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**Roundtable for Firm Continuing Education Coordinators**



Mon., January 20, 1997, 12:00 noon;  
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Does your firm offer continuing education programs? Are you responsible for arranging these programs? Are you starting a continuing education program and looking for guidance? Do you need information on how your program can earn CES credits? AIA Chicago will host a roundtable for continuing education coordinators from member firms. We're compiling a directory of coordinators and will share information on how to choose useful topics and find quality speakers.

Call Joan Pomaranc at 312/670-7770 with the name of your firm's education coordinator and whether the coordinator will attend the lunch meeting. Lunch will be provided.

**Environmentally Sustainable Urban Landscapes**



Tues., January 21, 6:00 p.m.;  
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Landscape plants in the urban environment face an array of stresses that their counterparts in natural habitats do not. Designers and others involved in the planning process can promote the longevity of urban landscapes through an awareness of conditions that affect overall plant health.

This program offers insights on developing environmentally sustainable urban landscapes. Three 20-minute presentations are planned: hospitable urban landscape research; saving trees through planning and

analysis; and case study designs. The program is co-sponsored by the Illinois Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. 3 LUs.

**Integrating CADD Into Your Practice: Making the Transition**



Wednesday, January 29, 5:30 p.m.  
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Join Mark Downey, AIA in a roundtable discussion with Christopher Mundy, Assoc. AIA and Bill Kwan of Micro International about CADD training, education and systems options. They examine the pitfalls, advantages and costs of integrating CADD into your office. Individuals currently involved with CADD integration and management are encouraged to come and share their experiences. Refreshments will be served. 3 LUs.

**The Scoop! Focus Advisory Committee Requests Project Descriptions for Publication**

The May 1997 edition of *Focus: Architecture Chicago* will feature **transformations**—recent projects that exemplify the architect's role in the redevelopment of communities and the rethinking of spaces.

To make the issue, which is distributed to 2000 Chapter members and 3000 business and community leaders, as in-depth as possible, the *Focus* advisory committee is requesting projects for consideration. Please send a one-page project description and sample graphics **by January 15** to Susan Nelson, AIA Chicago, Suite 1049, The Merchandise Mart, Chicago, IL 60654. For information, call 312/670-7770. Projects will be chosen at the sole discretion of the advisory committee.

**Sign Me Up!**

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- 1/21 Environment PIA: Environmentally Sustainable Urban Landscapes
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## *New Legislation Impacts Health Insurance Coverage*

Shortly before his re-election, President Bill Clinton signed into law the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (H.R. 3103). The legislation significantly impacts health insurance coverage for small businesses such as most architecture firms.

Commonly known as Kennedy-Kassebaum (named for the senators who sponsored it), H.R. 3103 mandates small group insurance carriers to *guarantee issue* health insurance coverage to groups with two to 50 employees. In other words, small employers must be accepted for health insurance without regard to ongoing medical conditions. In the past, insurance carriers could deny health insurance to individuals or groups. This law mandates acceptance as long as all other carrier guidelines are met.

Kennedy-Kassebaum, however, does permit a carrier to charge a premium "appropriate for the risk." The

insurance carrier may continue to impose underwriting requirements for participation and contribution, but can no longer deny a group based on their overall health conditions. In addition, the insurance carrier must cover pre-existing conditions (with some limitations). This applies to both new groups and to new employees joining a firm.

Although final regulations for this law will not be available until later this month, Euclid Insurance Services Inc., the AIA Chicago-endorsed agency, and AIA Chicago are working to determine what affect the law will have on Chapter members.

### **The Impact on AIA Chicago Members**

As the annual renewal of AIA Chicago's group insurance approaches, this legislation will have some impact on member firms.

The AIA Chicago group health insurance program, for firms with one to 99 employees, is insured by United HealthCare of Illinois. As a national provider

that works in states where guarantee issue laws are already in place, United HealthCare has developed a product line, with underwriting and pricing strategies, to accommodate the rules of this legislation.

For AIA Chicago member firms, renewal pricing will be based on each firm's ongoing medical claims, with a maximum based on state laws. Until now, renewal pricing was based on the claims of all member firms combined without regard to their ongoing claims. All other member-only benefits will continue including: acceptance of one-person firms (as opposed to the national standard of two or more full-time employees) and no monthly billing fee (compared to the standard \$15).

Renewal packets, in which firms will be introduced to United HealthCare's Open Access Program, are being mailed this month. Open Access provides firms with increased benefit levels and a larger network of preferred providers from which to choose.

