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by Eric England

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DILHR has geared up its computer to enforce this requirement. In January, 1985 over 1,700 letters will be sent to A-E's requesting that Completion Statements be filed for projects approved by DILHR since 1981.

What happens if you don't file a Completion Statement for a completed project? DILHR has a process which will refer your name to the Department of Regulation and Licensing for investigation for failure to comply with the terms governing A-E registration in Wisconsin.

It is extremely important that Wisconsin architects understand that they do not have to file the form until the project is substantially completed.

It is also important to understand that DILHR will accept forms which have been modified to list areas of exception.

The enforcement of this rule raises the larger question of the scope of the A-E's responsibility for the construction of projects.

The existing rule imposes some responsibility on the A-E in this area. Do architects want it? Can they get paid for it? Is the standard specific enough so that the architect knows what is expected by the state? Should the standard be changed? These and other questions are being studied by the WSA Legislative Committee. Any WSA member who has thoughts, comments, or suggestions regarding this standard should contact Eric at the WSA office.

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RENOS AT THE STATE CAPITOL

by Grace Stith

During this past summer a visitor from Kashmir was brought to Madison to visit our Wisconsin State Capitol. He is a world traveler and frequent visitor to Europe's great cathedrals. His host reported — "He was overwhelmed with the majesty of the Capitol, with the contrasting marbles from many countries, and the crescendo of arches rising high to the great dome." After the tour, the concluding commentary — "What a statement of political faith that building is! Such a building of the past enriches our present immeasureably."

This "statement of faith" on the part of the builders was evident when our Capitol was first built and is evident still as renovating work takes place in the 1980s. Fine materials deserve fine workmanship and fine craftsmanship is not just a thing of the past. Some of today's artisans can do work equal to the best craftsmanship of past generations.

Pride of workmanship rides high on all phases of the renovation work which has been going on for the past two years, according to the project manager. This is the first major work which the seventy year old building has required. Its high quality materials and original building supervision have kept its maintenance needs to a minimum.

Under the governorship of Lee Dreyfus it was determined that a complete renovation was necessary. Five million dollars was allotted toward such a project in 1982. Work began that same year with Fred Wegener as project manager.

The onslaught began with roof and windows. Leakage had caused many original skylights to be boarded up. Rotted and warped window frames allowed daylight to show between the meeting rails in some instances. Seventy winters of freezing and thawing took its toll on the ornamental stonework and exterior stairways. Their supporting steel was rusted through and was in need of complete replacement.

Interior space in all the wings had been rearranged several times, requiring temporary partitions. Dropped ceilings of various kinds were added when fluorescent lighting was installed in the '50s and '60s as a "necessity for workers."

Renovation work will be an ongoing project, according to Wegener. But some of the completed details show that one of the nation's most beautiful state capitol is being cared for in a manner appropriate to its architectural heritage.

The windows, more than 500, required two years to replace. Work began in 1982 with a five-step process for each one. Five to ten windows were removed at a time. All window frames and indoor trim are solid cherry. If diagnosis showed that a rail or muntin bar needed to be replaced, the window was sent...
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to a millwork shop where each piece was custom cut to the same configuration as the original, again using cherry. The window was then reconstructed using a new type of weather stripping. It is an extruded aluminum stripping run through a die, like squeezing toothpaste through a tube. The windows, stripped and refinshed by Klein-Dickert, were caulked and reinstilled after each sill was repainted.

Changing needs and priorities in the office spaces led to additions now being corrected. Removal of dropped ceiling reveals the graceful coved plaster ceiling which gives each office its original scale and dignity. Office workers and workmen alike appreciate the transformation back to the original design.

Soft lighting is now provided by the opaque glass of the original ceiling fixtures. Each desk has a designful lamp for adjustable light when and where it is required. Partitions which are still required are being built as permanent plaster walls with new oak doors to match the original.

In the west main corridor a new double door, which defies identification, was cut into the marble wall. Hauville marble from France was shipped to Milwaukee in 1983 via Great Lakes. Milwaukee Tile & Marble cut the new door casings and the setting was done by David Ihland. Oversize oak doors were made with Florentine glass inserts.

Among the high quality replica items are the bronze door knobs and escutcheon plates on the new interior doors. Hermann Rittmeyer, ornamental metal craftsman of Milwaukee, reports that the new plates are more beautiful than the originals, due to superior tech-

The Governor's office has been completed. Decorative plaster was done by Karl Buschman. Original woodwork was refinished; original enclosures under windows were used for new heating and cooling units. The huge conference table and roll-top desk, both of mahogany, have been restored to their original location.
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niques available today. Through microscopic cleaning and engraving, flaws were removed from the original plates. With the assistance of Frank Boesel, who is in charge of castings, approximately eighty hours were involved getting the first high quality replica plate completed. A total of 150 pairs will be needed to complete interior renovation.

Shrinkage was a problem. The first product was one eighth of an inch too short. Perfection was achieved by trial and error. Some plates will be used for replacements on old doors where theft has occurred. Boesel has also worked out a safety feature to prevent removal of the new plates.

