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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was a momentary pause in the relentless expansion of governmental regulations impacting our professional practices this month. One was the ruling by former States Attorney General William Scott that the CDB Accessibility Standards do not apply to privately owned public buildings being remodeled. The new ruling states, that while all construction of publicly-owned public buildings must comply with the standards, only new construction, (as opposed to remodeling construction) of privately-owned public buildings must also comply. This new ruling, added to the most recent CDB revisions of the Standards adopted July 10, offers some relief to the interpretation of these regulations. The National ANSI Standards, the City of Chicago Building Code, laid on top of the CDB State requirements will continue to provide frustrating reading and hair-pulling implementation for many conscientious architects.

We had hoped that the National ANSI Standards could have been used as a basic interpretation and recommendation in providing access for the handicapped. Much of the present confusion, reaction and counter action could have been avoided if regulations offered by a governmental agency would allow transitional periods of testing and adjustment before wholesale implementation as law. We would have been able to measure the negative impact, and finely tune and adjust these measures for comprehensive and positive legislation to enhance the environment.

Another regulatory issue impacting architects was the postponement until February, 1981 of the National AIA supported Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS) issued by the Department of Energy (DOE). This delay could allow the necessary time for the coordination of local codes, state codes, as well as Standard 90-75 of the American Society of Heating, Re-

frigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE).

Hearings and further debate on these revised Standards should improve and clarify this document before its reissue at a still later date. We recommend that this period of two years be used as a transition period of testing and adjustment of BEPS. While the philosophic intent of BEPS may have merit, the implementation of BEPS will cause a boondoggle of incomparable national proportions if legislated today.

Gertrude Lempp Kerbis, FAIA

WELCOME

The Membership Committee and the Chicago Chapter welcome the following new Members into the Institute and the Chapter: David W. Christine, James R. Gysler, Thomas Humes, James J. Lubawy, Roger J. McKeague. We are also pleased to welcome Associates Robert Lee Andrews and Richard J. Rogers.

Applications for Membership have been received from Deborah H. Hill, George F. Hill-SOM, Ernest J. Orlove-Solomon, Cordwell, Buenz, James E. Ruiz-Shand, Morahan & Co; for Associate Robert K. Clough-SOM, Frederick Duran-Lester B. Knight, Anthony Messner-Fink, Stowell, Frolichstein, Paul Steinbrecher-Bauhs & Dring, Rad Varma-Schal Assoc., Stanley Weisbrod-U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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

ARCHITECTURE AND THE PUBLIC GOOD

will be the unifying subject of the Illinois Council Annual Convention to be held in Moline on September 12. The theme of the convention asks the architect to redefine his context and commitment to critical and universal environmental issues if he is to make a relevant professional contribution.

Major presentation speakers as printed in the August Focus will be Professor Serge I. Chermayeff, Teacher-Author, Armour Institute, Harvard & Yale and Professor Gerald M. McCue, Dean, Harvard Graduate School of Design. They will be joined by Professor Eric J. Chaisson, Harvard/Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. Five Illinois specialists from the disciplines of Urban Studies will form a panel to discuss the social, cultural, natural and economic reality of Illinois.

This one-day program of concentration on redefinition and recommitment to the profession is sure to inspire a lively attendance. Posters and registration forms will precede the Focus. The Convention schedule includes a cocktail reception hosted by the Masonry Institute, plus a dinner to be held on Thursday, September 11, cocktails to begin at 6:00 at The Plantation in Moline. A block of rooms has been arranged with the Sheraton Rock Island, reservations made directly to the Sheraton Rock Island. The September 12 program will commence at 9:00 AM at the Deere and Company Administrative Center. Bus transportation is being planned by the Chapter leaving Thursday. For details call 663-4111.

ANNUAL CACE MEETING REPORT

The annual meeting of the Council of Architectural Component Executives (CACE) was held at the AIA headquarters on August 13-15. Composed of the executive staff of state and chapter components of the AIA, CACE serves as a forum to discuss delivery of member services at the local level and the management aspects of a voluntary membership organization.

David Meeker discussed membership application procedures, current and future membership benefits and current AIA efforts regarding professional liability legislation for which hearings will be held "on the Hill" on September 12. One

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membership benefit that is being investigated by the AIA's finance committee is a "Return of Dues" program which is essentially a term life insurance program, the plan based on continuous membership and upon a member's death, the dues are returned to the estate (or other designee). The Chicago Chapter has expressed interest in this and will explore costs/benefits.

