

Stewardson Scholarship Cancelled for This Year

The James Stewardson Travelling Scholarship has been an annual award since 1961. This year, however, because of insufficient yield from the funding investments, it will not be possible to offer the scholarship. Ian H. Smith, Chairman, and his Committee felt that a scholarship of less than \$2,000 would not be sufficient for travel and study.

"It was James Stewardson's intention to give aspiring architects an opportunity to study, at first hand, the architecture of the past. . . ." These words, from the Stewardson bequest, hint at the personality of the donor, who specified also that eligibility would be limited to architectural draftsmen under the age of 40, who have a minimum of three year's experience.

Oculus learned about Stewardson, the man, from committee member Minor L. Bishop, who knew him personally. James Stewardson was a British citizen who served for 40 years as chief designer with Delano and Aldrich. He was a specialist in Georgian design and had to his credit the American Embassy in Paris, and the Colony and Knickerbocker clubs in New York, as well as country residences for the Whitneys, Vanderbilts and Lindbergh.

His interest in European Renaissance architecture was all-consuming, and, through his bequest to the Chapter, he hoped to share it with young designers in this country.

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Cost Base Compensation: Draft Document Under Review

The Fees & Contracts Committee, Roy Friedberg, Chairman, has spent many hours evaluating and making recommendations on two documents: "Cost Base Compensation Guidelines", known as the "orange book", which was developed by the N.Y. State Council on Architecture—Construction Interagency Committee (ACIC), in consultation with architects and engineers and sponsored by the N.Y. State Council on Architecture; and a related draft document which was sent to the Institute for use in preparing a document on guidelines for determining cost-based compensation, title "Guidelines for Services/Compensation Management". A draft of the latter will be submitted to the Institute Board this month.

The "orange book", published in October 1973, was reviewed at a meeting of the ACIC at the State Council on Architecture on October 17 attended by Messrs. Friedberg, Gatje, Sol Baum and Carl Petrilli, and recommendations for revision were presented by them, particularly in respect to what constitutes overhead and the possibility of its being determined by pre-audit.

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Plaza Bonus Amendment in Question

The City Planning Commission's effort to amend the Zoning Resolution to improve the quality of open spaces provided by developers in return for added floor space (FAR) has been questioned by Community Board No. 5. This Board covers most of midtown Manhattan.

At a recent CPC hearing the Chapter enthusiastically endorsed the amendments, which were developed in consultation with William H. ("Holly") Whyte. He has made a fascinating study of why some plazas are alive with people, others barren. The amendments would encourage tree planting and seating; outdoor restaurants, kiosks and other uses now prohibited would be encouraged.

Members of Board No. 5, including Chapter member Jim Morgan, have raised vociferous objections to some of the technical language in the amendments. The Zoning Committee, Charles Hughes, Chairman, is meeting with the Board, together with CPC representatives, to clear up the questions.

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Executive Committee Actions

November 6, 1974

- Reorganized the Subcommittee on Community Design Centers to include Messrs. Tuckett, Baker, Lewis, Riedel and Klein.
- Questioned tentative plans of UDC on Roosevelt Island. It was felt that the competition should be limited to architects licensed in the State.
- Heard Mr. Gatje report on an October 17 meeting at the N.Y. State Council on Architecture to review the so-called "orange book". (See article this issue.)
- Noted a sharp increase in cases coming before the Ethics Committee.
- Accepted a bequest by the late Grace Keefe of Kingston, N.Y., of \$15,000, the income from which is to be applied to assist paraprofessionals in attending technical schools.
- Discussed dissatisfaction with postal service contracts and appointed Messrs. Oppenheimer, Gatje and Frost to look into the matter.
- Recommended re-establishment of an advisory committee to the NYC Board of Education.
- Noted that letters have been sent to John Zuccotti urging that he make an appointment to the long-vacant position of Director of the Urban Design Group, and making certain recommendations. (Shortly thereafter, Ms. Raquel Ramati, one of those recommended, was appointed.)
- Resolved that hereafter all Chapter exhibits showing the work of firms give credit to employees with major responsibilities.
- Appointed Douglas Haskell chairman of the Special Meetings Committee.

