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Wow! (Wait 'til you read this...)

Several pages of this issue are devoted to honoring outstanding architects and design, representing a tremendous breadth of work. It makes me proud of architects – and architecture – in Michigan! We take our “show on the road” at the AIA National Convention (see details on page 3). This worthy event provides a great opportunity to have a voice in the AIA, get continuing ed, network with old classmates and friends, and see a city that’s undergoing an urban renaissance. Hope to see you there! – *Barry Wood, AIA, 1999-2000 AIAM President*

AIA Detroit Chapter

The robust economy and resulting resurgence of the Detroit metropolitan area has translated into some exciting times for the AIA Detroit Chapter, which has more than 1,100 members. During the past year, and as we enter the new millennium, AIA National’s Livable Communities agenda and the Downtown Detroit Renaissance have helped set the theme for numerous chapter activities. Many members participated in the National AIA Urban Design Committee’s three-day seminar in Detroit; and our own Urban Priorities Committee is reinvigorated. Our public awareness activities and awards programs continue to enhance the public’s understanding of the profession and AIA architects. Our hard-working committee members have coordinated Continuing Education Fests, legislative breakfasts, the house tour, and numerous other events.



(Front from left) Vice President Rainy Hamilton, AIA; Cindy Pozolo, AIA; AIAM Director Anne Bernardini, AIA; Secretary Matt Rossetti, AIA; Bob Veresan, AIA; and Associate Director Blake Elderkin, Assoc. AIA; (Back row from left) President Brooke Smith, AIA; AIAM Director & Secretary Tim Casai, FAIA; Steve Smith, AIA; AIAM Director Jim Meredith, AIA; Past President & AIAM Director Herb Jensen, AIA; AIAM Director Eric Hill, FAIA; Treasurer Jeff Hausman, AIA; (not pictured, Rae Dumke, Hon. AIA, executive director)

AIA Flint Chapter



Photo By Erick Donaldson

(Front from left) Park Smith, AIA, Michel Murphy, Assoc. AIA, Rusty Hudson, Assoc. AIA, Secretary John Asselin, AIA, President John Gazall, AIA; (Back from left) Vice President George Ananich, AIA, AIAM Director Ron Campbell, AIA, Jackie Hoist, AIA, Treasurer Terry Gill, AIA

At the start of the new millennium, the Flint Chapter of the AIA is poised to provide both service and fellowship to its members and community. Currently the chapter is made up of 32 regular AIA members and 22 Associate members. To meet the demands of an evolving profession, our chapter board’s emphasis has been on providing quality continuing education at the local level. This, along with a strong focus on community involvement and education, serves to position the chapter in a leadership role in the attempt to further the architectural profession in the greater Flint area.



MICHIGAN NEWS

Legislative Affairs/APAC Report

Breakfast Raises Money for Sen. Peters

More than 40 architects and engineers attended a recent breakfast fund-raiser for Sen. Gary Peters (D-14th District). The program was jointly sponsored by AIA Michigan, ACEC/Michigan and MSPE. AIA President Barry Wood presented a \$2,000 check from the Architects Political Action Committee to Peters.

AIAM legislative counsel Jim Cavanagh from Kelley Cawthorne welcomed the group and expressed thanks to Sen. Peters for his efforts on behalf of architects and engineers. Phil Nicholas, AIA, and Loren Klevering, AIA, from Arcadis/Giffels, hosted the event and walked Sen. Peters through the new GM project in Pontiac, which is credited with adding jobs and tax dollars to the Senator's district. Bruce Smith, FAIA, expressed thanks to Sen. Peters' for his efforts in helping to stop the demolition ball on the Clinton Valley Center in Pontiac.

The program planning committee included Chair Joe Novitsky, AIA, Ann Bernardini, AIA, Damon Leverett, AIA, David Lubin, RA, Gaylord Forbes, AIA, Todd Young, AIA and Ben Tiseo, AIA.

