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# AIA Michigan

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# **A Brighter Future for Architects**

The American Institute of Architects

The autumn of each year starts a new cycle as kids head back to school and family routines are reestablished after a summer off. For Michigan architects it's time to get some projects in the ground before deer season and winter, as well as to make plans for new construction starts in the Spring. At AIA Michigan, planning has begun in earnest for programs and events for 1997, and it looks like a memorable year coming up.

In the marketplace, some architects have never been busier, while others are feeling the squeeze. Prospects seem more fluid, with concepts like partnering, design/build and other combinations of designers and builders teaming up to compete for projects. In the end, you can't legislate prosperity. The marketplace determines the winners and bridesmaids. To get projects today requires creativity, savvy, risk, and more demonstrated capability than ever.

How do AIA Michigan architects prosper in the future? They become better architects, more competent, more capable, more creative than the competition. They continually seek opportunities to advance their knowledge and relevance in the design and construction industry. These are fundamental reasons why so much emphasis is being placed on continuing education for AIA architects.

We have been talking about continuing education for more than two years, and yet, barely a majority of AIA Michigan members have accumulated any learning units. With so much at stake, it seems architects would be looking at every opportunity to hone skills and learn new ways to practice. But the fact is that only about half of AIA Michigan members have earned even a single Learning Unit toward the 36 units required by 1997. We need to do better. We need to be better.

Take advantage of the continuing education opportunities all around you to increase your competence and marketability. The preferred future goes to those who are prepared and who are better than the competition.

The annual Mid-Summer Conference was a success again this year, thanks to the

Conference Committee, led by Gene Hopkins and a long list of architects and friends of AIA Michigan, as well as our own AIAM staff. Our guests, including Rai Barr-Kumar, incoming AIA National president, and the presidents of CEC, MSPE and MSPS were universal in their enthusiasm for the conference and its value to members. This was a great time for students, associates, members and affiliates to come together to discuss issues, strengthen relationships and plan for the future.

Also, be sure to mark your calendars for upcoming events, such as the Educational Facilities Planning Conference at Shanty Creek and the Annual Design Awards and Recognitions Program in Lansing. These are excellent opportunities to accumulate continuing education credits and to meet with your colleagues about important design and servicerelated issues.

Remember, ballots for the dues restructuring proposal will be coming out soon. Be watching for them in the mail and be sure to return your marked ballot before October 4.

# **Unlicensed Architecture Practice Prevalent in State**

# AIA Michigan Responds to Public Concerns with Legal Action

A IA Michigan has successfully concluded three separate lawsuits regarding the unlicensed practice of architecture. The lawsuits were brought in response to reports of unlicensed practice of architecture in Charlevoix County. Kent County and Oakland County. The announcement was made recently by Tom Mathison, AIA, president of AIA Michigan.

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"We hope our successful conclusion of these lawsuits sends a strong message to the building community that the unlicensed practice of architecture will not be tolerated and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law," said Mathison.

In the shadow of the Oklahoma City bombing last year, AIAM developed a statewide public opinion poll last fall to measure public attitudes regarding safety issues in buildings. An overwhelming majority viewed architects as the gatekeepers of public safety in buildings. When respondents were asked the question, "If the state of Michigan relaxed its regulations on who was qualified and responsible to design and plan a building, would you support that," Eighty four percent of Michigan residents responded "No."

Fortified with that public sentiment and the 1992 declaration by the state of Michigan that it would not pursue or prosecute unlicensed practice of any licensed profession due to financial constraints, AIA Michigan has re-doubled its efforts to monitor and pursue incidents of unlicensed practice.

"Building code violations can have serious repercussions that can be avoided by having state licensed professionals involved in the design and construction of a building," said Gary Shritka, president of SEMBOIA (Southeastern Michigan Building Offical Inspectors Association). "It is in the interest of public safety that we advise the building community to comply with state regulations, and use the services architects provide when legally required to do so."

Following the passage of recent legislation (P.A. 400) providing legal "standing by association" to institute legal action in such cases, AIA Michigan began legal action against parties in Charlevoix, Kent and Oakland Counties for violations of the state's architectural licensing law. "We take our role as gatekeepers of public safety very seriously and will continue to seek legal recourse in upholding it," said Mathison.

The Charlevoix County suit involved an East Jordan self-employed woodworker and "building designer" who illegally designed four residences over 3500 sq. ft. (Michigan requires residences over 3500 sq. ft. to be designed by an architect) and used the term "architect" on his business stationery. The Kent County case was brought against a building firm for also designing a house that exceeded the square footage requirement. In Oakland County, an unlicensed interior design firm acted as an architectural firm in designing the modification of an office building in Southfield.