● Noted a strong response to the inquiry sent to all members seeking support for a full evening program at City College School of Architecture: 94 firms, a total of 200 members, and 180 paraprofessionals endorsed the proposal.

● Noted that Mr. Oppenheimer wrote to the president of Cities Service Company urging him to seek alternatives to demolition of a row of buildings on Wall Street.

Welcome to New Members

The NYC/AIA welcomes the following members:

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Thomas Loosbrock
Manuel Fernandez
Eric B. Kiviat
R. Eric Goshow
Frederick M. Yerou

Associate

Mary Jane Clark

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Information received by the Secretary of NYC/AIA regarding the qualifications of candidates for membership will be considered confidential:

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Letter to the Editor

e've A Long Way To Go, Baby!

One of the delightful events of the NYSAA Convention last October was the Friday evening soiree at the University Club, a landmark McKim, Mead and White building dating from 1899. Unfortunately, however, the thinking of the Club's operators has not changed since that time.

On a tour of the building, a small mixed group—of which I was a member—emerged on the fourth floor to visit the Library and were confronted by a "For Men Only" sign. Though it is an obvious and well-known fact that women do not read, we were there only to see the architecture, so we tiptoed onward to view a rather magnificent space. Some inmates, however, upon hearing women's footsteps, registered a complaint, whereupon two burly guards were immediately dispatched to protect the sign—and the sanctity—of the singularly sexed space. Upon dusting for footprints it was discovered that the trespassing feet belonged to none other than J.E. (of Edelman & Salzman), one of those radicals who is actually active in the AWA!!

Somewhat later in the evening, just before leaving, another small mixed group of which I was a member was sitting in the lobby when a very polite guard approached and apologetically asked a seated female to please remove her decorative self from the chair as it is permissible for women to sit only in the rather pleasant but unobservable women's lounge and, most certainly, not in the lobby. Upon assessing the depression she made in the chair it was ascertained that the dimensions fit precisely the posterior of none other than S.W., chairperson of your Student Affairs Committee, no less!!

Though the landmark building was a delight to see, was it worth subjecting our members to such demeaning and idiotic experiences?

This Letter was written by a male who suffers from a chronic deficiency in chauvinism and an acute awareness of assinity.

N. Jerry Maltz

Applications Available for the 1975 Brunner Scholarship

The Brunner Scholarship was founded in the memory of Arnold W. Brunner, a New York Architect, by his widow, through a bequest to the NYC/AIA.

"Its purpose is to further the development of architecture in the United States by granting one or more Scholarships, usually annually, for advanced study in some special field of architectural investigation which, in the judgment of the Chapter, will most effectively contribute to the practice, teaching, or knowledge of the Art and Science of Architecture."

The scholarship is granted by the Executive Committee upon the recommendation of the Brunner Scholarship Committee, Chaired by Gerald Schiff.

The successful candidate will be awarded up to \$5000 to finance his or her study, and will be asked to justify the request.

Important dates to remember are: application forms are available to December 31, 1974; proposals may be submitted to January 15, 1975; and announcement of the award will be made June 4, 1975. Applications can be obtained by writing the Chapter.
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Exhibition of the 1973 Brunner Winner

The winner of the 1973 Arnold W. Brunner Scholarship, Jerzy E. Glowczewski, will exhibit his winning proposal at Chapter Headquarters starting December 16 at 5:30. The exhibition will continue until January 16.

Mr. Glowczewski's proposal is entitled "A New Urban Design Technique that Complements Natural Environment and Stimulates Legislative Measure in Medium-Size Towns."

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New Meetings Committee Chairman Announces Plans; Philip Johnson Speaks First

The idea of supplementing regular Chapter meetings with special ones on subjects of broad interest led to creation of this Committee: to line up chances for informal exchange with members with whom one would especially like to talk, to get reports on special developments including international ones, to look back a bit at New York's special contributions, to stay alive.

