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Chicago Chapter American Institute of Architects

November 1981 Newsletter

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we enter the latter part of 1981 we find the profession in a state of stabilizing itself after a downturn in the economy of architecture in Chicago and Illinois. However, the energies of both the Illinois Council and the Chicago Chapter have been moving forward in establishing better rapport with both the City and the State in many areas.

Ron Moline, President of Illinois Council, has been able to lead us with legislation which changed the Statute of Limitations to be more equitable than in the past. Furthermore, the Illinois Council has established better relationships with the State Legislature in order to provide fertile ground for further advances.

Shirley Norvell, our executive director at Illinois Council should be applauded for the great lobbying efforts she has performed on behalf of Illinois architects.

In Chicago, we have worked with Illinois Council in rewriting the Handicap Accessibility Standards by participating on Mayor Byrne's handicap committee. The Standards have been drafted and the committee will meet later this month to finalize them and make a presentation to Illinois Council who will forward the draft to the State of Illinois. The Mayor's committee for the handicapped was comprised of several CCAIA members as well as representatives from the City and other organizations.

The Chicago Chapter has worked with the City of Chicago on the North Loop proposal, with papers being presented to City Hall on two separate occasions, which included a design charette on energy analysis, historic preservation, design and planning. The Chapter, through its committee structure,

has been able to respond rapidly, throughly and extensively through the hard work of all the committee chairmen and members. Without the coordination and work assumed by the Planning Committee it would never have been accomplished.

The Chicago Chapter is also working with the Building Department to establish better rapport with the city officials and all architects. Over several months Jim Goettsch has been chairing a committee to provide liaison with the Building Department to provide better understanding between the City and the architect.

Continuous participation and cooperation between Illinois Council and the Chapter will insure effective legislation and a working relationship with the City. Together we form a union with strength at both levels.

## INSURANCE UPDATE

We are pleased to report that on September 16, 1981, Governor Thompson signed into law a bill which gives protection of the 1979 special construction twelve-year Statute of Limitations to Illinois projects completed before 1979. Attorney Paul M. Lurie has given us the following comments on the significance of this development:

"The 1979 enactment was the culmination of a struggle which started back in 1967 when the Illinois Supreme court voided the special six-year construction Statute of Limitation. However, the 1979 law only covered projects which were completed after November 29, 1979. Therefore, if an architect had completed work before then, he would still be liable to suit forever. He would also have to carry professional liability insurance with retroactive

coverage dating to the inception of his practice. He would have to maintain records on those projects forever. To make matters worse, it is unlikely that a test of constitutionality of the new law would occur until 1991, twelve years after the effective date of the law.

The law just signed deletes the restriction which made the Act prospectively effective. Therefore, we should be getting a test case through the courts shortly. If the law is upheld, records and insurance coverages generally will only have to be maintained for a period of twelve years on all projects, whenever completed. We are optimistic that the constitutionality will be upheld. The courts have recently been showing a favorable attitude toward the special statute of limitation which Illinois doctors were able to get passed shortly before the construction law was enacted."

Mr. Lurie has consistently worked for many years to benefit the legal position of A/E's.

From an insurance standpoint, it will take some time to ascertain the benefit of changes in the Act as they relate to premium dollars. The long-range implications are certainly favorable.

GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE - Federal Kemper Insurance Company has agreed to broaden coverage and arrange a more favorable rating basis for architects in the State of Illinois. This does not mean that they will always be the "most competitive market" in all situations, but it is evidence of their willingness to make substantial changes in their procedures for the benefit of firms in the architectural profession.

NEW PLAN - At the request of Howard Birnberg, AIA, who is Chairman of the CCAIA Insurance Committee, a new health plan was intro-

duced as of October 1, 1981, which provides for the inclusion of semi-private hospital room and board charges with no dollar limit. The entire substance of the new plan is too lengthy to outline herein. Any questions with respect to the foregoing may be obtained by contacting the Vernon Agency, Ltd., P. O. Box 70, Lemont, Illinois 60439, telephone 257-2262.

Ben F. Hill

## AISC ARCHITECTURAL AWARDS

Two Chicago architectural firms and members of the Chicago Chapter were among the six winning designs in the twentieth American Institute of Steel Construction Architectural Awards program. J. D. Ferris & Associates and Krueck & Olsen Architects received the 1981 Architectural Awards of Excellence. J. D. Ferris was honored for the Briggs & Stratton Distribution Center and Manufacturing Facility in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, and Krueck & Olsen for their House in Chicago, which was a 1980 Chicago Chapter Honor Award winner. Among the six jurors were Randall Vosbeck, FAIA, president of the AIA, and Bruce Graham, FAIA of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill.

