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Tenacious Home Builders Attempt New Exemption

As many of you know, AIA Michigan has been in a legislative battle with the Michigan home builders for a number of years over the issue of requirements for an architect's seal on single-family residential structures. Current law requires an architect's seal on any single-family residence in excess of 3500 s.f..

The home builders began their efforts to change this requirement two years ago by attempting to negotiate a higher square footage limit. Several versions of this approach were discussed with AIA Michigan and the Michigan building officials, arriving at what we thought was an agreed upon new limit of 6200 s.f. last year.

In a surprise move, however, the homebuilders abandoned this direction and began an effort to eliminate the requirement for an architect's seal on any size single family residence. That effort has now reached the Michigan Legislature in the form of *Senate Bill 149*, sponsored by Senator Ken Sikkema (R-Grandville).

To be clear, AIA Michigan will fight very vigorously to oppose this legislation. Our legislative counsel tell us that the sponsor of the bill and the committee chair seem inclined to seek a compromise on this issue, and we have pledged, along with ACEC/Michigan, to negotiate in good faith with the Michigan Association of Home Builders.

The purpose of this message is not to go into every detail of the issue. It is to let you know the position the AIA Michigan Board of Directors has taken regarding the proposed legislation, and to let all of you know how you can help.

Two years ago, when this issue first surfaced, the Board discussed at length how best to respond, taking into account

every aspect of its impact on our profession including potential loss of revenue for our members, and potential expansion of the same issue into other building classifications. In the end, the Board agreed that the central issue here is protection of health and safety. That is what the State licenses us to protect, and that is one of the key roles the public expects us to play.

The question, then, is quite simple. Do homebuilders have sufficient capabilities, through education, training and experience, to protect the public's health and safety with respect to designing any size single family residence? We, along with ACEC and the Building Officials in Michigan, believe they do not.

This is not to say we are not willing to compromise. We welcome the opportunity to discuss new approaches with all involved parties and we feel that a solution can be reached that will satisfy everyone, and continue to serve the public. That is the message we are sending to our legislators.

What can you do? Two things; first, find out who your legislator is and, when called upon by the AIAM, talk to him or her about this issue. The folks on our Government Affairs Committee will be working with our legislative counsel to reach key legislators that are reviewing this issue, but contacting your legislator directly will certainly help the cause.

Secondly, think again about contributing to APAC the next time you're asked. Frankly, the homebuilders are light-years ahead of us in this area, and whether we like it or not, we need financial resources to get our message out. We will be developing a new program this year to elevate our APAC fundraising efforts. I hope all of you will respond.



Gary Skog, FAIA
1999 President

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AIA Flint

AIA Flint has scheduled these upcoming events:

- March 19 Architectural lighting seminar
- April 16 Tour of Women's Center
- May 20 Luncheon with Genesee Co. Historical Society
- June 17 Masonry Institute Seminar, Van Poppelin
- July 16 Flint Golf Outing
- August 19 Building tour
- Sept 16 Professional development program on Code/Fire Marshall
- Oct 14 Video programs, annual election
- Nov 11 Continuing education seminar
- Dec 10 Holiday gathering, Sports Creek Raceway

AIA Grand Valley

Upcoming events include:

- March 19 Design Awards, Art Museum
- May 20 Taking it to the lake, Holland/Muskegon
- June 17 Hard hat building tour, VanAndel Institute
- July 15 GV Golf Outing, The Meadows

AIA Huron Valley

Architecture Explorers' Post

The Architecture Explorers' Post is open to high school students interested in architecture and related fields. It is crewed by local architects and urban planners who share how much fun these fields can be. Currently, more than 40 students are in the program.

Architecture Explorers' Post is a great way to learn about architecture, plus it provides opportunities for leadership and meeting students from other schools. The group meets twice per month throughout the year for a variety of activities that will help students make informed decisions about career interests. This year the group is focusing on designing a museum.

Students can join in any time. There is a \$13 registration fee. Call Dan McPeak at Lawrence R. Brink Associates, 734-995-1032. AIA Huron Valley members Jan

Culbertson, Jill and Todd Brandt, and Dan McPeak organize the Explorer events.

Chapter Report

AIA Huron Valley reported a lot of activities throughout 1998 including honoring two members with "Lifetime Service Awards" – Robert Metcalf, FAIA, Keith Weiland, AIA.