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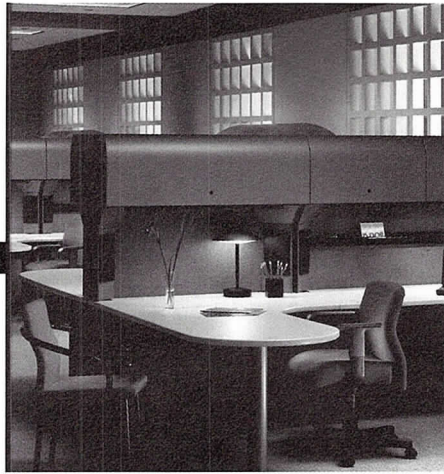
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The Young Architects PIA is sponsoring "Work Surfaces," a competition that asks entrants to redefine task furniture. Shown here is the Knoll Showroom designed by OWP&P.



Steve Hall, Hedrich Blessing

If you have questions concerning this new legislation or would like to discuss your upcoming renewal, call your representative at Euclid Insurance Services Inc., 630/833-1000.

### AIA Chicago Sponsors Competition for Young Design Professionals

The Young Architects PIA of AIA Chicago has issued an invitation to design professionals under the age of 40 to submit work for a national furniture design competition and exhibition. The theme is "Work Surfaces." Entries should address the question: What form can the surface possess as our work evolves?

The jury includes Neil Frankel, AIA, IIDA, director of interiors at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP and Carl Magnusson, director of design for Knoll Inc. They will select a first, second and third place winner and at least two honorable mentions. The winners will receive monetary prizes up to \$1,000, and their

submissions will be showcased in an exhibition at the Chicago Architecture Foundation and on the World Wide Web.

Registration deadline is April 11, with the deadline for entries on May 9. For information and competition entry poster, contact AIA Chicago at 312/670-7770. Or, check our web site at [www.aiachicago.org](http://www.aiachicago.org).

### Management of Public Building Projects Reassigned

During a recent meeting with the Department of General Services, Commissioner Carlos Ponce

outlined the capital improvement programs to be carried out by his department. The meeting was sponsored by AIA Chicago's Executive Committee and Government Affairs PIA as part of an ongoing series of discussions with government agencies that impact architectural practice.

According to the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner Bonnie Wolf Vasilion and City Architect Tom Vukovich, several construction projects continue to be handled by DGS, but the department's emphasis now is on space planning and asset management. Some larger construction projects are falling to the Public Building Commission (PBC). The PBC, which until recently oversaw the public schools capital improvement program, currently is managing the construction of several new police stations and two libraries.

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Bill Worn, AIA (center) accepts a Distinguished Service Award from AIA Illinois. The award was presented by Len Petersen, FAIA (left), president of the state chapter, and Mike Youngman (right), immediate past president.



For architects, this means the PBC, with its own distinct procurement procedures, will seek architectural services for some projects previously handled by the DGS. During the meeting with Commissioner Ponce, AIA Chicago members questioned what impact this change would have on firms prequalified by DGS in 1995 for projects that are now being handled by the PBC. The PBC is required to conduct its own prequalification and A/E assignments.

On Thursday, March 27, the Government Affairs PIA is sponsoring "Obtaining Government Design Contracts," a seminar during which numerous government agencies will outline their procurement procedures. Details will be listed *Focus*.

### AIA Illinois Presents Service Awards

The state chapter of the AIA recently honored three area architects with Distinguished Service Awards.

Harold Olin, FAIA, director of code review for the Chicago Building Department, was recognized for his work to restructure the Chicago Building Code and to encourage energy-efficient affordable housing.

VOA Associates was awarded the Firm Award for its extraordinary achievements within the industry and for service to the profession.

William Worn, AIA of William Worn Architects received a Citation of Honor for his work on government affairs, most specifically his advocacy for a barrier-free environment.

Lawrence Kirkegaard, Hon. AIA, principal of the architectural acoustics firm of Kirkegaard and Associates in Downers Grove, was given the President's Award for his commitment to excellence in creating facilities where music and the spoken word are enhanced.

Other award recipients include Senator Todd Sieben (R-Geneseo) as Legislator of the Year for his spon-

sorship of Senate Joint Resolution 36, which made possible the Task Force to Study State Building Requirements, and Arthur Kaha, AIA, the associate director for undergraduate affairs at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, who received the Excellence in Education Award.

### Women's Architectural League Awards Scholarships

Six area architecture students received scholarships last year through a program sponsored by the Women's Architectural League (WAL). The 38-year-old scholarship program originally was funded by sales of a holiday greeting card that featured architectural designs from Chicago buildings.

Today, with the card project financially unfeasible, funds are solicited from WAL members, tours offered by the group and from area firms. Firms who make a donation, no matter the size, are recognized at the

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Six Chicago-area architecture students received scholarships from the Women's Architectural League in 1996.

WAL's annual scholarships awards dinner. For information on donating to the WAL Scholarship Program, contact Minna Novick, 1335 N. Astor St., Suite 15C, Chicago, IL 60610.