Events will occur about once a month, at Chapter Headquarters: cash bar open 5-6 PM, talks 6-7:30. Arranged already is a talk by Philip Johnson, December 11th. Architectural Record Editor Walter Wagner will report on the recent trip of a group of U.S. architects to Continental China; Marcel Breuer will follow.

The Committee believes that the rich record of leadership of the First City—with its unprecedented elan—is being too much forgotten, so something to remind ourselves and the Nation, under Chapter imprint, is under consideration.

Welcome are all suggestions on whom, discussing what, members would love to hear. We'll try to fit all in.
Douglas Haskell, Chairman

On Becoming an AIA Fellow

In response to queries on the requirements and procedures leading to AIA Fellowship, Simon Breines, FAIA, Chairman of the chapter's Committee on Fellows, outlined the following for **Oculus**.

Architects who have been Corporate Members for at least 10 years are eligible for nomination. Categories of Fellowship are Achievement in Design, Science of Construction, Literature, Education, Service to the Profession, Public Service, Historic Preservation, Research, Urban Design, Government or Industry, and Architectural Practice.

Beginning in the fall, the Committee on Fellows assembles a list of potential nominees. This list includes names submitted either to the Committee or to the Chapter. Submissions are in letter form, from sponsors who know the potential candidate and can explain why the person is qualified. The Committee functions as a liaison with these sponsors who must be prepared to devote the time to assembling the required extensive portfolios.

By January, the Committee's list of candidates' names will have been narrowed to those whom they feel most qualified. These are then submitted to the Executive Committee, who may or may not accept the recommendations. Based on the completed portfolios, a final list of nominations is approved by the Executive Committee at their May meeting.

For each of those approved, a brochure of special format is then prepared by the sponsor, with the help of the Committee on Fellows. Each chapter then submits its nominees to the Jury of Fellows in Washington. Final action rests with this Jury, whose selection is made known in late spring. The entire procedure takes some 1½ years.

In addition to Chairman Breines, the NYC/AIA's Committee on Fellows presently includes William J. Conklin, Ulrich Franzen, Abraham W. Geller, Jan Pokorny and David F. M. Todd. These members, all of whom are Fellows themselves, serve overlapping terms of three years each.

Mr. Breines notes that it is also possible to be recommended for Fellowship directly to the Institute in Washington D. C., by letters from 10 Corporate Members in good standing. He suggests that further details should be learned from AIA Document H501, entitled "Principles Underlying Advancements to Fellowship".

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Political Campaign Follow-up

The Chapter and the NYSAA took advantage of the latter's very successful October convention at the Commodore to invite the major candidates for State office to speak. Governor-elect Carey gave a widely-reported address on housing and other issues of concern to architects. Senator Javits also delivered a major address, as did his unsuccessful opponent Ramsey Clark. State politicians have never before been made so aware of architects, and this should be only a beginning.

The NYSAA (New York Association of Architects) under the vigorous leadership of President Roger Hallenbeck of Albany, together with active Chapter participation, is seeking an early meeting with Mr. Carey and his staff to assist him in developing a legislative program.

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The Whole Architect Catalog

The Small Office Committee is engaged in the production of a unique handbook for the beginning practitioner.

Not a handbook in the usual sense, according to Committee Chairman Lester Glass, it is more a flexible compilation in loose-leaf format with an index: an operating manual, even a "whole earth catalog" of architectural practice.

The manual will appear in sections, as soon as they are organized, available for purchase from the documents department of the Chapter on an as-needed basis.

The subject matter will be devoted to the concerns to the strange animal who practices architecture in New York City, such as the business aspects—and pitfalls—of opening an office, if one is so contemplating. It will include guides to, and bibliographies of, lesser known sources of architectural information from non-architectural publications. Typical information might include the answers to the questions: what is the "Green Book", what department or agency gives what approval, what is an expeditor, should I buy or rent a blueprint machine, what form do I use now that I'm here at the Brooklyn Building Department.

