

MSA Bulletin

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The MSA welcomes all members who have joined or transferred to Michigan this past year and congratulates all members who have advanced.

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Ward, Thomas, AIA
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Beydoun, Isaam, Assoc.
Dee, Delbert Allen, Assoc.
Doyle, Daniel, Assoc.
Gale, Jane M., Assoc.
Garrison, Christopher, Assoc.
Hart, Kevin D., Assoc.
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Kerschbaum, Kevin Joseph, Assoc.
Lewis, Charles E., Jr., Assoc.

Lodge, Stephen, Assoc.
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Miller, John A., Jr., Assoc.
Olecka-Baran, Danuta, Assoc.
Perry, Shannon R., Assoc.
Perry, Heather M., Assoc.
Quarles, Jennifer A., Assoc.
Reder, Thomas R., Assoc.
Rubberg, Kendall D., Assoc.
Scicluna, Paul A., Assoc.
Scott, Bonnie J., Assoc.
Smilnak, Brian J., Assoc.
Spiegel, Craig L., Assoc.
Tomkinson, Simon, Assoc.
Wegner, Mike, Assoc.
Wiggins, Brian, Assoc.
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Professional Affiliate
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Hessler, Lisa, Assoc.
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Wahdan, Sherif Mahmoud, Assoc.
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Darling, Paul W., Assoc.
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Keyser, Timothy, Assoc.
Kovanda, Richard, Assoc.
Niesen, John, Assoc.
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Paul, Daniel, Assoc.
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Kauer, Lynn L.,
Professional Affiliate
Summers, Theodore Jr.,
Professional Affiliate

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Johnson, Laura, Assoc.
Mattingly, Richard, Assoc.
Oeftger, Todd M., Assoc.
Omilian, Mike Francis, Assoc.
Parker, Altheria, Assoc.
Skandis, Christine, Assoc.
Smith, Jamie Anne, Assoc.
Bonnema, Daniel,
Professional Affiliate

ADVANCED

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Bryck, Pstrick D., AIA
Mann, Douglas W., AIA

TRANSFERRED

*Wyan Koch, AIA to
Western Michigan from New Jersey
*Charles Nelson, AIA to
Western Michigan from Texas

UPPER PENINSULA

Nelson, Jonathon R., Assoc.

ADVANCED

Arnold, Michael, AIA
Theiste, Karin, AIA

STATE ANNOUNCES NEW LICENSEES

Congratulations to the newly licensed architects in the State of Michigan! The MSA wishes you success in your new career.

Detroit area:

Mark Abanatha
Paul Aleobua
David Andruciolli
Daryl Benish
William Bingham, Assoc.
Mark Bischak
Roman Bonislawski
John Clement, Assoc.
Roland Day
Anthony Dellicolli
Michael Deloof
Michael Dembinski
Jeffrey Gaines

Shirley Ghannam, Assoc.
Gregory Graczyk
Henry Guthard, Assoc.
Jeffrey Hammond, Assoc.
Beverly Hannah-McLilly
Elmer Harder
Wisnu Harnsakunatai
Todd Harris, Assoc.
Randal Hatchard
Thomas Hunt
Danny Iacovoni
Juliet Jakobowski, Assoc.
Michael Krebs
Susan Lee
Timothy Mahoney, Assoc.
Laura McElheron
Mark McGreevy
Meads, Glenda, Assoc.
John Miller, Assoc.
Robert Nold
Sam Pizzo, Assoc.
Lee Purcell, Assoc.
Christopher Purdy
Donna Saules
Daniel Schrieber, Assoc.
Shirley Smith, Assoc.
Flint area
George Ananich, Assoc.
Jacqueline Hoise, Assoc.
Paul Thwing
Derek Slupka
Grand Valley area
Lawrence Barcroft
Mary Bockstahler
Brian Gurd
Alan Majeski
Huron Valley area
Christopher Allen
Michelle Baldwin, Assoc.
Charles Boulard
Mark Bromley, Assoc.
James Dennis, Jr.
Stephen Erickson
Curtis Felch, Assoc.
Norm Hamann, Jr., Assoc.
John Krasinkiewicz
Heather Lewis
Pascal Viel
Northern Michigan area
Dale Scheiern
Saginaw Valley area
Robert Case, Assoc.
Donald Haeger, Assoc.
Keith Wirth
Western Michigan area
Gerrard Brereton
John Hougland

To All MSA Members - APAC Needs You!

As the economic recession continues for our industry, architects in Michigan are still being assaulted by proposed legislation that could have severe impact on our profession. APAC needs your money! APAC also needs your involvement with your own state representative or state senator.

At last month's MSA meeting in Grand Rapids, APAC raised over \$3,500 because of the generous contributions of over 60 contributors. More impressive was that those 60 people represented a 90% response rate from those in attendance at the fund-raising event. The reason is simple:

A number of bills have been introduced into the legislative hopper that we, as architects, must be heard from.