Russian Group Expresses Appreciation

A recent letter from the Center for Citizen Initiatives expressed gratitude to AIAM and member architects who supported a visit in December by a contingent of Russian architects. AIA Saginaw Valley members played an integral role in the visit – including organizing programs, housing the visitors and hosting them at architectural offices. Special thanks goes to Don Koster of Dow, Howell, Gilmore for his extra efforts and to the AIAM Executive Committee for presenting a program on AIA.

The group of 11 Russian architects visited Mount Pleasant to exchange ideas with American architects. They were taking part

in the Productivity Enhancement Program, which is part of the Center for Citizen Initiative, a San Francisco-based program that organizes visits for Russian professionals. The program is designed to assist Russians in learning to adapt to a market economy.

Masonry Awards Honor Michigan Architects

Through its annual awards program, the Masonry Institute of Michigan honors works of distinction by AIA Michigan members.

Award recipients at this year's Masonry Honor Awards Banquet in March, as determined by a jury of prominent AIA New York State architects, included:

Anchor Bay Aquatic Center, Anchor Bay Schools
New Baltimore
French Associates

Henry Ford Community College Child Activity Center
Dearborn
Straub Pettitt Yaste

Saginaw Valley State University
Saginaw
Harley Ellington Design

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Andrew Young and International Architects Headline AIA Convention

Addressing the important themes of Livable Communities and Sustainability, former UN Ambassador Andrew Young will be the keynote speaker at the AIA Convention and Exposition in Philadelphia.

Two internationally-acclaimed architects, Zaha M. Hadid and Christian de Portzamparc, will also bring their own fresh perspectives to the Convention theme: "New Century - New Vision: Livable Communities for America's future."

More than 15,000 architects and industry professionals are expected to attend the 2000 AIA Convention and Expo, which will be held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center from Thursday, May 4 through Saturday, May 6.

The Convention theme focuses on one of the most pressing national issues. In the face of urban blight, suburban sprawl and rural resource degradation, every community in America is searching for answers. How can we revitalize our cities? How can we manage suburban growth? And what can we do to protect our rural resources?

For additional information on attending the AIA Convention and Exposition, visit the convention Web site at www.aiaconvention2000.com.

Furniture and Furnishings Show Follows Convention

The Philadelphia Furniture and Furnishings Show invites members of AIA Michigan to its year 2000 event, slated for May 12-14 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, following the National AIA Convention. AIAM members will receive free admission to the show by presenting a business card or other material indicating that they are AIA members at the will-call directly opposite the entrance to Hall D. No pre-registration is necessary. To receive a show brochure, or to order a show catalog, contact the PFFS show office at (215) 440-0718 or pffshow@erols.com.

AIA National Convention Delegates Sought

Michigan architects wishing to serve as delegates to the AIA National Convention in Philadelphia should contact their chapter presidents. AIA Detroit members should contact Rae Dumke.

Delegates attend the regional caucuses, candidate speeches and business meetings of the Institute, and must be eligible to vote.

Future Convention Dates

May 4-7, 2000	Philadelphia
May 18-21, 2001	Denver
May 9-12, 2002	Charlotte

Upcoming AIA Grassroots Meetings

in Washington, D.C.
February 14-17, 2001
January 30-February 2, 2002

Push for a Single Code

In December, the AIA Board unanimously endorsed recommendations of its Codes Task Force and restated its call for the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the International Codes Council (ICC) to resume discussion on cooperative development of codes and standard for the nation.

The development of multiple building codes, fire codes, electrical codes, and gas codes fosters a negative atmosphere and continuing regulatory conflict. With this in mind, the AIA will continue to push for a single set of comprehensive, coordinated and contemporary codes.

The AIA is actively working with others in the design and construction community as a member of the "Get it Together" Coalition. This coalition is solely focused on finding ways for the ICC and the NFPA to set their disagreements aside and coordinate their efforts. If you have any questions, or would like to receive a copy of the Codes Task Force Report, please contact Paul Mendelsohn at (202) 626-7388 or e-mail him at mendelsohnp@aiaemail.aia.org.

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Visit www.aiaphil.org for more information.