Randell Vosbeck discussed his theme for next year, "AIA 1981 - A Line on Energy". He outlined the format for Grassroots, the annual meeting for Chapter Presidents-elect. In 1981, rather than hold regional meetings, the AIA will bring Presidents, Presidents-elect and Chapter executives to Washington. The meetings will be issue-oriented, rather than commission-oriented, as in the past. There will be orientation and leadership training for Presidents-elect plus meetings with the Congressional delegations of each district.

Each CACE participant had a choice of workshops. I attended one on continuing education. The role of The Institute and the components in continuing education was discussed as well as costs of producing these programs. Do you have some ideas of what The Institute should do? Please give me a call (663-4111), drop me a note; I can best represent you knowing your thoughts.

I moderated the meeting of the executive directors of the large metropolitan chapters. These meetings were initiated at the request of the Chicago Chapter in 1979 and are proving to be a very good forum. Issues discussed were AIA and continuing education, the Chapter's relationship and role with the state AIA organization, the convention resolution regarding AIA direction, cost containment in the Chapter office, communicating effectively with members, increasing member participating in Chapter activities, orientation for Board members and committee chairmen, publicity for Chapter activities.

I participated on a panel/open forum concerning design literacy/rapport with the membership. This was a very interesting idea exchange especially since the executives have many different backgrounds...architects, attorneys, association managers, business managers, public relations, etc.

One area that I have been working for is greater efficiency in Chapter office operations. At this CACE meeting there was an extensive amount of time devoted to office technologies with product exhibits. The Chicago Chapter is considering converting its very manual systems and records to mechanized by way of computer or word processing. All methods are being explored. My one disappointment is that the executives didn't have enough time to share experiences, thoughts, investigations.

The President of Architectural Secretaries Assoc. discussed joint efforts by AIA and ASA to promote the profession. Although there is not an active ASA chapter in Chicago architectural secretaries may be interested in the ASA Journal which is published three times a year. A sample of these are available for review at the Chapter office. Subscriptions are \$10/year; you may write to Component Services, ASA/AIA Liaison, AIA, 1735 New York Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036.

Finally, a good portion of time was spent exploring the executive view of the roles and responsibilities of each level of AIA - local, state and national. Large and small chapters, and state societies each met separately and then in a plenary session.

There were social events - dinner, a tour of the Corcoran Gallery and a performance at Kennedy Center. Our commonalities are working for AIA components and somehow that is the recurring conversation. That is also the greatest benefit of these assemblies - the opportunity to share information and experiences. But, by Friday at 5:00 PM I was AIAed out - only to

spend 5½ hours in flight from DC to O'Hare, thanks to the control tower bomb scare!

Mary Jo Graf

NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Nominating Committee, chaired by past president Clarence Krusinski, will be meeting to consider nominees for the 1981 slate. The Committee will announce nominations in the October Focus. According to the provisions of the Chapter's By-laws nominations may also be made by petition signed by at least 25 voting members in good standing. Any such petition shall be sent to the Secretary (Robert Piper) and must be received by him before September 20. The positions to be filled and terms of office: First Vice President/President-elect (2 yrs.), One Vice President (2 yrs.), Treasurer (2 yrs.), Two Directors (3 yrs.), Associate (1 yr.), One Illinois Council Delegate to be elected by the Board of Directors at its first 1981 meeting.

INVOLVED

The Chapter is pleased to announce that Cynthia Weese will be the CAIA representative on the Advisory Committee to the City Office for Senior Citizens and Handicapped. The committee will advise that office on progress of selection of participants and the setting up of an agenda for a Mini-White House Conference on Aging, focusing on housing, health, employment, etc.

A 48-member Citizens Advisory Committee to the Community Development Program, announced by Mayor Byrne has been drawn from civic and community organizations representing all sections of the city. Herbert Hacker, AIA will sit on the committee as a representative from the Rogers Park Community Council.



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Redefinition and Recommitment

ILLINOIS COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS 1980 ANNUAL CONVENTION

September 11 and 12
Moline, Illinois

Advance Registration Form

Registration Fees

AIA Members	75.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-AIA Members; Allied Professionals	100.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spouses	25.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

Above registrations include convention materials, speaker and panel discussions, and tour of Deere and Company Administrative Center. Please indicate number attending.

Special Events (Per Person)

Thursday, September 11: Dinner at The Plantation	20.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friday, September 12: Luncheon at Deere and Company	15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

All convention attendees are invited to the Host Chapter Cocktail Reception, 6:00-7:00 pm on Thursday, September 11 at The Plantation, 3701 7th Street, Moline, Illinois.