Funds contributed by APAC help us in getting heard; in many cases our voices may be the only voice heard by a legislator on a specific issue; in other cases, our APAC contributions tell the legislator that we care.

Bills currently in the hopper that effect the practice of architecture or impact on the public's health, safety & welfare include:

HB 5164. A bill to make illegal any contract provision limiting architects or engineers liability (due to delay in performance or negligence) with respect to the claim of a contractor, subcontractor or supplier.

HB 5130. A bill requiring the licensing of electrical contractors.

HB 5165. A bill repealing the prevailing wage and fringe benefit statutes.

SB 503. A bill that would exempt school districts from hiring architects if the amount of the construction project is less than \$100,000 (the current law: PA306, 1937, provides an exemption of only \$15,000).

SB 522. A bill that would preclude local jurisdictions from enacting any wetlands ordinance more stringent than state law.

HB 5229. A bill that would provide for the practice licensing of "interior designers".

SB 378-380 (HB 4122) and Substitutes. Bills which would require the inspection by the Department of Labor (or local jurisdictions) of all school buildings to include the struc-

tural, mechanical and plumbing disciplines.

The Michigan Society of Architects, through its joint legislative committee with the Consulting Engineers Council, is actively working to make our voices heard in Lansing. You can help by contributing to APAC. Please either write a check (personal only) or fill out a pledge card now. We promise that we will do our best to protect your interest! Thanks.

Daniel Redstone, AIA -
MSA Director
Michael Marshburn, AIA
MSA President

Editors note: This letter was sent to all MSA members. We encourage your participation. For a pledge card or further information, please contact the MSA headquarters 313-965-4100.

AIA FIRM SURVEY RESULTS

The just published 1991 AIA Firm Survey reports that state and local government jobs for schools and hospitals have increased, federal work remains stable, and private-development work is down. In revenues, the survey finds billings for architectural design services totaling \$9.2 billion in 1990, a sharp increase from 1989. Gross billings in firms with 20 or more employees averaged almost \$5.3 million in 1990 (up 2% from 1988). Large firms decreased their share of the market to 50% in 1990. In other findings: 84% of the total value of building construction projects were designed by AIA member-owned firms; half of architectural design firms conduct business without professional liability insurance - there is no reported increase in the number of liability claims and the premiums have dropped more than 25% since 1988; 80% of all firms now have at least one personal computer (more than 40% used CAD to generate 24% of construction drawings produced last year); Firms spent about 6% of net billings on marketing in 1990: Nearly half the total billings came from repeat clients while one eighth came from Requests For Proposals (RFPs) and only about 3% were derived from selection based primarily on fee. The AIA Firms Survey is available to the public for \$95.00. To order, call 1-800-242-4140.

1991 PAINT THE TOWN

Pamela Holmes, AIA

On August 17, 1991, 103 architects, their friends and spouses formed 4 teams to represent AIA, Detroit in the Fourth Annual Paint the Town. This was a 400% increase over our 1990 participation!

Over 6000 volunteers from Detroit area corporations and organizations used donated material and supplies to paint the homes and spruce up the yards of 200 senior citizens; disabled and low income residents to help them maintain their independence. Paint the Town works with local churches and community groups to select needy homeowners. Each year a different neighborhood is selected - this year's neighborhood was near City Airport.

Paint the Town is sponsored by the Michigan Corporate Volunteer Council and Project Pride, a subsidiary of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce. Paint the Town's intent is much more than putting paint on the homes - their goal is to build self-sustaining neighborhood organizations which can continue to maintain and improve the area long after the volunteers have gone home.

Working hard for the Smith Hinchman & Grylls team were Bill Hartman, AIA, Jeff Hausman, AIA, Jerry Sienkiewicz, AIA, Ralph Youngren, FAIA, Heather Perry, Assoc., and George Sass, Assoc. A team formed by Albert Kahn Associates and Rossetti Associates included Carmen Cosambescu, AIA, Bill Demiene, AIA, Paul Fisher, Assoc., Pam Holmes, AIA, Jeff Kidorf, Assoc., Luz Macaraig, AIA, Lee Purcell, Assoc., Larry Raymond, AIA, Cary Sheremet, AIA, Dan Doyle, Assoc. and Matt Rossetti, AIA. HEPY, TMP Associates, and Giffels Hoyem Basso were also represented.

Many thanks to all the participants - we hope to see everyone again next year and increase our participation.

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DOCUMENT UPDATE PROCEDURE

by Howard Droz, AIA

The MSA Document Consultant Coordinators have begun gathering information to revise AIA Document A-201. So far, the team is represented by Detroit, Saginaw Valley, Grand Valley and Northern Michigan. We are accepting nominees for Flint, Mid-Michigan, Western Michigan and Huron Valley chapters now (please consult your chapter president if you are interested). We encourage you to research your files and share your real life experiences with this professional ongoing process. Below is a Task Group C Work Schedule submitted by National AIA and a list of Document Consultants by chapter. If you have concerns or comments on these issues, please contact the Document Consultant of your chapter or your chapter President.

