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President's Report

Welcome to the new year. Four inches of snow fell during the Traverse City Leadership Retreat, and while we were blanketed and buffeted with cold, the meeting exceeded all expectations for renewal and new commitments to a new year.

All ten chapters were represented as well as MAF and the University of Detroit Mercy and Lawrence Technological Institute. In two days, we reviewed progress by the government affairs and public awareness committees as well as received chapter reports. The quality of chapter programming is testimony to the commitment by our members to make our profession better. We also met in smaller brainstorming groups, discussing ideas for everything from livable communities to architectural education.

Five more board meetings will take place this year to further AIAM's initiatives, which are a continuation of last year's agenda plus a new focus on livable communities.

Goals for 2003 include:

- Continue revenue sharing with chapters.
- Continue to mentor K-5 curriculum project.
- Build AIA Michigan Website: among other changes, look for a future "green page."
- Continue MAF restructuring.
- Become more proactive on legislative issues.

Two important grassroots events – one in Washington and one in Lansing – give us a chance to discuss national and local issues and be part of the legislative process. Numerous members visited with federal lawmakers in early March. At the state level, our annual legislative event in late March boasted its highest level of participation ever.

As this newsletter goes to press, we are looking forward to a successful Health Facilities Seminar. Slated for April 3 and 4, this popular annual event brings architects together with health care executives to hear the latest in planning, design, construction and maintenance of health care facilities. Bioterrorism, homeland and building security, and mass trauma are key issues being addressed this year.

Future Agenda

After our Leadership Retreat, I became convinced that opportunities exist for architects to influence community development. To create a framework for change, as a group we must commit to an agenda with achievable goals and indicators. This year, the AIAM Board will spend time at each meeting devising our agenda for livable communities, based upon discussions from our Leadership Retreat and your input. This year, I encourage chapter units to collectively think about your most important local issues. A few are listed below, but I think that all good planning comes from the grass roots, so your additional input is valuable. A starter list of issues includes:

- National and state legislation - what should be changed, what has been proposed.
- Public-private partnerships and economic incentives for development projects such as Historic Tax Credits, Brownfield Legislation, Purchase of Development Rights, economic zones.

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- Distribution of sample model ordinances such as "dark sky," wetlands, woodlands and cluster zoning and distribution and marketing to local communities.
- Energy efficiency and renewable resources issues such as net metering and state energy code.
- Transportation networks.
- Maintaining a "best practice" library of model sustainable projects.
- International and global issues such as Canadian trash, Great Lakes waters, architects without borders; a response to potential urban crisis caused by war, terrorism or natural disasters.
- Architectural internships that are community-based project initiatives.
- Training for members to become participants in design charrettes for community planners.

Over the next three meetings we will discuss livable community issues and create a four-year agenda. A livable communities summit meeting may provide a forum to prepare a plan based on our ideas generated at board meetings.

As I approach the remainder of this year as AIAM President, I look forward to successful conferences and effective legislative interaction. In addition, we will gather on the porch of the Grand Hotel at Mackinac for talking and rocking. We will celebrate great design in Michigan, over the campfires of Camp Hayo-Went-Ha.

It's just the beginning of our efforts to engage the state of Michigan with our initiatives for great design in our communities. It begins with our conversations with each other.

— Celeste Allen Novak, AIA
2003 AIAM President

Michigan Architect Named Fellow

Fellowship is the second-highest honor, behind the Gold Medal, that the Institute bestows on a member. Out of a membership of more than 70,000, there are fewer than 2,500 AIA members distinguished with the honor of fellowship.

The American Institute of Architects has elevated 62 architects to its prestigious College of Fellows, an honor awarded to members who have made contributions of national significance to the profession. Michigan architect Andy Vazzano will be inducted into the College of Fellows on May 9 at the 2003 AIA National Convention and Expo in San Diego. Andy is senior vice president and managing director of SmithGroup Michigan, Inc. A past president of AIA Michigan, Andy earned the Fellow distinction for advancing the science and art of planning and building by advancing the standards of architectural education, training and practice.

Andy is a recognized leader in the development of innovative planning approaches and methodologies for advanced technology buildings. His pre-design and post-design methodology known as "Facility Dynamics," positions the architect to lead the complete facility life cycle process. This published approach has been implemented nationally on award-winning public and private architecture and has served as a framework for other architectural firms nationally to expand their role and services.

Under Andy's leadership, his firm's "Lab 2020" research project investigated trends, emerging technologies, and their impact on the design and planning of research facilities of the future. The project interviewed scientists nationally; documented new technologies design criteria; and developed new concepts and ideas for national publication.

Through his planning work on the Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology, Andy developed a new "surrogate user" space programming methodology for interdisciplinary research. At the Institute's tenth year celebration, the Beckman Foundation pronounced the facility the most successful and versatile project ever funded by this national foun-

dation in science.

Andy has also developed guidelines for governmental health care projects. His "guide plates" pioneered a blend of function and systems criteria into an integrated design tool that departed from restrictive traditional standards.