In none of the cases were the building plans "sealed" by an architect. State law requires that plans for all commercial buildings and residential buildings in excess of 3500 sq. ft. be sealed by a licensed architect. Sealed architectural drawings imply that an architect has prepared or supervised the work and designed the building to all applicable building code laws and regulations. "Sealed drawings are important because it speaks to the issue of public safety," said Shritka.

All three defendants have admitted violations, settled out of court and formalized an agreement not to engage in the practice of architecture.

"AIA Michigan will continue to pursue the issue of health and safety in the built environment in the best interest of the public and intend to act responsibly, until the state of Michigan is once again able to pursue such cases," said Mathison.

# Friends of the Capitol Gives Nod to Hopkins



Hopkins

Eugene Hopkins, AIA, principal of Architects Four, Inc., in Ann Arbor, has been elected Vice President of the Friends of the Capitol, Inc., a group dedicated to educating the general public, the media and the legislature on the historic and architectural values of the Michigan Capitol and in preserving its historic qualities and integrity. The

group has been working toward these goals since 1982 and played a significant role in the major restoration work recently completed at the Capitol.

Over the past year, the group developed and distributed a new brochure of the restored building, helped develop new materials for the Capitol Tour and Information Service, and initiated a Guest Lecturer series open to the public.

As many as 200,000 people have come to see the beautifully restored Victorian building, which received this year's Honor Award for Architecture from AIA.

Hopkins is a federally qualified historical architect who has been involved in preservation architecture since 1978. He cofounded Architects Four in 1984 to specialize in preservation.

# Save 25% on Auto and 24% on Homeowners Insurance

Through a new group program available exclusively to the architectural, engineering and scientific community of Michigan, AIAM members can save hundreds of dollars on insurance costs.

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Complete information about this improved AIA membership benefit has been sent in a special mailing to members.

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# **Michigan Building Contract Fund Act**

By Diane M. Carpentier, Kitch, Drutchas, Wagner & Kenney, PC

The Michigan Building Contract Fund Act continues to be an important part of the construction industry in Michigan. The Act provides that a contractor cannot use the funds collected as payment until the contractor has paid its subcontractors and suppliers.

The Act deserves attention, consider-ing the strength that federal and Michigan state courts give to this Act, even against other federal agencies such as the Internal Revenue Service. Most recently, the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in Huizinga v. United States reinforced the power of the Act by declaring the IRS's interest in such funds were inferior to the legal obligations imposed by the Act. In another case, bankruptcy did not protect a contractor from being prosecuted for fraud under the Act.

Michigan courts have referenced and explained the history of the Act. In the 1920s, builders often began projects without proper funding, and they paid suppliers and material men on older projects with funds that were received from newer projects. When the stock market crashed in 1929, many contractors were ruined financially. The contractors' pyramid scheme for paying subcontractors and suppliers also failed leaving many people unpaid. The only remedy was the use of mechanics' liens which were frequently ineffective since the owners of the projects raised the defense that they had already paid the contractor.

Therefore, the Michigan Legislature enacted the statute in 1931 to supplement mechanics' liens. The Act applies only to private construction projects and is intended to protect subcontractors and suppliers. Subcontractors and materialmen on public contracts are supposed to be protected by performance and payment bonds required under separate Michigan statutes.

The Act imposes a trust upon money paid by any person to a contractor or subcontractor. The trust is for the benefit of the person making the payments as well as the contractors, laborers, subcontractors and material suppliers and appoints him as trustee of all the funds he receives for construction. Before the funds can be used for any other purpose, the trustee/ contractor must pay laborers, subcontractors and material suppliers on the particular project involving the payments deposited for that project.

The statutory trust is created at the time a payment is made to the contractor regardless of whether or not there are any persons yet to be paid on the project. The trust continues until everyone has been paid. In effect, the Act prevents funds from becoming the contractor's property until the statutory requirements are satisfied.

The fund established by the Act is not a lien on the property. Liens are separate and in addition to the Act. Also, the Act applies even if a contractor declares bankruptcy. The money is not considered property of the bankrupt contractor as long as the beneficial interest, or amount of funds owned to the subcontractors and suppliers, can be traced.

Using money in the fund before payment is made to the subcontractors, laborers and material suppliers is evidence of the intent to defraud. Anyone who intends to defraud by retaining or using the money for any other purpose than to pay subcontractors etc. first is guilty of a felony. A violation of the Act may result in civil as well as criminal penalties.