Another perfectionist is Karl Buschman who did all the decorative plaster work. He developed a seven step procedure for producing crown mold sections for new partitions as well as for repair. When he inserts a “patch” one cannot discern where new meets old. He also created the chandelier centerpiece for the fixture in the governor’s office. It is a plaster disc about 42 inches across with applied beadwork decorations attached separately. It required 48 working hours from first drawing to installation. To avoid the cost of removing the heavy chandelier, Buschman carefully cut the finished piece in two and set it in place around the fixture.

In the words of general contractor, Joe Daniels, Sr., “The amazing thing on this job was the coordination of many workers and contractors, each doing his bit, taking apart or putting back together.” Dick Machesey, project superintendent, was responsible for directing and scheduling.

During the past three summers all four exterior stairways were dismantled, repaired, and put back together. Interior restoration will continue, including all the art work. Every Wisconsinite should visit the Capitol to see what is being done in what a 1917 issue of “Architectural Record” called “undoubtedly the most beautiful public building in America.”

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Dear Member of the Wisconsin Legislature:

The rush of events during the legislative session makes it difficult at times for concerned citizen groups to effectively communicate with all interested legislators on issues of concern.

As you are aware, the necessity of reacting to specific pieces of legislation and the political processes of compromise and accommodation of others’ concerns sometimes leaves legislators wondering, “What do you really want?”, “What do you hope to achieve?”, or “In what do you really believe?”

To help overcome those problems, we have developed the attached position paper. It addresses general concerns and philosophy in the major policy areas architects tend to confront year after year, rather than attempting to speak to specific legislative proposals.

Don’t worry . . . we will continue to speak to you on specific bills. We intend to continue seeking compromises and accommodation of the concerns of others. Our priorities will be based, at least in part, on the political realities of the moment.

The enclosed position paper is our attempt at a fair statement of the overall legislative concerns of the architectural profession in Wisconsin. It will help you understand “Where we’re coming from.” We commend it to your attention at the beginning of the 1985-86 session.

Cordially,

Harry Schroeder, AIA
President

cc: WSA membership
Selected administrative officials
LICENSING OF ARCHITECTS

The health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Wisconsin are impacted everyday by the quality of the "built environment" — the buildings, structures, roads, bridges, etc., which alter the "natural environment" for human purposes. There is no question that hazards exist — both real and potential — in that built environment.

Most activities of boards within the Department of Regulation and Licensing are aimed at regulation of business practices for the at least ostensible purpose of consumer protection. In the case of architects and engineers, the concern is for both the protection of the immediate user of their services (who is most likely a corporation, public agency, institution, etc.) and the protection of the ultimate users of the buildings or structures they design.

To be sure, there exists a state-wide building code designed for this very purpose. In most cases this code sets performance standards rather than prescribing specific construction solutions. This is desirable to allow for flexibility. But only a technically trained architect or engineer can, in most cases, design in conformance with the code's performance standards. Even local building officials — many of whom do not have extensive technical training — frequently must rely on the certification of an architect or engineer that a building is designed in accordance with the code.

It is vital to the health and safety of all Wisconsin citizens that the state continue to adequately test for qualifications and issue licenses to individuals permitted to practice architecture and/or engineering.

A licensing system without meaningful enforcement is worthless. It is necessary that the investigatory staff of the Department of Regulation and Licensing be properly funded in order to fulfill their statutory mandate.

STATE AND LOCAL PROCUREMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

Civilizations are frequently measured by the quality of their public architecture. Consider ancient Rome, Greece and Egypt for example. We believe that the quality of public buildings today deserves no less attention than in times past.

Beyond esthetics, there are few structures which have impact on the health, safety and welfare of greater numbers of citizens than those built by public bodies. Questions of public value are often more important here than in private sector construction.

As you are aware, architects are trained in building technologies. Sufficient time spent by competent professionals can actually increase value and reduce construction costs and operational costs (life-cycle costs) of public buildings by many times the professional fee involved. It is important to recognize that not all architects are equally
State Wide Building Code

Wisconsin has long had a tradition of a uniform state building code which has been applied in fairness throughout the State of Wisconsin. Historically this code has been developed based upon legislative mandate with a long history of public participation in the formulation of the rules which make up the code.

The Wisconsin architectural community strongly supports the concept of a uniform state building code which provides a fair and equal standard for building construction within our state and provides for design professionals participation in formulation.

Professional Liability Insurance

Architects assume levels of professional liability far in excess of their level of compensation — probably to a greater degree than any other profession. The costs of insuring against that liability is extremely high, a factor in the overall costs of building. Architects believe there are factors which, if properly addressed, can keep costs down.

One of the biggest problems is non-meritorious suits. When anything goes wrong with a building, the architect and engineer are virtually always named as co-defendants — even where there is absolutely no evidence of responsibility. The cost of defending against lawsuits accounts for 35% of the combined insurance company and "deductible" losses in architect liability cases. Over half of those lawsuits are ultimately settled with no payment to the plaintiff by either the architect or their insurance company. Yet due to the high costs of defense, even when we win ... we lose.
Architecture can be a very powerful voice, expressing the values, attitudes, and aspirations of those for whom it is built.