### *NCARB Names Lenore Lucey as New Executive Vice President*

The board of directors of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) has named the New York architect Lenore Lucey, FAIA as the Council's executive vice president. She succeeds Samuel Balen, FAIA who retires after serving the Council for 27 years.

As vice president of business development for the New York construction management firm of Lehrer McGovern Bovis Inc., Lucey was responsible for initiating, developing and maintaining relationships with architects, architectural firms, clients and the

industry. Prior to joining Lehrer McGovern Bovis, she served as executive director of AIA New York for eight years. Lucey has also been project director for Capital Cities/ABC, directing many of the company's most significant projects, including buildings for ABC News in Washington, DC.

A graduate of Pratt Institute, Lucey is a registered architect in New York. In 1991, Lucey was recognized for her significant achievement in the profession with advancement to the AIA's College of Fellows.

### *SOM Foundation to Broaden its Awards and Fellowship Program*

The SOM Foundation, a major sponsor of traveling fellowships for students and recent graduates in architecture, will broaden its awards program to include new categories in interior design, urban design and urban research. The Foundation will initiate an award for urban research with funds

provided by the former Chicago Institute for Architecture & Urbanism.

"We expect to fund over \$65,000 annually in prizes and fellowships beginning in 1997," said Craig Hartman, FAIA, chair of the Foundation and a design partner with SOM.

Now in its 15th year, the SOM Foundation's awards program attracted nominations from more than 50 U.S. schools of architecture in 1996. The Foundation intends to increase public access to its archives and the results of its activities through a book and CD-ROM to be published in 1997. For more information about the program, call Lisa Westerfield at the SOM Foundation, 312/360-4001.

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As I gathered my thoughts to write my first president's letter, it occurred to me that the day-to-day practice of architecture is very different from our perception of what it could or should be.

We have very high expectations of what our profession can accomplish for society. Architecture is the practice of assembling four walls and a roof that not only *inspires* the user but moves the world one step closer to *enlightenment*. It is drawing raw materials out of the earth and commanding them to please us with their poetic form.

I am sure than many of us feel that perfection is the minimum standard for our trade.

We soon discover, however, that this vision becomes blurred with developers, contractors, real estate brokers, program managers, lenders, building officials, plan commissions, community groups, and a myriad of other consultants for whom the only poetry is the bottom line. At the end of the day, one party is held responsible for the aesthetics and performance of the building—the architect.

I believe that is the reason there is an American Institute of Architects. Because as a group, we continue to carry the responsibility for the built environment.

As I review AIA Chicago's recent accomplishments, I would like to congratulate John Syvertsen, AIA for guiding us through an exciting year of discovery and change. A mid-year membership survey reaffirmed the goals that were established in the 1995 Strategic Plan, but it also alerted the officers and board of the need to increase member involvement. With John's leadership, we have restructured the board and reconfigured our Committees into Professional Interest Areas as a way of encouraging more members to participate in Chicago activities.

This year I will continue changes started in 1996. In order to prepare a well-defined mission for the board of directors, I asked Alice Sinkevitch, John Syvertsen, Jim Jankowski, Deborah Doyle, Gunny Harboe, Tom Fridstein, Tom Zurowski, Art Salzman and Bill Worn to join me on a planning task force for 1997.

Our initial meeting was led by a professional facilitator, and after three intense planning sessions we have created an action plan based on the goals of our strategic plan. The action plan sets clearly defined targets for the Chapter and assigns responsibility to officers, board members, and chairs of the Professional Interest Areas to facilitate the monitoring of the plan.

As I start 1997, I have much to be thankful for. AIA Chicago is fiscally healthy with a balanced budget and a reserve fund for unexpected expenditures. We are the second largest chapter in the country, and we enjoy a membership retention of over 90 percent. Our staff, led by Alice Sinkevitch, is incomparable.

I look forward to serving all of you in 1997 and to continuing to make AIA Chicago the national leader in the AIA.

W. Stephen Saunders  
President, AIA Chicago



# Great Strides

## Where We've Been and Where We're Going

In 1995, AIA Chicago updated its long-range Strategic Plan. The assessment of the progress on the 1992 Plan revealed that many of the goals had been achieved, particularly those pertaining to the internal organization and management of the Chapter. Thus it was clear at the outset that a general shift in emphasis from internal concerns to external issues of value and perception would be appropriate.

"If there was one theme which I heard over and over during our deliberations, it was that we must increase our public outreach and become more involved in our communities," said Bill Bradford, AIA who was president of the Chapter in 1995 and spearheaded the strategic planning process.

What follows, in the place of a traditional annual report, is an update on the goals of the Strategic Plan and the great strides taken in 1996 to move the Chapter and its members successfully into the future.

### GOAL: Take Advantage of Our Collective Strength

#### Membership Surveyed

The board of directors evaluated the Chapter's first professional membership survey, to which an impressive 42 percent of members responded, and learned a great deal about the needs and expectations of our members. The Chapter chose to conduct the survey in 1996 when it was strong and growing, a time when effective membership services are in great demand. The survey was mailed to all (1600) architect and intern members.