Courts in several jurisdictions have discussed or referenced the Michigan Building Contract Fund Act. In the previously mentioned case of Huizinga v. United States, the plaintiff was the president and chairman of the board of a plumbing and heating contracting company. He learned that for part of a year the company withheld federal income tax and social security payments from employee checks but had not paid the money to the IRS. At the time he made the discovery, there was no money in the company's bank accounts, and shortly thereafter, the company filed a bankruptcy petition.

The IRS asserted that it had a superior interest in afteracquired funds for the payment of taxes, but the Court stated that the Act controlled. The portion of after-acquired funds that were contract funds never belonged to the contractor because the Building Contract Fund Act encumbered the funds and prevented the plaintiff from using them. Under the Act, the plaintiff and his company could not use the funds to satisfy the company's tax liabilities. The plaintiff had a legal obligation to use the money to pay the intended beneficiaries — the subcontractors and suppliers who were supposed to be paid.

It is important to note that bankruptcy will not protect a contractor from being prosecuted for fraud under the Act. In the case In re Mullen, the contractor/debtor filed for bankruptcy and the bankruptcy trustee granted the debtor a discharge. The Bankruptcy Court noted that the bankruptcy code states that the discharge of a debt operates as an injunction against a commencement or continuation of an action to collect

# Fund Act Continued

the debt as a personal liability of the debtor.

However, county prosecuting attorneys brought a case against the contractor/debtor and alleged violations of the Building Contract Fund Act. The contractor/debtor argued that in filing the charges, the prosecutor's motive was to force repayment of a debt, and that was contrary to the discharge injunction under the bankruptcy code. The Bankruptcy Court decided that a discharge injunction under a contractor/debtor's discharge injunction did not prohibit the contractor's prosecution for fraud. The court noted that the Act requires "an intent to defraud" and targets conduct which is inherently reprehensible. The debt in Mullen was distinguished from "ordinary" debts that are found in bankruptcy cases.

The statute does not define a subcontractor, materialman or laborer. Therefore, the statute is not limited to particular



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disciplines or trades. The Act applies to anyone hired by the contractor for a construction project. Also, the statute's requirements are not restricted to particular construction delivery approaches. Although the trust begins when the first payment is made to the contractor, there is no maximum time on the contractor's obligation. The statutory trust for a project ends only when all subcontractors and suppliers have been paid by the contractor. Cases show that federal and Michigan courts continue to place importance upon the Michigan Building Contract Fund Act.

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# NCARB Votes on Architect Certification

Delegates at the 77th Annual Meeting of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) strengthened certification requirements through the passage of several substantive changes, the most important of which requires all U.S. applicants to have a degree in architecture from a program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board, beginning July 1, 2000.

While the degree requirement has been in place for the last two years, previously it included a "broadly experienced architect" provision that excepted architects from the U.S. or Canada who could demonstrate satisfaction of the NCARB education standard through extended professional practice.

Other changes include elimination of architect references from the evaluation process for all but sole proprietors and changing the term "value unit" to the more descriptive term, "training unit." They also voted to allow applicants with examination deficiencies to be certified, providing that the deficiency arose from causes other than having failed a division of the examination, and in NCARB's judgment, the applicant can demonstrate competency in that area of deficiency.

# -REMINDER-

Ballots for voting on dues structure were mailed week of September 16. Return ballots by October 4.

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# Annual M-Day Set for Oct. 24 in Novi

The popular M-Day will take place October 24 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Novi Hilton. This year's theme is "Masonry In The Environment."

Presentations include Dave Miller, marketing manager of HOK Sport in Kansas City, "Major League Brick;" Chuck Ostrander, PE, executive director of Illinois Masonry Institute, "Multi-Family Construction Advisory Committee of Illinois;" Walter Laska, president of Masonry Technologies Inc., Downers Grove, Ill., "Flashings: The Do's and Don'ts;" and Todd Dailey, PE, president of Dailey Engineering, Inc., Adrian, Mich., "All Masonry Home."

Programs earn CES credits. For information or to register, call the Masonry Institute of Michigan at 810-458-8544.

# **Register Now!**

# AIA Michigan Annual Business Meeting

Oct. 25, 1996 • 12:30 Lunch Sports Bar, Novi Hilton \$20.00

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Return all reservations with check made payable to AIA Michigan. Mail to: AIA Michigan 553 E. Jefferson Ave. Detroit, MI 48226

# Negotiating Skills Workshop Offered in October

An upcoming risk management workshop for architects will focus on improving negotiation skills. The program will be held October 25, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Novi Hilton.

"At the Core of Professional Practice: Negotiating Skills" will help you:

•Learn how to be more effective when your clients have a take-it or leave-it, low-ball approach to contract negotiations.