TASK GROUP C WORK SCHEDULE - Issues:

1) Claims Process; 2) Change Process; 3) Shop drawings/Submittal issues; 4) Definition of "work"; 5) Architect's role in defining means, methods and techniques; 6) Payments & Completion; 7) Hazardous Materials; 8) Indemnification; 9) Alternative Dispute Resolution; 9) Owner's Termination; 10) Financial disclosure.

Document Consultants: Detroit Chapter - Howard Droz, AIA, 150 West Jefferson, Detroit, 48226; Grand Valley Chapter - Frank Covert, AIA-E, 7414 Thorncrest, SE, Ada, 49301; Northern Michigan Chapter - Norm Kline, AIA 109 E. Front St. #303, Traverse City, 49684; Saginaw Valley Chapter - Mike Bensinger, AIA 315 Post St., Midland, 48640.

WIA PUBLISHES STATS

The National AIA Women in Architecture Committee published Membership statistics in their Fall Newsletter.

AIA Members:

3,000 Women/38,804 Men

Associate Members:

1,886 Women/5,618 Men

Emeritus Members:

70 Women/3,492 Men

Total Membership:

4,956 Women/47,914 Men

AIA NATIONAL AWARDS DATES RELEASED

AIA national has announced the public release dates for its 1992 national honors and awards. This year, the AIA will sponsor several national programs. Of interest to you may be...

Honor Awards (release date: January 22, 1992). Each year since 1949, the AIA has celebrated outstanding architecture through the Honor Award program. Presented to recognize the value of good design and the role that architects play in creating the nation's build environment, the Honor Awards stand as an affirmation of the diversity and quality of American architecture.

The Twenty-Five Year Award (release date: January 22, 1992). This award is given each year to a work of architecture, completed between 25 and 35 years ago, that exemplifies a design of enduring significance. The 1991 recipient of the award was the Condominium at Sea Ranch, California, by Moore Lyndon Turnbull Whitaker.

The Architecture Firm Award (release date: January 22, 1992). The highest honor the Institute can bestow upon an architecture firm, the award is given annually to a firm that has consistently produced distinguished architecture for a period of at least 10 years.

Fellowship (release date: April 1, 1992). The AIA Fellowship Program was developed to honor architects who have made a significant contribution to architecture and society and who have achieved a standard of excellence in the profession. With the exception of the Gold Medal, advancement to Fellowship is the highest honor the AIA bestows upon its members. Fellowship is conferred annually.

Honorary Fellowship (release date: April, 1992). The AIA Honorary Fellowship Program was developed as the international counterpart of the fellowship Program. With the exception of the Gold Medal, advancement to Honorary Fellowship is the highest honor the AIA bestows upon one of its foreign colleagues. It is awarded annually.

The Whitney M. Young Jr. Citation (release date: June 19, 1992). The citation was created in honor of the

late Whitney Young Jr., who challenged the architectural profession to assume its professional responsibility towards the social issues of today. It is presented annually to an architect or an architecture-oriented organization in recognition of a significant contribution toward meeting this responsibility.

AIA NATIONAL SURVEY SELECTS BEST AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE SINCE 1980

In a survey of 829 participants conducted by the AIA, Fay Jones, FAIA received recognition for building the "Best American Architecture since 1980" with Thorncrown Chapel, a tiny sanctuary in Arkansas' Ozark Mountains.

Only 24' wide and 60' long, the chapel was constructed entirely from materials that two workers could carry on a small path through the woods.

The survey also named Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater in Bear Run, PA., as the best all-time work; chose I.M. Pei, FAIA as the most influential living architect; and picked Chicago as the best American city in terms of architectural quality and innovation.

NCARB PUBLISHES 1992 A.R.E. HANDBOOK

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) has recently published its 1992 A.R.E. Handbook to help applicants for registration as architects prepare for the Architect Registration Examination (A.R.E.).

The handbook features new information about Division B: Site Design-Graphic and samples from past building and site design exams. To purchase: send check or money order for \$85.00 to A.R.E. Handbooks, NCARB, 1735 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20006. For further info, call 202-783-6500.