Classification will be by both format and chronology. By format, a user may check everything in a particular category. By chronology, a user will not have to look at information he saw a week, month, or year ago.

Paul Segal, Chairman of the Subcommittee for the Manual, invites all members to submit whatever they may feel relevant for inclusion.

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1974 Hirons Prize Announced

The National Institute for Architectural Education has announced the winners of the competition for the 1974 Hirons Prize. This competition, one of several sponsored annually by the NIAE, is exclusively for persons up to the age of 35 who are non-students and are in the architectural field. This year's competition program, "A Neighborhood Health Center", was co-sponsored by the NYC/AIA Hospitals and Health Facilities Committee.

Four winners were chosen from 75 entries. The jury awarded the first prize of \$1,500 to Martin Cooperman of Little Neck, New York, and second prize to Michael Coleman of Groton, Connecticut.

Parallel prize monies were awarded to the next highest placed solutions, because the first and second winners deviated from the prescribed format—a scale change allowed by the Jury and accepted by the NIAE Board of Trustees. These winners were H. Preston Crum of New York City and James Charnisky of Boston, Massachusetts.

The jury included a balance of architects and representatives from client groups, regulatory agencies, hospital administration, facilities research and public benefit corporations. It included AIA members Robert Boyar, Giorgio Cavaglieri, Isaiah Ehrlich, Frank Eliseo, Saul Ellenbogen, Abraham Geller, Howard Juster, Sidney Katz, Lawrence Mason, Irving Mennen, Eleanor Pepper, Martin Pitt, John Reese, Hugh Romney and Daniel Schwartzman.

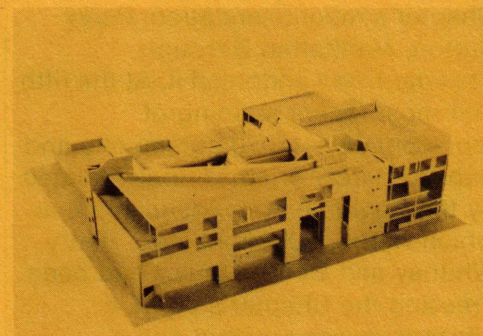
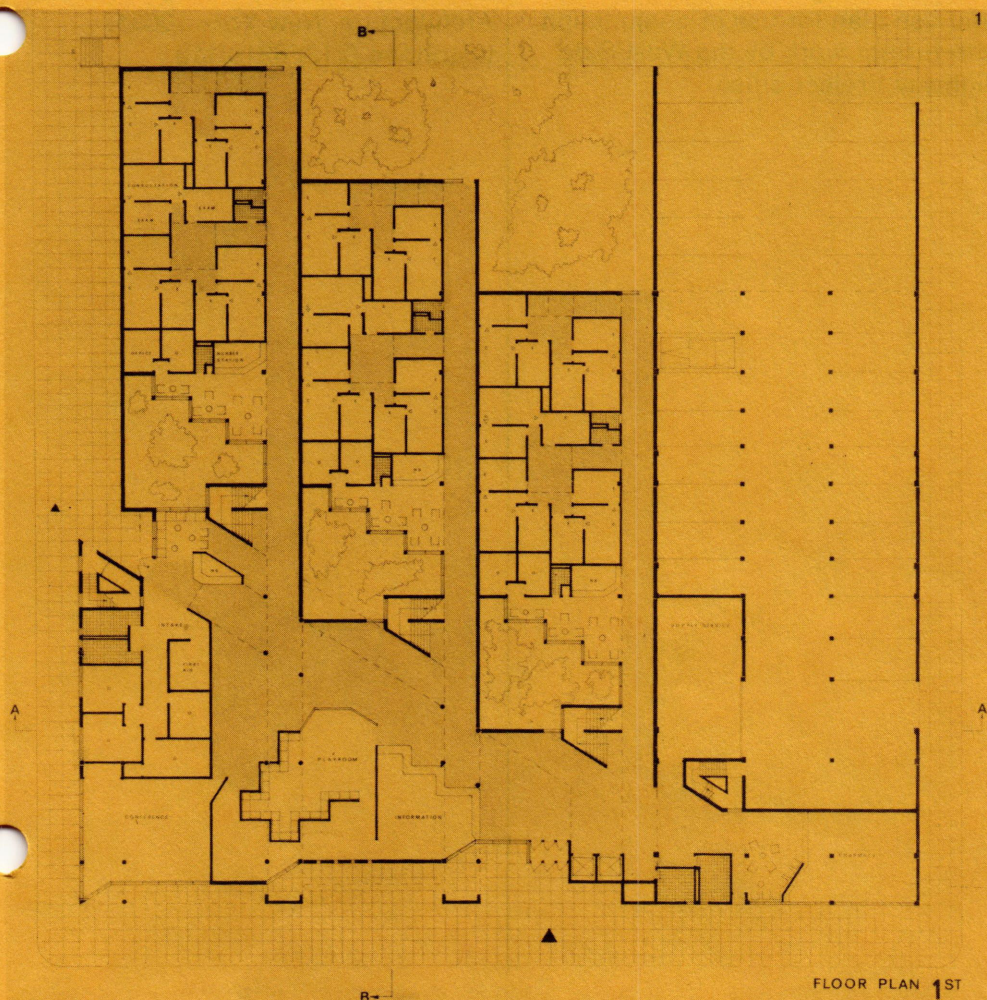
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Man Hour Data Bank: Chapter Input

