve improved professional service contracts with City agencies.
- Review and preparation of a report on the Plan for New York City.
- Investigation of the possibility of formation of a Metropolitan Chapter.
- Search for a new permanent headquarters.
- Increased cooperation with architectural schools and students

Cavaglieri added that in some areas the progress achieved was limited resulting in frustrations. Work in fields such as scholarship programs where the Chapter leads the Institute on the other hand, are most encouraging for the future.

Complete reviews of all Chapter activities will be included in the Annual Report which will be published shortly.

NATIONAL AIA CONVENTION DETROIT JUNE 20-24

An AIA convention concentrates into four days an extraordinary amount of activity. One remembers the surge two years ago toward the shouldering of professional responsibility to society; of the sharp debate last year in Boston over the new Standards of Ethical Practice; of exceptionally informative seminars;—and of inimitable parties for 3000 people, as when the old Grand Central Station in Chicago was occupied in a blast which dismayed local columnists.

You have received material from national headquarters on the Detroit program, but it should be pointed out here that a number of issues will be of particular interest to the Chapter members. Five of the resolutions are listed as being sponsored by us; they are titled Statute of Limitations for Professional Liability; Resolution on National Priorities; Environmental Quality; and two on the issue of greatest interest to the Chapter at the moment: political contributions. These last are quoted here in full:

No. 19, Political Campaign Financing: **RESOLVED**, That The American Institute of Architects will actively support efforts of the Congress to enact legislation to: limit the total of permitted campaign expenditures for all purposes for national and Congressional office; limit to a modest amount the size of individual and institutional contributions to political campaigns for such offices; require full centralized reporting and publication of such political contributions by the candidate; and regulate all of the foregoing in such manner as will be effective and promptly enforceable.

No. 20, Political Contributions—Ethical Standard: **RESOLVED**, That the Standards of Ethical Practice be amended by adding to Standard 8 the following: "An architect as an individual may make political contributions of money or service provided he maintains a full statement of the value, nature, purpose and receiver of such contributions and discloses such information to his local chapter and upon request to the Judicial Board of the AIA."

Of other issues, the proposal to enlarge the Institute's powerful Board of Directors stands out. New York State would be represented by 5 directors as com-

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS MAY 12, 1971

- Heard a report on continuing discussions with City officials on the proposed draft for the City agencies' contract with architects.
- Heard a report on telegrams sent to State legislators in support of bills providing for letting City work through a single contract.
- Reiterated its support of Resolution No. 20 on political contributions submitted by the Chapter to the Detroit Convention (see article on Convention this issue); acted to submit a questionnaire to the Chapter membership on this subject.
- Encouraged continued discussions with the Architectural League concerning possible future sharing of space.
- Heard Mr. Lester Jacobs of Pratt Institute request Chapter assistance in developing architectural courses to be offered at Pratt's new Manhattan Center.
- Noted that the first meeting of the Study Group for the proposed Metropolitan Chapter was to meet May 27.
- Referred the city's new *Guide for Consultant Architects and Engineers* to the Office Practice Committee, and to the Liaison Committee meeting with DPW representatives, for comment prior to a 5/19 meeting with DPW.
- Heard Messrs. Glasser and Prentice report on the progress of the Public Service Fund Raising Program.

CHAPTER AIR QUALITY STATEMENT RELEASED

Giorgio Cavaglieri released a Chapter policy statement on air quality and the environment at a press conference prior to a special Earth Week symposium "Environment a Professional Responsibility."

The statement, a result of John Grifalconi's Natural Environment Committee, mandates the need for immediate and effective action to restore the quality of air in our urban regions and calls on the Architect, as the professional responsible for shaping the environment and, therefore, able to utilize his skills to reduce pollution through conservation of energy and through ecologically sensitive planning.

Both the New York Times and Radio Station WINS covered the statement's release. J.A.K.

CONVENTION (Cont. from page 1)

pared to the present 1, so that New York City and the metropolitan area could expect multiple representation on a regular basis.

These matters were discussed at the Chapter's Pre-Convention Meeting on May 24. G.L.

MUSICUS SUBMITS SECOND CITY-WIDE CONTRACT TO CHAPTER

Milton Musicus, Administrator of Public Services for New York City, has submitted a revised contract for architects/engineers to the New York Chapter. It is not clear as to whether Mr. Musicus will entertain further changes, but the initial reaction of the members reviewing it is still one of general dissatisfaction on many points. Giorgio Cavaglieri, David Todd, Frederick Frost, Daniel Schwartzman, Robert Gatje and Engineer William Eipel expect to meet again with City representatives. Mr. Cavaglieri will make a report to the membership. K.K.

