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President's Report to the Membership

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How quickly a year passes! My brief tenure as president of AIA Indiana is rapidly coming to an end. Nonetheless, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of AIA Indiana for allowing me to serve them this year, and to share some of the many activities and achievements we have been able to accomplish so far.

One major areas of focus we have emphasized this year has been that of continuing education. It remains a real center of attention for AIA Indiana's future plans and programs. We acknowledge the on-going trend nationally (a trend also common to many other professions) that in our profession, practitioners who are entrusted with the safety and welfare of the public must maintain and enhance their knowledge

of the art and science of architecture. We have begun to lay the groundwork for implementing mandatory continuing education (MCE) for architect licensure during next year's (2003) General Assembly. Our goal is to develop a MCE system consistent with the model AIA national initiated during the mid-1990s, a fair and manageable system familiar to most architects. We envision a smooth transition into the new MCE system by all architects in Indiana. Our Legislative Committee is focusing its primary task to this issue and will continue to do so in the upcoming months.

Similarly, we have worked hard to develop an updated business plan for the AIA Bookstore in Indianapolis. We see a natural linking between positioning the bookstore as a center of educational resources that will be concurrent with its retail use, sale of AIA Documents, codes, and other business aspects. Our vision includes a possible partnering or alignment with Ball State University in an effort to establish a viable educational resource center for architects in a downtown Indianapolis location. The plan will direct efforts to implement a statewide system of non-dues revenue in conjunction with expanding our association management services comprehensively to all our local chapters.

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AIA Indiana was reasonably well represented on the national scene at both the Grassroots Conference in Washington, D.C. and at the AIA Convention in Charlotte. Still, one disappointment we experienced this year was not being able to have the next Ohio Valley Regional Director elected from the two excellent AIA Indiana candidates nominated. I wholeheartedly thank the time and efforts of Mike McKay, AIA, and Steve Ford, AIA, in putting forth two strong resumes for regional director. We were, however, successful in having one of our associate members, Antonia Stahl of BSA Design, elected to the Regional Council as an associate director. Nonetheless, we need to seriously increase AIA Indiana's level of active participation at the regional and national level in an effort to enhance our component's visibility and representation.

We have also been actively updating our state website, <www.aiaindiana.org>, with the goal of providing a more dynamic, useful, and flexible information resource for our members and the general public. Our desire is to create a site that is user-adaptable, easy to manage and navigate, and a site that keeps pace with on-going events and programs. We anticipate using the Internet more than in the past for the sale of AIA Documents, books, codes, and architectural merchandise from our bookstore. It will also be a

resourceful tool to our members by providing information on chapter programs, conventions, conferences, as well as, be an opportunity to solicit non-dues revenue via corporate sponsorships. Likewise, we see using the website as a source for posting our quarterly newsletter, SKETCHES, thus eliminating the cost of printing and mailing.

Finally, we have spent tremendous energies in the coordination of this year's joint state convention with AIA Kentucky. Aptly named and consistent with our theme of continuing education, Learning From Columbus brings together a spectrum of quality speakers, workshops, and tours at one of the nation's noted cities of architectural excellence, Columbus, Indiana. We also use this venue to showcase our annual design award winners and give these architects the recognition they so greatly deserve.

Our future appears to be strong, on solid ground, and moving forward. I again express my gratitude to the members of AIA Indiana for the opportunity to serve as your president in 2002.

Executive Director's Report

In 1980 the Board instructed me, as executive director, to become involved in the Indiana Construction Industry Trust (ICIT) for the purpose of being a liaison to the broader industry. In that timeframe a set of guidelines dealing with construction industry was produced along with the opportunity for our membership to participate in ICIT sponsored health insurance programs.

On July 12, 2002 the Indiana Department of Insurance placed ICIT in a rehabilitation program and assumed management of ICIT. On July 22, 2002, the state-appointed Rehabilitator petitioned Marion County Circuit Court for an Order of Liquidation. The court ruled for liquidation of ICIT on August 26, 2002.

At the September 16, 2002 AIA Indiana board meeting, I brought the Board up to date on the status of the Indiana Construction Industry Trust and its court ordered liquidation. The board of directors determined that it should obtain counsel to advise and represent, if necessary, AIA Indiana regarding the circumstances of ICIT.

Governor and Mrs. O'Bannon participated in a reception held in the Board Room of the Architectural Center. The exhibition was of winning entries of the competition by the Indiana Governor's Residence Commission held earlier this year. The exhibit was open to the public.

Grassroots leadership training was held in Washington in February and is always a good learning experience. It should be mandatory for each chapter President Elect to attend these workshops and have this essential learning experience.

It provides some of the tools necessary to making the presidential year a successful and satisfactory accomplishment. It is also a time when we visit our elected U.S. Senators and Representatives to present the key issues facing the profession.

Over thirty Indiana members attended the National Convention in Charlotte this year. It was a good meeting! Next year the convention is being held in San Diego, May 8-10, 2003. Plan on San Diego and find out just how great the National Convention can be.

Learning units are a continuing responsibility for every member. If we are successful in our legislative efforts, learning units will be required for the profession (the prospects for our growth are intriguing).

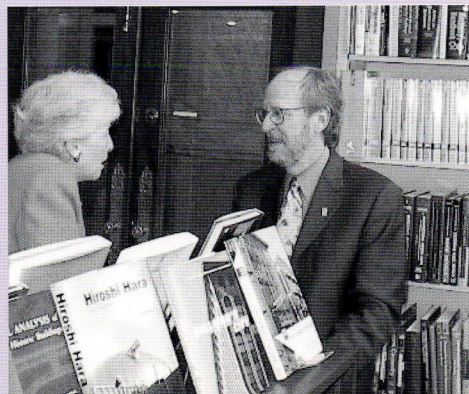
With that thought in mind, the state convention should be considered as a place and time to satisfy some of the units necessary for fulfilling active membership. We will be meeting without Kentucky and Ohio in 2003. A year of intense planning and hundreds of man-hours goes into planning a convention and annual meetings, all for the benefit of about 3% of the membership. If you don't attend the meeting, you're not getting full value out of your membership. Being a responsible member of the

association, a member of the board - either at the chapter or state level, or a committee - is essential to the successful working of this organization. Meetings are posted for a full calendar year. Chair responsibilities require immeasurable hours off the clock time to plan and execute meetings, accomplish the goals and arrive at the imperatives set for the organization.

Expanding the services to our members statewide, using up-to-date technology, and how we use this ever-changing knowledge are constant concerns. New tools are being developed to make the Bookstore more accessible statewide through the web to create a virtual store: a one-on-one customer relationship that looks beyond our four walls and provides store services to the members with the move of a mouse. We are looking toward the store becoming more of a resource center. We're exploring new ways to promote to the public a broad awareness of the Architectural Profession, resulting in expanded sales of books, codes, documents, and items designed by architects. Additional staffing through shared association management for chapter and advertising will expand the horizon of AIA Indiana in 2003 and beyond. A new board manual is in the works; and I will have it for consideration in 2003.



Opening of the Governor's Residence Competition at the Architectural Center



Mrs. O'Bannon speaking with Wayne Schmidt, FALA.