AIA MICHIGAN FELLOWS

Three Architects Named Fellows

Fellowship is the second-highest honor, behind the Gold Medal, that the Institute bestows on a member. Out of a membership of more than 66,000, there are fewer than 2,300 AIA members distinguished with the honor of fellowship.

The AIA has elected three Michigan architects to its prestigious College of Fellows. The elevation of Eric Hill, Thomas O'Connor and Victor Saroki brings the number of Michigan Fellows to more than 50.

Among only 83 architects given the honor this year, the new Michigan Fellows will be invested in the College of Fellows at the 2000 AIA National Convention in Philadelphia on May 4.

Eric Hill, PhD, FAIA

Eric Hill is vice president, director of urban design and planning, for Albert Kahn Associates, and is founding principal and managing director of The Albert Kahn Collaborative, AKA's subsidiary focused on urban and architectural revitalization. AKA is a 350-person architectural, engineering, planning and interiors firm. Hill serves on AKA's steering committee, focused on firm-wide continuous improvement and total quality management.

Additionally, Hill serves as adjunct professor of architecture at the Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Michigan.

Creatively integrating practice and education, Hill has extended a legacy in architecture through meaningful contributions to university teaching, international research, professional development and the public's appreciation of the built environment.

As adjunct professor, he partnered with the University to renew the professional practice curriculum and develop one of the nation's first practice courses based entirely

on case-study methodology. His course writings have been adopted at other architecture schools.

Hill has also advanced international research and education through his commitment to the American-Scandinavian Foundation, promoting American and Nordic scholarship and fostering significant research in architecture and allied fields.

Career Development and continuing education for interns and architects has also been a priority. He's served as IDP coordinator in local, state and university contexts, where he has surveyed intern interests and championed intern-directed improvements.

Hill is also developing a new *AIA Guide to Detroit Architecture*, used to introduce an international audience to the city's rich architectural heritage and urban fabric, while advancing public, educational and professional interests.

Hill received his PhD in Architecture and bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He was granted his Masters in Architecture from Harvard University.

Thomas O'Connor, FAIA

Thomas O'Connor teaches what he practices: proper construction technology and solutions to building problems. O'Connor, vice president and director of building technology at SmithGroup Inc., has authored industry standards, developed innovative construction theory, conducted research, published and lectured on technical issues and instructed fellow professionals and students.

Through his 19-year involvement in the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), Committee C24 on Building Seals and Sealants (including ten years as chairman), he redirected C24 to the writing of better guide and specification standards more useable by architects. He has participated in writing over 40 ASTM standards used globally, and was principal author of five standards.

His peer-reviewed paper *Design of Sealant Joints*, a result of O'Connor's forensic investigative work, was the first compre-

hensive analysis of the subject. His additional research resulted in publication of *Recent Developments in the Design of Sealant Joints for Movement and Other Effects*. His joint design papers developed the theory for designing sealant joints to accommodate movement and tolerances.

Fellowship in ASTM and election to the Sealants Hall of Fame recognized his significant and unique contributions in developing standards used nationally and internationally by architects and in building codes.

O'Connor's research on the durability of structural sealant glazing was published as *Extended Laboratory Testing for Two Structural Glazing Silicone Sealants*. This was the first testing of structural sealant joints to failure, on full-scale wall components, and the first independently-conducted extended durability testing, using accelerated environmental conditioning, to document long-term performance capability.

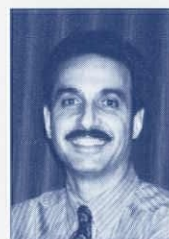
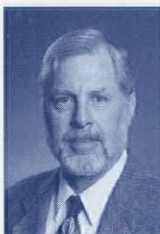
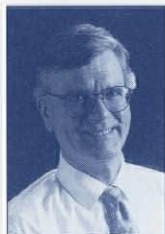
A graduate of Lawrence Technological University with a bachelor's degree in architectural engineering, O'Connor has taught at the University of Detroit Mercy for 25 years. He has also lectured at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Eastern Michigan University, University of Michigan, and others.

Victor Saroki, FAIA

Victor Saroki is president of Victor Saroki & Associates Architects, PC in Birmingham, which is recognized as one of the community's most creative architectural firms. Projects encompass retail, residential, historic renovation, entertainment and commercial developments with an emphasis on interior architecture.

