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AIA Upper Peninsula Chapter

The AIA Michigan Upper Peninsula chapter covers the largest geographical area in the state, stretching from Ironwood in the west to Drummond Island in the east (about 440 miles), and from the Keweenaw Peninsula in the north to Menominee in the south (about 220 miles). The chapter has 19 AIA members and a very active and participatory group of members made up primarily of building product suppliers from Wisconsin.

Meetings are generally every two months at varying locations, though usually in the central UP. Because of the distance some members travel, participation is usually around 30-50 percent of our members. We usually try to incorporate some type of continuing education program during our meetings, and these are quite often sponsored by our affiliate members. A social golf outing is a highlight in August/September, and a seminar with local code officials is held every March.

Long winters with heavy snowfall (an average of 250 inches in Marquette) pose challenges to our members. In addition, the popularity of hunting can cause shortages of workers during the hunting season.

Like elsewhere in the state, the UP economy has been strong for the last few years and members' business has been just as strong. Finding qualified staff for the increased work loads has been a very big problem for many of our members.

(Note from President Jacob Guter: If anyone has seen the play or movie by Jeff Daniels, "Escanaba in the Moonlight," I want to set the record straight: the stereotype of "UPers" is not 100 percent accurate.)



Pictured below are AIAM Upper Peninsula President Jacob Guter, AIA and Vice President Ken Czapski, AIA; at right, Karin Cooper, AIA, UP Chapter AIAM Director.



2000 and Beyond

"2000 and Beyond" was my introduction February's *Bulletin*. It is December, and so far, we are just a little beyond. Next month is truly the beginning of the new millennium. This year's focus has been on you, the member, of this great organization, the AIA. With each new issue of the *Bulletin*, we have been introduced to our local chapters and their members, who collectively make up our Society.

This past year has been very busy and very rewarding.
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AIA Northern Michigan Chapter



AIA Northern Michigan officers shown from left are Vice President John Kerridge, AIA, Treasurer Robert Stow, AIA and President Robert Dehne, AIA. Not shown: Secretary Ray Kendra, AIA, Past President Ken Richmond, AIA and Regional Director Dennis Haugen, AIA.

The Northern Michigan chapter is a small but growing enclave of members that take an active interest in the profession and the rapidly-growing communities in which we practice. Through a variety of individual and chapter initiatives, we continue to increase the awareness of the American Institute of Architects, and the value of architecture in our daily lives. In addition to our community involvement, our monthly meeting schedule allows the chapter to host guest speakers on timely community and professional issues, organize product presentations and assemble technical programs that can assist members with their ongoing professional education.

For all our programs, we encourage the participation of associated professionals because of our interest in constructive and mutually beneficial relationships.

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MICHIGAN NEWS

2000 and Beyond

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ing. It's great when there is more work than most can handle, which brings me to this point. I would like to take this final opportunity to recognize those who have given freely of their time, energy and expertise to make the AIA the success it is. Much thanks should go to the members who make up the leadership of all ten chapters and to the Society providing programs, educational opportunities and fellowship to the nearly 2000 members. During our December 2000/2001 Board Meeting a Special Recognition Ceremony acknowledged the contributions of the following key people who have volunteered unselfishly.

Jeff Zokas, AIA has served as the Government Affairs Chairperson for the past three years. He currently chairs the Architects Engineers Legislative Committee (AELC) which represents AIA Michigan, ACEC Michigan and MSPE. Jeff is a strong and fair advocate for the profession. He is with Harley-Ellis in Southfield and is a Detroit Chapter member.

Sandy Laux, AIA is the Public Awareness Chairperson. She has monitored three committees dealing with the media, K5 and a new awareness program called "Great Places in Michigan," which will highlight Birmingham and Dearborn in the Winter and Spring of 2001. Sandy also works closely with AIAM's PR consultant, Marx Layne. She is a principal with Allen & Laux in Detroit and is a Detroit Chapter member.

Art Smith, FAIA, for the past several years, has chaired our Design Conference, which continues to be a favorite. Many of the attendees have been to all ten conferences. Art has added a new dimension to the conference by encouraging architectural students to attend. Art is with Gensler in Detroit and is a Detroit Chapter member.