The AIA Huron Valley Chapter has the following programs scheduled:

- March 24 Construction site visit
- April 7 Design session - presentation drawings
- April 21 Final review
- May Field trip to Toledo Art Museum

AIA Mid-Michigan

The AIA Mid-Michigan Chapter meets the **third Thursday** of each month at various Lansing-area restaurants. Technical, professional practice and design-related programs are offered. Members earn LUs. Upcoming meetings include:

- March Reception for Bart Prince at LCC Competition. Design program presented by Lansing Community College. (1 LU)
- April Audio-Video Services. Design program by City Animation Co. (1 LU)
- May Door Hardware technical program. (1 LU)
- June Building tour - new legislative building and 112 W. Michigan. Design program (1 LU)
- July Energy Management and Efficient Design. Design program (1 LU)
- August Building tour - Old Town. Design program (1 LU)
- Sept Abby Stone Works technical program (1 LU)
- Oct Barrier Free Issues code program (1 LU)
- Nov You and Your Liability professional practice program (1 LU)
- Dec Chapter business meeting, election. Honor Awards Banquet

AIA Northern Michigan

AIA Northern Michigan chapter has these events scheduled:

- March 31 Building inspectors and the new building code
- April 28 Michigan Masonry Institute program
- May 26 Ornamental Iron, by Doug O'Brien in a hands-on workshop
- December Annual Christmas party, open house

AIA Southwest Michigan

Upcoming events include:

- April 15 Margaret Cavenagh & Ann Thompson, Berrien Springs.
- April 29 Terrence Curry, SJ/AIA
- May 20 Architectural Awards, Berrien Springs
- June 16 Member meeting
- July 16 SWM Golf Outing, Lake Doster
- Nov Design Awards, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts
- Dec SWM Christmas party

AIAM Annual Business Meeting

Friday, April 30, 1999

10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Cleary International Centre, Windsor

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Legislative Report

Senate Receives Another Architect Exemption Bill

By David Kimble, AIA, Home Builder Task Force Chair

Yet another initiative by the Michigan Association of Home Builders to gain an exemption to Article 20 of Public Act 299 has appeared in the Senate. The proposed legislation, known as SB-149, is now before the Senate Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs. The Bill was sponsored by Senators Sikkema, McManus, Gougeon and Stell at the request of the licensed builders of the state, and virtually duplicates House Bill 5908 of the last session. The Bill would exempt them from our licensing act and allow them to design single-family residences of any size.

Legislation in place since the 1960s has limited the untrained and inexperienced to the design of homes less than 3500 s.f.. While the complexity of a structure is of more concern with regards to a limitation on design capability, the current law prevents the untrained and inexperienced from getting too far without some professional oversight. Code officials in

the state have come to rely on our professionalism to give them a level of comfort with regards to large residences that have structural or design complexities.

After more than six years of this exemption showing up in various forms and dying for lack of support in committee, the home builders, undaunted, have again put forth another effort. In response, AIA Michigan's Government Affairs Committee has initiated a series of information gathering meetings and strategy sessions to effectively combat this effort.

Jeff Zokas, who replaced Al Cobb last year as chairman, has put several members into a subcommittee to plan specific actions in response. More information will be coming as the Bill gets closer to discussion in committee. Members will be called upon to attend committee meetings and write letters voicing their opinions directly to the legislators.

Historic Preservation Tax Credits Now Law

Governor John Engler recently signed into law landmark legislation that will provide state residents with tax incentives to restore historically-significant homes, commercial buildings, farms, barns and other property.

Besides creating additional jobs in the construction and trades fields and revitalizing downtowns, neighborhoods and large and small cities across Michigan, Jennifer Radcliff, president of the Michigan Historic Preservation Network, says the new laws will also:

- generate new revenue for local and state treasuries;
- create new business for building materials suppliers, construction firms and contractors
- attract new private development, adding that commercial developers can use the state tax incentives in conjunction with federal incentives now in place; and
- slow urban sprawl and encroachment on farmland by encouraging redevelopment of urban areas.

The new law provides a 25 percent single business tax credit or an income tax credit for qualified and approved

preservation and rehabilitation work done on residential or income-producing properties. The tax credits apply for work done on eligible properties starting with the 1999 tax year and thereafter.

Anyone wanting to learn more about the incentives should contact the State Historic Preservation Office at 517-373-1630 or the Network at 248-625-8181.

Evans Preservation Grant Available

The Michigan Architectural Foundation and the Clannad Foundation have joined to create the David Evans Memorial Preservation Grant Program. This annual award of up to \$5,000 will be made to a not-for-profit (501-C3) organization that can demonstrate a creative solution to a preservation problem in Michigan.