Saroki's dedication to the belief that architecture can be achieved at every level, from interior details to city spaces, has led to recognition of his work by over 35 design awards. His projects have been featured in more than 40 articles on design, including eight national publications.

With a special emphasis on public inte-



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rior spaces, Saroki's work has included theatres, restaurants, retail, galleries and hotels. They have all played an important role in rejuvenating Birmingham's downtown social atmosphere into a most desirable city in which to work and live.

A frequent lecturer on design for governmental planning boards and civic/art groups, Saroki uses examples of his designs that improve the physical urban environment. He played a key role in workshops assisting city planners and officials in creating a new master plan ordinance that has been successful in stimulating new downtown development.

He is a regular speaker and design juror at several schools of architecture including Lawrence Technological University, University of Detroit Mercy and University of Michigan. He has invited architectural classes and student chapters to his office to discuss practice and design. Taking students on visits to selected new projects has encouraged and excited future architects about design.

Saroki is currently working to establish the Birmingham Historical Museum by assisting in the building's restoration and fundraising efforts. His efforts have resulted in an endowment fund established to make this project a reality. Using his architectural practice as a catalyst, Saroki has hosted, sponsored and chaired many charitable events.

Fellow Nominations

Resumes of candidates for AIA Fellowship should be mailed or faxed to:

Fellows Committee
AIA Michigan
Beaubien House
553 E. Jefferson Ave.
Detroit, MI 48226-4342

Fax (313) 965-1501

Deadline: May 3, 2000

Design Honor Awards

Building Category

Lake Orion High School

Lake Orion

Architect: URS

LEAR Corporation Division Headquarters Expansion

Dearborn

Architect: Neumann/Smith & Associates

Mercedes-Benz All-Activity Vehicle Production Facility

Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Architect: Albert Kahn Associates, Inc.

Sisters of Mercy McAuley Center Chapel

Farmington Hills

Architect: Constantine George Pappas,
AIA Architecture/Planning

Spiritus Sanctus Academy

Northfield Township

Architect: Uppgren and Associates,
Architects

Steel Award/Great Lakes Fabricators & Erectors Assn.

USTA National Tennis Center

Expansion, Arthur Ashe Stadium

Flushing Meadow, New York

Architect: Rossetti Architects

Interiors

Architectural Office Renovation, Guardian Building

Detroit

The SmithGroup

Offices of PDA Architects, PC

Farmington Hills

Architect: PDA Architects, PC

Detroit Opera House - Interior Restoration

Detroit

Architects: Constantine George
Pappas, AIA Architecture/Planning
The Albert Kahn Collaborative

Low Budget/Small Project

Design Studio for the Office of Constantine George Pappas AIA

Troy

Architect: Constantine George Pappas,
AIA Architecture/Planning

The Michigan Stove

Detroit

Architect: The SmithGroup

Twenty-five Year Award

Lincoln Elementary School

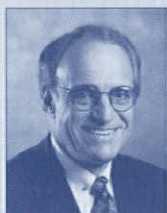
Columbus, Indiana

Architect: Gunnar Birkerts and Associates



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Recognitions



Gold Medal

Arnold Mikon, FAIA
Chair and CEO of The SmithGroup
Companies

Hastings Award

James Blomquist, AIA
Blomquist & Associates Architects

Honorary Affiliate Member

David Barr, Hon. Affiliate
Noted sculptor

Ronald Staley, Hon. Affiliate
The Christman Company

Stephen Wagner, Hon. Affiliate
Executive Director, ACEC/Michigan

Young Architect of the Year

Michael Corby, AIA
Principal, Integrated Architects

President's Award

Neville Clouten, FRAIA
Dean, College of Architecture,
Lawrence Technological University