Randy Case, AIA chaired the Mid-Summer Conference this year, after participating in the conference for years. This year's event was one of the best attended and a real financial asset to the Society. Randy has chaired the AIAM Convention in

Battle Creek, so he brought with him many required skills. A Southwest Chapter member, Randy is with Tower Pinkster Titus and is the newly-elected AIAM Secretary.

Mike Mosley, AIA is Web master and Web designer for AIAM. Our Web site, aiami.com, is in its third year of development and represents all ten chapters in Michigan, AIA Michigan and the Michigan Architectural Foundation. Mike has become an extension of our staff and continually answers questions from the public. The month of October showed 31,000 hits to the site. Mike teaches at LTU and is a Detroit Chapter member.

Bob Ziegelman, FAIA is the Chairperson of our Fellows Committee, which works with potential candidates for fellowship and is instrumental in the success Michigan has had with members being elected to the College of Fellows. This year, Bob and his committee worked with eight candidates and met with others who will apply for fellowship in the future. Bob is with the Birmingham firm of Luckenbach/Ziegelman and is a Detroit Chapter member.

Gene Hopkins, FAIA chairs the AIAM Finance Committee. Gene established this committee several years ago and is responsible for overseeing the larger picture of the society's financial position. He is a past president of AIAM and AIA Huron Valley, past-chair of the Mid-Summer Conference, and currently serves as Regional Director from Michigan to the National Board. Gene is with the Smith Group Inc. in Detroit/Ann Arbor and is a Huron Valley member.

All of the above mentioned committees are made up of a multitude of dedicated members. The list is too large to mention all committee members; however, each and every one are owed a great deal of gratitude for their part in the success of this organization.

I want to also thank **Rae Dumke, Honorary AIA**, and our Executive Director since 1983. She does a great job in keeping all of us and the society running smoothly. She has a very talented staff who helps to make the day-to-day business of the society responsive to the members. They are

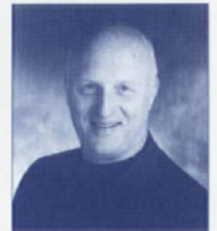
always available and as quick as a phone call away.

As I have brought up in previous articles, this year seems to have flown by. Throughout the year, I have gained a great deal of admiration and respect for all of those people who have helped make this organization what it is today. Over

the past few years, there have been some great things accomplished. There is much more to do. We are moving along and continuing on or "tweaking" existing programs and introducing some new ones.

2001 promises to be another great year under the leadership of President Any Vazzano and ExCom members Vice President Tim Casai, Treasurer Celeste Novak, Secretary Randy Case, and newly-elected board members; and the continued support and commitment from our committees and Task Forces.

This has been a rewarding and fulfilling year and I thank you.



Barry Wood, AIA
2000 President

President's Report

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Legislative Report

While the nation waited for the final results of the unprecedented Presidential election, Michigan voters made their preferences clear. Among Michigan voters, Al Gore was the clear choice for President and in a close race, Debbie Stabenow became the first female U.S. Senator from Michigan.

All Michigan incumbents of the U.S. House of Representatives were re-elected. The three Republican Justices of the Michigan Supreme Court won surprisingly easy victories as well.

Michigan had its own cliffhanger in the Eighth District Congressional race between Dianne Byrum (D-Onondaga) and Mike Rogers (R-Brighton) who were locked in a tight battle to replace Senator-elect Stabenow. Final, but unofficial returns gave Rogers the seat for the Republicans by just over 168 votes. At the time of this report, a recount was under way. If the Rogers' victory holds, Michigan's Congressional delegation will gain one Republican, making the count nine Democrats to seven Republicans.

Consequences

With Congress, the State Legislature, the Michigan Supreme Court and the Governor's Office held by Republicans, the ramifications for the Michigan Democratic Party and Democrat officeholders are enormous. By controlling state government in Michigan, the Republicans can now set about the task of reapportioning Congressional, State Senate and State House Districts virtually unimpeded.

By reconfiguring congressional and legislative districts, the GOP can increase its hold on government at least until the next census and perhaps beyond.

- James Cavanagh, Kelley Cawthorne

AIA Detroit Presents Awards

The AIA Detroit presented its annual Honor Awards and Recognitions program on November 17 at the Detroit Institute of Arts. John Castellana, FAIA of TMP Associates was awarded the Gold Medal; Stephen Vogel, FAIA of U of D Mercy received the Charles Blessing Award; Glenda Meads, AIA of Swanson/Meads Architects was named Young Architect; and Matthew Cullen of General Motors Corp. was named Honorary Affiliate Member.

