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Chicago Chapter American Institute of Architects

October 1981 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The legality of Chicago's service tax is now in the Illinois Supreme Court after our joint motion was rejected by Circuit Court Judge Richard Curry. We should know by next month the status of the tax. Until our case is heard by the Illinois Supreme Court the service tax remains in effect.

In a time of economic hardship for many architects it should be refreshing to know that the Mardirosian case was settled. A recommendation has been made by President Vosbeck to the Planning Committee and the Board to consider eliminating the Legal Defense Fund, with the result of reducing individual member dues. But, it is news that has shallow meaning as the case should never have occurred in the first place. If nothing else, it effected change in the AIA Code of Ethics which should have been done a long time ago. Perhaps the Institute will effectuate additional changes that will accurately reflect the practice of the profession.

Architects throughout the U.S. are conscious and concerned about the increasing cost of practicing service taxes, increased competition, lack of clients with available funding to start projects. Your professional organization, the AIA, is, I believe, more actively pursuing ways to act on legislation and other activities to keep your dues at the lowest possible level and still be able to operate.

The Chapter is also vitally concerned with the economic issues at hand. Monitoring the Chapter budget is of paramount concern. Programs are given careful consideration; Illinois Council activities, as well as budget, are extensively reviewed. When any spe-

cial action is required, i.e., fighting the service tax, relocating the Chapter office, every effort is extended to determine the scope of our financial involvement, with careful monitoring of the action. Our business is conducted with our members in mind.

ENERGY LECTURE AT MADLENER HOUSE

Carl A. Johnson, FASLA, of Johnson, Johnson & Roy/inc., will discuss "Site Design for Energy Conservation" on Tuesday, October 20. The lecture, sponsored by the CCAIA Energy Committee will begin at 5:30 PM at the Madlener House, 4 West Burton, Chicago.

The rising costs of energy associated with development of all types, and the consequent need to mitigate these costs through innovative means, has resulted in:

1. a greater need for land planning from an energy conservation perspective;
2. a greater need for understanding the abilities of natural elements to assist in conserving existing energy and in utilizing incident solar energy; and
3. a greater need for sensitivity to the abilities of natural elements to enhance architectural and engineering solutions which utilize more efficiently and effectively the existing energy sources and emerging solar technologies.

Mr. Johnson, who has pioneered research in the area of site planning to help meet these needs, will present his most recent work. He will illustrate how sensitive site design can be used to further passive energy conservation in harmony with other architectural goals.

The CCAIA and the Energy Committee look forward to offering its members and guests this special program. We are pleased to be able to present this lecture at the Madlener House. Plan to attend.

BLOCK GRANT IMPLEMENTATION

As published in the September Focus, the AIA Government Affairs Department inaugurated a series of short papers on major developments of interest to architects in the Administration's program and budget proposals.

As promised in the earlier document, the second paper provides an update on the final outcome of the Congressional budget reconciliation process as far as block grants are concerned. Predictably the results are considerably short of the Administration's proposals both in the number and size of categorical programs "blocked," and the number of federal strings cut. Nonetheless, significant reductions have been approved in the number of categorical programs in some areas, in the degree of federal regulation to be imposed to implement the ensuing block grants, and in the dollars to be allocated.

This report includes a short background on federal block grant issues. Upon request the Chapter office will forward a copy of the August report.

UN VOYAGE A CHICAGO

The Consulate General of France and the CCAIA will host a reception for the Union Nationale des Syndicate Francais d'Architectes (UNSFSA) on Monday, October 19 at 6:00 PM. UNSFSA members are visiting architects' offices and AIA

chapters in Chicago, New York and Dallas in order to learn about American offices and methods, and to explore potential joint efforts.

All Chicago Chapter members are invited to this reception, which will be held in the AIA board room. Please call the Chapter office, 663-4111, by Friday, October 16 if you wish to attend.

MASONRY AWARDS PROGRAM

The Illinois Indiana Masonry Council, through its architectural/engineering awards program, "Excellence in Masonry '81", will give recognition to architects and engineers, by their peers, for accomplishment in Masonry Design.

Any registered architect, engineer or accredited mason contractor may enter projects that were completed during the period January 1, 1978 and September 1, 1981. Registration forms, which have been distributed to architects and engineers, must be received no later than October 20, 1981. There is no registration fee.

For information or to obtain registration forms contact Illinois Indiana Masonry Council, 1550 Northwest Highway, Suite 201, Park Ridge 60068, 297-6704.

AIA CASSETTE PROGRAMS

AIA Professional Development offers audio cassette programs designed specifically for the professional architect. With one of these tapes and your tape player you can tune in on experts discussing energy conservation in building design, marketing architectural services, historic preservation, time management, starting a practice, computer-aided design or any number of topics related to your profession and your individual practice.