## ANNUAL MEETING AT ARTS CLUB

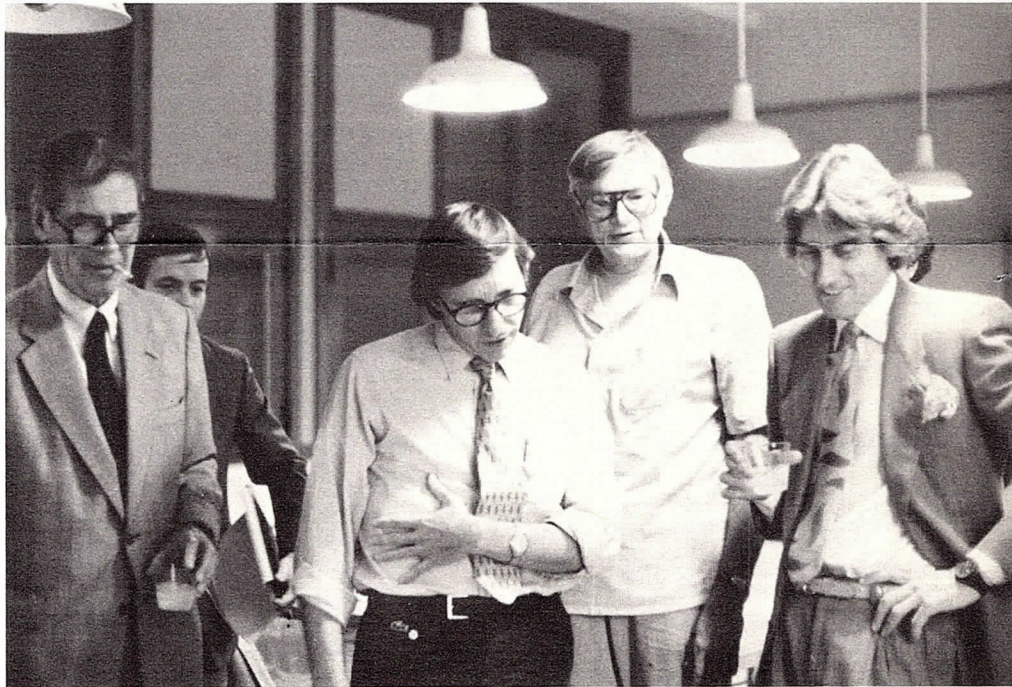
The 1982 Board of Directors will be introduced at the Chicago Chapter Annual Meeting on Wednesday evening, December 9 at the Arts Club. Jim Goettsch, who is coordinating the meeting has indicated that invitations, with all the necessary information, will be mailed to Chapter members. Save December 9 and plan to attend.

## JURY SELECTS STUDENT WINNERS

The winners of the Chicago Chapter's Student Design Competition were chosen on October 5. Jurors John Holabird, FAIA, Helmut Jahn, AIA, Walter Netsch, FAIA and C. William Westfall awarded a shared prize of \$250 each to Waziuddin Saud Chowdhury, IIT, Susan Lindsey, IIT and Michael Scanlon, UICC. Delineation Awards of \$75 each were given to Robert Angarone, UICC, Joseph Henderson, UICC and Christopher Urbanczyk, IIT.

The competition problem was to design a symbolic structure for the 1992 Chicago World's Fair which would express an appropriate theme for the fair. The structure was to stand on the east-west axis running through the center line of the Buckingham Fountain at any point between the shoreline and the breakwater protecting the harbor.

Martin Reinhart, AIA and Mike Bordenaro, a student at UICC and Chapter student member, were co-chairmen of the competition. Mike Youngman, AIA, chairman of the Student Affairs Committee, oversaw the judging.



## STUDENT COMPETITION JURORS

John Holabird, Bill Westfall, Walter Netsch, Helmut Jahn

## OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

Wives of registered architects, or women architects, or wives of professionals in related fields working with registered architects who feel they would be interested in meeting with members of the Women's Architectural League, are invited to join W.A.L. Meetings are held once a month and feature educational and informative speak-

ers, tours of galleries and restoration and design projects. Additionally, the W.A.L. raises funds to sponsor six \$800 scholarships awarded each year to architectural students at IIT and both University of Illinois campuses.

If you are interested in joining or would like more information please contact Jan Seitz, 1221 Greenleaf St., Evanston 60202, telephone 869-2104.