David Evans, FAIA of Ann Arbor was a leading advocate for innovative historic preservation. He was founding partner of Quinn/Evans Associates. His firm worked on many high profile historic buildings in Michigan and throughout the U.S. The Wayne County Building and the Michigan Capitol are two recent examples. Evans, who died in 1998, believed that the architectural treasures of our past must be valued and preserved for the generations to come.

These grants are aimed at small grass roots preservation organizations. Evans believed that incremental changes in a community's historic building stock often had profound effect on the quality of life of a community.

An application package of instructions is available from the MAF, 553 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48226 or by calling 313-965-4100, or on the Internet at www.aiami.com. The deadline for submission is March 31, 1999.

A jury composed of representatives of the funding authorities, recognized preservation experts and preservation architects will examine the submissions. The award will be presented during the joint AIAM-Ontario Association of Architects convention in Windsor on April 30, 1999.

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Echoes & Beacons Windsor '99 AIA/OAA Conference

Highlights Include:

- ◆ *Continuing Education credits from a variety of seminars*
- ◆ *Discovery tours*
- ◆ *Keynote speaker Dan Hanganu at the DIA*
- ◆ *Mayors of Windsor and Detroit luncheon*
- ◆ *The Celebration of Excellence:
AIA & OAA Awards*

AIA Michigan has reserved a block of rooms at the Casino Windsor Hotel, for April 30, 1999. The hotel is located at 377 Riverside Dr. East, Windsor. Rate is \$175 (Cdn) single/double, prior to Mar. 30. Phone 800-991-7777. Additional rooms (prices ranging from \$73 to \$119 Cdn) are reserved at other hotels for the duration of the convention. See details in the full conference brochure, or visit the OAA web site at www.oaa.on.ca.

Special Events

Wednesday, April 28, 1999

6:15-7:15 p.m.
Cleary International Centre
**President's Reception
& Lieutenant Governor's Awards Presentation
Conference Opening**

Thursday, April 29, 1999

9:45-11:45 a.m.
Sights & Sounds – Local Discovery Tours
Chrysler Minivan Assembly Plant
Walkerville – A Planned Community
Detroit City
Windsor City/Detroit Renaissance Center

7:30-10 p.m.
Detroit Institute of Arts
Keynote Speaker
Dan Hanganu, architect, OAA - His work has been noted for its modern and original spirit.

Friday, April 30, 1999

10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Cleary International Centre
AIA Michigan Annual Business Meeting

7-11 p.m.
Celebration of Excellence – AIA Michigan and OAA Awards
Cleary International Centre
This black-tie celebration includes an elegant cocktail reception and dinner before celebrating the achievements of this year's award recipients! **AIA sponsors: SMACNA and Great Lakes Fabricators & Erectors Association**

Post Conference Events

Tours of Cranbrook Institute, Detroit River/Lake St. Clair Boat Cruise
Golf

REGISTRATION INFORMATION - AIAM members may register for the full conference including the Awards program for \$195 (Canadian funds) or with a credit card (cost is \$245 after April 1). Registration for individual events is available. Register with the OAA for all events, unless you are registering ONLY for the April 30 Awards Program. AIAM members attending only the Awards program should register with AIAM. Cost is \$45 (U.S. funds) per person. A complete conference brochure, including conference registration form and hotel information is available by calling AIAM. All members will receive a special mailing on the Awards program. Conference information may also be accessed at the OAA Web site at www.oaa.on.ca; or phone OAA at 416-449-6898; or phone the AIAMichigan.

Seminar Details

Wednesday, April 28, 1999

7:30 - 10:30 p.m. **Fees and Services Tool Kit Workshop**

David Stone of Impact Initiatives Inc.

This tool kit has been compiled from the best practices of the best firms around the world so your architectural practices can achieve success through cutting edge sales, pricing, negotiating and business practices.

Thursday, April 29, 1999

(Concurrent seminars)

1:45 - 2:45 p.m. **Building on the Edge: Chrysler Canada Headquarters Building and The Windsor Casino**

and *Mel Glickman and Brian Andrew, architects, OAA*

3:15 - 4:15 p.m. The uniquely designed Chrysler Headquarters Building solves a complex program of requirements on a constrained riverfront site. The Windsor Casino design challenges conventional approaches.

Old Roots - New Branches: Revitalizing North America's Cities - Detroit

Michel Trocme, urban designer

Highlight of Detroit projects: a plan for a new center area, re-investment strategy for Greater Downtown, and master plan for Wayne State University.

Architectural Bridges: Restoration

Edward Francis, FAIA

Focus on the integration of restoration and preservation services from a design studio context.