A program listing and order form is available from Professional Development, AIA, 1735 New York Ave., N.W., Washington 20006.

CAAC HONORS JOHN HOLABIRD

"John Holabird's commitment to civic betterment in Chicago is as indigenous as the steel frame," says John Hyman, President of the Chicago Architectural Assistance Center (CAAC).

John A. Holabird, Jr., FAIA, a third generation partner of the century-old firm, Holabird & Root, will receive the second annual "Public Good Award" on Wednesday, October 21 at a benefit cocktail party at the offices of Harry Weese, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. The award is co-sponsored by the CAAC and the Chicago Chapter, AIA.

Mr. Holabird's list of civic commitments include: Chicago Landmarks Commission, Friends of the Library, Lincoln Park Conservation, former President of the Chicago AIA and current President of the Chicago Chapter Foundation.

Proceeds from the reception will assist the work of the CAAC which provides free or low-cost architectural assistance to the needy. Holabird has been a friend, supporter, Director and Officer of the CAAC for all of its seven years.

The cost of the benefit is \$25 per person. Checks, tax-deductible, should be made out to the CAAC, 502 N. Wells, Chicago 60610.

THE RETURNING

It has come to the attention of the Chicago Chapter staff that the Chapter office has apparently completed a full circle - returning to the Monadnock Building after nearly 30 years. Lee Mielke, former CCAIA member and secretary of the Board, stopped in the office the other day with the news, and a photo of the 1954 Board. We have not been able to unearth exact dates, but it appears that the Chapter had a very small office on the eighth floor on the Dearborn/Jackson side of the building sometime during the 1950's. We came back!

WAL CHRISTMAS CARD READY

The Women's Architectural League has announced that its 1981 Christmas card, which features a window panel designed by Purcell, Feick and Elmslie is available for ordering. The design is reproduced in bronze ink on a brass colored stock with the message "Greetings" in bronze.

The cards, 6 1/4" x 4 1/2", with matching envelopes, are available 20 cards per package for \$5.30 including tax. Imprinting is available for orders received before November 6, 1981. The minimum imprinting order is 100 cards at \$6.00 per 100.

Mail or telephone orders to Pat Kostopulos, 1039 S. Wesley Ave., Oak Park 60304, 312/386-7479.

Proceeds from the sale of the cards are used for Architectural Scholarships at IIT, U of I at Champaign and U of I, Circle.

LECTURES/SEMINARS

October 21, 7:30 PM: Randall Mackinson, curator of Gamble House in Pasadena, California will lecture on architecture of Green and Green. Lecture at Oak Park Public Library is free.

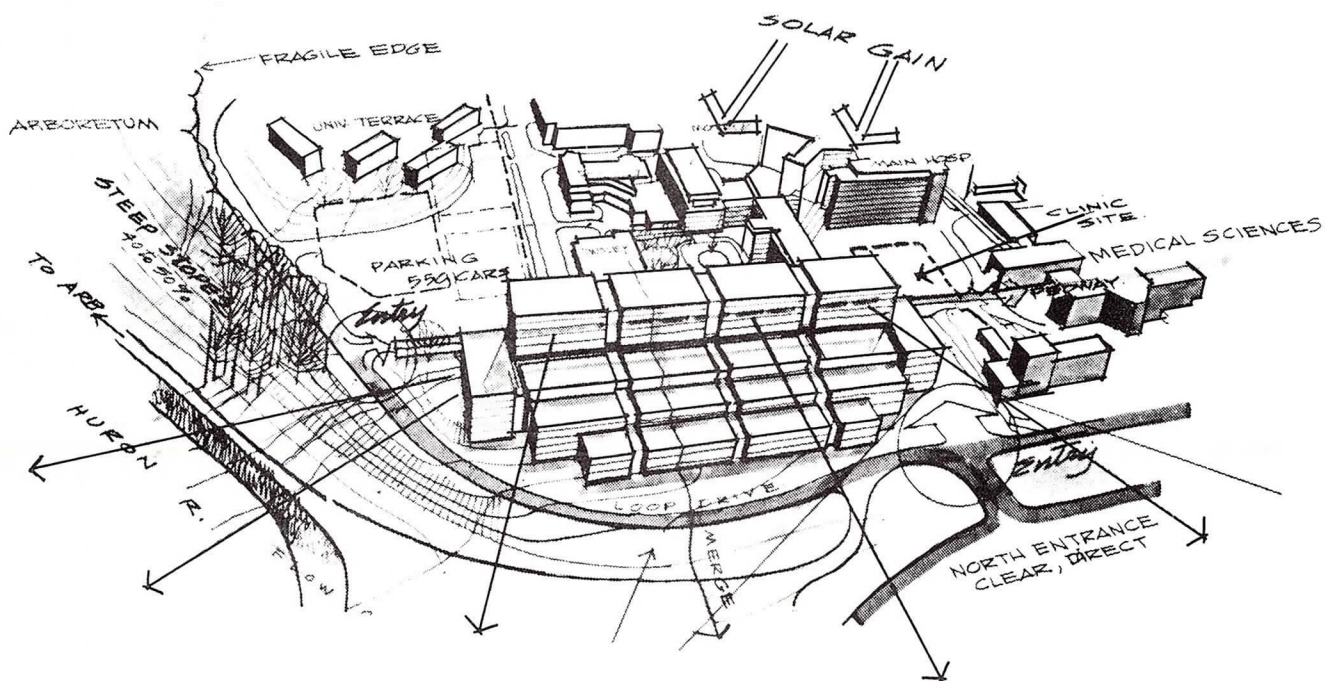
November 2, 7:30 PM: Donald Kalec will discuss "The Great Illusion: Proportion in Frank Lloyd Wright's work." The lecture is free, at the Oak Park library.