GETTING INVOLVED IN AIA COMMITTEES

By participating in any of the 16 practice-specific national committees, dedicated individuals - members, non-members, and allied professionals - can be instrumental in shaping the future for the profession and society. Through the Committee Network, key issues are identified, and special projects that have a significant impact on the architectural profession are planned and implemented. The 16 Open Committees differ in many ways; however, they all 1) Provide technical expertise and information for a wide range of special projects, including professional development activities; 2) Develop and implement action plans for current and future practice issues; 3) Advocate for and respond to social and political situations that influence the professional community; 4) Supply fellowship and networking opportunities. Which of the following committees interest you? **Building Performance & Regulations, Corporate Architects, Design, Education Facilities, Educators, Environment, Health-care Facilities, Historic Resources, Housing, Interior, International, Justice System Facilities, Practice, Public Architecture, Regional & Urban Design, Young Architects.** MSA members currently serving on AIA Committees are: **Architects for Education:** Harry Diamond, AIA; Richard Mitchell, AIA; Thomas Mathison, AIA; William Stevenson, AIA. **Health:** Bob Gazall, AIA; Edmund L. London, AIA; Seymour Remen, AIA; Robert Stow, AIA; Roger Call, AIA; Joseph Greenan, AIA; Harry Diamond, AIA; Theodore Sutherland, AIA; Harvey Levine, AIA; Barry Merenoff, AIA; Jay Pettitt, Jr., FAIA. **Justice:** John Haas, AIA; Roy Brockert, AIA; Wayne Byron Bills, AIA; Tony R. Lang, AIA. **Design:** Donald Koster, AIA; Robert Sharrow, Jr., AIA; Gerald Reinbold, AIA; Art Smith, AIA. **Historical Resources:** Betty Lee Sweatt, AIA; R.C. Frank, FAIA; Louis Goldstein, AIA; Ilene Tyler, AIA; **Housing:** Jim Shane, AIA; John Dziurman, AIA. **Interiors:** Ricardo D. Anselmo, AIA; David Dye, AIA; **Regional & Urban Design:** Gerald Crane, AIA; Nelson B. Nave, AIA; George Sprau, AIA. **Practice:** Robert Bliven, AIA; James Tomblin-

son, FAIA; Joseph Greenan, AIA; Dennis King, AIA; Carl Roehling, AIA; **Corporate Architects:** Larry Horning, AIA; **Building Performance & Regulations:** James Graham, AIA; Richard Kalt, AIA. **Architects in Education:** Karl Greimel, FAIA; James Cardoza, AIA.

MSA members serving on the AIA Steering Committee Groups for 1992 are: **Architects in Education:** Kent Hubbell, AIA; **Architects for Education:** William Stevenson, AIA; **Documents:** Dick Slocum, AIA; Leo G. Shea, FAIA; **Intern Development Program:** Steve Whitney, AIA; **Component Resources Committee:** Rae Dumke, Hon. AIA; **Intern/Associates:** John Steele, Assoc.; **Membership:** Pamela Holmes, AIA; **Membership Profile Committee:** Steve Vogel, AIA; **Minority Resource:** Rainy Hamilton, AIA.

You may participate in an open committee in either of two ways: by becoming an appointed committee member or by subscribing to one committee or more for an annual fee. The basic requirements for becoming an appointed open committee member include: 1) attending at least one meeting per year (meetings are held in various geographic locations); 2) ongoing participation throughout the year in the project work of committees, and 3) responsibility for your own travel and meeting expenses.

To join as an appointed committee member, send a request by mail to: Linda Hayes, Committee Programs, AIA, 1735 New York Ave., NW, Washington DC 20006; (212)626-7518 or contact MSA Regional Director, Tom Lucas, FAIA through the MSA office. Indicate your interest in the committee, your commitments to attend at least one committee meeting a year, and to participate in committee project work. You must be an AIA member or liaison representative from an allied organization to be appointed. If you are unable to attend open committee meetings, a subscription to committee information is available for \$45.00 per year for each committee subscription (\$90 non-AIA members). To subscribe: send name, address, chapter and membership number to AIA c/o Sovran Bank, P.O. Box 18054, Merrifield, VA 22118-0054. Please specify the names of the committees to which you wish to subscribe.

POLLUTION COVERAGE - DESIGN PROFESSIONALS

CNA/Schinnerer announced today that it will begin offering broad coverage through its Architects and Engineers Professional Liability Insurance Program for pollution claims resulting from the professional services of architects and consulting engineers.

During a meeting with representatives from the AIA and the National Society of Professional Engineers, CNA stated that upon approval of state insurance regulators it would provide coverage for claims alleging pollution damage from most architectural and engineering services.

Although the existing A/E professional liability policy includes significant coverage for claims alleging pollution damage from design services, the new coverage will essentially broaden the policy to cover incidental pollution exposures from all professional services such as environmental design services.

The announcement was the result of detailed CNA and Victor O. Schinnerer & Company evaluation of the state-of-the-art design procedures, government regulatory controls, and relevant claims experience.

For further information regarding Pollution Coverage call 301-961-9800.

STATE CAPITOL BUILDING SELLING WINDOWS

The State Capitol building has recently replaced its windows and have offered members of the MSA an opportunity to purchase the old ones. 13 half-moon shaped windows, recently removed from the State Capitol dome were originally installed in 1870. The windows are a vital link to the past and would add historical grace to new buildings that might be designed around them. The windows are 42" tall, 38-1/2" wide, and nearly two inches thick, sound and in excellent condition. For further info, contact Luke Schafer, 310 Riley St., Lansing, MI 48910.