Major Cities on the Move: A View to the North - The Boom in Detroit

Carl Roehling, FAIA

With more than \$2 billion of construction planned, a look at this construction boom will change your view of Detroit and Southeast Michigan.

Friday, April 30, 1999

7:15-8:45 a.m. **Cross Connections: Windsor Revitalization/Planning (Breakfast)**

Jim Yanchula, Windsor City Centre Revitalization Manager

Look at the legacy of fads and fundamentals and how revitalization has affected Windsor.

(Concurrent seminars)

9-10 a.m. **Woodward Avenue: Detroit's Grand American Avenue**

Thomas Brunk, PhD

Examine the patrons, the architects and the economic influences that created Woodward's unique character.

Illuminating the Border: Revitalizing Waterfronts

Charles Merz, AIA

Take a look at urban waterfronts and their potential impact on city life.

International Relations: Licensing Across the Border

Daniel Redstone, AIA

Hillel Roebuck, architect, OAA

Get an overview of the licensing process and learn valuable tips on obtaining a license across the border.

Law and Order - Windsor Joint Justice Facility

Macy Dubois, architect, OAA

The Windsor Justice Facility provides a unique case study. Look at the relationship between the judiciary and the police, integration into a public square and aesthetics on a modest budget.

DETROIT:

Rebuilding Downtown

April 15-18, 1999
Detroit Marriott
Renaissance Center

Sponsored by the Regional and
Urban Design Committee, Public
Architects and Housing
Professional Interest Areas

The Downtown Revitalization Puzzle: Putting the Pieces Together

- ◆ Plan to attract people back to downtown
- ◆ Determine five key questions to answer on gambling
- ◆ Master techniques to showcase your riverfront
- ◆ Turn transportation choices into gridlock relief
- ◆ Capitalize on preservation to rebuild with character
- ◆ Decide if entertainment districts and stadiums are the answer to revitalization

All Eyes on Detroit for PIA Meeting

Once the central focus of civic life, America's cities have been devastated by two decades of economic decline, middle-class flight to far-flung suburbs and the departure of business and capital to less expensive and less restrictive venues. Due, in part, to the strength of the national economy and the vision and dedication of cities' elected leaders, cities have recently begun to rebound. Baltimore, Denver, San Antonio and Seattle have been reborn as entertainment districts, arts centers and sports venues.

This four-day conference, *Detroit: Rebuilding Downtown*, provides a wonderful opportunity to witness firsthand the rebirth of a city. Detroit has had a rich planning and architectural design history throughout the 19th and 20th centuries. Over the last 30 years, however, the city has experienced economic decline in favor of growth in the surrounding suburban communities and has only begun its dramatic rebuilding effort. Nearly \$5.5 billion has been invested in the city in the last 5 years by the public sector and private development interests. Come see how you can apply the important lessons from this city to your own projects.

The forum looks at projects in all stages of planning and design development. Conference participants will hear from national experts in urban

design and downtown revitalization, and they will meet with people responsible for such changes as:

- The development of two new sports stadiums and an expanded theater/entertainment district
- The relocation of General Motors' Global Headquarters to the Renaissance Center along the Detroit River
- The Detroit riverfront master plan and the renovation of Belle Isle
- A new riverfront casino district
- The replanning of the New Center area.

Downtown revitalization is an important part of the equation for creating livable communities. The issue of livability is one that has received much public attention in recent times, in newspapers, among political leaders at all levels of government, and in ballot initiatives across the country. During this conference we will discover the elements essential to the success of rebuilding downtown.

Participants in the conference may earn up to 37.25 AIA Continuing Education System learning units, including 9.25 health, safety and welfare units.

For additional information, call the AIA PIA information line at 800-242-3837, check www.e-architect.com, follow links to <Conferences> <April>. **AIA Michigan members may register for \$200, all other AIA members \$275, students \$75.**

Brings together some of the country's leading experts in the fields of urban design and public architecture to discuss Detroit's rebuilding efforts

PROGRAM DETAILS

Thursday, April 15

2-5 p.m.	Registration at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center
3:30-5 p.m.	Bus Tour - Overview of Detroit's Downtown
6-7 p.m.	Reception and opening of DIA exhibit - Planning History of Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, keynote speaker. <i>Sponsored by U/D Mercy and School of Architecture.</i>