 Develop skills to effectively integrate client education into your pre-project process to help assure that clients set realistic expectations.

•Find ways to secure projects with reasonable scopes and commensurate fees. Hone your abilities to communicate, negotiate and influence others.

This four-hour, Level III workshop will be led by Jim Franklin, FAIA, ASIA. Architects can earn 12 AIA/CES learning units. The program is sponsored by AIA Michigan and Professional Concepts Insurance Agency. Registration fee is \$95 for AIA members and DPIC policyholders (otherwise \$125).

"The workshop was developed jointly by Jim Franklin and DPIC Companies with the objective of helping firms improve service and design quality through better communication and negotiation, which in turn leads to repeat clients, more satisfying projects, stronger relationships, and greater profitability," said Rae Dumke, Hon. AIA, executive director of AIAM.

Please return registration form that was mailed or call AIAM headquarters at 313-965-4100 for further information or to register.

NOTE: AIAM Annual Business Meeting and Board Meeting will follow Jim Franklin's program.

# **UofD Mercy Hosts ACSA Conference**

The Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture East Central Regional Conference will be held at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture from Nov. 7 through Nov. 9, 1996. The topic is "The City: Representations, Manifestations and Projections." Three keynote speakers include Franco Viollich of Kennedy Viollich Architecture; William Morrish of the Design Center for the American Urban Landscape; and Ken Greenberg of Ken Greenberg Associates, Planners.

Contact Professor Stephen LaGrassa at the UDM School of Architecture for more details. Phone: 313-993-1532, e-mail: LAGRASSJ@UDMERCY.EDU.

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## October

8-9 Seminar

"Life Cycle Costing," One or Two Days, Presented by Dr. Stephen Kirk, AIA, Vice President & Director of Facility Economics at SH&G, Detroit. \$175/250. Call 313-983-3600.

#### 10-11 Educational Facilities Conference

Sponsored by MAF & AIA Michigan at Shanty Creek, Bellaire. \$TBD. 7:30-5 and 8-2. 313-965-4100

#### 10-11 Architecture Conference

Sponsored by the Church Building Planning Dept. of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, "Church Architecture in the 21st Century - The Philosophical, Cultural, Regulatory, Technological & Methodological Changes." Dallas, Texas, \$250. Up to 24 CES credits. 214-828-5125

#### 23 Conference

"Building Relationships Through Mutual Cooperation — Partnering," full-day conference sponsored by Michigan Construction Users Council. Lansing.

#### 24 Masonry Seminar

1996 Annual M-Day, sponsored by Masonry Institute of Michigan. Novi. 313-458-8544.

#### 25 Risk Management Workshop

"At the Core of Professional Practice: Negotiating Skills" workshop, speaker is James Franklin, FAIA, ASIA. Sponsored by AIA Michigan and Professional Concepts Insurance Agency. 8 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Novi. \$95 members, \$125 non-members. 313-965-4100.

#### November

#### 4-8 Seminar

"Value Engineering Module 1," Five Days, Presented by Dr. Stephen Kirk, AIA, Vice President & Director of Facility Economics at SH&G, Detroit. \$800. Call 313-983-3600.

#### 7 Seminar

"Lien Law Workshop," sponsored by CAMTEC. Presenter is Marty Burnstein. 8:30-noon. Bloomfield Hills. \$85/105, Call 810-972-1000.

#### 13 Committee Fest

Sponsored by AIA Detroit and Giffels Associates. \$5 members; \$10 non members. 313-965-4100

#### 13-15 Seminar

"Value Engineering Module II - Leadership," Three Days, Presented by Dr. Stephen Kirk, AIA, Vice President & Director of Facility Economics at SH&G, Detroit. \$600. Call 313-983-3600.

#### December

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#### Masonry Annual Meeting/Program

"Standards for Masonry Materials" and "Tuckpointing," will be presented by Jake Ribar, principal masonry evaluation engineer with Construction Technologies Laboratories, Skokie, III. AIA/CES Level II. Earn 5 learning units. 8:30 a.m. through lunch. \$35 MIM members, \$55 non-members. Holiday Inn Livonia West. Call 313-458-8544.

## January

#### 7 Seminar

"Lien Law Workshop," sponsored by CAMTEC. Presenter is Marty Burnstein. 8:30-noon. Bloomfield Hills. \$85/105. Call 810-972-1000.

The information on seminars listed above are seminars/conferences that the AIA Michigan will publicize to its members. Additional seminars from all sources will be added as they arise and information will be updated as we receive the information. Continuing education programs statewide may be submitted for review and added to this calendar. University programs from LTU, Andrews, UD/M and UM will also be included.