A Philadelphia jury selected the following architects/projects for Building Awards:

Albert Kahn Associates, Inc.

BMW Manufacturing Corp. Plant,
Spartanburg, SC

Rossetti Architects

Orchestra Place, Detroit

Detroit Collaborative Design Center / Smith Group

Van Elslander Family Center, Detroit

Kessler Associates

Detroit Cornice & Slate Building Addition,
Detroit

Nuemann/Smith & Associates / Associate
Architect: Sims Varner & Associates
GMC Service Parts Operation World Headquarters,
Grand Blanc

25 Year Award

Kessler Associates
Center for Creative Studies, Detroit

Low Budget/Small Project

Thomas Barrie Architect
A Studio for Two Artists, The Berkshires,
Sheffield, Massachusetts

Interiors

VANTINE/GUTHRIE Studio of Architecture & Biddison Architecture + Design
Alias/Wavefront, Royal Oak

Constantine G. Pappas Architects Planners
St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, Hazel
Park

Buildings of the Century

Fisher Building, Albert Kahn
Cranbrook Education Facility, Eliel Saarinen
and others

Regional Director Nominee Sought

One regional director seat on the national AIA Board is allocated to AIA Michigan. The position is a three-year term. Eugene Hopkins, FAIA completes his term in 2001.

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Do Not Mistake Observation For Participation

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The pastor of a distant congregation heard a sermon given by a colleague from a very well-to-do parish. Afterward, the Pastor approached the well-spoken clergyman and introduced himself. "Your approach and manner excites the soul, and I would greatly appreciate it if you would share your sermon with my congregation one Sunday." The clergyman was flattered and agreed to visit the pastor's church the following Sunday.

The clergyman arrived early the next Sunday at the neighboring church. Going through the door, he noticed the "poor box" adjacent to the entry. Reaching into his pocket, he found a few loose dollar bills and placed them in the box.

The pastor had done a wonderful job of advertising his guest and the church was packed. True to form, the clergyman stirred the hearts and souls of the congregation with his sermon.

After the service, the pastor was effusive with his praise and thanks that the talented clergyman had been able to share his morning with them. Suddenly, the pastor realized that he had not considered the inconvenience or cost the clergyman may have encountered to be with his congregation that morning. "I am so sorry that I did not think in advance to discuss with you any financial remuneration for your kindness this morning. As you no doubt noticed, we are a very poor congregation and do not have a great deal of material wealth." The clergyman dismissed his concern, saying, "It was my pleasure to be of service; no remuneration is required."

As they were leaving the church, the pastor was somewhat embarrassed. Suddenly he stopped next to the poor box and said, "Although it is not much, I would like to offer you whatever we may have in our

poor box." And opening the box, he dumped the contents into the clergyman's hand. Falling out were only the few dollars the clergyman had placed there earlier. Not wishing to further embarrass his host, the clergyman graciously took the money and thanked the smiling pastor.

Later at dinner with his family, the clergyman recounted his morning's experience including the last act of graciousness by his host. His young son listened intently and mulled over the paltry payment his father had received for the extra effort he had made that morning.

Finally, the boy looked at his father and innocently said, "But dad, had you put more in, you had have gotten more out."

I'm often amazed at why people participate in volunteer activities. By definition, it's not for financial gain, and yet my experience is that volunteers are personally satisfied in their participation. And do not mistake "observation" for "participation" – accompanying your daughter to her soccer game is "observation;" assisting as a coach, referee, or lining the field is "participation."

We live in a fast-paced world where we precious guard our personal time. For those who spend some of it in a volunteer activity, I'm sure you understand the potential rewards. For those who have chosen not to offer their time and talents in concert with other, I would suggest you consider some involvement. Whether, in a technical organization such as SEAMi, a social activity such as soccer, or a personal commitment such as a church, participation (as opposed to observation) can be surprisingly satisfying.

And, you might just be surprised that "the more you put in, the more you'll get out."

Doug Sordyl, PE
President
Structural Engineers Assoc. of
Michigan

Interior Designers

Efforts for Licensing Thwarted

The Justice Department has turned down the request by the interior designers that the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) be investigated for alleged antitrust violations. The Justice Departments said the actions taken by NCARB in opposing interior designer licensing laws do not warrant an investigation by the Department.