Friday, April 16

Ambassadors of the City: Business and Institutions in Downtown Revitalization

7:30-11:30 a.m.	Registration
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
7:30-8 a.m.	Early walking tour of Hart Plaza and Riverfront
8:30-10:30 a.m.	The City's Riverfront: A Place for Reinvestment/Achieving a Public Edge
10:30-11 a.m.	The Mayor's Institute on City Design
	Redevelopment and Race: Planning a Finer City in Postwar Detroit
1:30-2:45 p.m.	Bus tour of riverfront and trip to Wayne State University
3-4:30 p.m.	The New Center: The Role of Institutions and Public Architects in Redeveloping Districts
4:45-5:45 p.m.	Envisioning Detroit's Future: Results of the 1999 Detroit Charette
6:15-8 p.m.	Young Architects and Planners in Detroit, African American Museum, Detroit

Saturday, April 17

Putting on the Finishing Touches: Entertainment, Sports and Historic Preservation

7:30-11:30 a.m.	Registration
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:30-10:30 a.m.	Downtown: Rebuilding an Urban District
11 a.m.-12:45 p.m.	Downtown Detroit's Open Spaces—Overview and Discussion Walking Tour through Harmony Park
12:45 p.m.	Lunch at Intermezzo
2:30-4:30 p.m.	Entertainment and Sports – Creating a New Place in the City
6-7:30 p.m.	Understanding Regional/Urban Design Assistance Team (R/UDAT)
Evening	SHG hosts reception at Guardian Building

Sunday, April 18

8:30-9:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:30-11:30 a.m.	Livable Communities Issues and Principles: RUDC/Housing PIA Business Meeting
11:45 a.m.	Summary and Closing

HIGHLIGHTED SPEAKERS

Michael Stanton, FAIA
President, American Institute of Architects

Mayor Dennis Archer
City of Detroit

Richard Tomlinson, AIA
Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

Paul Bernard, AIA
Dept. Planning & Development, City of Detroit

John Stroh III
Rivertown Business Association

Matthew Cullen
GM Enterprise Activity Group

Christine Saum
Mayors' Institute on City Design

June Manning Thomas
Michigan State University

Eric Hill, AIA
Albert Kahn Associates

Tom Lollini, FAIA
Harrison Fraker, FAIA
University of California, Berkeley

Douglas Kelbaugh, FAIA
University of Michigan

Douglas McIntosh, AIA
McIntosh Poris

Larry Marantette, AIA Detroit Hon. Member
Greater Downtown Partnership Inc.

Michael Medick, AIA
Looney, Ricks, Kiss Architects

Kent Anderson, ASLA
Hamilton Anderson Associates

Herbert Jensen, AIA
President, AIA Detroit

Carl Roehling, FAIA
SHG Inc.

David DiChiera
Michigan Opera Theatre

Martha Lampkin Welborne, FAIA
Surface Transit Project



NATIONAL SCENE

NCARB

New CE Requirements in 3 States This Year

Three more states – Louisiana, North Carolina and Oklahoma – joined nine other states in requiring architects complete professional training in order to renew their architect licenses. In 2001, Vermont will also require continuing education. This brings the total number of states with continuing education requirements to thirteen, with eleven additional states considering legislation for requiring continuing education. Michigan is one of the states with pending legislation.

NCARB Q&A:

Becoming NCARB-Certified

This is the fourth article in a series addressing the most frequently asked questions about four NCARB services, compiling a Council Record, completing IDP, becoming NCARB-certified and transmitting your record for reciprocal registration.

Q. How may I become a member of NCARB?

A. The Council's only members are the architectural registration boards in the U.S., District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands. If you meet the requirements for education, experience, examination, registration and good character, you can be certified by NCARB. Apply to us and assist as we compile a verified record of your qualifications (known as your Council Record). When you meet NCARB's standards, you will be approved for certification. The certified Council Record is used in support of your application for reciprocal registration in any jurisdiction.

Q. I am a registered architect without a professional degree. What can NCARB do for me?

A. Without a professional degree from a program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), you may satisfy NCARB's education standard if you meet any of the "grandfather" provisions that expire July 1, 2000. If you do not yet qualify for certification, we can compile your verified credentials, evaluate them and transmit them to any of the 22 U.S. jurisdictions that accept such a non-certified Council Record in support of an application for reciprocal registration.

Q. Can you send me a "grandfathering" application?

A. There is one application form. The same form is used by interns and architects of various backgrounds. Call us for an application, or print it off our Web site (www.ncarb.org). If you do not have a professional degree, we can send you the NCARB Education Standard, which describes options for meeting our education requirements.

Q. I passed the Architect Registration Examination and became registered as an architect. What more is needed to certify me?

A. The requirements for certification are discrete. In addition to exams and registration, you must meet standards for education, training and good character. These standards are outlined in our *Handbook for Interns and Architects*.