# Speakers Series: From Sketch to Building

The University of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture and the Great Lakes Ceramic Tile Council announce a new fall lecture series entitled "from Sketch to Building." Three lectures will include: Donald Powell, principal of Powell/ Kleinschmidt, Sept. 19 at the Troy Design Center; Arthur Erickson of the Arthur Erickson Architectural Corp., Oct. 24 at UDM Outer Drive Campus; and Peter Walker, principal of William Johnson and Partners Landscape Architecture, Inc., Nov. 21 at UDM Outer Drive Campus.

All lectures begin with a reception and talbel top displays at 5 p.m. with the lecture beginning at 6 p.m. They are free. Contact UDM School of Architecture at 313-993-1532.

# News From National AIA

## AlAOnline Website Offers Free Member Access

Members who have followed the development of AIAOnline have witnessed a number of evolutionary changes in the service, the most recent and most farreaching of these changes being the addition of the new AIAOnline website (www.aiaonline.com) which went live on August 1. All AIA members, as well as components who exclusively use the website, were granted free, unlimited access.

All members and components who access the AIAOnline website will be given free, unlimited use of the general website. Those members who wish to continue to access AIAOnline a a proprietary on-line network, either through an access provider such as SprintNet or ADP or through the use of a TCP/IP connection, may do so and will continue to be billed at the current established rate of \$9.95 per month.

New subscribers to the AIAOnline website may register on-line, and will be assigned a user ID number and password. Because AIA Online will remain a member-only website, subscribers will be prompted to enter their AIA member number to gain access.

# AIA Contracts & Forms

The New 1996 bookstore catalogs are available by calling 1-800-365-2724. There are only two documents planned for completion before the end of 1996 - the B188 and the B511. Efforts are all being geared to revision of the A201 family of documents (originally planned for late 1997, but now possibly in time for the 1997 convention). Included are A101, A107, A111, A117, A201, A401, A511, A701, B141, B151, C141, C142. The Design/Build Documents - A191, A491 & B901 - are printed.

# Easy Access Housing Design Awards

Millions of American families include someone with a disability. Accessible or easily adapted singlefamily housing is a major concern for these families and for older Americans who are aging into disability and wish to continue living in their own homes. In response to this concern, Century 21 Real Estate Corp. and the National Easter Seal Society have created the Easy Access Housing Design Awards.

The program, undertaken in cooperation with National AIA through its research division, seeks to recognize high quality, innovative housing designs which enhance accessibility for the elderly and/or persons with disabilities.

The program welcomes entries in all categories of disability and in the widest range of behavioral settings. Entries are limited to completed projects; or, if the project has not yet been built, completed through design development with the owner's approval to proceed. The exclusive focus of the "Easy Access" program is on housing.

Entries will be screened by a jury of architects and accessibility specialists, and selected projects will be exhibited at the AIA National Convention in New Orleans in May 1997. Winning entries will also be featured in major home magazines.

Submissions are due at AIA headquarters on or before Nov. 1, 1996. For further information and an entry form, contact AIA Research by phone at 202-626-7446; fax 202-626-7425; or e-mail aiar@aia.org.

# AIA Trust Offers New Insurance Program

The AIA Trust Business Insurance Group recently made available a customdesigned insurance program for AIA members. The program, developed in conjunction with ITT Hartford, includes the following benefits:

Convenience - Completing

burdensome insurance applications is not required. General Liability, property, automobile, workers' compensation and umbrella coverages, in most cases, can be quoted with a single phone call.

*Cost Savings* - In addition to competitive premiums, as the program grows, favorable loss experience could make the program eligible for substantial dividends, regardless of individual loss experience. Premium payments may be made on a monthly basis. For information call 888-242-2420.

# Young Architects Forum

The national young architects forum is sponsoring a series of workshops at the Texas Society of Architects meeting in San Antonio, Oct. 10-12. Starting Your Own Firm, Internet and WWW Primer for Architects, and Fellows on Design are the topics aimed at young architects (licensed less than 10 years). There will also be a free reception, complete with Latin jazz, great food and an evening under the stars in the Presidio's courtyard on the River Walk.

For more information and registration materials, contact the TSA at 512-478-7386; or contact Judy Marks, director of the Young Architects Forum at 202-626-7494.

# **Code Library Available to Members**

The latest codes are available for your review at the AIA Detroit offices. The AIA Detroit Chapter Library can provide information by phone as well. The library is kept current through the volunteer efforts of Sue Brooks, librarian at Smith, Hinchman & Grylls.