Convention hotel is the Sheraton/Rock Island, One Sheraton Plaza, Rock Island. Special rates of 28.00—Single; 34.00—Double; are available if reserved in advance. If you desire a reservation, please complete:

Type of Room	Single	Double
Nights	Thursday, 9/11	Friday, 9/12

Name (as you wish it to appear on name badge) _____

Spouse's Name (as you wish it to appear) _____

Firm Name (as you wish it to appear) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please detach and place in envelope with your check made payable to: 1980 Illinois Council/AIA Convention and mail to: Illinois Council/AIA, 520 South Second Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701

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itectural education and must be living at time of nomination. Nom- inators must be colleagues, stu- dents or former students. Initial nominations must be postmarked no later than October 10 to: Maria Murray, Hon.AIA, Director Awards Programs, American Institute of Architects, 1735 New York Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20006

The Honor Awards Program of The American Institute of Architects is the nation's most significant public and professional recognition of distinguished design by American architects. We are encouraging each architect to submit any project, large or small, which he or she believes to be worthy of recognition.

Submissions will be judged in two different categories by two separate juries: Honor Awards Jury for Current Use will consider projects designed and completed since January 1, 1974 which remains unaltered and in original use. Honor Awards Jury for Extended Use will consider projects incorporating restoration, rehabilitation, and adaptive reuse undertaken and completed since January 1, 1974.

The program announcements have been mailed to all AIA members. We are looking forward to a healthy representation of the many award-winning projects executed by Chicago Chapter members.

EXCELLENCE IN MASONRY '80

A brochure announcing categories and giving detailed specifications for submitting completed masonry buildings for judging in the 7th Annual Excellence in Masonry '80 is presently being distributed. Any registered architect or accredited mason contractor may submit buildings, with declarations of intent to participate due October 15, with all materials to be submitted on or before November 7. Contact: Dale Gross, 694-2737.

BRIEFS

AIA Codes & Standards Committee will be holding a one-day meeting at National Headquarters on Sept. 17. Anyone interested in joining the committee or wishing to attend should contact Jim Dowling, Director of Codes & Standards at National or call Mr. Dowling at 202/626-7456. An invitation and agenda will then be mailed to you.

Earth Shelter-III, a series of educational programs on earth-shelter housing will be conducted by University of Minnesota. "Short Courses" at the St. Paul campus will begin in early October. For brief info contact Chapter or call Karen Chicoine, 612/376-5341 for complete registration information.

PSMJ, the newsletter on managing the planning and design firm is sponsoring three, one-day seminars. Oct. 8: Financial Management in a Tight Economy; Oct. 9: Project Scheduling and Budgeting; Oct. 10: Mini Computers, Computer Drafting and Word Processors. Seminars will be conducted at the Ramada O'Hare Inn. Contact: Judy Clausen, PSMJ Seminars, 45 Van Brunt Ave., Dedham, MA 02026.

PSMA Midwestern Regional Conference: Friday, Sept. 12, Holiday Inn, 300 E. Ohio Up-to-date information and solutions to problems relative to Ownership Transition.

American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers is offering copies of "Rehab Know-How is More Than Hammer & Nails", free of charge to the public. Write to: "Rehab booklet", AIREA, 430 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 60611.

A Members Forum, sponsored by the Metropolitan Housing and Planning Council, will discuss the Chicago Building Code/Rehabilitation at Noon, September 30, Midland Hotel with lunch being served. Flyer with details is forthcoming.

In working with lists provided by the Dept. of Registration and Education we have noted many incorrect addresses and are attempting to provide the Department with current information, where possible. If you have changed employers, or have moved, or your office has moved the department should be informed of the current address. Send address changes to 320 West Washington, Springfield 62786. Incidentally keep the Chapter informed of the same.

September Events Sponsored by Oak Park Tour Center: Chicago Ceramics and Glass lecture, Sept. 8, 7:30 PM, OP Public Library.

Sunday, Sept. 28, 9:00-5:00, bus tour of Wright's experiments in moderately priced housing. Tour leaves Visitors Ctr., 158 N.Forest.

Oktoberfest - Saturday, the 11th at Sauer's. Set aside and prepare for beer & braut, entertainment and dancing.

Presentation of the Distinguished Building Awards will take place the evening of Thursday, September 4. The awards presentation, to include the re-established and comprehensive 1980 Service to the Profession Awards will commence at 5:45 PM in the Columbus Drive Auditorium of the Art Institute. The evening will include a panel discussion, "Architecture in the 80's: Education Practice. Panel members, Dean Gerald McSheffrey, IIT and Dick Whitaker, UofI,CC will be moderated by Bruce Graham, FAIA. Following the awards and panel will be a reception in the Institute garden. All members are invited.

POSITION AT CHAPTER OFFICE

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