In June, NCARB member boards had overwhelming passed a resolution opposing the further enactment of interior designer licensing laws. Since the passage of that resolution, the efforts of the interior design legislative coalition have been thwarted in two important jurisdictions. In California, the interior design coalition won legislative enactment of a practice act in California. But, the legislation was vetoed in September by Governor Gray Davis. His conclusion echoes NCARB's (in its white paper on the "Registration Efforts by Interior Designers," issued in 1992) that the activities of interior designers did not substantially impact health, safety and welfare of the public.

In Colorado, the Department of Regulatory Agencies decided against regulation of the interior design profession after an exhaustive review of the status of such legislation in other states and an analysis of whether or not there is a public need for regulation.

Jack Sharpe To Be Honored

Jack Sharpe, administrative secretary of the boards of Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, will retire February, 2001. The professional organizations will recognize him at a special luncheon on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2001, at the University Club, Lansing. For more information, contact AIAM at (313) 965-4100.

MEMBER NEWS/ CONTINUING EDUCATION

Firm News

Awards, etc...

MHB Paradigm Design, Inc.: received four awards from ABC-Western Michigan including top "Restoration Project—Under \$7 Million" and top "Electrical – Under \$500,000" for Wealthy Theatre in Grand Rapids; top "Historical Renovation" for Geenan DeKock Properties in Holland; and best "Commercial Construction \$2 Million - \$10 Million" for Wesco Corporate Headquarters in Muskegon.

New Positions...

ArchiCivitas Architects: Leo V. Mendez, Jr., Assoc. AIA, to director of design development; Daniel P. Sneider, Assoc. AIA, to project manager; and Robert A. DeCosmo to intern architect... **Duce Simmons Associates:** David E. Rose, AIA to principal and vice president... **FTC&H:** Mark Levine, AIA as senior architect... **Marquette General Hospital:** Jacob Guter, AIA to Chief Facility Planner/Architect... **SmithGroup JJR:** M. Kathleen Sullivan, ASLA to principal and Stephen F. Troost, ASLA to vice president and office director... **SSOE, Inc. Architects-Engineers:** Keith B. Elliott, RA as senior architect and medical planner in the healthcare design department and Mounir Karam, PE as senior construction administrator... **URS Corp.:** Frederick Wesolowski, AIA named project manager.

New Companies/Names...

Van Wienen Professional Group, PC has become **Design Works AIE**; principals are Dennis Bekken, AIA, Dennis Jensen, AIA and Paul Rozeboom, PE.

New Addresses, etc...

Great Lakes Fabricators & Erectors Assoc.: 1001 Woodward Ave., Ste. 1101, Detroit, MI 48226; ph: (313) 309-2000; fax: (313) 309-2004... **Integrated Design Solutions:** 888 W. Big Beaver, Ste. 200, Troy, MI 48064; ph: (248) 823-2100; fax: (248)

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Grapevine

Gensler's **Bill Hartman, AIA** served on the Honor Awards jury for AIA Minnesota this November... New officers of the **Construction Association of Michigan** include Chairman Joseph Murphy, Stanley Access Technologies; Vice Chairmen Myrt Hagood, H.B. Contracting and Roger Knoll, Fire Control, Inc.; and Treasurer Bruce Pregler of Facca, Richter & Pregler, PC... Gateway Park condominiums, designed by **David Lubin, AIA** were featured in the Sept. 22, 2000 Real Estate section of the *Detroit Free Press*... **Robert Sharrow, Jr., AIA** was named a founding member of the American College of Healthcare Architects.

Obituaries

NEIL WARREN

An architect who helped oversee the design of Detroit Edison's Fermi II, Neil E. Warren passed away November 27 at age 91. Mr. Warren earned a bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of Michigan. He served as a civil engineer for the Michigan State Highway Department, for Alden B. Dow in Midland, and later as a partner for Shreve, Anderson and Walker of Detroit. He then joined Detroit Edison, where he was director of the architecture and civil engineering division until he retired in 1973. He is survived by his wife, Helen.