Since the Chapter's recommended fee schedule was withdrawn following legal advice, there has been pressure on the Institute to develop a national Man Hour Data Bank to make available a consensus of experience on the time it takes to turn out the various building types. A pilot demonstration program involving AIA components in California, Washington, Oregon, Arizona and Hawaii was effected last August.

The Chapter was asked to run a test on four building types—office buildings, secondary schools, apartment buildings and hotels/motels—and certain New York offices have been asked to submit data which can be compared with what is collected on the West Coast. Our offices' responses will give this project much needed added momentum.

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Winner of the Hirons Competition first prize.

West Side Highway

As previously reported, the Chapter has issued a paper calling for federal funding of a comprehensive West Side Corridor development plan to be prepared by the City Planning Department.

Meanwhile, there has been widespread disagreement as to the relative virtues and shortcomings of the five alternate proposals of the West Wide Highway Project (these range from repair of the existing road, to an Interstate Highway built on landfill out to the pierhead line). The Chapter was almost alone in arguing that a satisfactory solution was impossible without a binding land use plan to show what would be done with newly-created land, and what would be the social and economic impact on the City.

A successful effort has been made to interest other organizations in the Chapter's recommendation. Percy Sutton, Manhattan Borough President, has endorsed it. At the fifth and most recent meeting of representatives of 20 community and public-interest organizations initiated by the Regional Plan Association, at which Herbert Oppenheimer, Henry Whitney and George Lewis had been pressing the Chapter's point, a consensus was reached and a statement issued which began: "We support immediate and adequate funding for a West Side Corridor development plan from the Battery to 72nd Street, to be prepared by the City Planning Commission and the West Side Highway Project in consultation with community boards and in conjunction with a transportation plan. . . ."

That statement did not use the word Interstate, which is anathema to some groups who fear increased traffic, including trucks. But the Chapter's position is that interstate funding is necessary to achieve the social and economic results which the City desperately needs.

To forego between one and two billion dollars of Interstate funds could produce, instead, perhaps \$327,000,000 for mass transit purposes; but there is considerable question as to whether the latter sum, which might find its way into the Second Avenue Subway, would benefit the City as much. (The Chapter would like to see far more mass transit funding than that.)

The Chapter, together with certain other organizations—which ones is not yet determined—will press for federal funding for a more detailed land use plan for use in conjunction with further work by the West Side Highway Project office.

