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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

CONTINUITY — GROWTH — DYNAMISM: These are the hallmarks stamped upon your Chapter's shining record for the year! Inheriting the previous administration's great momentum—as well as its hot and complex unresolved problems—your Chapter has rung up an achievement impressive in the eyes of the Profession, of the Public and of the Civic Authorities.

Of our inheritance, a hard-headed-but-cordial bridge has patiently been built between ourselves and Metropolitan, as well as State, professional organizations for the common purposes of effecting a cohesive unity of purpose in the eyes of the public in our territory. Let us hope that this bridge and its mechanism will function with goodwill and point imaginatively toward the highroad and the high goals of our planning together a constructively better community to live, to work and to play in.

Without the selflessness of your Committees, of their Chairmen and of your Executive Office, your surprised President could never have become, as he has, "The Voice of the Chapter." In fact, he leaned more heavily than is known on the wisdom and experience of your Public Relations Committee and its Counsel for raising the Chapter's voice at numerous public hearings and to the public press and radio. How else could he have mounted, with sturdy assistance from your School Committee, the Chapter's impressive rebuttal to Comptroller Gerosa's ill-advised attack on the alleged "gross extravagance" of the Board of Education for enlisting the talents and services of our architects in the accelerated School building program? Or, in the face of inevitable "status quo" resistance to change of any sort, how could he have publicly dared champion "in principle" the postulates of a Proposed New Zoning Resolution for the City of New York without the positive and balanced advice of your Civic Design Committee, even in the relatively minor matter of closing Washington Square to traffic—now an accomplished fact?

These are all-too-few samples of the dynamism of your Chapter as expressed through its splendid and devoted Committees. To mention but a few highlights—the Awards Committee's nomination of the Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller, Governor of the State of New York, has now resulted in his becoming one of us—Honorary Associate Member of the Chapter; the grant of a Brunner Scholarship to G. E. K. Smith for producing a "Guide to Contemporary Architecture in Europe"; the variegated work of the Education and Scholarship Committee; the technicalities of the Fee and Contracts and Office Practice Committee, as well as of the Hospital and Health Committee; the patience and persistence of the Legislative Committee; the coordinated work of the Membership and Admissions Committees to increase participation in Chapter affiliation; the Technical Committee's efforts to widen the knowledge of contemporary building techniques; the establishment of a Speakers Bureau Committee to bridge your relations with the public; the irritations and triumphs of your Visiting Architects Committee, and (with apologies to those left out for lack of space) the endless grind, accuracy and imagination of the Publications Committee who have struck the much-needed new note in sponsoring an exciting Symposium on "Architectural Criticism"—to all Committees, their chairmen and their participants, your President, your Officers and your Executive Committee are deeply grateful, admiring and extravagantly confident in the future of yourselves and of your Chapter.

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JURY FOR THE MEDAL OF HONOR AND AWARDS OF MERIT

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At its first of four meetings, The Jury agreed unanimously upon a single criterion which a successful candidate (practicing in New York) must have evidenced for being recommended for The Medal of Honor. This standard of judgment rested solely upon whether the candidate had so brilliantly contributed to the advancement of Architectural Design as to have exerted a commanding influence upon the profession as a whole in this respect, with no regard to his personality, to his other possible contributions in Service to The Institute, in Service to the Public or to an otherwise distinguished career as an honorable and talented practitioner. The litmus test remained: marked leadership in Design for the whole profession.

By the end of the fourth meeting of the Jury, two names were still under serious discussion, but in the final analysis neither was considered as fully measuring up at this time to the high target originally set, with the consequence that the Jury agreed unanimously not to make any recommendation for The Medal of Honor this year. It was also agreed that any Award of Merit would be misconstrued in view of the above decision, and might reflect by unfavorable comparison upon its recipient.

COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

ROBERT CARSON
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The Committee on Professional Practice has answered countless inquiries on minor matters concerning ethics, has referred some matters to Washington and has met in several instances regarding charges of unprofessional conduct involving prominent firms. These cases require careful investigation of correspondence and documents, and interviews. All of these have been resolved except one case, which was sent to Washington and has not yet been acted upon by the Regional Committee.

