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MARCH, 1980

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

An update report on the investigative participation of some Chicago AIA Committees:

Interior Architecture Committee: The great historical precedent set by Frank Lloyd Wright at the Johnson Wax Center in Racine, Wisconsin, where the architecture, landscaping, interiors, furniture and product design was integrated into a homogeneous and continuous environmental masterpiece has become a rare anachronism today. Societal diversity, cultural fragmentation, and economic need has inevitably resulted in the intensification of specialization within the practice of architecture. This specialization has greatly enhanced the know-how and efficient delivery of categorical services to the public.

One of the fastest expanding specializations within the practice of architecture is that of interior design. The success and growth of the interiors industry today can easily be measured by the proliferation of interior magazines and extravagancy of budgeted advertising. The magnitude of the economic growth of this industry has significance; however, more importantly, the cohesion of professional collaboration is imperative to an effective comprehensive architecture.

This month, the Chicago Chapter AIA launches the Interior Architecture Awards program to culminate in an awards ceremony in June. This project culminates the goals of a 1979 Steering Committee composed of Ken Johnson, Norman DeHaan, Ken vanderKolk, Mike Youngman and Janet Schirn.

The Chicago AIA welcomes the energetic participation of this architect species.

Design Committee: If Post-Modern designers have an illusion that architectural design has become a game without rules, easy to play, a game for all ages, impending harsh economic realities will change that to a serious game played "for keeps".

Chicago's preeminent School of Architecture began in response to the pragmatic needs of its community, its people, and its resources. Our landmark treasures are basically utilitarian, spartan, and imbued with a puritanical aesthetic. If we are forced to overcome the constraints of dwindling resources, shouldn't we return to our roots in search of a viable, rational, and ultimately

economical architectural ethic?

The Chicago Chapter AIA Committee on Design, chaired by Bruce Graham, with its Steering Committee members will hold its first open committee on Thursday evening, March 27, 1980 at 5:30pm in the Chapter office.

Accessibility Standards Task Force: The response in Chicago to the impact of the Accessibility Standards of the Illinois Capital Development Board was immediate and effective. In addition to letters to Springfield, Todd Wexman, an architect in Wicker Park, wrote an eloquent scenario in the Chicago Tribune of the termination of his rehabilitation apartment project. On February 14, the Capital Development Board initiated an emergency order exempting privately-financed apartment buildings from these standards. The City of Chicago Building Department is now processing those permits.

The next critical application is that impacting upon rehabilitation projects. There is an investigation to find a viable test case for testing injunction legislation in the application of these standards. A six-month moratorium for their implementation would allow the time needed for revisions of the standards immediately. The interpretation of project value through square foot percentages differs from the suggested Chicago interpretation using monetary values.

The Architectural Task Force which is vigilantly leading in this effort of creative understanding and interpretation is composed of Joe Bob Kill, George Weinold, John Fugard, Norman DeHaan and Robert Wesley.

The Chicago Chapter AIA has invited the Capital Development Board to Chicago to deliver their Colloquium Series in clarification/interpretation of these standards. We have suggested that the seminar attendance be expanded to include code enforcement officers, owner and real estate interests in addition to architects who are directly influenced by this legislation.

Gertrude Lempp Kerbis, FAIA, President

## AIA CONVENTION IN CINCINNATI--JUNE 1-4

Convention programs have been mailed to all Chapter Members and Associates. Events, business sessions and educational programs are described in detail, from the theme programs ("Outlook"-Leon C. Martel, President, Hudson Institute; "Challenge-Professionalism in the 80s; "Opportunity"-J. Irwin Miller of the Cummins Engine Foundation), to the profes-

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sional development seminars (in the areas of Design, Practice, Production Technology, Energy, Extended Services, Associate/Student Series), to the social activities. The Cincinnati Chapter has planned an extensive/exhaustive week of activity. Plan to attend.

If you do plan to attend, please contact the Chapter office (663-4111)---we would like to know if you are planning to attend and if you would like to serve as a delegate.

## NATIONAL AIA COMMITTEES--OPEN/CORRESPONDING

The January 15, 1980 issue of MEMO is entirely devoted to the AIAs Committee structure. ALL members are eligible to participate either as a member of an open committee or to receive the notices/agenda and minutes of a committee's meeting as a corresponding member. The Committees involved are listed in the article; if you need assistance or have questions, call the Chapter office.

## COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN--CHANGES/APPOINTMENT

Roger Seitz, AIA, has been appointed Chairman of the Planning & Urban Affairs Committee to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of John Cordwell. Howard Birnberg has been appointed Chairman of the Insurance Committee.

## LEVER HOUSE TO RECEIVE AIA 25-YEAR AWARD

Skidmore Owings & Merrill's Lever House will receive the AIA's 25-Year Award at presentation ceremonies to be held during the convention in Cincinnati. The Chicago Chapter is pleased to have endorsed this nomination.

## BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

At a special Chapter meeting held on Tuesday, January 22, the proposed By-Laws amendments circulated to the membership in December were unanimously adopted. The amendments relate to membership categories, Illinois Council representation, and terminology clarification. Members wishing copies may contact the Chapter office.

## PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

The work of architectural photographers Ron Gordon, Howard Kaplan and James Norris is now on display at the Chapter office. The Board of Directors thanks Bill Baker, Lloyd Siegel and David Stanley for their work in arranging for and hanging the exhibit.

## ENERGY COMMITTEE SCHEDULES 1980 ACTIVITIES

Joe Yohanan, AIA, Chairman of the Chapter's Energy Committee has announced the Committee's 1980 Activities: March 5, 12:00 Noon-Chapter Office--"Energy Conservation"; March 18, 12:00 Noon-Chapter Office, cosponsored with the Public Relations Committee, C. William Brubaker, FAIA, "City Plannin- Implications and Energy Design"; April 11-12 (All Day Workshop cosponsored with DOE/AIA Research Corp.) "The Passive Studio: Design for Heating, Cooling & Daylighting"; June, 1980-Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS) Seminar; November, 1980-AIA/ASHRAE Joint meeting.

Members who would like to participate with the Energy Committee may contact Joe Yohanan at 397-3000x590 or the Chapter office.

## STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETINGS SET

On the heels of a very successful program on "Mechanics of Being Employed", the Student Affairs Committee has scheduled two programs for the remainder of the academic year.

On Wednesday, March 5, a slide presentation "Scope of Services of Interior Architecture" will be shown; this National AIA Committee on Interior Architecture program will be supplemented with slides of interiors work of Chicago Chapter members.

On Thursday, March 27, Thomas Beeby, AIA, will present "Thomas Beeby: Buildings, Projects and Drawings". The presentation will be given at Crown Hall, 34th & State at 6:30 pm. This program is cosponsored by the IIT Student Association in coordination with the Chapter's Student Affairs Committee. (Rapid transit stops on the Howard/Jackson Park and on the Dan Ryan at 35/Tech.)

## ARE YOU THERE?

The Membership Directory is being prepared from the surveys included in the February newsletter. Have you sent yours to the Chapter office? Unless received by March 10, the only information to be listed will be your name. If you need another form, call 663-4111. Don't delay; do it today.

## ARCHITECTURAL HAPPENINGS--COURSES/EVENTS/ETC.

"Architectural Woodwork Seminar" by Architectural Woodwork Institute/AIA Chicago at Harper College, Tuesday, Feb. 26, Mar. 4, 11, 18 & 25, 7:30-9:30pm. Topics: Hardwood Lumber & Plywood, Wall Paneling-Wood & Plastic

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Dear Chapter Member:

The Chicago Chapters of The American Institute of Architects and the Construction Specifications Institute are cosponsoring five mini-seminars relating to Materials and Technology. The objective of these programs is to bring to the Architect, Engineer, Specifier and Contractor a specific knowledge of current materials and technology in construction. The breakfast meetings at the Midland Hotel will begin at 8:00am and end approximately at 9:30am. Please complete and return the registration form below as soon as possible to avoid the rush and to insure your reservation.