SOME MEMBERS OPPOSE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

About 30 members attended a special meeting on April 29 called to discuss the Executive Committee's action barring political contributions by firms and recommending limiting individual contributions to \$500 (OCULUS April 1971). Giorgio Cavaglieri reviewed the background of the situation, citing the recent series of articles in Long Island's *Newsday* which linked contributions to contracts for public work. He explained that the Executive Committee's intent was to protect members from "forced" donations. There was also some indication that smaller firms and younger members felt that some of the larger firms might be "buying" commissions with political contributions. The Chapter had received a message from the Institute, he reported, stating that the wording of the Chapter regulation "amending" the Standards of Ethical Practice was prohibited by Institute By-Laws.

In the discussion that followed, the members who spoke generally opposed the new regulation. Several members pointed out that political contributions were now publicly recorded although the information was not easily accessible. Dickson McKenna noted that members were being encouraged of late to become involved in politics. David Todd observed that it would be difficult to enforce the rule and warned that the maximum contribution of \$500 could become a standard "price."

Another member praised the Committee's "brave act" but also expressed the fear that it would lead to the expectation of \$500 contributions.

Generally, the consensus appeared to be that the situation was covered as well as it could be by law and the Institute's Standards, although several people thought the Executive Committee was to be commended for focussing attention on it. J.D.

ERRORS & OMISSIONS INSURANCE EXPLORED

The Professional Liability Insurance Committee is exploring all aspects of Errors and Omissions Insurance. According to Charles E. Hughes, Committee Chairman, architects have not been informed of those factors affecting premiums.

As part of its research efforts, which include investigating alternate insurance policies, the committee has scheduled a meeting with Mr. J. Sprigg Duvall, Vice President of Victor Schinnerer and Co., the sole agents in this area for Continental Insurance and National AIA. Although premiums are placed with individual agents, it is to the Schinnerer Company that architects must refer any questions concerning their policies. Items that will be discussed include: the mechanics of the reserve premium; method of billing; the formula by which Continental computes a premium; area where losses, if any, occur; variations in losses by state; reflection of state-wide trends in losses or lack of losses in computation of premiums; the implication of double insurance of architects and engineers on the same job, etc.

To date the Committee has not formulated any recommendations or alternatives to the existing insurance programs or its agents. However, the committee expects to continue its research in the coming year and to make available to the membership a report of its findings, recommending the best possible arrangement by which architects can acquire Errors and Omissions Insurance in New York City. Comments regarding members' thoughts or experiences with this type of insurance program are invited by Mr. Hughes. *J.D.K.*

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: INCREASED ACTIVITY

Exchanging information about NYCAIA events and stimulating intercommunication among New York City architectural schools continues to be the goal of the Student Affairs Committee. Chairman Jerry Maltz hopes to expand programs such as student tours of architectural offices, homes and interesting buildings (any volunteers?!). He also plans to schedule events similar to that led by Lawrence Halprin last March.

Members of the committee maintain contact with individual architectural schools. Jeanne Davern is the liaison with CCNY, while Alan Lapidus, Nikita Zukov and Martin Zelnik cover Columbia, Cooper and Pratt. The committee was instrumental in arranging for last month's exhibit of Pratt students' drawings at Chapter Headquarters. In conjunction with the Speakers' Bureau headed by Ida Webster, they organized the recent Open House for high school students.

Chapter members interested in participating in this committee's functions in the fall should contact Jerry Maltz at 974-7155. *L.Y.*

MULTIPLE CONTRACTS WARNING

The Office Practice Committee wishes to draw the membership's attention to several decisions by the courts and the Commissioner of Education regarding the multiple construction contracts for public projects in New York State.

Architects are cautioned not to require a general contractor to coordinate other contractors on such public projects. This has been determined to be function of the owner or his agent (presumably the architect). It has been held that a specification requiring the contractor to check, coordinate and be responsible for fitting of all work shown on shop drawings assigns supervisory and coordinative work which is contrary to Section 101 General Municipal Law and Section 135 State Finance Law. Citations: 1) University of State of N.Y. in the matter of William E. Forrest Inc. vs. City School District in Kingston, N.Y., Dec. 1967; Court of Claims in the matter of Forest Electric Corp. vs. State of N.Y., Dec. 1966; University of N.Y. in the matter of General Building Contractors of N.Y. vs. Towns in Franklin County, February 2, 1971; Court of Claims in the matter of General Building Contractors of N.Y. State vs. County of Oneida, May 1967.

Architects for such public projects should be sure in discussing their services with their public clients that there is a clear understanding as to whether or not the client wishes the architect to assume such coordination functions and that the fees agreed upon cover such services.