# **Oops! We Goofed.**

The Michigan Maritime Museum mentioned in the June *Bulletin* is located in South Haven, not in St. Joseph as noted. Funds from Southwest Chapter members and the Michigan Architectural Foundation are being used to preserve the original linen drawings of the historic lighthouse. The importance and beauty of the linens will surely attract architects to view them!

# Obituary

#### PHILIP J. FUNKE

Philip J. Funke, an architect recognized by his ever-present bow tie and tape measure, died of a heart attack in early July at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He was 91.

Funke, an AIA member into the late 1950s, worked on more than 200 homes and 150 restaurants, including the Midtown Cafe in Birmingham, the Pilot House in Port Huron and Baker's Keyboard Lounge in Detroit. Early in his 67-year career, Funke did freelance design for Frank Lloyd Wright and Albert Kahn.

A resident of Royal Oak, Funke graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in architecture in 1929.

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# **Firm News**

Awards...

American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers gave its technology award to **Peter Basso Associates** for their design work on Medical Sciences Research Building II at UofM. The firm also won the Thomas & Betts National Signature Award as electrical company of the year.

#### New Positions...

Smith Hinchman & Grylls promoted to associate: Florence Banners, Kurt Burwinkle, John Edwartoski, Diane Moore, Gerald Philo, John Richards, Jill Stewart, Nancy Tatar and Kaye Waldron... Hobbs + Black Associates Inc.: Annette Green, interior design supervisor...Gunnar Birkerts and Associates, Inc.: Makito Mori, RA, to associate...Rossetti Associates Architects: James Renne, AIA, promoted to associate; and Juliet Jakobowski Phillips, AIA has joined the firm...Johnson Johnson & Roy/Inc: named five associates. In Ann Arbor, Constantine S. Lekas, Scott B. Reinholt and Marcia Myers. In Madison, Wisconsin, M. Kathleen Sullivan and John G. Voorhees... Larry Bishop, AIA, has joined Kingscott Associates, Inc....Quinn Evans/Architects: Michael Campbell and Steven Vandenbussche have joined the Ann Arbor office.

#### New Addresses...

Garfield Kindred Associates, P.C., 19080 W. Ten Mile Rd., Suite 201, Southfield, MI 48075-2401. Ph: 810-354-1357...Heil Partnership, 19080 W. Ten Mile Rd., Suite 203, Southfield, MI 48075. Ph: 810-799-9111... Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), 1625 S. Woodward Ave., P.O. Box 3204, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302-3204. Ph: 810-972-1000, Newsroom Fax: 810-972-1136... Giffels Consultants Inc., 20500 Civic Center Dr., Suite 3500, Southfield, MI 48076-4101. Ph: 810-353-1980... Concept Design Group, 89 Monroe Centre, Suite 400, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Ph: 616-771-0909.

# Grapevine

Lawrence Technological University has commissioned two noted architectural firms, Gwathmey Siegel & Associates of New York and Kenneth Neumann/Joel Smith and Associates, Inc. of Southfield to develop a master plan for improvements and expansion of facilities and ground on the 100-acre campus in Southfield ... Patty Shea, and the Wildflower Rescue Committee of Cranbrook, were featured in a wonderful article on wildflower rescue operations in the September issue of House Beautiful . Shea heads up the suburban Detroit group, which saves thousands of Michigan woodland plants each year before their habitats are razed for development. She is the wife of long-time active AIA member Jerry Shea, FAIA... The Fall issue of Building Ideas for your New Home, published by Better Homes and Gardens, provided two Michigan architects with great coverage. Robert Bryce, AIA of Bryce and Palazzola Architects and Associates, Inc., designed a Elizabeth Lake-front home with fon-du-lac stone surrounding the lower level. John Allegretti, AIA met a challenging lot by building  $up - 4 \frac{1}{2}$  stories - to open up living areas to the views and light. The home is on the southeastern Lake Michigan shore ... Allegretti recently attended the AIA Committee on Design 1996 program "Changing American Landscapes: The View from the River, Part II. Three Reaches Up-River: Continuity and Change from the Prairie to the Twin Cities"... UofM College of Architecture +Urban Planning news: Robert Darvas, AIA was named professor emeritus of architecture. He retired after 35 years on the UofM faculty. Professor Emeritus Herbert Johe, AIA displayed his watercolor renderings of the five orders of classical architecture, as well as some Indian temples, at the UofM Museum of Art during the summer months...Sharon Sutton, FAIA discussed "Reinventing Howard Roark" at the AIA Diversity Conference in August. Her new book, Weaving a Tapestry of Resistance: The Places, Power, and Poetry of a Sustainable Society, was recently published by Bergin & Garvey and is part of their Critical Studies in Education and Culture Series...Rex Bell has been elected president and chief operating officer of Miller-Davis Co., a Kalamazoo-based general contractor/construction manager...The Michigan Society of Professional Engineers named Tito Marzotto, PE, president of the 2,700-member organization...James Ryan, AIA, president of JPRAArchitects/Peterhansrea Design in Farmington Hills, was prominently featured in a full-color spread in the August 11