WHAT IS THE PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE?

by Benedetto Tiseo, AIA

There has been and continues to be a great deal of misunderstanding and abuse regarding the Practice of Architecture which results in violations of the State of Michigan's Architects Licensing Act (P.A. 299-1980) Occupational Code, Article 20. The Professional Practice Committee of the AIA, Detroit has been instrumental in bringing these issues to the attention of the public and the profession. The Committee has filed a considerable number of complaints to the Department of Licensing and Regulations (now the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Occupational and Professional Regulation) against professionals and non-professionals who, in the opinion of the committee have violated the Licensing Act. Reference to Sections in Article 20 are in brackets.

1. Who can call themselves Architects?

A. Only people who have a current license issued by the State of Michigan can use the title "Architect" or use a similar term in connection with their name. (Section 2014 (a)).

2. Is it permissible to use phrases like "Architectural Designer", "Architectural Services", or "Interior Architecture" if someone is not licensed?

A. No, it is not permissible to use "Architect/Architecture" or a similar term in connection with a person or in a firm name. (Section 2014 (a) & (b)).

3. Is it necessary to have an Architect prepare, seal and sign drawings for such reviews as Site Plan and Design Approvals which are to be submitted to a city?

A. Yes, "A plan, plat, drawing...acquired to be submitted to a governmental agency for approval or record shall carry the embossed or printed seal of the person in responsible charge." (Section 2008 (1)).

4. Is it required that an Architect sign as well as seal the documents?

A. Yes, "A licensee shall validate personal use of the seal by placing the original signature of the licensee adjacent to each seal impression of stamping". (General Rule 301 (5)).

5. Can a non-licensed Architect produce Construction Documents for an interior commercial space?

A. First, there is no such entity as a "non-licensed Architect." Either you are an Architect, therefore licensed, or you are not an Architect. The "Practice of Architecture" is defined as "...consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning, design, or review of material and completed phases of work in construction, alteration or repair in connection with a public or private structure, building..." Furthermore, there has been a recent clarification issued by the State that "...all the items excluded from ordinary repair would require a building permit and involve the practice of Architecture and/or Engineering." The answer therefore, is no. (Section 2001 (f)).

6. Is a firm licensed to practice Architecture?

A. No, a firm is defined as "...a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation...". In the State of Michigan, firms are not licensed to practice, only individuals are licensed, but "A firm may engage in the practice of Architecture...if not less than 2/3 of the principals of the firm are licensees." Principals are defined as "sole proprietor, partner, or the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer or director of a corporation." (Section 2001 (b), (i) and 2010 (1)).

7. Can someone else prepare drawing and then bring them to an Architect for a review and sealing?

A. No, a recent (1990) State of Michigan Court of Appeals case No. 111904 (Anthony J. Pucci vs. State of Michigan) upheld the Circuit Court for the County of Livingston (Docket No. 86-8551-AA) order for suspension and fine of an Architect who provided a review and seal service on a project. They stated that this was in violation of the Licensing Act "by sealing a plan not prepared under his supervision as the person in responsible charge." (Sections 2001 (e), 2008 (3), and General Rule (401) (4b)).

8. If I know that another Architect has violated the Licensing Act, what should I do?

A. You do not have an option or choice; you must report the violation to the Board of Architects. By not reporting the violation, you would be violating the law which states "An Architect shall report a violation of these

rules by another Architect to the Board". (General Rule 403 (4)).

To say that the activities of the Professional Practice Committee have caused controversy would be an understatement. The goal of the Committee is very specific and is "to assist the State Licensing Board in identifying, investigating, and responding to unlawful practice by Architects and non-Architects."

The Committee has taken a very clear direction in their review of material/information regarding suspected violations. If in the opinion of the Committee, a violation, no matter how flagrant or minor, is suspected to have occurred, the majority vote is required to forward the material/information to the State for a formal investigation and determination of a violation. The identity of the firms and/or person(s) is not a factor in the committee's decision. Everyone, regardless of professional affiliation or licensure, is treated in a non-discriminatory fashion.

Due to the sensitive nature of the complaints, the Committee, with approval of the AIA, Detroit Board, has adopted formal "Complaint Processing Procedures", which includes a Confidentiality Rule.

To allow a presentation or dialogue by the firm or individual under review, like some have suggested, would put the Committee at a substantially greater risk of liability and could be interpreted by some as rendering legal opinions. It is important to remember that the State of Michigan shall make the decision if in fact a violation has occurred and not the Committee.

Editors note: Ben Tiseo is the current Chair of the AIA, Detroit Professional Practice Committee. He is also Chair of the Building Codes & Regulations Committee, as well as a current Chapter Director of the Detroit Chapter, AIA, and is president of the architectural firm of Tiseo & Associates, Inc. in Farmington Hills, Michigan.



