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Members Awaiting Summer Meeting Aug. 16 at Chenequa

Chenequa Country Club will be the scene of the 1957 Mid-Summer meeting on Friday, August 16. The business meeting is scheduled to open promptly at 9 a.m. and the agenda, which is short but important, will include consideration of changes in the by-laws (Article 12) to allow Wisconsin Chapter by-laws to coincide with the Vertical Committees of the AIA. The changes incorporated in the proposed amendment increase the number of standing committees from eight to sixteen and standardize the number of members of each committee to five. Currently several of the proposed standing committees were listed as "special" committees. The duties of the committees have not been changed.

John Flad, chairman of the combined Legislation and Relations with the Engineers Committee and committee members John Brust and Alvin Grellinger will report on their recent meetings with the engineers and outline the future plans of the Interprofessional Committee.

Old and New Business items round out the agenda.

Following the one o'clock luncheon, members may play golf or cards. The bar will be open.

To complete the day's activities, a block of 100 tickets has been reserved for the Braves-Cardinals game at the Stadium at 8 p.m.

COVER COMMENT

A splendid example of contemporary school architecture is shown on this month's cover, as well as on pages six and seven of this issue. The structure is the James Madison Elementary School of Manitowoc, and is another of the fine jobs performed by Wisconsin AIA members. This school was performed by Frederick W. Raeuber and Associates, of Manitowoc.

IT'S OFFICIAL

Our Name Changed

Certification of the change of the name of the Wisconsin Architects Association to the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has been received from the Register of Deeds, Milwaukee County. Although the membership voted this change at the Mid-Summer meeting in August, 1955, on the advice of Legal Counsel Gerald Rice, official change in name was delayed because of the legislation pending in the Courts. Following the withdrawal of Bill 3485, the change was then filed.

Also, as voted at the February 26, 1957, meeting, the requirement of the quorum at Annual Meetings was officially changed from 20% to 15%.

If you can't get away for a vacation don't let it worry you. You can get the same feeling by staying home and tipping every third person you see.

PREXY'S CORNER

By Arthur O. Reddemann

President, Wisconsin Chapter, AIA

Pack your briefcases and golf clubs for the August 16 meeting at Chenequa Country club. It does not appear that the business meeting will be very long so there will be plenty of time for socializing. I look forward, too, to meeting the men who are celebrating their fortieth anniversary of registration. Please help the office by returning your reservations by August 9 in order that adequate preparations can be made.

From rumblings heard hereabout, several of the offices have planned an "architects night out" and will attend the Braves game that evening en masse.

No meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for July. The next Board meeting will be held following the luncheon at the Mid-Summer meeting.

The team from the Institute which will make an Architectural School study to determine the feasibility of an architectural school in the state is expected to arrive soon. I am anxiously awaiting their report. As previously noted, at least one of the Wisconsin colleges has indicated an interest in the outcome of the study.

I am delighted to learn that we are now legally and officially members of the Wisconsin Chapter, AIA. See you on August 16.
The recently organized Wisconsin Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute was given its charter Monday, June 24, at a meeting in Milwaukee. J. Stewart Stein of Chicago, national vice-president of the Institute presented the charter dated May 11, 1957 to Alfred C. Kluge, Milwaukee, president of the Wisconsin group.

Kluge announced the Wisconsin Chapter would be hosts to a regional fall conference which would include members of CSI chapters from Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and St. Louis. Thomas Eschweiler will be general chairman of the gathering.

Warren L. Vedder of Meigs and Cope, a Milwaukee insurance agency, spoke on the influence on specifications of bid bonds, performance bonds, and liability and Workmen's Compensation insurance. He and Robert K. Cope of the agency answered questions. Builders Risk insurance will be covered at a future meeting.

The Wisconsin Chapter of CSI, (Continued on Page 11)
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Of The June Board Meeting

The following actions were taken by the Board of Directors at its June 14 meeting:

Approved forwarding the application of Ned Emil Fischer, Brookfield, to the Institute with the recommendation that he be accepted as a corporate member. Fischer has been an associate for the past four years;

Approved a quarter-page ad in the name of the Wisconsin Chapter, AIA, in the Milwaukee Building Construction Trades Council yearbook at a cost of $45;

Recommended to North Central States Regional Director Bryant Hadley the establishment of a Regional Fee Study committee to make a regional basic fee study;

Appointed a new Fellowship Study committee composed of the presidents of the three Chapter divisions, John Jacoby, Nathaniel Sample, and Leonard Reinke to recommend to the Board nominees from this Chapter for Fellowship status;

Approved adoption of the following resolution, and recommended its publication in THE WISCONSIN ARCHITECT:

"Effective June 14, 1957, the chairmen of all state-level committees of the Wisconsin Architects Association, whose committees affect the welfare of the architects at large, shall have the approval of the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Architects Association before any findings of their respective committees are submitted to any other professional society, or to the press, or to the public in any manner. In further emphasis of the importance of screening vital information, the president of each of the divisions of the Wisconsin Architects Association shall be so instructed that they shall also be responsible for the screening of their Division Committees to avoid unwise disclosure of information."