#### Board of Directors Restructured

In response to the membership survey, completed in July and reported to the membership in the September issue of *Focus*, the board of directors endorsed changes to better serve the membership. The goals of these changes are to 1) focus on large issues of common concern to the whole membership; 2) target programs and services to specific groups of members by needs and location; 3) provide opportunities for participation beyond committees.

On September 24, members approved a restructuring of the board of directors. The board has been reduced from 25 members to 16, and will operate with an explicit mission.

In addition, the restructuring will reduce turnover on the board, thus building expertise at the board level on issues such as promotions, government affairs, and the ever-changing needs of members.

The Chapter also is in the process of shifting from a committee structure to a combination of task forces with specific and defined jobs and to Professional Interest Areas (PIA) which encourage members with similar interests to exchange information and enjoy fellowship. Some new task forces include the following:

- **Public Building Commission Task Force** which has begun to work with the city in refining the process for implementation of the current building and renovation projects for the Chicago Public Schools.

- **Structural Work Ordinance Task Force** which monitors developments and participates in the process of opposing such an ordinance.

- **Continuing Education Task Force** which creates programs that are beneficial and accessible to our diverse membership (details below).

#### Landmarks Protected

Chapter members including president-elect Stephen Saunders, AIA; Dirk Lohan, FAIA; Helmut Jahn, FAIA and Jeff Boyle, AIA testified before the City Council's Committee on Historical Landmarks Preservation in support of landmark designation for 860-880 N. Lake Shore Drive. The Chapter lent its time and expertise to several other landmark battles.

**GOAL: Increase our actual value through education and sharing of information among members.**

#### Continuing Education

State-mandated continuing education is on our horizon. We don't know how imminent, but several states already have adopted it. With the AIA Continuing Education System—which becomes a requirement for membership in 1998 after a three-year trial period—we hope to position ourselves as leaders in this effort, and we understand that AIA members will look to AIA Chicago to provide services and assistance in acquiring learning units (LUs). Therefore, we have established a special task force to create programs that are beneficial and accessible to our diverse membership.

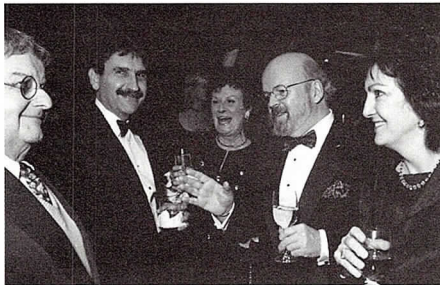
In 1996, the Chapter sponsored 98 programs, seminars and events, most of which were accredited with CES learning units.

#### Self-Certification

AIA Chicago served as a clearinghouse for information on the Building Department's self-certification process.

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Top: This photo of The International Homes by Weese Langley Weese became an icon for the "Ingenious Solutions" exhibit.

Bottom: (from left to right) Stanley Tigerman, FAIA; Joe Valerio, AIA; Barbara and Merritt Seymour, director of product design and development for USG Corp.; and Linda Searl, FAIA share a light moment at the annual Design Excellence Awards.

Harold Olin, FAIA, director of code review and a member of the Chapter's board of directors, provided timely updates to the AIA Chicago board and staff. Commissioner Cheryl Thomas attended the July meeting of the board of directors and presented preliminary plans for the self-certification process.

Reports on self-certification and on public meetings regarding the program appeared in *Focus* throughout the summer and fall of 1996. In December, the newsletter ran an article outlining the program's requirements.

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## Large Firm Roundtable

A roundtable for principals of firms with 25 or more registered architects was inaugurated in the first quarter of 1996. The Large Firm Roundtable is intended to serve as a prototype for other specialty roundtables.

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**GOAL: Better educate the world about our value and the significance of our role in the built environment.**

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## Special Editions of Newsletter for the Public

During the strategic planning process, the board of directors reviewed all Chapter publications to determine how AIA Chicago might better reach the public. The board agreed that *Focus* has served members well, informing them of activities and issues within our professional community. It was clear, however, that despite the high quality of our design awards annual, *Architecture Chicago*, it "spoke" to very few people beyond our own membership. The cost of publication was high; distribution was low. Sales at bookstores were slow. Unsold issues were returned at a cost to the Chapter.

In 1996, an advisory committee was convened to plan steps to re-orient our publications according to the Strategic Plan. As a result, *Focus* was reconfigured to allow for two special editions a year through which we hope to promote the value of architecture and design in Chicago. In addition to just over 2,000 AIA Chicago members who receive *Focus* monthly, the special editions are mailed to an additional 3,000 business and community leaders who hire and work with architects.