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AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT OF 1990

by David L. Holmes

The American With Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA") is widely regarded as an employment-discrimination law. Its sponsors called it the "Emancipation Proclamation for those with disabilities." Although that legislative focus remains true, with the July 26, 1991 issuance of the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board's ("ATBCB") final guidelines and the Department of Justice's ("DOJ") final regulations based on the ATBCB's guidelines, it is apparent that many of the most immediate and pervasive effects of the ADA will be on architects, engineers, developers, contractors, and the owners and operators of commercial facilities. It turns out that the ADA is really, in large part, a real estate law.

Summary of ADA. Signed by President Bush on July 26, 1990, the ADA prohibits discrimination against the disabled in four general areas: Title I, employment; Title II, public services; Title III, public accommodations and services provided by private entities; and Title IV, telecommunications services. This article will focus on the aspects of Title III as it relates to the ownership and operation of public accommodations and commercial facilities.

Title III. The term "public accommodations" includes the following 12 categories: places of lodging; establishments serving food or drink; places of exhibition or entertainment; places of public gathering; sales or retail establishments; service establishments; stations used for public transportation; places of public display; places of recreation; places of education; social service centers; and places of exercise or recreation.

Discrimination is prohibited on the basis of disability in the full and equal enjoyment of goods, services, facilities, privileges and advantages and accommodations of any place of public accommodation. Further, the ADA requires removal of architectural and communication barriers in existing places of public accommodation by January 26, 1992, to the extent that such removal is "readily achievable".

The term "commercial facilities" means facilities that are intended for non-residential use whose operation will affect commerce and is not otherwise a "public accommodation".

Newly constructed or altered places of public accommodation and commercial facilities must be readily accessible to, and usable by individuals with disabilities consistent with the requirements of the ADA. A facility is subject to the new construction requirements if a completed application for a building permit or building permit extension is filed after January 26, 1992 and the facility is to be occupied after January 26, 1993. No cost or feasibility limitation applies, although an exception exists where the site renders compliance "structurally impracticable." Structural impracticability is a very narrow exception and the facility must still be designed accessible to the extent that it is structurally practicable.

Alterations to both public accommodations and commercial facilities commenced after January 26, 1992 must also comply with the ADA to the "maximum extent feasible".

Enforcement and Penalties. The scope and breadth of Title III of the ADA makes timely compliance challenging. Nonetheless, failure to comply can result in significant exposure, including: 1) Private citizens bringing suit to enjoin the construction until it complies with the requirements of the ADA and/or 2) DOJ suit with civil penalties of up to \$50,000 for the first violation and of up to \$100,000 for each subsequent violation.

Conclusion. We are recommending that all businesses owning or operating public accommodations should, in conjunction with its legal counsel and design professionals, immediately develop an implementation plan. The plan should include, at a minimum:

(1) An Assessment of all existing facilities; (2) Identification of readily achievable changes; (3) Documentation of costs and difficulties associated with non-readily achievable changes; (4) A specific compliance checklist; and (5) A procedure for continuously re-evaluating the facilities.

Additional Information. Additional information can be obtained by contacting me at Howard & Howard Attorneys, 616-382-1483, or by calling the Department of Justice at 202-514-

0301 or the ATBCB at 800-USA-ABLE.

David Holmes is an attorney with Howard & Howard Attorneys in Kalamazoo specializing in the assessment of the ADA laws.

LETTERS

After reviewing, and finally understanding the full breadth of the effects of recent cuts in the Michigan Emergency Need Program, I am also beginning to understand a disturbing pattern in the nature of shifting public policy.

Among the assistance programs slashed and paralyzed by these cuts are many initiatives, by private, non-profit, church, industry or service organizations who accepted the challenge to find more creative, more effective ways to utilize public funds for safety net assistance. Assistance that not only saves needy people from tragic ends, but seeks ways to move toward self-sufficient, sustainable livability in the community. Some notable examples: YWCA Domestic Crisis Center; ICCF Family Haven; Home Repair Services; Salvation Army Teen Parent, Emergency Utility and Homeless Assistance Programs, Wellhouse Emergency Shelter and others.

These are the ideas that literally have the whole nation looking to our community for innovative solutions to tough problems. These are the programs that earn us the constant expressions of appreciation and admiration for our selflessness. What an affront to caring citizens who sought a better way to spend tax dollars! What a disgraceful disregard for heroic efforts by many, many West Michigan constituents. This policy shifts the burden for caring onto people who have already given more than their fair share. Without a reasonable base of evenly shared public revenue, the private initiatives of which we are all so proud cannot do the job.

We cannot continue to congratulate ourselves for our private generosity if, in the same breath, we condone stingy public policy.

Wayne Norlin, AIA
Grand Valley Chapter

Editors note: This letter has been sent to publications in the Grand Rapids area.

LETTERS TO THE PRESIDENT

Dear Mr. Marshburn:

I would like to invite you and the members of the Michigan Society of Architects to join us this year at the Annual Meeting of the Michigan Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. It will take place at the historic Dearborn Inn on Friday, January 31, 1992. Our theme this year is COMMON GROUND, and our goal is to promote productive dialogue and cooperative thinking between the related disciplines of Landscape, Architecture, Planning and Civil Engineering.

