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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

December 1983 Roger Margerum, AIA

As a designer of structures, one is either an architect, a sculptor, or an engineer. What separates the former from the latter two is that the architect designs buildings that people inhabit. The latter two may design structures for beauty - as by the sculptor, or for utility and/or safety as by the professional structural engineer. (Mechanical and Electrical engineers are not qualified to design structures.)

Frank Lloyd Wright was an engineer turned architect, Pier Luigi Nervi is an architect turned engineer, Tony Smith is an architect turned sculptor, Isamu Noguchi is a sculptor turned architect, and some might say Mies van der Rohe is an architect turned sculptor, and so on. The significance in determining the differences is that architects are the designers of structures for people to inhabit. We extend our knowledge of engineering beyond our normal undertaking through consultation with professional engineers; however, architects should not be legally required to substitute the engineering training that is part of our educational requirements background for that of the professional engineer.

State Registration Boards across the country have been asked to define what architects do. We architects design buildings for habitation for human beings. Engineers do not and sculptors do not, nor should they be allowed to design

buildings.

Some professional engineers have concluded that since they are a significant part of the design process, they should be allowed to design buildings. Finally, building contractors, as construction managers, conclude that the management of engineering disciplines combined with their building knowledge, qualifies them to perform as architects.

Recognizing the importance of these differences, the contractor, engineer, and sculptor should take the architectural examination and become architects, and join us (and the American Institute of Architects) to better our profession, protecting the health and safety, sheltering inhabitants, of buildings in the art form in keeping with the expertise of our architectural and cultural heritage.

Thank you for allowing me to be your President in 1983.

ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE MICHIGAN REGION

By John Jickling, FAIA Regional Director

In the Michigan Region most barometers of economic activity are up. The Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit Business Activity Index is up about 30% over last year at this time. Even more impressive is the number of ongoing unemployment claims which stands at 83,000 compared with 213,000 last year and the Index of Industrial Electric Power Sales which is up about 15%.

On the other hand statistics for the non residential construction industry are less impressive reflecting the cautious attitude on the part of major users of professional services that has prevailed for the last two or three years. Non residential construction in Michigan is up about 8%. For the Detroit Metro area however, it is 28%, and for both Detroit and Michigan, residential construction has nearly doubled and actually exceeds the non residential in dollar value.

For Michigan architects there is a prevailing mood of optimism. Most offices are smaller, leaner and more productive. Feasibility studies are beginning to bear fruit and some offices report that 1983

will be their biggest year.

Membership in the Michigan Society of Architects is holding its own with two of the nine chapters showing a small increase. Reinstatements after late paying of dues could result in a net increase in membership. Regional activities included the three-day 40th Annual Midsummer Conference at Mackinac Island and the three-day 68th Annual Michigan Society of Architects Convention in Grand Rapids. Preliminary reports indicate record attendance and profitability for these two events.

With the retirement of Ann Stacy in July, staff leadership is now in the hands of Rae Dumke, acting Executive Director. Staff operations are running smoothly and the projected year end financial picture shows a profit which will allow an increase in the 1984 budget of as much as 15% including operating reserves and member services. Total non dues income will be budgeted at more than 50% of dues income compared with 40% in recent years. No dues increases are projected for either the region or any of its chapters.

The Michigan Society of Architects held an election for the office of Regional Director with two excellent candidates. Almon J. Durkee, FAIA, is the winner. He is the State Architect and the Director of the Bureau of Facilities for the State of Michigan and will bring a unique background of private practice and more than ten years of leadership in an agency of over 500 people with a 25 million dollar budget. The Region is in good

DETROIT CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Dennis M. King, AIA

Welcome back, everyone! The new Detroit Chapter is emerging from its Rip Van Winkle sleep and planning is well along for our 1984 season. Our rejuvenated committee structure is in place and our kick-off committee caucus will precede this month's Third Thursday festivities on December 15th. Elsewhere in the Monthly Bulletin you will find the Chapter's Committee Volunteer Sheet. Please look it over carefully and sign up now for a committee that strikes your fancy. If time is a problem for you this coming year, you will note our "Mad Money" category that will allow you to make a cash contribution to our committee activities for this year. Please consider it seriously. Every member is asked to sign up as a volunteer or make a donation. The results will be

astounding. Trust me.