Over the years, he has continuously developed planning methodologies and approaches that have been published and recognized nationally.



Andy Vazzano, FAIA

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New Law Mandates School Inspection

Bureau of Construction Codes Director Henry Green reports the following on new school inspection legislation:

Public Act 628 provides for the inspection of all school buildings under the Stille-DeRossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act. The amendatory law was signed on December 23, 2003.

For over a decade, amendments in law have been pursued to require the review and inspection of school construction projects. With the enactment of this revision, school construction projects must be submitted for plan review and on-site inspections to the Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

The bureau is currently developing all required forms and processes for submission of plans and applications for permits. It is envisioned that design professionals and construction companies pursuing school construction projects will submit plans for these projects under a single application to the Department for review.

The Bureau of Construction Codes and the Office of Fire Safety are working to create a comprehensive coordinated system for submission of plans, timely inspection services and granting of approvals for completed construction.

The law also provides for inspection by local code enforcement agencies where the local school board and the local unit of government certify the local enforcing agency has a full-time plan review and inspection staff and are otherwise qualified to perform these duties in the review and inspection of school buildings.

Additional information will be provided to local enforcing agencies, school districts, design professionals and construction contractors.

Inquiries concerning the submission of plans and the inspection of schools should be directed to Mark Sisco, deputy director, Bureau of Construction Codes at (517) 241-9302.

- source Bureau of Construction Codes Bulletin, Feb. 2003

Editor's Note: 110 architects attended a March 12 session on this topic by Henry Green, Director of the Bureau of Construction Codes, CIS, State of Michigan.

Obituaries

We sincerely regret the loss of our fellow members and extend deepest sympathies to their family and friends.

PAUL REEHIL, AIA, JD

Architect Paul Reehil passed away on February 4. He was 60. Paul was an associate with Rossetti & Associates, Birmingham, and had been with the firm for 15 years. A few of the significant projects Paul was involved include the Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids, Corel Centre in Ottawa, Ontario and the EMU Convocation Center in Ypsilanti. A member of AIAM since 1988, Paul was a licensed attorney and an adjunct instructor in construction law at the University of Detroit. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen, who is also an architect.

MARK KRAUSKOPF, AIA

Thirty-five year old Mark Krauskopf, AIA passed away on February 17. He was owner and operator of his own firm, Studio One Architects, in Manistee. Mark is survived by his wife, Tamara, and sons Owen and Alexander.

FREDERICK WIGEN, AIA-E

Saginaw architect Frederick Wigen left his mark all across mid-Michigan. He died on March 3, at age 86. A founder of Wigen, Tincknell, Meyer & Associates, he had a hand in designing scores of schools, churches, hospitals and community landmarks. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Marjorie, and his three children and their spouses.

Opportunities

Enter 2004 Zero Energy Home Design Competition – AIA Michigan and the State of Michigan invited accredited architectural colleges in Michigan to participate in a competition to design a Zero Energy Home. Individual students or teams of students will compete for three prizes ranging from \$8,000 to \$4,000. Prizes will be awarded to the college and can be used for scholarships or other educational purposes. Entries are due July 30, 2004.

For complete entry information contact John Sarver at (517) 241-6280 or e-mail jhsarve@Michigan.gov.

UofM Distinguished Visitors Series & Special Events – Features painter Amy Sillman, April 3, and installation artist Ben Rubin, April 10. For further information, call (734) 936-0672, or visit the Web site at www.art-design.umich.edu. From March 31-April 28, view Architecture Fellows Exhibit, in College Gallery, Room 2106, Art & Architecture Building.

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Firm News

HarleyEllis: Arthur F. Smith, FAIA, as associate, and to the firm's corporate and university design team ... **Skanska USA Building Inc.:** John Czarnecki, AIA to director of planning of Michigan Division ... **SmithGroup Inc.:** Cheryl Brownell, AIA as project architect; David Tetreau as senior mechanical design engineer; six named to associate include Kevin Shultis, AIA, Terry Guitar, AIA, Jill Stewart, AIA, Laurie Catey, PE, Gregory Jones, AIA and John Sobetski, PE ... **SSOE, Inc.:** Richard Canfield, AIA retires as chairman and manager of the Troy SBU; Larry Koehler, AIA to manager of Troy branch office; David Rose, AIA to business leader for higher education institutional/commercial/energy studio of Troy office.