Q. Why do I need the Intern Development Program (IDP)? I became an architect without it.

A. NCARB is committed to protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public by requiring comprehensive experience for certification; therefore, we require all applicants to demonstrate diversified training. Many architects have satisfied this requirement by participating in IDP. For those applicants who did not go through IDP, NCARB requires that they demonstrate their experience was equivalent to that

required in IDP, but having actually participated in IDP is not a requirement. In addition, 15 of NCARB's member boards require such training for reciprocity.

Q. I've applied for Council certification. Now you're asking for the same information I provided to the state to become registered. Why can't you get it directly from the state?

A. We rely upon the specific information requested on NCARB forms to support our verification process. These forms become a part of your official Council Record, which in theory, must satisfy 55 boards' requirements for reciprocity, so we require all information be submitted only on our official forms.

Q. If NCARB certifies me, will any state grant me reciprocal registration?

A. Certification recommends you to any board for registration. Twenty-one of our member boards require the Council Certificate as the exclusive method for interstate registration. However, each architectural registration authority has its own requirements and they may differ from NCARB's. The state board determines whom it registers to practice architecture within its jurisdiction. An overview of each state's requirements is in our free publication, *Member Board Requirements*, available from our office.

Contact the NCARB about publications mentioned above at 202-783-6500.
www.ncarb.org

National AIA Convention Dates

May 6-9, 1999	Dallas
May 4-7, 2000	Philadelphia
May 17-20, 2001	Denver
May 9-12, 2002	Charlotte, NC
May 1-4, 2003	San Diego
May 6-9, 2004	Chicago

CONTINUING EDUCATION

March

- 17 **AIA-Detroit/SEMBOIA Joint Meeting**
Topic is legislative intent and legal relationship between architects and building inspectors. Speakers Rainy Hamilton, AIA, State Licensing Board; and Larry Lehman, Office of Local Government. San Marino Club, Troy. Earn LUs. Free. Call Gale Forbes with questions at (248) 642-3430.

- 17-19 **Roofing Conference/Expo for Historic Buildings**
Conference features more than 50 presentations on the repair, restoration and replacement of roofs, roofing and related features. Expo features 24 select companies. Tours, comprehensive handbook and demonstrations offered. LUs. Registration fees discounted before Feb. 16. Philadelphia, PA. Call 202-343-6008.

- 18-19 **Health Facilities Conference**
Annual Health Facilities Conference. Amway Hotel, Grand Rapids. Call 313-965-4100.

- 24 **SMPS Hit Your Mark Series**
Topic is Seize the Opportunity: Prepare now for the economic downturn. Speakers Timothy Weed, CPA and Michael Zamara, CPA. 6-8:30 p.m., Southfield. Call Judy Little for information, 248-262-1875.

- 25 **Process Marketing Seminar**
One-day seminar for consulting engineering, architecture and environmental consulting firms, *Putting Process Marketing to Work in Your Firm* is an intensive day-long program showing design and environmental professionals how to plan and implement a marketing program that positions their firm as the "expert" and builds brand-name recognition. Gain hands-on experience during breakout sessions. Sponsored by Zweig White & Associates, Inc. AIAM members get a discount. Dearborn. For information call 800-466-6275.

- 31 **SMPS Hit Your Mark Series**
Topic is The Report Card: Measur-

ing Marketing Effectiveness, speaker is R. Craig Rutherford, SMP. 6-8:30 p.m., Southfield. Call Judy Little for information, 248-262-1875.

April

- 7 **SMPS Hit Your Mark Series**
Topic is The Client-Centered Team, speaker is David Stone. 6-8:30 p.m., Southfield. Call Judy Little for information, 248-262-1875.

- 8 **SMPS Monthly Program**
Topic is Regional Development (Brownfields).

- 15-17 **Urban Design**
See details on pgs. 6-7.

- 22-24 **Michigan Historic Preservation Network**
19th Annual Michigan Historic Preservation Conference, *Doing it Right: Getting the Results you want through good preservation*, features 45 speakers in two tracks. Includes new full-day construction trades symposium. Monroe. Call 248-625-8181.

- 28-30 **OAA/AIA Convention**
See details p. 4-5.

- 30 **Inspector Workshop**
Six-session workshop beginning April 30 provides preparation for the Structural Masonry Special Inspector examination. Program meets April 30, May 1, 7, 8, 14 and 15 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Masonry Institute of Michigan, Livonia. Instructor is John Chrysler. Phone 734-458-8544.