For example, 1984 will see the return to regular monthly Chapter Meetings; each one co-sponsored by one of the many affiliated professional organizations; each one with a timely, interesting and often controversial program or speaker; each one with a hosted bar and something to eat; each one an opportunity to re-establish your contact with the profession and to become a better architect. Watch for a new year-long calendar of events in your mail box soon. In addition, the New Detroit Chapter will be co-sponsoring three exciting programs at Lawrence Institute of Technology, including John Carl Warneke, James Luckman and The Debate-Modernism vs. Post Modernism. We can also look forward to a MSA Convention here in October, an event that will not be soon forgotten. I promise you.

Look forward as well to a completely restructured Design Awards Program in 1984 and more pride in our Profession and in our organization than you can imagine. So dust off your AIA lapel pins, or call Rae Dumke for a new one, and get ready for the New Detroit Chapter in 1984. Things

will be different.

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The Monthly Bulletin, our only newsletter, for the first time in its history has operated at a loss in 1983. This loss, the result of a decline in advertising revenue, was covered this year by other MSA income.

However, this expense has severely taxed the Society's operating revenue and cannot be allowed to continue for another year. In an effort to expand the advertising base, every MSA firm in the State recently received an invitation to become a Bulletin Sponsor. The Cost? Only fifty dollars for six issues or seventy-five dollars for twelve issues.

You also received several copies of flyers provided for your use in soliciting support from product vendors and other friends of architecture who call at your office. Please use them.

The response to date is meager but moderately encouraging. The appeal is urgent. Your help is needed if this important publication is to survive. Do it today!

Thank you, Carl W. Pirscher, FAIA Chairman, Recognitions Committee

DETROIT CHAPTER CALENDAR EVENTS

January 19th will be the first regular meeting of the Detroit Chapter, AIA, membership cosponsored by IBD and ASID. Chapter member Graham Dickens will chair the controversial panel discussion on Interiors. Details will follow in the January newsletter and special mailing.

February 16th will be a Marketing Seminar co-sponsored with the Detroit Chapter, AIA, and SMPS.

March 15th will be a seminar by William Porter co-sponsored by IDSA held at Cranbrook.

Each Chapter membership meeting will be co-sponsored by another organization and held at a different location in the metro area. Both Don Root, Program Chairman, and Dennis King, Chapter President, are working to keep these programs timely and affordable to all the membership. A special calendar of events will be mailed to all Detroit Chapter members.

NOTICE TO ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL

Education is the first objective of the Society of Architectural Administrators (SAA), formerly known as Architectural Secretaries Association, through the exchange of ideas, methods and materials.

Would you like to become a

member of this vital and dynamic organization? Perhaps you would like to start a chapter in this area. For additional information, contact your AIA chapter or write to:

Ardis Williams.

Vice President—SAA c/o Haines Tatarian Ipsen & Associates 442 Post Street—Suite 500 San Francisco, CA 94102 (415) 392-8731

DESIGN COMPETITION 1984

The Minneapolis College of Art and Design and the NEA, Design Arts Program, are pleased to announce A New American House Architectural Design Competition 1984.

The Competition has the specific objective to design a small, efficient housing unit that will simultaneously function as both the residence and principal professional workplace for its occupants. All professional and domestic activities are to be contained within the individual unit, which will not exceed 1,000 square feet in area.

Participation is open to all architects, landscape architects, engineers, developers, designers and students with associated faculty sponsors. Individual or team entries are acceptable.

The awards shall include both cash prizes (totaling \$12,000) and an architectural design commission.

The complete program package including the architectural program, photographs of the neighborhood, city maps, etc. will be mailed to all registrants. For registration information send a written request and a check for \$45 made payable to the Minneapolis College of Art and Design to: Harvey Sherman, Competition Director, MCAD, 133 East 25th St., Minneapolis, MN 55404. The registration fee must be received no later than January 25, 1984.

AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE AND ITS PUBLIC

Encouraging public dialogue and involvement in architecture will be the focus of the AIA 1984 National Convention, "American Architecture and Its Public," May 5-9, in Phoenix.

To generate public participation in the convention, the AIA will sponsor "Public Sunday," which will include tours of Phoenix, architecture exhibits, a design competition, and speakers and festivities at the Phoenix Civic Plaza.

1984 RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULE

The schedule for submissions of resloutions to be considered at the 1984 Convention has been moved up from that used in previous years. This has been necessitated by the early date established for the convention which is scheduled to start on May 5, 1984.

Deadline for receipt of submissions at the AIA HQ will be February 13th. The Resolutions Committee is scheduled to meet on Februarty 29th to review the resolutions and to work with the co-sponsors of the resolutions to try to combine resolutions of similar subject and import on a national basis in order to develop substitute resolutions acceptable to each such co-sponsor and to edit resolutions. Resolutions will be mailed to members on March 26th.

COMPUTER SEMINARS

University of Wisconsin-Extension has two computer seminars. The first, "Using Computers in Your Practice — A Seminar for Architects," will be held December 14-16 for \$295.00. The second seminar, "Computers

Season's Greetings

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CLASSIFIEDS

The State of Michigan, Department of Management and Budget will periodically require architectural and engineering services for various minor projects for state departments located throughout the State of Michigan. These projects include special maintenance, energy conservation measures, fire safety, and minor renovations, remodeling, and additions. Complete professional services from design through construction will be required for these projects.

Professional service contractors wishing to be considered for minor projects are invited to obtain a questionnaire by contacting the Bureau of Facilities. The completed questionnaire should then be submitted to the Bureau of Facilities at 131 Stevens T. Mason building, P.O. Box 30026, Lansing, Michigan 48909. Only those questionnaires on file with the Bureau of Facilities at the time the services are reguired will be utilized by selection committees representing the various state departments for the initial screening of professional service contractors.

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Medium size architectural firm is seeking designer to head department. Must be skilled in commercial and institutional facilities with 10 years experience. Please send resume to Nordstrom-Samson Associates, 19855 W. Outer Dr., Dearborn, MI 48124.

GRAPEVINE

Reid and Associates has recently opened an office in Vero Beach, Florida. Robert E. Reid is currently the principal in charge of the Florida operation. Mark A. Oppenhuizen, Charles N. Dickinson and David T. Sobota have become partners in Reid and Associates and are currently the principals in charge of the Grand Rapids operation . . . Four architecture and design related projects from The University of Michigan were among 19 design research projects honored by the Design Arts Program of the NEA ... James Graham will be serving on the BOCA Basic Building Code Change Committee for 1984 . . . Western Michigan Chapter's Orchids and Onions Program received coverage in the Kalamazoo Gazette according to Norm Hamann ... Lee J. Mamola is now an Associate with the office of Thomas Strat & Assoc. . . . Victorial G. Luther, of Ann Arbor, has been appointed by Governor Blanchard to the Barrier Free Design Board . . . Gunnar Birkerts recently returned from Cedar Rapids, Iowa where he was a guest speaker and juror for the annual Design Awards Program at the Iowa AIA Conven-Chapter. tion . . . Mark Abanatha has been named an Associate in the firm of Alexander V. Bogaerts & Associates . . . Former Monthly Bulletin editor Ray Chalmers will be starting new duties as assistant