As is slated for the future, the special edition issued in October featured the Design Excellence Awards, thus replacing the design annual.

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## Web Site

In the first three weeks of its existence, AIA Chicago's Web site ([www.aiachicago.org](http://www.aiachicago.org)) received approximately 300 "hits" and became one of the most important outreach vehicles for members.

At its inception, the site featured Chapter activities, membership information, links to national sites, and a special section featuring the Ingenious Solutions exhibit. In the fall of 1996, the site featured a virtual exhibit of the annual Design Excellence Awards.

The site is updated regularly with legislative bulletins, feature articles from *Focus*, and specifics about Chapter events. It also includes a list of member firms that have set up their own home pages.

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## Major Residential Design Exhibit

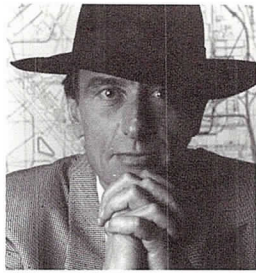
From May to September 1996, AIA Chicago's Design Committee and the Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) co-sponsored "Ingenious Solutions: Process and Design in Residential Architecture" at the CAF.

According to exhibit organizers, "'ingenious solutions' are frequent events in the process of designing a home. They might be manifested in a site plan on an awkward lot, a code variance in a landmark district, a spectacular stair. In each case, the successful design results from the participation of client, architect and builder."

"Ingenious Solutions" included 50 projects selected by a curatorial committee of representatives from AIA Chicago and the CAF. It received local and national media attention and was the subject of the first special edition of *Focus*.



Left: As the keynote speaker for the 1996 Annual Meeting, Helmut Jahn, FAIA discussed many of his firm's newest projects.



Murphy/Jahn

Right: Wheeler Kearns Architects was awarded the Chapter's Firm of the Year Award. The firm designed this building for Camp Waldron.



William Kildow

## Annual Design Excellence Awards

Well over 600 members and guests attended the 1996 Design Excellence Awards on Friday, October 4 to honor the 30 winners selected from a field of over 200. The winning entries were a cross-section of building types, project sizes and construction budgets. They were selected by nationally recognized architects and given in four categories, including Distinguished Building, Interior Architecture, Unbuilt Design, and Twenty-Five Year.

Chicago architects are some of the busiest in the world. Our architects are creating structures in every corner of the globe—the U.S., Europe, the Far East and Latin America to name a few. By recognizing their work, we hope to establish a standard of excellence and to inform the public about the scope and merit of architectural practice.

Winners were featured in a special edition of *Focus* and on the Chapter's World Wide Web site.

## Working With an Architect

Responding to the need to prepare potential clients for the design and building process, AIA Chicago presents this public workshop series. Inaugurated in 1995, the series continued in 1996 with approximately 120 people attending workshops at seven different locations.

AIA Chicago members specializing in residential projects led the seminars from an outline developed by a sub-committee of the Chapter's Public Relations Committee. Participants received a free reference packet that includes worksheets to use in assessing their needs and interview potential architects and the AIA publication *You and Your Architect*.

These seminars further the Chapter's efforts to promote the use of architects which began in 1994 with an advertising

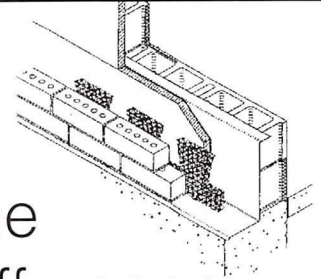
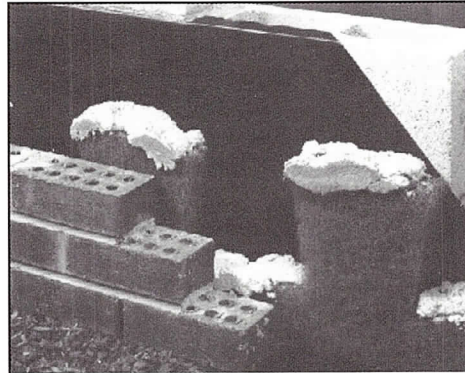
campaign in the *Chicago Tribune* and the placing of residential resource materials in area libraries.

## Building a City—Rebuilding a City

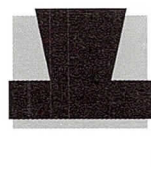
To commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, AIA Chicago sponsored its third annual public lecture series entitled "Building a City, Rebuilding a City." The series included eight free lectures at the Chicago

Cultural Center. Speakers included Carl Smith, Ph.D. of Northwestern University; Blair Kamin, architecture critic for the *Chicago Tribune*; John Hartray, FAIA, principal of Nagle Hartray Danker Kagan McKay Architects; and Dirk Denison, AIA, a professor at IIT who has played an instrumental role in the reshaping of Bronzeville.