PRODUCERS' COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1957-58 TERMS

The annual election dinner installing new officers for the Wisconsin Chapter of Producers' Council, was held on June 3 at the Eldora Restaurant. The following members were elected for the 1957-58 term:

President—Thomas Cantwell of Mosaic Tile Co.
1st Vice Pres.—Charles Downs of Josam Mfg. Co.
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Secretary—Raymond Dunke of U. S. Plywood Corp.
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The above officers represent the executive board of the Wisconsin Chapter of the Producers' Council.

It takes two to make a bargain but only one to make a whale of a mistake.

DEATH TAKES HAY AND SATRE

Two members of the Wisconsin Chapter, AIA, died recently. They are Henry Harshaw Hay, of Ogdensburg, who formerly practiced in Milwaukee, and Harold P. Satre, a partner in the firm of Satre and Senescall, of Sheboygan. The former died last month, while Mr. Satre passed away in April.

The sincere sympathies of the Wisconsin Chapter go to the relatives, friends and business associates of these men.

Roger Kirchhoff To Be Honored

The first architects registered in Wisconsin forty years ago will be guests of honor at the luncheon at the mid-summer meeting on August 16 and a special Citation of Honor will be presented to State Architect Roger Kirchhoff by President Arthur Reddemann.

MR. KIRCHHOFF

Lawrence Monberg, 815 57th St., Kenosha, has transferred his membership from the Chicago Chapter, A.I.A., to the Wisconsin Chapter, A.I.A.
(PART I OF THREE PARTS)

In our national history an element about which very little has been written is the formation, growth and activities of the professional societies. The doctors were the first to organize for the sake of self-improvement and the betterment of their service to the public. The American Medical Association was formed in 1847—just a few years more than a century ago. The civil engineers were next, in 1852, and their first organization included the architects; it was known as the American Society of Civil Engineers and Architects. Five years later the architects formed the nucleus of what soon became their national professional body, the American Institute of Architects. Curiously enough, the lawyers, so plentiful in the early days of the republic and so active in its government, did not organize the American Bar Association until 1878.

During the first fifty years of our life as a nation, the building needs were fairly simple—dwellings, town halls, courthouses, churches, for the most part, and the master builders of those days improvised very well indeed, relying on their memories of old-world forms and leaning heavily on books of details that were sent over from England and later, written and published by a few of our own highly skilled carpenters and wood carvers.

But from about 1850 to 1870 with the rapidly increasing scope of our needs aided by our infatuation with the machine, particularly the scroll saw, our architecture fell to what now seems an all-time low—the Dark Ages of architecture in the United States. Yet it was in this period of dim thinking, when public regard for technical knowledge and orderliness was at such a low ebb, that twelve architects met in New York City to consider how they might improve their individual competence by sharing knowledge and experience, and thus become better able to serve society as it unknowingly deserved to be served. So barren was the field, even in the country’s largest metropolis, that the twelve founders were hard put to it to find eighteen others of sufficient competence to share their responsibility in organizing the new

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Foster and Yasko Hosts
To Danish Visiting Team

Foster & Yasko, architects, of Wausau, were hosts on May 26 to May 29 to a visiting team from Denmark who were in this country studying "Building in the United States" under the auspices of the International Co-operation Administration and the Housing and Home Finance Agency.

They arrived in the U. S. on April 29th and left on June 5th, after covering Washington, Philadelphia, New York, Detroit, Wausau, Green Bay, Chicago.

The team was composed of two architects, two engineers, 2 trades union leaders and a lawyer member of the Ministry of Housing of Denmark.

"In Wausau they visited our office, examined our working drawings and then inspected the jobs built from them. In addition they visited local wood working plants, aluminum window plant and saw their first baseball game," Yasko reported.

The purpose of the visit was to help stimulate and further support the efforts of Denmark to effect increased industrialization of building by demonstrating American managerial and organization techniques in building.

Building Figures Show a Decrease

Contracts for future construction in Wisconsin in March totaled $54,011,000, a decrease of 15 per cent compared to March 1956, F. W. Dodge Corporation, construction news and marketing specialists, reported recently.

March contracts by the major construction categories compared to the similar month of a year ago showed: non-residential at $20,290,000, up one per cent; residential at $27,581,000, down one per cent; and heavy engineering at $6,140,000, down 60 per cent.

April contracts for future construction in the residential category in the metropolitan Milwaukee area totaled $10,647,000, a decrease of 27 per cent compared to April 1956.
Fete Members Of State Board

Members of the architectural division of the Wisconsin Registration Board of Architects and Professional Engineers were guests at the June meeting of the Milwaukee Division held at the City club. They included Edgar Berners, Ralph Kloppenburg, Gerrit DeGelleke, Roger Kirchhoff and the group's secretary, W. A. Piper.

The 46 Milwaukee division members present were given an opportunity to see how a design problem is solved by candidates taking the State Board examinations. Five problems and solutions, typical of those offered to candidates, were posted for judging by members. It was interesting to observe that the gradings given by the membership were more severe than those offered by the Registration Board.

CSI Charter...

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organized in January of 1957, held bi-weekly meetings at first. Now its meetings are scheduled on the fourth Monday of each month. Specification writers or others who write specifications are eligible for active membership. Material suppliers may become associate members. Persons interested in joining this group, dedicated to the improvement of the preparation of specifications, may obtain details from Secretary Lester G. Seubert, of Eschweiler and Eschweiler.

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