For additional information on above events, 848-1978.

Executives from architectural and engineering consulting firms are invited to Minneapolis for a national conference on project management. The Professional Services Management Association (PSMA) will sponsor the event, October 22 & 23, which will be devoted to papers and workshops on increasing profitability. For additional information write to PSMA, 1700 E. Dyer Rd., Suite 165, Santa Ana, California 92705.

Energy Committee Chicago Chapter AIA

presents



" Site Design for Energy Conservation "

Carl D. Johnson, FASLA

Johnson Johnson & Roy/inc.

October 20, 1981
Madlener House 5:30
4 West Burton
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1982 CCAIA BOARD NOMINATIONS



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WILLIAM BRUBAKER, FAIA, is a member of the Mayor's Architectural Advisory Committee, the Board of Governors of the Metropolitan Housing and Planning Council, and Vice President of the Chicago Architecture Foundation. He has served previously on the CCAIA Board of Directors and is an active member of the National AIA Committee on Architecture for Education, and the Urban Planning and Design Committee. Mr. Brubaker is Executive Vice President of Perkins & Will.



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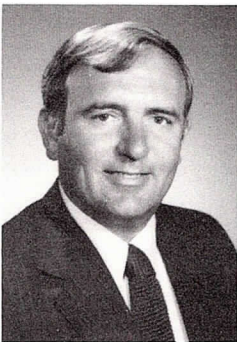
Design Principal at Metz, Train and Youngren, John King, AIA, has been at the helm of several projects receiving CCAIA Distinguished Building Merit and Honor Awards. He is a board member of the Chicago Architectural Assistance Center and member of the AIA National Committee on Design. Mr. King was Chairman of the 1980 Illinois Coun-

cil AIA Convention, and is an instructor and lecturer at both University of Illinois campuses.



Vice President
Two Years
AUBREY GREENBERG

Aubrey Greenberg, AIA, a member of the Institute since 1956, is President of Aubrey Greenberg & Associates. The firm's major endeavor between 1966 and 1980 has been the development of Four Lakes Village, distinguished by the preservation and enhancement of the natural ecology of the site. Mr. Greenberg is former director of Landmarks Preservation Council and a present board member of Open Lands.



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ROGER M. SEITZ

Roger M. Seitz, AIA, General Partner and Director of Urban Design and Planning for the Chicago office of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, has served as chief planner and urban designer for many national and international projects. Mr. Seitz is a member of American Institute of Certified Planners, Urban Land Institute, Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat, and served as Vice Chairman of the Evanston Preservation Commission.



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Three Years
STANLEY ALLAN

Stanley Allan, FAIA, is President of Harry Weese & Associates, administering the work of the staff in three offices. From 1965-1978 he managed the work for the firm in its role as the General Architectural Consultant for the Washington Metro Project. Mr. Allan is the Chairman of the CCAIA 1981 Distinguished Building Awards program.



Director
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STEPHEN T. WRIGHT

Stephen T. Wright, AIA, is a Principal at Loebbl Schlossman & Hackl involved in Design and Administration of the firm's office and institutional projects. Mr. Wright is a member of the CCAIA Planning & Urban Affairs Committee, a member of the Board of Governors at Hennrich Hospital, and a member of the Associates of Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center.

Nominations may be made by petition (25 voting members) sent to the secretary by October 20, 1981.

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