Detroit News. The article focused on the design and construction of Somerset Collection North... The Society for Marketing Professional Services elected officers and board members of 1996-97 including: President Dorine Kurkowski, Barton Malow Co.; President-elect Susan Arneson, Testing Engineers & Consultants, Inc.: Treasurer Ernest Hickson, PE, AIAM Hon. Affiliate, Detroit Edison; Secretary Anita Crisman, Barton Malow Co.; Immediate Past President Gerald Belian, PE, Soil and Materials Engineers; Directors are Bruce Babiarz, Ghafari Associates, Inc.; Gail Dara, TMP Associates, Inc.; Kathleen Hudson, Albert Kahn Associates, Inc.; and Ann Thompson, Perini Building Co.... UofM-Dearborn has appointed Gary Kecskes executive director of the Center for Corporate and Professional Development...Two Michigan renderers were mentioned in the AIA Chicago Focus. Jim Smith and Richard Rochon were part of a feature on renderers, model makers and photographers...Larry Horning, AIA has moved to Prudential Corp., 213 Washington St., 3rd Floor, Newark, NJ 07102-2992. Ph: 201-802-7012...Todd Allen Brandt has been named associate director of the AIA Huron Valley Chapter...NCARB has developed a side on the World Wide Web, offering up-to-date and instant access to information on architecture examination, registration and certification. The site is located at http://www.ncarb.org ... SEMCOG has joined the Web as well, with a site at http://www.semcog.org which provides SEMCOG news, programs and services, products and data, and contacts... The F.W. Dodge Division of the McGraw-Hill Companies reported that new construction contracts fell 2 percent in July. Both housing and nonresidential building experienced decreased activity, but nonbuilding construction (public works and utilities) held steady. Just in Michigan, July contracts for future construction were down eight percent, while year-to-date postings show a three percent increase over last year. Both nonresidential and nonbuilding construction showed downturns, while housing has increased...Softball champs this year hail from BEI Associates, Inc. The 1996 Building Arts Softball League champs boast a 12-0 regular season record and remained undefeated during the playoffs...The Grand Rapids Builders Exchange named Bart Austhof executive vice president to repace retiring Keith Petersen, who held the position since 1981...Baby boom among AIA leadership! New additions to AIAM families include Terrace Maxwell Glen Hoist, born July 2 to Jackie Hoist, AIA, president of AIA Flint chapter. Gabriella Natalia Continued on next page

# Grapevine Continued

Tiseo arrived Aug. 24, joining brother Dominic and parents Chris and **Ben Tiseo**, AIA. Ben is an AIAM director. Patty and **Brooke Smith**, AIA, celebrated with daughter Miga, when little sister Alyssa Smith was born Sept. 3. Brooke is a Detroit chapter board member...F.W. Dodge recently introduced its **Dodge DataLine** in a Windows version.

## **Classified Ads**

#### ENGINEER 5 (Architectural) \$45,578 to 57,899

Qualifications: Must be registered as an Architect by State of MI; have 5 yrs. of f/t pd. exp. as an Architect and a valid State of MI Driver's Lic. and safe driving record. Apply to: Department of Personnel/ Human Resources; County of Wayne; 107 Wayne County Building; 600 Randolph; Detroit, MI 48226; Tel: 224-5944; EOE

#### SENIOR ARCHITECT OPPORTUNITY

Consulting engineer/architect firm desires to hire a registered, experienced Architect to serve as Director in 8-12 months. Firm provides architectural services throughout North Central Wisconsin. Applicant shall have 8-10 years experience, primarily in the field of municipal, commercial, industrial and institutional buildings. A strong structural background and experience with AutoCAD drawing are preferred. The Consultant offers a complete benefits package. Consultant provides Equal Employment Opportunity.