Grapevine

AIADetroit's *Guide to Detroit Architecture* has won a silver "Addy" award in the book cover category from the Ann Arbor Advertising Club. ... **ZweigWhite** reports the hottest markets for AEC firms in 2003 will be health care, housing, K-12 schools and water and wastewater. On the flip side, manufacturing/industrial and office construction are expected to continue to have tough times in 2003. The forecast is part of ZweigWhite's 2003 AEC Industry Outlook (zweigwhite.com) ... **University of Michigan** placed eighth on a list of the top 15 schools and colleges of architecture published in *DesignIntelligence* and the newly released *Almanac of Architecture & Design 2003/Fourth Edition*. Harvard University is ranked number one. ... The **Construction Association of Michigan 2002-03** Chairman is Dale McAtamney, president of Armor Glass & Metal; Vice-Chairmen are Ray Comiskey of Comiskey, Bobrowski & Co., and John R. Green of John E. Green Co.; Treasurer is Stephen Dailey of The Dailey Company. ... **MSPE** has inducted into its Assembly of Fellows Michael Fuller, PE Prein & Newhof; W. Robert Buell, PE retired; Raymond Tadgerson, PE Capital Consultants; and Robert Rabeler, PE Soil & Materials Engineers.

Licensed in New York? This is important!

In late 2002, the New York Licensing Board was rejecting continuing education credits if they were not earned through a health, safety and welfare program.

At the AIA New York State conference in October, AIA staff questioned a board official during a session on New York State IDP/MCE requirements. The New York State Licensing Board official confirmed that continuing education programs that do not support the general health and safety of the public were being reviewed and rejected.

New York licensing law requires architects to complete 36 professionally related continuing education hours every three years. Of the 36 hours, 24 must relate directly to 59 HSW issues.

AIA/CES is now recommending to its providers that they check directly with the

New York Licensing Board for determination that courses are compliant there. And, in light of the new interpretation and enforcement by the New York State Licensing Board, AIA/CES advises AIA members licensed in New York to complete 12 hours of continuing education per year – or 36 hours during the three-year requirement period – all relating to HSW. AIA New York State, in turn, is advising anyone with a New York license to check directly with the State Licensing Board to make sure their continuing education will be accepted.

The AIA still requires its members to complete 18 LU hours per year, of which at least 8 are HSW.

To contact the New York State Licensing Board, call Kathy Robbins at (518) 474-3817, ext. 110.

MSPE/ACEC Honors Outstanding Engineers

The Michigan Society of Professional Engineers honored five outstanding engineers at the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)/MSPE Engineering Excellence Awards Banquet in mid-February. Those honored included "Outstanding Engineer in ...":

... **Government** – Donald Link, PE, director of engineering and utilities for the City of Monroe.

... **Private Practice** – Jay Shah, PE, president and chairman of Spalding DeDecker Associates.

... **Industry** – Robert Curtis, PE, mechanical engineer at Detroit Diesel Corporate.

... **Construction** – William Carr, PE, president of Carr Associates, Inc.

... **Education** – Mahmoud El-Gamal, PhD, PE, adjunct faculty member at Lawrence Technological University and senior engineer at Professional Service Industries.

Continuing Education

April

24-25 Masonry Certification Seminar – Two-day seminar covers brick, block, mortar, grout, environmental loads, masonry code, wallbracing, and more. Cost is \$495 per person, including lunch. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Ann Arbor. Phone (734) 248-8544 to make reservations.

24-26 Preservation Conference – The Michigan Historic Preservation Network presents the 23rd Annual Preservation Conference. Registration fees vary. For details contact MHPN at (517) 371-8080.

May

7 Emerging Strategies for Risk Management in the Design and Construction Industry – sponsored by ESD, this half-day workshop will address Understanding Regulation and Controlling the Big Risks (mold, ergonomics, excavation, steel erection, etc.). Call (248) 355-2910 or visit www.esd.org.



AIAM CALENDAR

APRIL

- 3-4 MAF Health Facilities Conference/Amway Grand Hotel, Grand Rapids
- 10 AIA Detroit Southfield Library Tour - Contact AIA Detroit
- 11 AIA Southwest Government Affairs Breakfast - contact SW
- 24-25 Historic Preservation Network Conference, Kalamazoo
- 24 Nova Construction Awards Event, 248-409-1500

MAY

- 2 AIA Michigan Honor Awards, Kingswood Campus, Cranbrook
- 8-10 AIA National Convention, San Diego
- 15-17 MSPE Convention, Crystal Mountain
- 22 MAF Golf Outing, Eagle Crest, Ypsilanti
- 29-31 Detroit Regional Chamber Conference, Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island

JUNE

- 12 Board of Architects, Okemos
- 19 AIA Michigan Board of Directors, AIA Southwest area

AUGUST

- 7-9 AIA Mid Summer Conference, Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island

SEPTEMBER

- 19-20 AIA Michigan Design Conference, Camp Hayo Went Ha, Central Lake
- 28 AIA Detroit House Tour, Birmingham/Bloomfield area

OCTOBER

- 9 AIA Michigan Board of Directors, AIA Saginaw Valley area
- 16-17 MAF Educational Facilities, Shanty Creek, Bellaire, MI
- 23 AIA Detroit Annual Meeting

NOVEMBER

- 13 Board of Architects, Okemos
- 21 AIA Detroit Design Awards, DAC

DECEMBER

- 5 Gene Hopkins, FAIA, installed as 80th AIA President, National AIA

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