GORDON BUGBEE

Gordon Bugbee passed away October 25, 2000. He was 66. Beginning in the early 1960s, he was affiliated with firms such as Louis Kingscott & Associates, O'Dell, Hewlett & Luckenbach, and Roger Margerum. Mr. Bugbee began teaching at Lawrence Institute of Technology and was named associate professor of architecture in

1991. Mr. Bugbee, who earned bachelor's and masters degrees in architecture from Harvard, was considered an expert on Detroit, its leading architects, and the region's architectural and maritime history. He spent the last several months helping to create a new AIA "Guide to Detroit Architecture." Mr. Bugbee was a highly-respected and well-liked member of the Detroit Chapter of AIA, and was also involved in the National Organization for Minority Architects. His wife, Margaret, was deceased. He is survived by a sister, a niece and three nephews. Memorial contributions can be made to Trinity Episcopal Church in Detroit.

GLEN CHEEK

Glen Cheek passed away unexpectedly on November 20 at age 29. A project manager at Tiseo Architects, Mr. Cheek had completed IDP requirements and was in the process of taking the licensing exam. He received his architecture degree from the University of Detroit.

Continuing Education Calendar

February 2001

- 8 **Code Seminar**
AIAM sponsors this full-day seminar in conjunction with the Design & Construction Expo. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Pontiac Silverdome. Call (313) 965-4100.

April

- 26-27 **Technology & the Workplace**
AIAM in collaboration with MSPE sponsors this first annual conference featuring sessions on Economics of Technology, Telecommunications and Emerging Technology for the Workplace, Green Building Environments, and more. Mt. Pleasant. Call (313) 965-4100.

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.



OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities

ESD Construction & Design Awards – ESD The Engineering Society seeks submissions for its 27th Annual Construction and Design Awards. The awards honor owners, designers, architects, engineers and contractors who demonstrate outstanding team achievement and innovative use of technology in their projects. ESD members must submit the entries. Projects should have been completed after Jan. 1, 1999. Entry deadline is Friday, Jan. 5, 2001. For information call Lee Martin, (248)355-2910, ext. 110.

LTU ArchiLecture Series – Lawrence Technological University College of Architecture and Design presents free lecture series. ArchiLectures start at 7:30 p.m. followed by a reception. March 22, 2001 speaker is Helen Escobedo of Mexico. For information, call (248) 204-2880.

2001 DuPont Benedictus Awards - International call for entries for projects reflecting innovation in architectural laminated glass in outstanding commercial and residential architectural projects, or in significant and enterprising architectural projects in which laminated glass is an essential component. Projects must have been completed since Jan. 1, 1996. Deadline is March 1, 2001. Sponsored by DuPont, organized by the AIA. For information visit AIA's homepage at www.aiaonline.com under professional interests, call (202) 626-7361, e-mail tlojko@aia.org.

American Architecture Awards – The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design invites entries for the "American Architecture Awards" – an exhibition and distinguished building awards program for 2001. Submissions must be the work of American architects for projects in the U.S. or abroad; and designed since Jan. 1, 1999. Submission deadline is Feb. 1, 2001. For information call (847) 895-3950.

Design Competition – The project is the Amphitheater at Saluda Shoals Park, Columbia, South Carolina. Submissions should demonstrate the potential of contemporary architecture with a design that celebrates the dance of woods, water and wildlife. Prize is \$15,000 and Amphitheater commission. Deadline is Feb. 23, 2001. Call (803) 799-3115, or visit the Web site at www.naturestheater.org.

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12-13 AIAM Leadership Conference/Traverse City
18 SMPS/300 Years Detroit Architecture

FEBRUARY

- 7-8 Design & Construction Expo/Pontiac Silverdome
8 AIAM BOCA Code Seminar/ Pontiac Silverdome
8 Board of Architects/Okemos
24 MSPE Engineering Excellence Awards

MARCH

- 7 Board of Professional Surveyors
8 Board of Professional Engineers/Okemos
15-16 Health Facilities Conference/Amway Grand Hotel/Grand Rapids

APRIL

- 5 Board of Architects/Okemos
26-27 AIAM/MSPE Technology Conference/Mt. Pleasant

MAY

- 3 Board of Professional Engineers/Okemos
16-18 AIA National Convention/Denver, Colorado
17 MSPE Annual Conference/Shanty Creek
23 MAF Golf Outing/Eagle Crest/Ypsilanti

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