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Faculty Positions Open At City College

Positions are available on the full-time faculty of the City College School of Architecture and Environmental Studies, starting in the Fall Term of 1975.

Applicants must be registered architects or landscape architects, familiar with urban architectural problems, preferably with teaching experience, to be assigned to day and/or evening courses at the Chairman's discretion. All candidates must be prepared to teach design for half of their time, and the balance on history-theory, technology or other areas of specialization. Candidates will be expected to participate fully in academic life including faculty committee meetings and assignments, curricular guidance, and individual meetings with students.

Candidates should contact Chairman Norval White at City College School of Architecture, New York 10031, telephone (212) 621-2118.

WAA Establishes Memorial Fund

The Women's Architectural Auxiliary has begun an Architects Memorial Fund.

The desire to begin the Memorial Fund came spontaneously from several WAA members in remembrance of B. Sumner Gruzen, FAIA, who died this fall. Mr. Gruzen was for many years an enthusiastic supporter of the WAA and its scholarship program. His widow, Ethel, has long been a WAA member.

Donations to the Fund will be used for scholarships for deserving architectural students in New York City's schools of architecture, and will be given in memory of the person designated.

If you would like to use the Fund to commemorate an individual or an occasion, please contact WAA President Mrs. Morris Ketchum, Jr., at 200 East 66th Street, New York 10021.

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MEA Approved-Materials List At Chapter

Arthur Seckler, chairman of the Building Code Committee, has called attention to publication of the current list, by appropriate category, of materials, equipment and assemblies which have been found to be acceptable by the Materials and Equipment Acceptance Division (MEA). This list, which was placed in the September 24 City Record by Commissioner of Buildings, Jeremiah T. Walsh, can be seen at the Chapter office (which also has the Building Code and Zoning Resolutions, both up to date).

Seckler notes that the MEA list does not include those materials and assemblies previously approved by the Board of Standards and Appeals.

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Comptroller States Position

Recently a meeting was held between Chapter members and representatives of the City Comptroller's Office to determine the Comptroller's position on matters of interest to consultants doing work with various city agencies. The following items represent the outcome of this meeting.

1. Regarding the basis of principal's hourly charges, the Comptroller will recognize an hourly rate of \$15.00 for principal's time without prior audit. All other charges up to the \$35.00 maximum will require audit, and all contracts in which limitations other than \$15.00 per hour for principal's time are indicated, will be subject to audit in order to determine the principal's actual draw. The 35% limitation on principal's time on any change order is to be strictly enforced by the Comptroller. In contracts or change orders which require an office to either exceed the 35% limit or the \$15.00 per hour charge, prior approval should be sought from the Comptroller before any formal execution of contracts. Lump sum contracts, where fees are obtained from official fee curves, are not generally subject to these audit limitations.
2. At the present time, the Comptroller's Office is utilizing a multiplier of 2.2 for office work and 1.7 and 1.75 for fulltime field inspection manpower. These figures are accepted without audit.
3. The issue of interest charges was raised because the Comptroller's Office is not considering any allowance of interest charges as an overhead item. The present policy is to process all agency payment vouchers within 14 days in order to reduce interest charges to A/E's. The current payment processing is on the order of two to three weeks.

4. The issue of revising the present city fee curves to reflect inflation was discussed. The CS-29 curve was last revised in April of 1971, and prior to that in December 1967. The consultants felt that another upward revision in the fee curve is now in order, since the escalation in the 1967 through 1971 period was 26% while the escalation in the following 42 months has reached 32%. Further information on this point will be submitted to the Comptroller's Office for consideration.
5. The unpopular practice of "Packaging Projects" by a city agency to reduce the fee percentage was also discussed. This matter will be taken up with the respective agencies, since it does not originate in the Comptroller's Office.

In attendance at the above meeting were Messrs. Prawzinsky and Levine of the Comptroller's Office; Messrs. Oppenheimer, Blumberg and Raab of the NYC/AIA; W. Eipel and A. Trinidad of the New York Association of Consulting Engineers.