May

- 1-5 **Sustainable Communities Conference**
More than 3,000 people are expected to attend this *Sustainable Communities Design Conference* in Detroit. The program will feature Vice President Al Gore.

- 4 **Construction Industry Education Council Program**
Construction Documents will be the focus of this Michigan Construction Industry Professional Education Council program. Moderator of panel discussion will be Tim Skubick. East Lansing.

- 6-9 **AIA National Convention**
Dallas, Texas, will be the host city for the annual AIA National Convention.

- 13 **New Urbanism Seminar**
Gibbs Planning Group presents Economics of the New Urbanism: Seminar No. 2. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Birmingham. Speakers include Peter Calthorpe, a founder of The Congress of the New Urbanism; Robert Davis of Seaside Community Development Corp.; and Doris Goldstein, a Florida attorney representing successful New Urbanism projects. Contact Jay Macdonald, 248-642-4800.

- 29-6/13 **Scandinavia Tour Earns AIA LUs**
Architects, spouses and friends are invited to join the Architecture and Art tour to Norway, Sweden and Finland, May 29 to June 13, 1999. The tour price of \$2,929 per person, double occupancy, includes airfare, first class hotel accommodations, full breakfasts, special dinners, entrance fees, city tours and more. An optional extension to St. Petersburg is available. The Tour, led by Dean Neville Clouten at Lawrence Tech, meets AIA/CES criteria for Quality Level III. Members receive 135 LUs including 45 hours of health, safety and welfare. LUs will be reported directly to the AIA/CES. Call 248-204-2805 or e-mail CLOUTEN@LTU.EDU.

The information on seminars listed above are seminars/conference 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.

Continuing education credits will automatically be credited where AIA Michigan or AIA Detroit is the primary provider. AIA members may receive credits for any program, provided the member complete the self-evaluation form and return it to AIA National.



MEMBER NEWS

Grapevine

Dean Neville Clouten, Professor David Chasco and design studio students at Lawrence Technological University College of Architecture and Design made a special presentation of the Ssesse Island Cultural Center Project to the Washington World Group, the Pearl-of-Africa Enterprise, Inc., and the Ugandan Mission at the United Nations... **MSPE** honored three outstanding engineers at the ACEC/MSPE Engineering and Surveying Excellence Awards banquet in February. Dr. **Morris Hsi**, PhD, PE, was named 1999 Outstanding Engineer in Industry, **Christopher Kittides**, PE, was named Outstanding Engineer in Private Practice, and **Awni Qaqish**, was named Outstanding Engineer in Government... **Dominic Maltese Jr.**, president of D.J. Maltese Construction Services in Dearborn, takes the helm as AGC Detroit Chapter president... **Mark Robbins** was named director of design by the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Firm News

Awards...

BEI Associates, Inc.: received ISO 9001 certification... **Diekema/Hamann Architects:** Best New Construction by DESIGN '99, sponsored by the Society for the Advancement of Gerontological Environments and Nursing Homes/Long Term Care Management Magazine, for Rose Arbor Hospice.

New Positions...

Gregory Aerts and Associates Architects: Brian Howard as design associate... **Architects Design Group:** Jennifer Golden, became registered architect... **Diekema/Hamann Architects:** Juliana Garner, AIA, as project architect... **DSA Architects Planners:** David Rose, AIA,

as senior project manager and lead designer... **John Dziurman Architects Ltd.:** Stewart Kissinger, AIA, as manager of northern Michigan office... **Hobbs + Black Associates:** Timothy Andres, AIA, became registered architect... **Quinn Evans/Architects:** Jennifer Kowalewski as intern architect in Ann Arbor office... **Stucky • Vitale Architects:** Michael Blane, AIA, to associate... **TMP:** Dawn Peterson and David Newman recently passed Michigan PE exams.

New Firms/Offices...

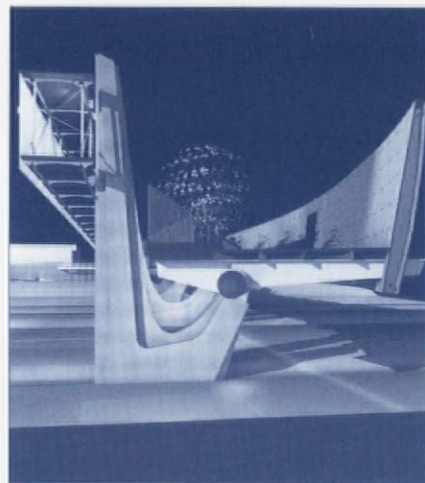
Swanson Meads Architects: formed by Glenda Meads, AIA, formerly principal of Studio Pellegrina Architects, and Karen Swanson, AIA, formerly principal of Swanson/Swanson Architects. Located at 139 W. Maple Rd., Suite C, Birmingham, MI 48009; ph: 248-644-1900.