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## THE STEEDMAN AWARD FOR 82-83

The Steedman Fellowship in architecture, offered by Washington University, will be held during the month of November. It is open on equal terms to all graduates in architecture of accredited architectural schools, who shall have had at least one year of practical experience in the office of a practicing architect. All candidates shall be between twenty-one and thirty-one years of age at the time of appointment to the Fellowship. The Steedman Fellow is expected to spend the full term of not less than twelve months abroad in travel and study in fulfillment of the plan of work and research proposed to the Committee. The winner of the Steedman Fellowship will additionally be granted a Fellowship in the American Academy in Rome for that same year.

Application forms for registration can be obtained at any time upon written request addressed to the Steedman Committee, School of Architecture, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri 63130.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE CREATED AT ART INSTITUTE

James N. Wood, Director of The Art Institute of Chicago, has announced that John R. Zukowsky has been appointed Associate Curator in charge of the new Department of Architecture.

The new department will encompass all the nineteenth and twentieth century drawings and architectural fragments in the Institutes permanent collection, including the more than 40,000 architectural drawings that are in the Burnham Library of Architecture. The new department will be responsible for the Trading Room from the Stock Exchange Building, for acquisitions, special exhibitions and publications. It will limit its collection to the nineteenth and twentieth centuries with priority

given to the architecture of Chicago and the Midwest. The present Burnham Library will be a permanent exhibition gallery for the department, emphasizing the works of Chicago architects in Chicago and other regions, and out-of-town architects who design buildings in our area.

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## BRIEFS

Ira J. Bach will be signing copies of his newest book, A Guide to Chicago's Historic Suburbs, at a reception at the ArchiCenter, 330 S. Dearborn, on Tuesday, November 17 from 4:00-6:00 PM. Refreshments will be served.

Architectural Drawings of Paul Rudolph will be on display at the Kelmscott Gallery, 410 S. Michigan from November 10 until January 10. The exhibit will include colored pencil sketches and ink presentation drawings from the late 1940's to the present.

Anyone interested in turning \$100 into a \$110,000 Lake Shore Drive condominium in Mies van der Rohe's 900-910 building? THRESH-OLDS, a nonprofit psychiatric rehabilitation center will hold a drawing on Tuesday, December 15. The winner has the alternative of a \$90,000 cash prize. For more information on upgrading your lifestyle call 266-6464.

The Women's Architectural League 1981 Christmas card is available at the ArchiCenter, 330 S. Dearborn, or the card, which features a window panel designed by Purcell, Feick and Elmslie is available for ordering. Proceeds from the sale are used for architectural scholarships at IIT and both University of Illinois campuses. Mail or telephone orders may be placed by contacting Pat Kostopulos, 1039 S. Wesley, Oak Park, 312/386-7379. (Last month we printed the wrong phone number.)

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## MEETINGS/SEMINARS

The Chicago AIA and ASHRAE will hold a joint meeting on Monday, November 9 at the Builders Club. C. William Brubaker, FAIA, Executive Vice President of Perkins & Will and Robert Ladner, Vice President, Environmental Systems Design will make a joint presentation on cooperation between the architectural & engineering design disciplines. Mr. Brubaker and Mr. Ladner will emphasize the need for engineering analysis early in the design process. Cocktails (cash bar) are at 5:00 PM with the dinner/program commencing at 6:00. The Builders Club is located at 228 N. LaSalle. Additional information and/or intention of attending - please contact Vic Smith, 977-1100 or Dennis Probst, 467-9550.

The Northeast Illinois Chapter will sponsor a Construction Cost Estimating Seminar on Friday, November 20 at Triton College, College Center Building, River Grove. The seminar will cover various aspects of construction cost analysis from the preliminary project budget based on a concept to the detailed cost estimate based on construction documents. This will be a working seminar, so bring the calculator and note pad. Presentation will be by project managers of Hanscomb Associates, Inc. The registration fee is \$20.00 per person. For more information or to receive a registration form contact Chuck Pedersen, 695-8603.

A museum in a midwestern state will be the subject of the December 1981 Professional Exam. Architectural License Seminars will hold intensive one-day seminar in Chicago on Friday, November 20 at the Sheraton O'Hare Hotel, 6810 N. Mannheim Rd., Rosemont. Included will be an analysis of the actual exam project. Advance registration fee, which includes lunch and materials is \$75. Contact ALS, Box 64188, Los Angeles, 90065, 213/208-7112.

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