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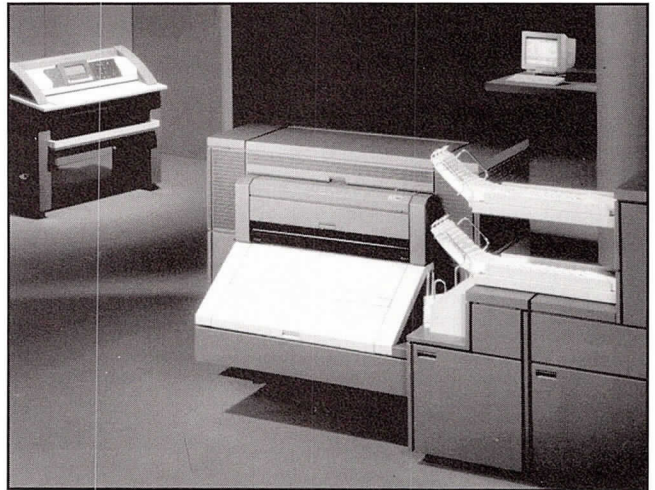


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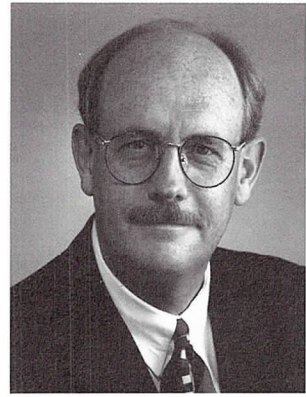
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PEOPLE

Father and son architects **Ron Dahlquist, AIA** and **Sven Dahlquist, Assoc. AIA** have joined Howard Hartenstein in founding a new firm, Dahlquist Hartenstein Architects Inc. The firm is located at 1525 W. Homer St. in Chicago.

**Mark Downey, AIA** has been named president and **James March Goldberg, AIA** chairman of Goldberg Downey Architects Inc. Downey will concentrate on the daily operations and design, while Goldberg will focus on future planning and design.

**Hasbrouck Peterson Zimoch Sirirattumrong** has relocated it offices to 104 S. Michigan Ave. in Chicago.

**Holabird & Root LLP** has appointed Thomas Laskowski, P.E. as director of mechanical and electrical engineering. An award-winning engineer, he brings to the firm 38 years of experience.

**McClier Corp.** has appointed Steven Foutch vice president of corporate services. Foutch comes to McClier from Sprint Corp. in Kansas City, MO where he managed strategic planning, space utilization, work-space effectiveness and user needs analysis for the long distance division.

**Metis Associates Ltd.** has hired June Andersen as director of medical equipment planning.

**Fred Moyer, AIA** of Moyer Associates Inc. has founded Moyer Kennett Design, a professional practice in architectural interiors, programming, space planning and design. Moyer Associates specializes in justice facilities, while Moyer Kennett offers a full range of interior design services for these and other building types. The new firm is located at 900 Skokie Blvd. in Northbrook.


Nagle Hartray Danker Kagan McKay Architects has promoted **Eric Penney, AIA** to associate principal and has hired Maureen Shinall as business development director.

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OWP&P has promoted the following AIA Chicago members: **Bjorn Hallsson, David Rodemann** and **Deborah Sheehan** to senior associates; and **Margaret Cervantes, Kim Clawson, Colleen Crawley** and **Greg Heiser** to associates.

**Alan Wilson, AIA** and **Ronald Reed, AIA** have joined the Chicago office of RTKL Associates Inc. Wilson is associate vice president, while Reed was hired as an associate. Wilson, a former principal of Perkins & Will and Hansen Lind Meyer, is notable for a master plan for the University of North Carolina Medical School and an award-winning design for the Arnold Palmer Children's Hospital in Orlando. Most recently, Reed was an associate at OWP&P. A graduate of the University of Illinois at Chicago, with a masters degree from MIT, Reed has provided technical guidance and construction advice on more than three million square feet of projects, including corporate offices for the *Chicago Tribune* and Zenith Data Systems.

#### AWARDS

A design by **Applied Design Associates Ltd.** has received the highest honor awarded by the Illinois Association of Museums. The Superior Achievement Award was given to the Mount Prospect Historical Society for the education center which Applied Design Associates created. The firm also was responsible for an earlier restoration of the Dietrich Friedrich House where the museum is located. The educational center hosts non-ambulatory visitors with a video tour of the House Museum. "The educational center was a good solution to the problem of meeting ADA requirements, and the committee especially liked the idea of modeling the center after the carriage house," said Mary Turner, coordinator of the Illinois Association of Museums. The architect, **Fred Thulin, AIA**, is currently completing the design of a second protective arch for the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station in Antarctica.