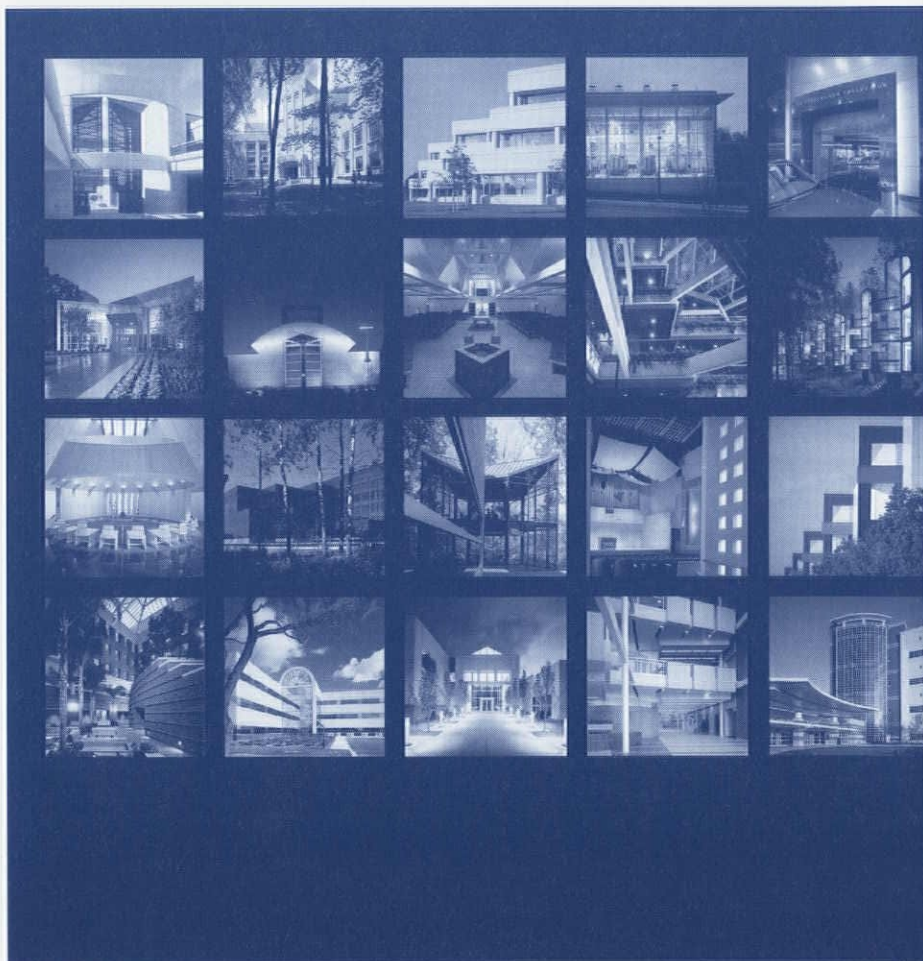
David Evans, FAIA Memorial Award for Historic Preservation

Interurban Car #8
Coopersville Historical Society
Museum

Harley Ellis Named Michigan Firm of the Year

This 92-year architectural/Engineering firm began in 1908 when architect Alvin Harley formed a partnership with Harvey Atcheson. The firm name changed many times as partners retired and new ones were added but the firm's commitment to quality design has remained constant.

The most recent change occurred when Harley Ellington Design joined with Ellis, Naeyert, Genheimer in January of this year. Today, there are 270 professional architects and engineers working on a diverse group of building projects including four university buildings, a GM Assembly Complex in Shreveport, LA, additions to Wm. Beaumont and St. Johns hospitals, a science building in New Hampshire and a visual arts/library for the Interlochen Center for the Arts.



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Gensler Wins AIA Year 2000 Architecture Firm Award

When you think of Gensler, an image of a huge international design firm may come to mind. From his place in Gensler's Detroit office, that perspective seems far from reality for architect Bill Hartman, a vp (in this company that places little emphasis on job titles) who runs the Detroit office. "We're everywhere. But, we're not a giant. Our Detroit office has grown from five people in 1993 to nearly forty today. We don't just do huge projects. In fact, our average size project is about 25,000 square feet."

Agreeing with Hartman's assessment, Arthur Smith, FAIA, says, "Gensler is really a series of small offices tied together."