Persons interested in this position should send a resume detailing work & education background, & salary /benefits history to: James Schulz+Becher-Hoppe Associates, Inc.+P.O. Box 8000+Wausau, WI 54402-8000+Ph: 715-845-8000

#### ARCHITECT

Well-established engineering & land surveying firm seeks qualified architect to expand firm's architectural department & capabilities. Looking for a Registered Architect with 10 years experience in commercial/ industrial architecture. Individual should be an experienced project manager with proven track record. Good written & verbal communication skills a must. Anticipate that assigned projects may be stand alone or part of larger ones within the office. Competitive salary & benefit package includes 401k & profit sharing. EOE M/F. Please respond to: Personnel; PO Box 1463; Saginaw, MI 48605-1463

#### SEEKING POSITION

1996 Master of Architecture graduate seeking position to relocate to Michigan. Master's degree from U of Texas, Austin, with 3.6 GPA. Also studied architecture and printmaking at Academy of Fine Arts in Prague. Worked as architecture intern with Pei Cobb Freed & Partners, New York. Call Jon David Yoder, 512-478-9024.

#### HOME FOR SALE

Older home in "Island" neighborhood just north of downtown Birmingham, is substantially remodeled, and contains many novel architectural features including skylit studio, 2nd and 3rd level decks, 2100 s.f. Within walking distance of town and several parks. Price negotiable, especially for someone who would appreciate the work and possibly continue it. Call 810-647-2914.

# Opportunities

**PROJECT DELIVERY RESOURCE** - The *Handbook of Project Delivery*, published by the AIA California Council, provides a definitive reference source on project delivery in the construction industry. The manual provides design firms with a tool to use as a resource to help clients select the "Best" project delivery method for their project. DPIC, Plan and National AIA collaborated on the project. For further information or to order the book, call Professional Concepts Insurance Agency, Inc., 313-662-4041.

WOOD DESIGN COMPETITION - The 1996 Wood Design Award Competition recognizes design excellence and innovative wood use in residential and nonresidential buildings, either new or remodeled. Entries are invited for buildings completed since January 1993. The deadline for submissions is Oct. 11, 1996. For entry materials call Ron Ingram at 202-463-2769. There is no entry fee.

#### WATERFRONT DESIGN COMPETITION - The

Greenport Waterfront Park Design Competition seeks a progressive yet aesthetically and environmentally compatible design for a 3.4 acre waterfront park, harborwalk and marina to serve as the focal point of the Greenport waterfron and business district. The centerpiece of the park will be an antique carousel. The Village of Greenport is located on Long Island about two hours from Manhattan. First prize winner will receive the commission to build the project. Registration deadline is Oct. 4. Fee is \$50. For submission packet call 516-477-3000.

**LEGISLATIVE NEWS SERVICE** - *Michigan Information and Research Service*, a daily Capitol news service, has been around for 35 years, but has recently made some notable changes. In addition to making the publication easier to read with columns and larger type, MIRS includes a new report of the requested rule changes from departments of state and their hearing dates. MIRS includes committee schedules, bill introductions and bill status, updates of public acts signed into law, calendar of significant events, and interviews with leaders and newsmakers. For subscription information call 517-482-2125.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### OCTOBER

2 Bldg. Code & Regul. Committee Seminar "Hardware"/313-965-4100

## 3 Board of Architects Meeting/Lansing

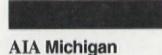
- 10-11 Educational Facilities Conference/MAF & AIA Michigan/ Bellaire
- 17 Zweig White & Assoc. seminar "Professional Recruitment Secrets"/Detroit/508-651-1559
- 23 AIA Detroit Annual Meeting & Election/313-965-4100
- 24 Masonry Seminar/MIM/Novi/810-349-4000
- 25 Negotiating Skills Worskhop/AIAM & PCIA/Novi/313-965-4100
- 25 AIAM Business Meeting/Novi Hilton/313-965-4100
- 25 AIA Natl nomination postmark for Fellowship
- 28 AIA Natl Kemper Award/Whitney Young Citation submission
- 31 Deadline for competitions & presentations/UIA Barcelona 96/343-301-5000

#### NOVEMBER

AIA Nat Architecture Firm Award/Thomas Jefferson Awards for Public Architecture submission 6 UM/CAUP Lecture Series/Enrique Norten Recent Work 13 AIA Detroit Committee Fest/Giffels Associates/313-965-4100 15 AIA Nat nomination postmark for Honorary Membership Bldg. Code & Regul. Committee Seminar/313-965-4100 20 AIA Nat Young Architects Citation submission 22 DECEMBER 7 Masonry Institute of Michigan Annual Meeting/Livonia/313-464-1300 AIAM Board of Directors Holiday Open House/Beaubien 12 House **JANUARY 1997** Planning Assembly/AIA Detroit & MSPO metro Detroit 9 area/\$TBD/313-965-4100

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