**Legat Architects** recently received the Illinois-Indiana Masonry Council's Silver Award for the

design of the Metra-Glenview Train Station in Glenview. **Ted Haug, AIA**, vice president of design, led the award-winning design team. The firm also received the Thomas H. Madigan Award for Outstanding New Construction from the Capital Development Board. The award recognized the design of a classroom and library addition at McHenry County College in Crystal Lake.

**Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP (SOM)** has won an international design competition for one of the largest proposed development projects in Beijing, China. SOM was among five international architecture firms invited to enter the competition, which called for a master plan of the Beijing International Financial Center, a 1.7 million-square-meter development in central Beijing. The intended land use for this site includes a financial/business district, an upscale residential area, housing for relocated residences, and supporting facilities. For this community, SOM not only incorporated international community design standards, but also based its design on settlement patterns of Beijing.

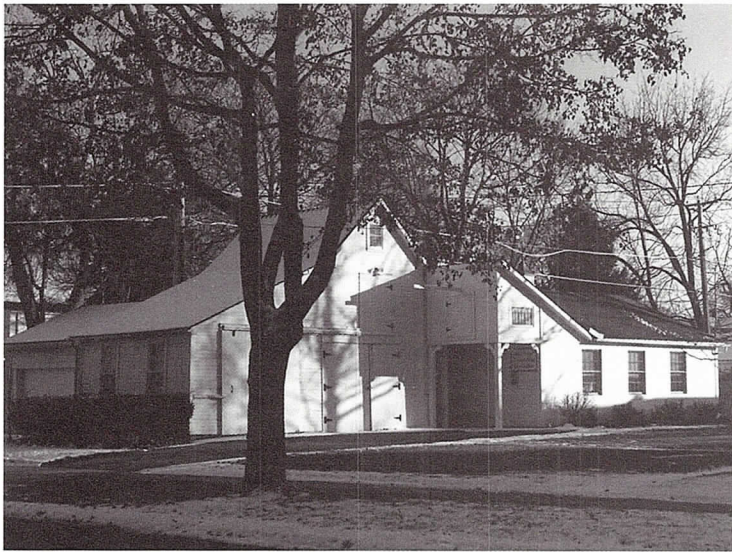
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Applied Design

A recent project by **Trish VanderBeke, AIA**, principal of P.K. Vanderbeke Architect, was selected for inclusion in a new AIA publication entitled Historic Resources Review I. The projects in the book "represent the best of preservation work happening across the country," according to the national jury. VanderBeke added a second-story turret on top of the original curved one-story porch of a 1907 Queen Anne home by architect George Garnsey. The turret contains a sitting room off the master bedroom. An adjoining addition completes the master bedroom suite with a new master bath, closets, vanity/dressing area and a small private porch.

#### NEW PROJECTS

**Lawrence Basil, AIA**, president of Basil Associates Inc./Basil Contracting Corp. announced that his firms have completed design and construction work for the Northpoint II Office Center, a new 13,000-square-foot office building in Northfield. The building is 50 percent leased; the first occupants moved in during the late fall.

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts is accepting applications for its **Carter**

**Manny Award** until March 15. The award supports research for academic dissertations that focus on areas directly related to architecture and with other arts that are immediately contributive to architecture. For a brochure describing application requirements, call the Graham Foundation at 312/787-4071.

The Chicago chapter of the **Construction Specifications Institute (CSI)** is presenting an eight-week course beginning in February to prepare candidates for CSI's professional certification examination. Classes will be held from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the offices of Perkins & Will, 330 N. Wabash Ave. There is no charge to attend the course. For more information, call Laura Young at Griskelis + Smith Architects, 312/645-0011. For examination dates, call CSI at 800/684-0300.

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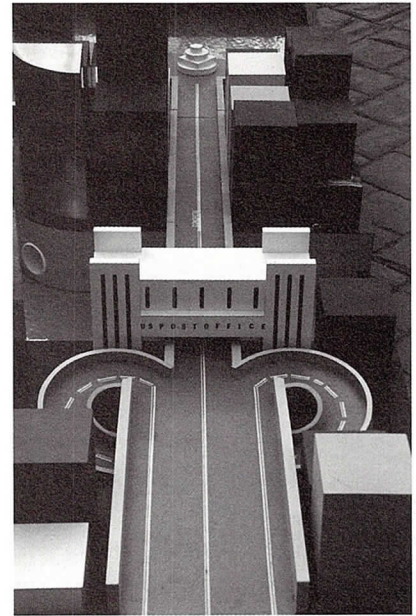
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From June 18 through June 30, the Society of Architectural Historians will conduct their **1997 Foreign Study Tour**. The tour focuses on modern Germany as seen through the eyes of study leader Dietrich Neumann, associate professor of art and architecture at Brown University. The tour will visit a number of important restoration efforts currently underway in the former East Germany. These restorations have led to surprising rediscoveries, such as the wildly colorful early housing estates by Bruno Taut. Tour participants will also visit the former center of Berlin, where structures by Renzo Piano, Helmut Jahn and Daniel Libeskind are rising from the war-torn landscape. The price of the tour is \$3855 per person for double occupancy (land only) or \$4730 per person double occupancy (land and air). Tour cost includes lodging, printed materials, daily transportation, admission fees, breakfast daily, three lunches, four dinners, and an expert guide. For a brochure, call the SAH at 312/573-1365. Registrations must be received and paid in full by March 21. AIA/CES learning units are available for this program.