Those ties – strategic investment in learning, training and technology coupled with unwavering commitment to client needs and client relationships – bind 17 offices and 1,860 people and have netted recognition by AIA as the Year 2000 Architecture Firm.

"The Year 2000 is an appropriate time to honor a firm that has consistently pushed the boundaries of architecture," said Michael Stanton, FAIA, president of AIA. "Gensler people are comfortable about moving across the building cycle. They understand how its phases tie back to the client's strategy, and are prepared to lead the process. Knowing that our largest firm produces architects with this capacity gives me real hope for our profession as it moves into the next century. The design expression of Gensler's buildings reflects its clients' renewed understanding that place matters, that architecture has strategic value. Gensler's example points to architecture's central importance in a new and global economy."

Founded in 1965 in San Francisco as a three-person office, Gensler is called "one of America's most influential design firms" by *Fast Company* magazine. Corporate office design was an early focus, and Gensler is widely credited with making interior design an integral part of architectural practice.

Workplace design led quickly to office



The Gensler - Detroit Team

building commissions, including pioneering work in building energy conservation, indoor air quality and sustainable building design. Gensler now specializes in airport terminals, film/television studios, theme parks and retail/entertainment centers, hotels and urban-scale mixed-use developments.

Hartman credits Gensler's success to the company's exemplary support of its clients and their business strategies, and to the firm's commitment to its employees. In 1998, Gensler became the first architecture firm to win Arthur Andersen's National Best Practices Award. Calling the firm "the benchmark of the profession and a true learning company," Anderson cited Gensler as an enlightened employer that invests systematically in learning, training and technology. More than 30 percent employee-owned, Gensler has one of the lowest employee turnover rates in its industry.

Smith, who with his former Southfield, Mich., staff joined Gensler in Detroit last year, is impressed with the firm's emphasis on its own people. "This firm puts its people first and clients second. Excellent projects are a by-product of this philosophy."

"Gensler is legendary in the profession for the support they give their employees. That support goes across the board, but it reflects two ideas that are fundamental to

the firm's business model – invest in performance and invest in people," says Stanton.

Hartman noted that Gensler was one of the first in the profession to create an Employee Stock Ownership Plan. Today, employees own about 32 percent of the firm. Notable Gensler projects in the Detroit metropolitan area include the workplace interiors at General Motors' Global Headquarters at the Renaissance Center; the Vehicle Engineering Center at the General Motors Technical Center in Warren; Ford Motor Company World Headquarters Renovation in Dearborn; Ford/IBM/Compuware Business Innovation Center in Dearborn; Programming/Planning for the State of Michigan's relocation into the former General Motors Building; and the recent AIA Michigan award-winning interiors for Caribiner Communications, Dearborn.

Gensler exemplifies how the deliberate and creative mix of disciplines – all with 'place' as its focus – adds richness and value to buildings and their settings. In the process, the firm has pushed the envelope of professional practice, constantly breaking into new markets and extending its services.

— Michael J. Stanton, FAIA
President, AIA



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Jury comments – A brave and bold step by Detroit to establish a cultural and arts corridor, using historic building stock. A vibrant destination, this promises to be an urban incubator of new downtown activity and investment.



Harmonie Park/Madison Avenue Development Project Nets AIA Honors

Architects, acting as developers, spurred the development of a north central business district of Detroit when attempts to attract traditional developers failed due to economic conditions in Detroit in the 1980s. This effort – coined a small, but strategic seed of urban revival in downtown Detroit – garnered a 2000 AIA Honor Award for Regional and Urban Design.

In 1985, Schervish Vogel Consulting Architects completed the Harmonie Park/Madison Avenue Development Study at the behest of the Detroit Renaissance Foundation. The area was selected because much of its historic fiber was intact; there were institutional anchors; and it had a strong base in the arts. An urban design plan by architects Stephen Vogel, FAIA, and David Schervish, AIA, ASLA, proposed the creation of an active, mixed-use retail, restaurant, entertainment and arts area linked to Greektown to the south and a proposed theatre/entertainment district to the north.

When a developer didn't jump at the opportunity, the architects themselves began the gradual optioning of property and development rights for existing buildings and vacant land.