## AIA-CSI JOINT MATERIALS & TECHNOLOGY SEMINARS

<u>Time</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Location</u>
8:00AM Breakfast	Individual Sessions \$ 5.00	Midland Hotel
8:30AM Seminar	Five Sessions 20.00	172 West Adams Street
9:30AM Adjournment		Chicago, IL

### PROGRAMS:

March 26	Ceiling Systems and Tile Paul Corr, Jr. - Armstrong Cork & Tile
April 9	Carpets and Carpet Fibers Pam Harris - Celanese Corporation
23	Gypsum Systems Joanne Mortenson - U. S. Gypsum
May 7	Paint Materials Ray McDonough - Glidden Paint Corp.
21	Tile Systems Ed Sunde - Chicago Tile Institute

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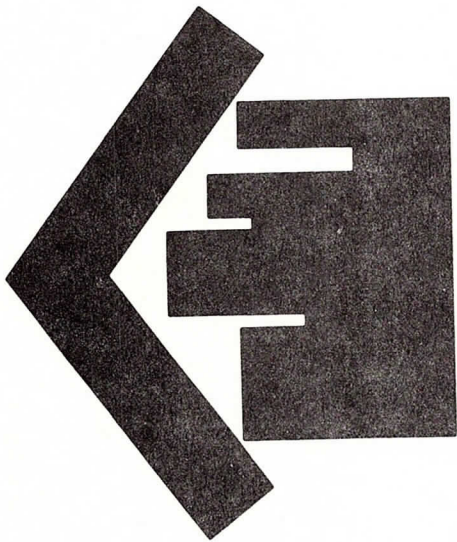
### REGISTRATION FORM

___ Wed. March 26	NAME _____
___ Wed. April 9	_____
___ Wed. April 23	FIRM _____
___ Wed. May 7	_____
___ Wed. May 21	ADDRESS _____
	_____
(Indicate with an "x" the seminars you plan to attend.)	TELEPHONE _____ TOTAL REMITTANCE \$ _____

Return to:  
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310 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60604  
312/663-4111

(Remember, a firm can send different persons to different programs.)





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A HOME IMPROVEMENT FAIR FOR OLDER HOUSES  
WILL BE HELD MARCH 21, 22 & 23, 1980  
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**NAVY PIER** **MARCH 21-23**  
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SATURDAY 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. SAVE 1.00  
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Laminate, Institutional Case Work & Design, Specialty Case Work & Design, Doors-Design & Selection. Cost: \$25. Call 478-5435.

"Chicago Architecture: From the Ground Up" at ArchiCenter, Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 6-8pm. Topics: What is Architecture?, Structures and Building Techniques: What You Don't See is What You Get, Richardson and Sullivan and the 19th Century Milieu, Chicago School of Architecture, Frank Lloyd Wright: A Retrospective Overview, Chicago Architecture in the Present Century. Cost: \$30/CAF Members; \$50 others.

"Cost Effective Community Development--Erosion Control & Storm Water Management" by ASCE/APWA, Thursday, March 6, 8am-5pm. Cost: \$35. Call Ed Resner at 991-7666.

Malcolm, official English lecturer at Chartres Cathedral, will speak at Christ Church, 470 Maple, Winnetka on Sunday, March 16 at 4:00pm. Cost: \$3. Call 446-2850.

"How to Improve Projects and Profits--Value Engineering" by SAVE on Thursday, March 20; dinner-7pm, program-8pm. Call 887-2146 or 353-4763.

"The 80s: New Challenge for Man and Architecture" by Auxiliary Board of Chicago Architecture Foundation at First Chicago Center, Monday, March 24, 6pm. John Callaway, moderator, Paul Rudolph and Douglas Davis. Cost: \$10. Call 922-6444.

Graham Foundation lectures: Wednesdays at 8pm on March 26 (Andrew McNair), April 2 (Herman Czech), April 9 (Otto Katzfinger), April 16 (Rudolph Kohoutek), April 23 (Renata Prochazka), April 30 (Heinz Tesar), and May 7 (Edward Sekler).

"Chicago Architecture: History, Documentation and Preservation" at UICC, Wednesdays, 6-9pm, March 26-June 4. Call 996-3342.

"Architectural Photography" by Auxiliary Board of CAF, Tuesdays, April 8-29 at 6pm at ArchiCenter. Cost: \$45/CAF Members; \$55 for others. Call 326-1393.