COMMITTEE ON FELLOWS

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Chairman

ROBERT ALLEN JACOBS
OTTO TEEGEN
CLARENCE S. STEIN
GEOFFREY PLATT
BENJAMIN LANE SMITH

The Committee on Fellows of the New York Chapter, after asking the membership of the Chapter for suggestions for advancement to Fellowship, immediately assigned each name proposed to a member of the Committee. A selection was then made of a reduced list of names that the Committee most desired to recommend for advancement. After review by the Executive Committee, the decision was reached to concentrate upon four nominations only, all in achievement in the field of design. Subsequently by agreement, an additional nominee was put forward by group endorsement for public service and service to the profession.

The Committee reached the decision to give active support to previous nominations held over for one or two years by the Jury in Washington. New letters were written, and as strong support as possible was given by the Committee to both new and previous nominations.

You have already heard that eight of the nine nominations were endorsed for advancement to Fellowship. The following members of this Chapter have been honored by advancement to Fellowship:

Brother Cajetan J. B. Bauman, O.F.M.
Thomas H. Creighton
Robert W. Cutler
Harry M. Prince
Michael L. Radoslovich
Thorne Sherwood
George Everard Kidder Smith
Theodore John Young

The committee elected Geoffrey Platt to serve as chairman 1959-1960 to hold office after the May meeting.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

ROBERT W. CUTLER
Chairman

RONALD D. ALLWORK
WILLIAM F. R. BALLARD
ALONZO W. CLARK, III
ELISABETH COIT

The Nominating Committee met and recommended to the Executive Committee, nominators for each of the open offices, delegatships and elective standing committees in the Chapter.

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

DAVID L. EGGERS
Chairman
N. N. CULIN
WALTER H. KILHAM, JR.
DOROTHY C. SCOTT
ROBERT J. SMITH
RICHARD STEIN
THEODORE J. YOUNG

The Admissions Committee held 10 meetings as of June 3 through April 22, 1959. Fifty-six applicants for Corporate Membership and fifty-five applicants for Associate Membership were interviewed, and all these applications were sent to the Executive Committee with a favorable recommendation.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

PERCIVAL GOODMAN
Chairman
EDWARD L. BARNES
PETER JOST BLAKE
MARCEL BREUER
H. DICKSON MCKENNA
JULIAN H. WHITTLESEY

During the year the Awards Committee recommended Honorary Membership for the Honorable Nelson Rockefeller for public service to architecture and recommended a Citation to the Herald Tribune for excellent reporting of the N. Y. C. school controversy.

Discussions were held on making a series of awards for a variety of New York City buildings and interiors but the program has not been implemented.

BRUNNER SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

STANHOPE B. FICKE
Chairman
ELISABETH COIT
THOMAS H. CREIGHTON
ARTHUR S. DOUGLASS, JR.
EMANUEL TURANO
JULIAN H. WHITTLESEY

The 1959 Brunner Scholarship was awarded to G. E. Kidder-Smith to aid in the preparation of his proposed book "A Guide to the Contemporary Architecture of Europe." Mr. Kidder-Smith is presently in Europe doing further research. Our recommendation for this award was made after carefully considering the record number of thirty-three applications.

The stipend for the 1960 award has been increased from \$2,400.00 to \$3,000.00 in the expectation that it will attract even more meritorious applications than those received in the past year.

No suitable individual has yet been found to undertake the preparation of the proposed "New York Guide to Architecture."

CIVIC DESIGN COMMITTEE

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SIMON BREINES
Co-Chairman
ALY S. DADRAS
ANTHONY J. DAIDONE
JOHN G. FARON
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DAVID H. HUGHES
EDWARD J. MATHEWS
H. DICKSON MCKENNA
GEOFFREY PLATT
SAMUEL RATENSKY
ROGER G. SPROSS
RICHARD STEIN
HENRY D. WHITNEY

The Civic Design Committee of the Chapter, consisting of fourteen members, in a number of meetings and working through sub-committees and our Public Relations Counsel carried on studies and took action after approval of the Executive Committee on the following matters:

1. 30th Street Expressway—Studies were completed by the Work Shop group and presented to Chairman Felt of the City Planning Commission. A copy of these drawings and computations are now in his hands, and we are awaiting word from him on any further action.

2. Narrows Bridge and Approaches—A series of discussions and meetings with representatives of the Brooklyn and Staten Island Chapters of the A. I. A., after approval of the Executive Committee, resulted in telegrams being sent to the Mayor and Borough Presidents of Manhattan, Brooklyn and Staten Island by the presidents of the three Chapters heartily recommending approval of the proposal.

3. Washington Square—The committee upon approval of the Executive Committee and working with the Public Relations Counsel prepared and sent out a press release strongly advocating the closing of Washington Square to all vehicular traffic.