The phase one program for the renovated, reused and new buildings included arts-related retail and restaurants; loft residential and commercial space in existing buildings; a renovated hotel; and new office and residential development. In total, a multi-year, \$40,000,000 development concept was created for the adaptive reuse of existing buildings and the creation of new structures.

Successful completion of the first phase has now lead to the beginning of phase two that includes development of new multi-use projects on vacant properties.



CONTINUING EDUCATION

May

5-7 Historic Preservation

"Lasting Value: Preservation Moves Into the 21st Century" is the theme of the 20th Annual Michigan Historic Preservation Network Conference. Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids. Call (248) 625-8181, or visit www.mhpn.org.

4-6 AIA National Convention in Philadelphia (see page 3)

9 Spring PEC Series

The Michigan Construction Industry Professional Education Council Spring Series program, "You Want Your Project Delivered When?" Features Tim Skubick as panel moderator. 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Olds Museum, Lansing. \$85 per person, includes lunch. Contact AGC Michigan, (517) 371-1550, e-mail info@mi.agc.org.

10 Future Space Seminar

Seminar leader Alan Whitson, a leading authority on facilities, will share his secrets to control the cost of churn. Slash project schedules. Reduce operating costs. Increase employee productivity. And deal with the growing array of technology and its impact on facilities. 50% discount for AIA members registered in advance (\$20). 2.5 LUs, and 2.5 hours of HSW. 8:30-11 a.m., Southfield Marriott. Call Corporate Realty, Design & Management Institute, (800) 452-4480.

9 & 10 Professional Liability Seminar

Professional Underwriters Inc. presents Professional Liability Seminar for Design Professionals featuring Thomas Porterfield, Jr., vp of Victor O. Schinnerer & Co. Inc. Covers employment practices, surety bonding and E&O claims. 7:30-Noon. No charge, but seating is limited and pre-registration is requested. Earn 4 LUs. May 9 in Grand Rapids, May 10 in Troy. Call (248) 855-3222.

14 SEAM Monthly Program

Wind Loads will be addressed at this monthly meeting of Structural Engineers Association of Michigan. Fax Pamela at (248) 350-2405 for more information.

June

5 Life Cycle Costing

This one-day seminar on Life Cycle Costing for Facility Projects is designed for people who make significant, high risk decisions about the cost and management of complex projects. Seminar instructors include Stephen Kirk, PhD, FAIA, who has a diversified background in facility economics, administration of Value Management programs and evaluation of business and technological projects; and David Sherwood, principal with KIRK Associates. Dr. Kirk has authored seven books on VM and life cycle costing. Royal Oak. Registration fee. Call (313) 823-7330.

16-18 ARE Exam Prep

AIA Huron Valley will host an ARE Exam Prep Seminar/Mock Exam at the Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning. Detailed information will be mailed to all AIAM members to pass along to intern architects.

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Awards, etc....

Allegretti Architects, Inc.: Best in Region award for a private residence in Sawyer, Mich., from Best in American Living Awards sponsored by *Professional Builder* magazine and the National Association of Home Builders... **Ann Arbor Architects Collaborative:** David Osler, FAIA, Lifetime Service Award from Huron Valley AIA. A donation was made in his honor to the Emil Lorch Library Fund at the Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning... **BEI Associates:** Anthony Hall Complex, Michigan State University, selected for *American School & University* magazine 1999 Architectural Portfolio... **DiClemente Siegel Design Inc. (DSD):** received ISO 9001 certification in November, 1999... **Duce Simmons Associates, LLC:** certified as a Women Business Enterprise by the National Women Business Owners Corp. Majority Business Initiative, Inc.... **Ghafari Associates Inc.:** received ISO 9001 certification in March, 2000... **Integrated Architecture:** Outstanding Adaptive Re-Use award from the Huron Land Use Alliance for the renovation of the Historic Ann Arbor Armory.

New Positions...