editor of Building Design & Construction as of December 1. Most recently, Ray was communications manager for TMP Associates . . . Dominic Abbate, of Wakely Associates, announced that A. J. Scipione and Lauren M. Staif have joined the firm as members of the architectural staff . . . Evie Asken was featured in the November 13th issue of the Kalamazoo Gazette for her work with the Girl Scouts. She will work with girls, grades 7-12, discussing architecture as a profession . . . The Construction Association of Michigan announces the publication of a new, weekly construction project information service, covering construction projects being planned in the Great Lakes Region. For a free copy and subscription information, contact James Kostrava, CAM, P.O. Box 33056, Dept. MT-48, Detroit, MI 48232. (313) 567-5500 . . MMA Associates have relocated their offices from Romeo to the Fisher Building . . . WBDC Inc. Steelcase project was featured in the October issue of Interiors . . . The National Roofing Contractors Association (NRCA) has published a guide dealing with roofing membrane materials, NRCA Roofing Materials Reference & Guide. For information contact NRCA, 8600 Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago, IL 60631 . . . The Grand Valley Chapter and Women's Committee of the Grand Rapids Art Museum co-sponsored a reception for the Buildings Yet To Be: Designs By Grand Valley Architects . . . The 1983-84 Directory of Big City Building Codes & Regulations is now available at \$50.00. Contact Creighton Lederer, City of Detroit, for information. (MSA has a sample copy in the bookstore) . . . Richard Gould has become an Associate with the firm of Napieralski Walsh & Velzen, P.C. . . . An Architectural Retrospective on Gunnar Birkerts & Assoc. was on exhibit at Kingswood, Cranbrook . . . Please come and join us at the **Beaubien House** for some Holiday Cheer on Thursday, December 15th, 4-8 p.m. . . . A special thanks to **Harry Van Dine** for redesigning our Christmas invitations and to **HEPY** for printing it.

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CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 8 LIT/James Marston Fitch, New York architect, "Historic Preservation: Curatorial Management of the Built World."
- 13 CSI/Detroit Holiday Party/University Club of Detroit
- 13 WAL Holiday Party
- 15 Detroit Chapter Board of Directors Detroit Chapter Committee Chairman Beaubien House
- 15 Holiday Cheer at Beaubien House All MSA Members Invited as well as advertisers, exhibitors and affiliated associations
- 21 Northern Michigan Chapter Holiday Meeting

IANUARY

- 10 CSI/Detroit Energy Program
- 10 Grand Valley Chapter Meeting/Art Museum/GR NASA "Architecture Beyond Earth"

CHAPTER NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Huron Valley Chapter Newsletter is back in business. Send your contributions to Al Vegter . . . Flint Chapter November meeting featured Tom Majors from Six Flags Auto-World as their speaker . . . Saginaw Valley Chapter's November meeting was entitled "Legal Concerns For Architects" which covered the architect's relationship with his lawyer . . . Mid-Michigan Riverfront Park Design Competition Winners were: first place, Paul D. Barbour and Associates: second place, Architectural Consortium; and third place, Robert Siefert . . . Western Michigan Chapter is forming a Past President's Committee under the direction of Norm Hamann. Detroit Chapter held a new registrants' reception on November 17th with over 120 in attendance. Dennis King, 1984 Chapter President, welcomed the registrants and their families. Harold Varner, Chairman of the State Registration Board, and Bob Greager, newly appointed Board member, distributed the certificates to the new registrants. Following the presentation the Chapter hosted a reception at the Beaubien House . . . Grand Valley Chapter encouraged members to attend the November meeting by advertising, "We've got some turkeys in the AIA. Now is your chance to get 'em! They were the prizes . . . Northern Michigan Chapter - The MSA Board is planning its June 22-23 Board meeting in the Traverse City area . . . Upper Peninsula Chapter - We've just been informed the 1983 Board of Directors will also serve for 1984 - now there is dedication. MSA will begin a special news column for each Chapter beginning January 1984 - please send us Chapter news.



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Today more Americans who value the best of yesterday are working to extend the life of a special legacy.

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energy and materials. We can also appreciate the artistry of these quality structures.

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and You." will be held on January 26-27, 1984 for \$325.00. Both seminars will be held at UW/Extension. For information contact UW/Extension, Dept. of Eng. & Applied Science, 432 N. Lake St., Madison, WI 53706.