JUMP TUTORING PROGRAM

Architects are needed to act as tutors in math, physics, chemistry and biology for disadvantaged high school students selected by the College Bound program. The sessions are held from 10 AM to noon every Saturday at Louis Brandeis High School, 151 West 84th Street. Tutors are not required to be present every week but rather when they can arrange to be there.

Frank Munzer, Chairman of the Technical Education Committee points out that since the NYCAIA is a member of JUMP (Joint Urban Manpower Program), chapter members should participate in this tutoring program which has been in operation for over a year. "If there is one thing which impresses the student most", Mr. Munzer said, "it is that the tutor is unpaid. The fact that someone from the strange world of professional people has chosen to spend a morning helping someone else, tells the student more than all the career guidance bulletins ever printed!"

To get involved telephone Henry Coshburn at 974-5645 or Oliver Axtell at 867-2000, Ext. 2465.

L.Y.

PHOTO DRAFTING TECHNIQUES

A presentation and discussion of the use of photography in the production of working drawings will be held at the Chapter on June 10th at 5:30.

WAA TO GIVE \$10,000



Already developing designs for next year are the 1971-72 Board of Directors of the Women's Architectural Auxiliary and its Advisory Council. Seated around Miss Winifred Allwork, center, the new President, are L to R, Mrs. R. Jackson Smith (advisor) and Mrs. David F. M. Todd (advisor). Standing, L to R, are Mrs. David Paul Helpern (member-at-large), Mrs. Ralph E. Leff (advisor), Mrs. Roland G. Middleton (Treasurer), Mrs. Bryant L. Conant (Recording Secretary), Mrs. Rolland D. Thompson (Corresponding Secretary), Mrs. Stephen J. Kagel (2d V.P.), and Mrs. Saul Edelbaum (advisor). Absent: Mrs. Alan Schwartzman (1st V.P.).

The Women's Architectural Auxiliary will distribute \$10,000 as the result of another successful year, it was announced at the Annual Meeting April 28. Of this amount, \$8,000 will be presented to the Chapter at its annual luncheon, June 2, in support of the NYCAIA's scholarship programs. Each of the traditional recipients of WAA funds, the architectural schools at City College, Columbia, Cooper Union, and Pratt Institute, will receive \$500. All the funds will be awarded in the name of Mrs. Morris Ketchum, Jr., WAA founder.

The Auxiliary's prime purpose is to provide financial assistance to young people seeking an architectural education. Approximately 300 students have been assisted over the WAA's 13-year history.

BRUNNER AND STEWARDSON AWARDS ANNOUNCED

C. Richard Hatch has been selected to receive the \$10,000 Brunner Scholarship. The Brunner Committee found the quality of the approximately 20 submissions higher than usual this year. This is probably attributable to the increased stipend and the broader areas of study now eligible.

Hatch's proposal is to develop a multi-media kit to prepare the poor to participate in the rebuilding of the cities. It is proposed in response to the recognition of a growing need for educational materials to clarify the design process, the roles of design professionals and of neighborhood clients, and the intricacies of working with HUD, FHA, Model Cities and Public Housing agency regulations and procedures.

The James Stewardson Fellowship of \$2,000 has been awarded to Chapter Member Edwin J. Aviles.

STATE REGISTRATION EXAMINATION PROCEDURES UNDER REVIEW

Members Kurt Karmin and Joel Kaufman working with the New York State Association of Architects, have been continuing their discussions with the New York State Board of Examiners trying to improve administrative procedures. Their goals are to have the Board (1) reduce the review time; (2) provide better descriptive material of the examination and eligibility requirements. Review has already been compressed to approximately three months. If any members know of candidates who have constructive criticism of procedures, have them write to the NYSAA at 441 Lexington Ave. or telephone OX7-8866. K.K.

1971 BARD AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED JUNE 16

Almost a decade after the first Bard Awards Jury shook things up with its decision not to give any awards, the Bard Awards Program is still seeking out, honoring and publicizing excellence in architecture and urban design in the five boroughs of the city. This year's Jury, which included Lewis Davis FAIA, Romaldo Giurgola AIA, Sidney Katz FAIA and Richard Meier AIA, selected winners in the realm of publicly owned or sponsored projects completed since January 1969.

The 1971 Bard Awards will be announced and presented to the winners at The City Club's annual reception to be given on Wednesday, June 16, 1971, starting at 5:15 P.M. at the St. Regis Roof. All Chapter members are especially welcome and will receive invitations.

CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The NYCAIA welcomes the following members:

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Albert Schunkewitz	Leslie M. Good
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	Janith G. Davids

ASSOCIATE

Michael W. Brown	Robert R. Feitl
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