Speakers from each discipline will be contributing their perspectives on the subject as part of a panel discussion. Our keynote speaker, Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk, and her husband Andres Duany, are well known for their innovative community planning projects such as Seaside, Florida (as described in the October, 1991 issue of Architectural Record). We will also be conducting sessions of interest to practitioners and students of the related disciplines regarding the restoration of Henry Ford's Fairlane Manor, the status of wetland regulation within the reorganized DNR and work opportunities in the multi-disciplinary office.

A display area can be made available for organizations to inform our members about your organization and its activities.

It is my hope that you will personally attend. I am sure you and your membership will find this meeting informative and enjoyable. They are their families are encouraged to take advantage of the areas attractions, such as: the Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village, The Fairlane Mansion or shopping at the Fairlane Mall. Special room rates at the Dearborn Inn are available to attendees.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 313-262-1846. We will be sending you more detailed information and look forward to speaking with you.

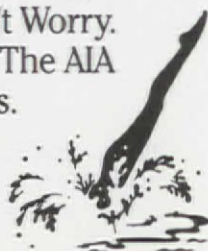
Sincerely,
Jack Goodnow
President
Michigan Chapter, ASLA

GRAPEVINE

The winner of the first annual "Beacon of Hope" Lighthouse Competition is **Damon Leveritt, AIA** assisted by Serdar Omer, an architectural student from LTU. The competition benefitted Pontiac Area Lighthouse, a non-profit, human service agency serving Oakland County...**Kathleen Reehil, AIA** has recently rejoined Rossetti Associates as an associate and director in Interior Design..."Contemporary Architecture in Slovenia" is currently being exhibited at the National Institute of Architectural Education Gallery in New York, 202-924-7000 - runs through January 3, 1991...the **Michigan Department of Transportation** now requires concrete inspections to be done by a minimum Level 1, Concrete Field Testing Technician...Recently published and reviewed favorably by John Gallagher of the Detroit Free Press is Frank Lloyd Wright in Michigan written by A. Dale Northup, Professor Art/Art History at St. Clair County Community College...**Lincoln Poley, AIA** of the Huron Valley Chapter was named MSA Board Member of the Year for his outstanding contributions in PLACE, Membership and the Michigan Architecture Foundation...Special thanks to **Harry Van Dine, FAIA** of Harley Ellington Pierce Yee for designing the 9th MSA Holiday Open House invitation. The current & past invitations are on display at the Beaubien House...Featured: the vacation home of **Peter and Kathy Else, AIA**, located in Grand Bend, Ontario, in the magazine "Ontario Living"...**Carl Pirscher, FAIA**, retired and living in the Seattle area, wrote to the MSA and said "I will welcome a visit from all friends from metro Detroit who happen to be in the area." Carl can be reached at 206-771-1206.

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FIRM NEWS

Kendra C. Thompson, AIA Architects, P.C. has opened a new office at the Historic Ramsdell Building, 59 Maple Street, Suite 200, Manistee, Michigan, 616-723-4195...The offices of **Ford & Earl Associates** have relocated to 350 West Big Beaver, Troy, 48084; 313-524-3222; **Nancy Lovaas, AIA** has been named Vice President of **Ford & Earl** and David R. Elston has been named general manager and Chief Operating Officer...**Richard E. Fry, AIA** announces the opening of an additional office in Aspen, Colorado, 415 E. Hyman Ave., 81611; 303-925-2256...The engineering office of **Elise Hosten-McGough** has relocated to 18199 Blue Heron Dr. in Northville; 313-380-9141...**The Argos Group** announced the promotions of five MSA members: John M. Czarnecki, AIA to President; Alex Ivanikiw, AIA to Vice President; Gordon C. Andringa, AIA reelected to Vice President/Secretary; and Thomas J. Lucas, Jr., FAIA to Chairman...**Lawrence Technological University** has named Betty-Lee Sweatt, AIA and Harold Linton to positions of assistant dean of the College of Architecture and Design...**Phillip W. Kazba, AIA** has joined **Progressive Architects of Grand Rapids**...The engineering firm of **R.C. Byce & Associates, Inc.** has announced Walter Mayne as new Vice President.

EDUCATIONAL LECTURE SERIES LINE UP AT LTU

Moshe Safdie, AIA will draw upon three decades of experience as a prolific architectural innovator and writer when he presents "Architecture in the Common Cause," Thursday, December 5, at 7:30 p.m.

Also look for Roger Ferri, AIA on January 16, 1992 at the LTU continuing education series.

Information regarding these programs is obtainable from Gary Kecskes, LTU, 356-0200.