Ann Arbor Architects Collaborative: Loretta Stubleski, AIA, and Heather Graham Lewis, AIA to associate... **Barton Malow Design, Inc.:** Algimantas Bublys, FAIA, as VP, architectural design; **Erich Hiedemann, AIA** to architect... **Ghafari Associates Inc.:** Robert Stevenson, PE, to vp of Industrial Group... **Rossetti Architects:** Ronald Henry, AIA, Joseph Slajus II, AIA, and Thomas Lehn, IIDA, to associate... **SmithGroup Historic Preservation Practice:** J. Michael Kirk, AIA, and Scott Wood as architects and Kristi Gilbert as marketing coordinator... **THA Architects Engineers:** Jack Harrison as senior job captain and Kent Poppe, PE as director of engineering.

New Addresses, etc....

GMB Architects-Engineers: 145 College Ave., Holland, MI 49423-2921... **Victor Saroki & Associates Architects PC:** 430 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham, MI 48009; ph: (248) 258-5707.

New Names...

A.J. Etkin Construction Co. to **Etkin Skanska Construction Co.**... **Gazall, Reno & Associates, Architects, Inc.**... The Moutsatson Studios to **GeoCorp Ltd.**

Mergers and New Firms...

Integrated Design Solutions, LLC (IDS), 3150 Livernois, Ste. 300, Troy, MI 48063, a full-service design firm with architecture, engineering, interiors and technology disciplines... **Steele Engineering Associates Inc.** has merged with **DiClemente Siegel Design Inc. (DSD).**

Anniversaries...

Kessler | Francis | Cardoza: 45 years.

Grapevine

Louis Redstone, FAIA, was honored at the opening night preview of the 2000 DTE Energy Detroit International Bloomfest on April 5 at Cobo Center. World-renowned sculptor **David Barr, Hon. Affiliate,** made a presentation to Redstone recognizing his early involvement in the placement of outdoor sculpture and inclusion of sculptured works in architectural design... **Rainy Hamilton, Jr., AIA,** of Hamilton-Anderson Associates was featured in the February 2000 *AIArchitect*... **MSPE** inducted the following new fellows: Berald Belian, PE, Thomas Healy, PE, James Kolb, PE, David Mester, PE and Zoran Novak, PE... Some 40 senior and graduate students in **Lawrence Tech's** College of Architecture and Design launched a semester-long urban design project in February aimed at improving housing, retail and recreational facilities in a New Center neighborhood east of the Lodge Fwy. (known in the past as

"Piety Hill"). The project team conducted workshops throughout February at Lawrence Tech's Detroit Studio, with a final presentation and exhibition slated for May, 2000... **Dominick Tringali, AIA,** of Dominick Tringali Associates Architects & Planners, judged the 1999 Best of American Living Award Competition in January, 2000, in Dallas. As one of the program's four selected judges, Tringali presented a lecture on new trends and lifestyle features within custom home design... **David Esau, AIA,** of Cornerstone Design, has been elected to his third term as co-chair of the Michigan ADA Steering Committee. The groups works to promote awareness of and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Obituaries

EDWARD BASSETT, AIA

Edward Charles Bassett, a widely praised architect whose work ranged from San Francisco's symphony hall to the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, passed away last fall. Born in Port Huron, MI, Bassett received a bachelor's degree in architecture in 1949 from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in architecture in 1951 from the Cranbrook Academy of Art. Bassett worked with Eero Saarinen before joining Skidmore, Owings & Merrill in San Francisco, where he lived until his death.

ALMON DURKEE, FAIA-EMERITUS

Almon James Durkee, Jr., passed away March 5, 2000, in Traverse City, Mich. For 22 years, Mr. Durkee was a key associate or partner in five prestigious Michigan architectural firms. He served as president of the Michigan Society of Architects in 1971, and was honored with the Society's Gold Medal in 1987. He served as director of the Bureau of Facilities for the State of Michigan for more than 14 years until his retirement in 1987. Mr. Durkee earned his bachelor's of architecture degree from Syracuse University. He is survived by his wife, seven children (including Dan Durkee, AIA, of Grand Rapids) and eight grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Presbyterian Church of Traverse City, 701 Westminster Rd., Traverse City, MI 49684.

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