Martin Raab stated that there will be another meeting with John Carroll of the Municipal Services Administration to discuss how to speed up the payment process to consultants and the City's position on in-house work as opposed to employing outside consultants.

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City Housing Prospects: A Continuing Tale in Adversity

With housing starts at a 10-year low, and Mayor Beame's housing program newly announced, some 70-odd Chapter members attended a housing meeting at Chapter Headquarters on Nov. 20.

The meeting, moderated by Joe Wasserman, chairman of the Housing Committee, was organized to hear guest speakers Roger Starr, Lester Eisner and Peg Meyerson discuss current prospects for housing in this area. Mr. Starr is the Administrator of the New York City Housing and Development Administration; Mr. Eisner is Deputy Commissioner of the State Division of Housing; and Ms. Meyerson is second to the Director of the New York Area Office of HUD. Each Speaker discussed prospective City, State and Federal programs and their specific impact on our area.

The general prognosis for new housing work was not encouraging. The recently enacted Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, though still not definitively circulated, appears to prohibit use of its funds for new construction. Use for rehabilitation, research and development projects, land acquisition and front-end financing (for nonprofit sponsors) will be permitted. The City intends to use whatever funds it obtains from this Act for site acquisition and project write-down costs.

Mr. Starr outlined the City's intention to seek extensions to such expiring existing laws as the tax abatement Local Law J51 and the 421 under-utilized land abatement program. The City will be seeking subsidies to encourage further building under the City Mitchell-Lama program, specifically for three- and four-story bearing wall structures, and three-family dwellings in non-Manhattan locations. Programs in doubt are Neighborhood Rehab and Conventional Mitchell-Lama because mortgage money is hard to come by and it is difficult to build cheaply anymore.

On a Federal level, Section 8 rental assistance subsidies are problematical because national averages are far below City requirements, due to higher costs of construction here in the City. Also scored was the apparent lack of any Federal middle-income programs for urban areas. It was noted that Federal 236 and Breakthrough funds were totally depleted.

A question-and-answer session following the speakers' statements focused on the all-too-real concerns of the membership—namely, the scarcity of new work. With costs of construction, financing and maintenance causing rapid deterioration of the existing housing stock, and new housing which is priced beyond the reach of those it was intended for, members questioned the lack of any comprehensive remedial measures—particularly at a time when inflation problems seem daily to become more acute.

With a new administration in Albany and the new Democratic majority in Congress, there may, however, be opportunities for modifying the present situation. Still, the AIA in Washington and the home Chapter will have to make every effort to be heard on the housing issue.
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Signs of the Times: Brown-Bag Lunch-Hour Series Sponsored by WAA

James Marston Fitch—Central Park Preservator, Columbia Professor, winner of last year's Brunner—will be the first WAA Brown-Bag Lunch speaker on Thursday, January 23rd, at Chapter headquarters.

The same busy ladies who have brought the Chapter dazzling benefit galas devised the lunch-hour food-for-thought series when a survey uncovered that 75% of WAA's members work and would prefer to meet at lunch time.

The Brown-Bag Lunch format is simple: All WAA and NYC/AIA members and their guests are welcome. Be at the Chapter no later than 12:15. Bring your own lunch; coffee and cookies will be provided. Speakers have been invited to "clear the air"—so their talks will be snappy but short so that questions can be fielded. Your schedule being very tight, you are expected to leave an hour later.

There is an admission charge of \$1.25; the dollar will go to the WAA Scholarship Fund, the 25¢ for your coffee. Speakers have waived normal honorariums because the Scholarship Fund will benefit.

Unfortunately, the WAA can accept only the first 100 reservations. Send your check—payable to the WAA Scholarship Fund (it's tax-deductible)—to WAA's Program Chairman, Mrs. David Paul Helpern, at 99 Park Avenue, New York 10016.

Circle February 25th for the second Brown-Bag Lunch. Paul Goldberger, architectural critic of the *New York Times*, will speak.
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