4. Downtown Lower Manhattan Association, Inc. Studies—The Committee recommended to the Executive Committee that the Chapter go on record as congratulating this organization for their broad, imaginative and farsighted studies for the future development of Lower Manhattan. A press release was therefore sent out by Mr. LaFarge on behalf of the Chapter. The Committee also supported the widening of Fulton Street.

5. Proposed New Zoning Ordinance—This Committee working through a sub-committee is now preparing material for a brochure to deal with technical aspects of the proposed ordinance from the architect's viewpoint to be published as soon as possible. This Committee is working closely with the City Planning Commission and Voorhees Walker Smith Smith & Haines. Mr. LaFarge and Mr. Breines appeared before the City Planning Commission in favor of the proposed ordinance and a press release was sent out on behalf of the Chapter strongly supporting the general principles of the new ordinance but reserving comment on particular aspects until further studies can be made.

NEW DUES STRUCTURE COMMITTEE

HARMON H. GOLDSTONE
Chairman

ROBERT CARSON
MICHAEL M. HARRIS
L. BANCEL LAFARGE

The New Dues Structure Committee has been making a thorough study of the chapter's dues structure and will submit a report and recommendation when the study is completed.

EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

JOHN WALTER
SEVERINGHAUS
Chairman

Because of the varied scope of related interests covered by the Education Committee, this year it was divided into four Sub-Committees: Scholarship, Architect-in-Training, Advisory and Student Chapters. This has proved a very practical and productive method of operating and its continuance is recommended. A summary of the report of each sub-committee follows:

EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE—SCHOLARSHIP

WALTER H. KILHAM
Chairman

THEODORE A. BORK
JOHN B. DODD
RICHARD STEIN
EMANUEL N. TURANO

The principal activity was to establish rules and procedures, arrange for proper distribution of announcements, receive and evaluate applications and make the awards on a new \$1,000 annual scholarship, generously offered by the Plastering Institute of Greater New York, Inc. to a New York City High School student who plans to continue his studies at an accredited college or university with a view towards a career in Architecture.

It is hoped that other scholarships of this nature may be made available and that the criteria established in this case will serve as a pattern for future use.

EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE—ARCHITECT-IN-TRAINING

J. RUSSELL COLEAN
Chairman

JACK FREIDIN
D'ANSON ISLEY
HERBERT LIPPMANN
GEORGE J. SCHWARTZ

A uniform Architect-in-Training program was established last year by the National Committee. The principal activity at the Chapter level was to issue information regarding the program to all offices and to the graduating classes at Columbia and Cooper Union, and to serve as advisors to the present group involved in the program. Interest in the program, both here and in other large city chapters contacted, has not been very great. It is recommended that the National Committee place emphasis on securing recognition of the Log Book kept by each candidate by the State Examining Board.

EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE—STUDENT CHAPTERS

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The close relationship between an active chapter and the architectural schools in its area is important both in the immediate value to a student entering the professional field and in the long-range value to the profession in transmitting our standards to succeeding generations. This Committee was primarily concerned with the means of establishing contact with the student chapters through activities specifically planned to justify the students' interest. The principal goals were to interest the student in the work of the chapter, to contribute education through discussion groups, field and office visits and international exhibits of student work, and to provide the opportunity for students of the schools in this area to become better acquainted with each other.

While the actual activities were not extensive this year, the contacts have been made with the student groups and plans have been developed which should generate an active interest in the year to come.

EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE—ADVISORY

DOROTHY C. SCOTT
Chairman

RALPH G. GULLEY
MILTON F. KIRCHMAN
ELEANOR PEPPER
ESMOND SHAW

The primary function of this sub-committee was to assemble the basic information regarding educational institutions in the field of architecture, and to make such information readily available in an objective manner. Numerous inquiries are received by the Chapter from students, parents and teachers, and each of these has been handled in a personal manner.

FEES AND CONTRACTS COMMITTEE

ALBERT H. SWANKE
Chairman

GEORGE D. BROWN, JR.
JONATHAN F. BUTLER
ALBERT W. BUTT, JR.
JACK L. FOLLET
EARL H. LUNDIN
RICHARD M. POTT
GILBERT L. SELTZER
ROGER G. SPROSS
MAX O. URBAHN

The prime mission of this Committee for 1959 was the preparation of a new fee schedule to supplant the four fee documents published in 1953 by the N. Y. Chapter.