At 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 16, James Reilly, chief executive officer of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (MPEA), will discuss MPEA's experience with the expansion of McCormick Place. The lunch meeting will focus more specifically on the growing popularity of the **design/build delivery method** for constructing public projects. It will be held at the Union League Club, 65 W. Jackson Blvd. The cost is \$45 per person. For reservations, call the Chicago Building Congress at 312/294-9974.



The Epilepsy Foundation

**VARIOUS MATTERS**

The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago is inviting architects, exhibit builders and construction companies to create miniature golf holes for their 2nd annual **Golf Around Chicago** fundraising event. The high-visibility course, showcasing Chicago architecture, will be open for public play from March 15 to April 6 at Navy Pier's Crystal Garden. In addition, the course will travel to local recreational sites during the summer. In 1996,

more than 15,000 people visited the course, playing holes that replicated a Chicago-style pizza, Mrs. O'Leary's barn, and numerous landmarks. The event also includes a juried competition among the architect/builder teams. All proceeds benefit the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago. For information about designing and building a hole, call Tom Sandburg at 312/939-8622.

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**The Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts** at 4 W. Burton Place in Chicago will present two lectures this month. On Wednesday, January 22 four new faculty members at the College of Architecture at the Illinois Institute of Technology will present and discuss their work, an exhibit of which continues through February 19 at the Graham Foundation. On Wednesday, January 29, Alexander Garvin, author of *The American City: What Works, What Doesn't*, discusses what he believes to be the six ingredients of a successful project and shows that it is possible to solve urban problems and revitalize neighborhoods. For information, call the Graham Foundation at 312/787-4071.

The **Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois** (LPCI) is undertaking an important new inner-city initiative in the East Garfield Park community. LPCI is restoring the Waller Apartments—Chicago's first affordable housing project. In the mid 1890s, developer Edward Waller hired budding architect Frank Lloyd

Wright to design housing that would not only serve the city's working poor but could also turn a profit. Today, half the units are in disrepair. LPCI will rehabilitate two of these units as affordable homes for low- to moderate-income, minority residents of the community. While private and public entities are providing financial assistance, several Chicago firms are donating building materials, legal assistance and development and construction expertise. The following are just a few of the resources needed: gypsum drywall, batt insulation for walls and ceilings, circa 1890s light fixtures, and landscaping assistance. Firms or individuals with connections to suppliers of these materials who can secure donations or discounts, please call John Eifler, AIA, project architect, at 312/362-0180.

**The Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio Foundation** is currently accepting applicants for its well-known annual training program beginning January 28. The Foundation operates the Robie House on the campus of the University of Chicago as well as Wright's

Oak Park home and studio. Individuals who would enjoy greeting visitors and introducing them to Wright's creative legacy are encouraged to apply. The intensive course meets weekly through March. To request an application form, call the Foundation's volunteer coordinator, Janet Van Delft, at 708/848-1976. The deadline for applications is January 13.

#### CLARIFICATION

The November issue of *Focus* featured a new office building designed by Maureen Reagan Architects for Opus North Corp. **Opus Architects & Engineers Inc.** is the architect of record for the project and should have been listed as such.

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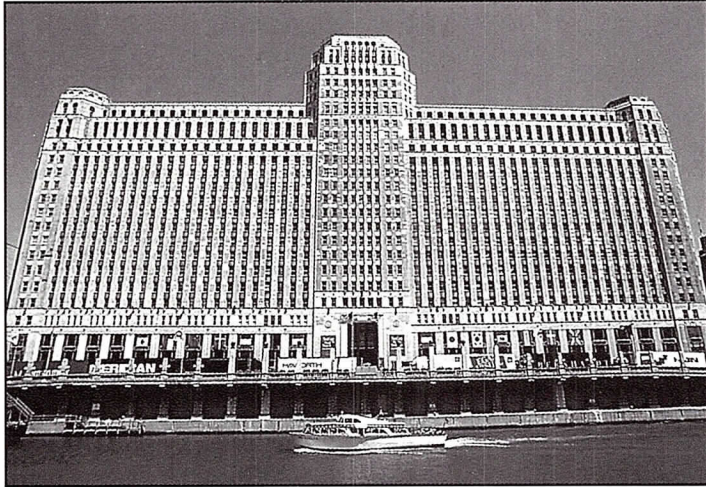
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