OPPORTUNITIES

The resource guide to the public service programs of the AIA, **Programs in Affordable Housing Kit** provides technical assistance to local AIA component chapters in the areas of affordable housing, community development, homelessness, public policy, and urban design. For info kit call 202-626-7468...**The Western European Architecture Foundation Gabriel Prize** (\$15,000K in stipends); applications before 1/2/92; for app - Foundation Headquarters, Lee Park Center, Suite 437, 3141 Hood Street, Dallas, TX 75219...**Aga Khan Award**, Program Procedures, 32 chemin de Crets-de-Pregny, CH-1218 Grand Saconnex, Geneva, Switzerland (\$500K in prizes; rolling deadlines)...**Yokohama Urban Design Ideas Competition**; 4 million yen in prizes; 1/13/92 registration deadline: Voice of Design, Japan tel. 81-3-5273-0149, fax 81-3-5273-0374...**Innovations in Housing Design** competition; \$10K grand award; 2/7/92 deadline: 206-565-6600...**Olympia Fields Adaptive Reuse** competition; April/92 deadline; 414-963-0868... **AIAS Student Competitions**; rolling deadlines; 202-626-7472...**AIA Design Honor Awards**; 202-626-7300...For details on the \$15K **American Architectural Foundation Richard Morris Hunt Fellowship** and numerous **AIA-related fellowships and scholarships for minorities/disadvantaged individuals**, professional degree candidates, health facilities design, research, and other purposes, call 202-626-7300.

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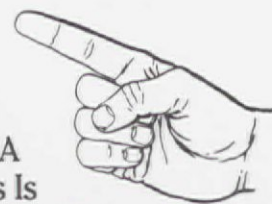
Robert Wakely, Sr., AIA-E, died on September 20, 1991 in Palm Beach. Wakely established the firm Wakely-Kushner Associates, Inc. in 1951, which designed more than 100 schools and college facilities throughout Michigan and which now operates in Mt. Pleasant, Saginaw and Tampa, Fla. Formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wakely retired in 1985 and moved to Tequesta, Florida. Wakely was honored Emeritus status with the AIA in 1983. He was a member of the Country Club of Detroit, Lochmoor Country Club and the Grosse Pointe and Detroit Yacht Clubs.

Louis B. Huesmann, AIA-E an Emeritus member with the Detroit Chapter since 1971, died on September 18, 1991. Huesmann was a long standing member who contributed to the firm of Harley Ellington & Day as Project Administrator in Brewery Design. Huesmann became a licensed architect in 1936.

Robert Hobson, AIA-E, Senior Associate for Specification and Materials for Rossetti Associates in Birmingham, died on September 15th. Hobson's many years with the AIA granted him Emeritus status in 1989. An active member of AIA, Detroit, MSA, Construction Industry Council of Southeastern Michigan (CIC) and Construction Specifications Institute (CSI), Hobson served as Publicity Chairman for CIC in 1975 and Vice President for CSI in 1982-83. Hobson joined Rossetti Associates in 1971.

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JANUARY

- 9 Detroit Chapter New Registrants Reception
- 15 Shearson Lehman Financial Seminar - Beaubien House
- 19-22 AIA Grass Roots
- 22 'Gold of Africa' - Jewelry and ornaments of Mali and Senegal, DIA Women's Architectural League of Detroit
- 28 Building Codes & Regulations Committee ADA Seminar/LTU
- 31 ASLA, Michigan Chapter Annual Meeting - Dearborn Inn, Contact Debbie Kruz 313-262-1543.

FEBRUARY

- 7-8 MSA Board/Presidents & Vice Presidents Leadership Conference - McGuire's, Cadillac, MI.
- 12 BOCA Open House - Beaubien House
- 12 CAM EXPO Pontiac Silverdome 313-567-5500
- 18 Women's Architectural League, Narrated tour of art objects and antiques of the home of Jim and Rose Ryan. 7:30 p.m.

MARCH

- 26-27 Health Facilities 25th Conference - Shanty Creek, MI.

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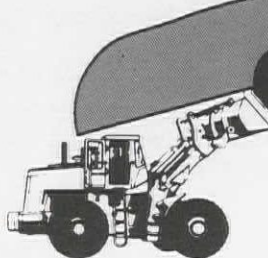
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The AIA and the American Architectural Foundation in cooperation with Very Special Arts and the White House Historical Association have developed an educational outreach program that involves elementary and secondary school students in the study of the social, political and architectural history of the White House.

Currently, individual architect members of local AIA components are actively involved in projects that help students and teachers explore ar-

chitecture, design and the decision-making process. One aspect of the educational outreach program provides support to the White House 200TH Anniversary Art Exhibition by People With Disabilities Project. The exhibition will display artwork of students with disabilities from all states. The theme is Life in the White House. One piece from each state will be selected by jurors at the local, state and national level. The project provides the possibility for teachers of students with disabilities to call upon the expertise of AIA members in their communities to serve as resource persons to enrich classroom architectural activities.

Complimentary activities at the local, state and National level will be implemented throughout the year prior to the Exhibition. To get involved at a local level contact the MSA office 313-965-4100.

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