So it is with the new United States Courts Building. Each element of this new building, from the dramatic blue exterior to the undulating oak ceilings of the courtrooms, becomes a tangible statement of the function, role, and prominence of the federal courts within our city. Through mass, form, color, material, and texture, this building projects in a dynamic way both the character of its external personality and its relationship to the city around it. Additionally, it seeks to speak quietly about the times, the technology, and the society contributing to its creation.
Externally, the force of the surrounding neighborhood became a major determinant in establishing the form and color of the new building. The site was at the back-door to downtown. It was surrounded by a multitude of relatively undistinguished backsides of existing buildings. The design goals were to create a unifying element in this diverse masonry space; to express architecturally the prominence of the federal courts in Madison; to complement the Civic Center and its important position in city life; and to contribute measurably to increasing the vitality of downtown.

Color became the major key to achieving the aesthetic design goals set for the building. Blue, deep and rich, was selected for its compatibility with the various warm shades of masonry buildings surrounding the site. This blue is also rich with symbolism. It is the familiar Federal blue and it is the blue of the agricultural structures that dot the Wisconsin landscape.
"Why hire an architect if all I need is four walls and a roof?"

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The Wisconsin Society of Architects of the American Institute of Architects (WSA) has announced the winners of its 1984 Communicators Award Program. The intention of this program is to honor persons whose work in the field of communications advances the public understanding and appreciation of architecture and the architectural profession in Wisconsin. All winners will receive certificates, a gift membership in The Forum for Architecture. First, second and third place winners will also receive cash awards as noted.

Nominations were made in recognition of efforts made in a wide variety of communications activities including radio, TV and newspapers. Nominators included architects, directors of public affairs, radio and TV stations and newspaper editors. Award winners are as follows:

FIRST PLACE ... Joy Krause of the Milwaukee Journal ... $1,000.00.
SECOND PLACE ... Anne Lambert, Educational Coordinator for the Elvehjem Museum of Art ... $300.00.
THIRD PLACE ... Barbara Conway, WLSU FM Radio, La Crosse, Wisconsin ... $100.00.

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COMMENT

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The comment printed above was sent to the WSA office by Mr. Lamar who attended a lecture by Lawrence Halprin. The lecture was underwritten, in part, by the Southwest Chapter of WSA.

Two recent calls to the WSA office made the same inquiry. Both callers, employees of firms, questioned whether or not they were personally responsible for projects on which they placed their professional stamp.

Yes.

Yes.

Yes.

No . . . the above is not a misprint.

Any man, woman, or combination of the two that places his or her stamp on a set of plans is personally responsible for those plans.

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The criteria for appointment to this position are few. If at all possible, you should live at least 51/2 miles away from Milwaukee. It's not that the Editorial Board is prejudiced against Milwaukee . . . it's just that the Editorial Board has excellent representation from the greater Milwaukee area.

For further information contact Eric at the WSA office or any member of the Editorial Board.
THANKS
JACK

Our thanks to Jack Klund, AIA, of Madison, for a recent donation to the WSA Library.

Jack donated bound volumes of ARCHITECTURAL RECORD for the past 30 years. This reference, along with many other volumes pertaining to architecture, are available for your use at the WSA office.

If there is a volume that you feel should be in the WSA collection . . . and it is not . . . call Eric and we'll see about the WSA purchasing the book.

Thanks Jack . . . your donation is much appreciated.

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CODE COMPLIANCE

A concerned architect recently contacted the WSA office regarding his responsibility to advise an owner and/or DILHR when the architect becomes aware of failures within a building to comply with the building code. More specifically . . . the architect was concerned about the scope of his responsibility when he was only hired to perform an energy audit.

DILHR rules (ILHR 50.10) require a registered architect or engineer to provide "supervision" on many projects. This rule further provides that the "supervising" architect shall notify the department of any non-compliance with building codes. In other words, if the owner or architect have advised DILHR that the architect will be the "supervisory" architect . . . the architect has a clear responsibility to advise DILHR of any area of non-compliance with the building code.

Architects are employed by owners to provide services which are not in the "supervisory" role as set forth in ILHR 50.10 i.e. an energy audit. While the DILHR code appears to not impose an obligation to report non-compliance matters, the rules of the architectural registration board do. These rules provide that strict adherence to the applicable sections of the law and the Wisconsin administrative code and all local codes and ordinances shall be maintained in all services rendered by an A-E. This requirement (A-E 4.06) appears to be so broad as to provide a legal responsibility on the part of the architect to report any and all non-compliance with building code that comes to the attention of the architect.

If you feel that this is an improper or impossible responsibility . . . contact Eric at the WSA office.

INVESTMENT IN AIA

While there appears to be growing support and enthusiasm for the various efforts of both WSA and AIA, there are always those who register complaints regarding the dollar amount required to join the WSA and AIA.

Yes! Of course, there are ways to justify that those dues are too high or a waste of money or both.

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