PDA Wins Gateway Design Competition

State Transportation Director James DeSana announced PDA Architects of Farmington Hills as the winner of the Gateway Project Pedestrian Bridge design competition.

The Gateway is an overall project to enhance the international border crossing near the Ambassador Bridge in Detroit. The competition was held to find a unique design for the pedestrian bridge over I-75 near Bagley and is part of the Gateway project. PDA's winning design reflects the rebirth of the city and recognizes the ethnic background of the Southwest Detroit communities. PDA Architects will be included in the design team for the overall larger Gateway project.

The competition was a cooperative effort between the Michigan Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, the Detroit International Bridge Company, the City of Detroit and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.



A curvilinear wall of patina copper offers a symbolic reference to the Detroit River – PDA Architects.

The PDA design was presented in January at the Federal Transportation Commission's national conference in Washington, D.C. to promote how successful solutions can be when submitted in a competitive venue.

OPPORTUNITIES

BUILD BOSTON INVITES PROPOSALS – Architects and other building industry professionals are invited to submit workshop proposals for Build Boston '99, the 15th Annual U.S. Building Industry Convention in Boston, Nov. 16-18, 1999. For a workshop proposal form and guidelines call the Boston Society of Architects at (617) 951-1433 x221, ask for form BB-14 (for individuals wishing to propose a workshop) or BB-14P (for industry associations seeking to sponsor a workshop). The proposal deadline is April 2, 1999.

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS - RESTORATION & RENOVATION – Organizers of Restoration and Renovation invite proposals for conference presentations relating to restoration, renovation and rehabilitation as well as historically-inspired new construction. Two conferences are being planned for Charleston, SC (Nov. 7-9, 1999) and Boston, MA (Feb. 27-29, 2000). Proposal deadlines are April 1 for Charleston, and June 1 for Boston. Contact EGI Exhibitions for information, phone (978) 664-6455; e-mail show@egiexhib.com; Web site www.egiexhib.com.

NAT'L ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS GRANTS – Applications for design grants through the National Endowment for the Arts will be accepted in five broad categories including: Creation & Presentation (appl. deadline Mar. 29); Planning & Stabilization (appl. deadline Mar. 29); Heritage & Preservation (appl. deadline Aug. 16); Access (appl. deadline Aug. 16) and Education (appl. deadline Aug. 16). Projects may include innovative design and research projects, competitions, publications and exhibitions, and others. For further information call Mark Robbins, Director, Design, NEA, (202)682-5452.

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Architect/Civil Engineer

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MARCH

- 18-19 MAF Health Facilities Conference/Amway, Grand Rapids
25 AIAM ExCom and Board Meeting/Huron Valley
25 MIM Honor Awards Program/Livonia/734-462-0770

APRIL

- 8 State Board of Architects/Okemos
8 SMPS/M program/Regional Development (Brownfields)
15-18 National AIA PIA Committees/Housing, Urban Design, Public
Architecture/Ren Cen/Detroit
23 AIAM Fellows Reception/Beaubien House
28-1 OAA/AIAM Convention/Windsor & Detroit
30 AIAM Business Meeting/Windsor
30 AIAM & OAA Honor Awards/ Windsor

MAY

- 1-5 Sustainable Communities Design Conference/Detroit
6-9 National AIA Convention/Dallas
6 State Board of Professional Engineers/Okemos
13 SMPS/M program/What's Next? Boom to Fizzle: Grass is
Greener
20 MAF Golf Outing Fund Raiser/Ypsilanti

JUNE

- 3 State Board of Architects/Okemos
17 Prof. Concepts Golf Event/Lansing

JULY

- 15 State Board of Professional Engineers/Okemos

AUGUST

- 5 State Board of Architects/Okemos
5-7 Mid-Summer Conference, Mackinac Island
5 AIAM ExCom and Board/Mackinac Island
6 AIAM Business Meeting/Mackinac Island

SEPTEMBER

- 16 State Board of Professional Engineers/Okemos
17-19 Design Conference/Camp Hayo Went Ha/Torch Lake
24-25 AIAM ExCom: Northern/Upper Great Lakes/Upper Peninsula

OCTOBER

- 7 State Board of Architects/Okemos
14 AIAM ExCom and Board Meeting/Southwest
28-29 MAF Educational Facilities Conference

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