LIABILITY COURSE

Victor O. Schinnerer & Co. are conducting "Design Professionals" Liability Courses" around the country. The course content reflects the latest case law developments and liability related topics of interest for each geographic region.

The 1984 dates and locations are: Jan. 25, San Antonio; Feb. 22, New Orleans; Feb. 23, Tampa; March 9, Washington, D.C.; March 23, Boston; April 5, San Francisco; and May 23, Cincinnati.

A/E SYSTEMS' **FUTURE DATES**

George Borkovich, Conference Director for the A/E Systems computer and reprographics show for design professionals, has announced sites and dates for future shows:

June 5-7, 1984, Baltimore, MD June 3-6, 1985, Anaheim, CA June 2-5, 1986, St. Louis, MO June 1-4, 1987, Atlanta, GA

The MSA 1983 Convention had a special session produced by A/E Systems for convention attendees.

MSA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

DETROIT CHAPTER: Rolland Schlosser, AIA, and Jonathan Webster, AIA.

GRAND VALLEY: Richard C. Peterson, AIA, and David Verburg, AIA. Associates: David Aten, Kim David DeStigter, Diane Jensen and Tom Nemitz.

UPPER PENINSULA: Paul R. Heupel, AIA.

OLD NEWSBOYS' GOODFELLOW FUND

It's almost time for the Old Newsboys to appear on Detroit's streets to raise enough money to guarantee "no child without a Christmas," according to Jim Gallagher of SH&G.

Jim has manned The Architects' and Engineers' Corner, at First and Fort Streets, in front of the SH&G Building for ten years. Stop by on Monday, December 5th - but if you can't get there, you can send a check to Jim payable to the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund at SH&G, 455 W. Fort St., Detroit, MI 48226. Let's make this the most successful corner in Detroit.

FIRM CHANGES

Walter F. Coponen, former VP of Jude T. Fusco Associates, Inc., is pleased to announce the formation of Walter Frederich Coponen, Architect. The firm is located at 108 N. Center St., Suite 203, Northville, MI 48167-(313) 348-4141,

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Associates, Inc., has relocated to 2605 Crooks Rd., Troy, MI 48084-(313) 649-6655.

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Malak/Waitkus Associates, P.C., are pleased to announce their change of address and formation of their preservation development group at 227 Iron St., Detroit, MI 48207-(313) 259-1130. The architectural groups is located at 280 Daines, Birmingham, MI 48009-(313) 540-0131.

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The office of Siegal-Tuomaala has moved to 31731 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 261, Farmington Hills, MI 48018-(313) 851-3325.

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George Covalle, Architect, AIA, has moved to One Jackson Square, Suite 111, Jackson, MI 49201.

THE NEW 1984 DETROIT CHAPTER, AIA COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER SHEET

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- 17 WAL at DIA "Design in America: Cranbrook Vision 1925-1950"
- 17 MSA Executive Committee
- 19 Detroit Chapter Meeting Interiors co-sponsored with IBD & ASID
- 21 Masonry Institute of Michigan Honor Awards Banquet
- 24 MSA Board of Directors/Lansing

FEBRUARY

1-4 AIA National Grassroots/ Washington, D.C.

- 2 MSA Dinner with Chapter Component Officers in Michigan Hyatt Regency/ Washington, D.C.
- 2 LIT/John Carl Warnecke, San Francisco architect, "New Directions in Architecture"
- 14 Grand Valley Chapter Meeting/Economist/ Congressional Consultant from the UM. Joint Meeting with Producers Council
- 16 Detroit Chapter Meeting/Marketing
- 21 WAL/Career Wardrobing: The Success Look Evening Meeting
- 21 MSA Board of Directors Meeting/Lansing

MARCH

- 1-2 Health Facilities/Ann Arbor Marriott Inn
 - 1 State Board of Registration for Architects/Lansing

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- 13 Grand Valley Chapter Meeting/Tom McKinley, copyright attorney
- 15 Detroit Chapter Meeting/William Porter/Cranbrook
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APRIL

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- 11 CSI Product Fair/Southfield Civic Center

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