"Symposium on the American Movie Palace", University of Wisconsin/Milwaukee, April 21-23. Contact Professor Joseph Valerio at 414/963-4014.

Wright Homes Open House-Saturday, May 17, 9am-5pm. Cost: \$15 (\$12.50 by May 1. Call 848-1976.

## PUBLICATIONS

Is your inventory of AIA documents up-to-date? The documents list and its revision have been included with previous issues of

focus. If you need an additional copy, call 663-4111.

The Journal of Architectural Research, published by AIA and RIBA, is a journal of contemporary architectural research. Subscriptions (\$15/year) available at AIA, 1735 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20006. Chapter member Thomas Byerts, AIA, is Chairman of the U.S. Editorial Board.

"Construction 1980", a market analysis by Edward Hall, AIA, is available from Hall Associates (\$95). Call 472-5779.

1979 NCARB Annual Report is available for review at the Chapter office.

## WASHINGTON U. EXPANDS MAUD PROGRAM

The Master of Architecture/Urban Design program at Washington University has been expanded to a 2-year program. Deadline for September, 1980 applications is March 15. Write: Director, MAUD Program, Box 1079, Washington University, St. Louis, MO 63130.

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Registered architect with orientation to interior design; able to be involved in promotion/business development; 5 years experience. Contact James Patton at 217/753-3100.

Southeast architectural firm seeks experienced medical planner for Health Care Facilities Division. Degree in Architecture, 5 years experience in medical design. Contact Randall Yearwood, 55 Music Square West, Nashville, TN 37203.

## MEMBERSHIP

The Chicago Chapter welcomes the following as Members: John Olriksen, Donald Stolpa, Michael Fordonski, Richard Hovland, Edith Wong Yu, Den Koide, Daniel Caudy, Edward Mate, Thomas Prairie, Wojciech Madeyski, Charles Landefeld, Joseph Anselmo, Paul Zorr, James Muggenburg, James Damato, Ottavio Finaldi; as Associate members - Thomas Tristano, John Carney.

Applications for Membership have been received from: Robert Lubotsky (Sisco/Lubotsky), Michael Moraris (M.I.M. Architects), Chris Cedergreen (SOM), Stephen Rankin (SOM), Robert Holmes (SOM), Paul Thorgerson; from Students Peter Jurgensen (IIT), Paul Sorenson (UICC), Hugh Carter (Olive/Harvey).

Confidential communications regarding applications may be addressed to any member of the Board of Directors within two weeks.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS. IF YOU WISH TO HAVE A LUNCH ORDERED, CALL 663-4111 BY 10AM THE DAY OF THE MEETING.					1
2			AIA/CSI SEMINAR-ROOFING 8:00am/Midland Hotel MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 12:00Noon/Chapter Office STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30pm/Chapter Office Scope of Int. Arch. Serv.	6	7	8
3	DECLARATION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE AWARDS DUE	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 8:00am/Chapter Office INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 12:00Noon/Chapter Office	HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING 12:30PM/Chapter Office "Community Organization as Housing Redeveloper"	ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING 12:00Noon/Chapter Office "Energy Conservation" PLANNING & URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING 5:30pm/Chapter Office	14	15
18		PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE/ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING 12:00Noon/Chapter Office Public Service Presentation Techniques via "City Planning and Energy Conservation" C. W. Brubaker, FALA	AIA/CSI SEMINAR-FINISHES 8:00am/Midland Hotel OFFICE PRACTICE COMMITTEE MEETING 12:00Noon/Chapter Office Profiles: Quality Control ARCHITECTS/GOVT.&INDUSTRIAL 6:00pm/Chapter Office "Work of Peter Behrens" Donn A. Carter, AIA	HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING 12:00Noon/Chapter Office	21	22
23		BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 12:00Noon/Chapter Office	ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING 12:00Noon/Chapter Office GRAHAM FOUNDATION 8:00pm/Andrew McNair	HEALTH FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING Tour of Johnston R. Bowman Health Center for the Elderly Call 644-1630 for directions DESIGN COMMITTEE 5:30pm/Chapter Office Issues/Activities/Awards	Also: Thursday, March 2 STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30pm/IIT, Crown Hall "Work of Thomas Beeby, AIA"	29

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