Toward that end this Committee has explored similar documents of the various Chapters and regions, and has submitted to the Directors of the Chapter its recommendations. The document submitted contemplates the combination of the 1953 documents into a single master schedule, with fees graded for projects ranging between \$100,000.00 and \$15,000,000.00, for twenty categories of work covering eighty-nine types of projects. The document "Services of the Architect" published in 1947 by the New York Chapter has been expanded and included with the revised fee schedule, in order that the layman, in considering the fee, will be aware of the extent of the Architect's services. The entire document has been written to be used with the Standard Contract Documents of the A. I. A. This Committee believes that the revised document will be helpful in client negotiations and urges its early adoption and publication.

The Fees & Contracts Committee has joined in negotiations with the Comptroller's Office of the City of New York to establish satisfactory contract forms and fee schedules for Housing Projects administered by the Mortgage Banking and Housing Unit of that office. It has initiated comparative analyses of architects' costs for recently completed city work, in order to provide a basis for the 1960 Committee, armed with the new Fee Schedule, to attempt a revision of the fees currently paid for work in the various city agencies.

The Committee has answered numerous enquiries relating to Fees, Contracts and related subjects to Owners, Architects, Attorneys and Builders. The extent of such enquiries alone, we believe, indicates the necessity of the continuation of this Committee on a permanent basis.

FIFTH AVENUE ASSOCIATION

HAROLD R. SLEEPER
Chairman

JONATHAN F. BUTLER
ELDREDGE SNYDER

In view of the fact that the Fifth Avenue Association makes its awards only every other year and as this is the odd year and no awards are being made, there is no report for this Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

WILLIAM POTTER
Chairman

RONALD ALLWORK
AARON N. KIFF
MICHAEL M. HARRIS
(Ex-Officio)
ROBERT B. O'CONNOR
ALBERT, H. SWANKE

The Finance Committee has met regularly throughout the year and at most of the meetings Mr. David B. Kirkbride, Investment Counsel, has presented his report and recommendations concerning the investment of the Chapter funds and the Scholarship accounts.

The expenses of running the Chapter during the past fiscal year, October 1957 to September 1958, were \$38,289.12 which were met mainly from membership dues with some assistance from income from the Contingent Reserve Fund and income from the sale of documents.

In October the Committee approved a budget for the current fiscal year of \$37,227.00.

The approximate values of the several security accounts are as follows:

	Market Value May 6, 1959	Market Value May 6, 1958
1. Principal Accounts		
Brunner Scholarship	\$188,101.	\$158,192.
LeBrun Fellowship	41,427.	37,541.
Contingent Reserve	88,067.	65,391.
2. Income Account		
Brunner Scholarship	3,156.	2,055.
LeBrun Fellowship	7,831.	5,570.

3. The expenditures for Administrative expenses and Committee work are being kept within the estimated income and the Committee feels that the Chapter's funds are in a very sound condition.

HISTORICAL BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

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ALAN BURNHAM
GEORGE MUNSON SCHOFIELD
JACK P. COBLE
FERDINAND EISEMAN
SANTIAGO IGLESIAS, JR.
RAYMOND A. RUGE

The Historical Buildings committee has:

Drawn up a preliminary list of buildings in the Chapter area outside of New York City of architectural and historic importance to be included in the Historical American Buildings Survey.

They, also, conducted one field trip. George Schofield is undertaking to photograph and document the Peck House in Haverstraw for the H. A. B. S. Ferd Eiseman, in conjunction with the Municipal Art Society, has completed H. A. B. S. index of New York City.

Alan Burnham has kept in touch with developments in Lower Manhattan, especially with Mr. L. Porter Moore and the Lower Manhattan Association. Mr. Burnham is preparing a list of buildings in Lower Manhattan urgently in need of preservation.

The Committee has furnished the Community Trust data on historic buildings and historical societies outside the New York City Area.

We are cooperating with Mr. Mathieu and Mr. Whitney North Seymour, Jr.'s Committee in the State Bar Association to arouse local interest in court houses of architectural merit throughout the state.

Later, the Committee received from our member in Puerto Rico, Mr. Iglesias, a study on historic monuments in Puerto Rico.

HOSPITAL AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

JAMES J. SOUDER
Chairman

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OLEG E. BORISOV-MOROSOV
ALONZO W. CLARK, III
ISAIAH EHRlich
GANNETT HERWIG
DANIEL C. JENSEN
PAUL NELSON
HAROLD J. OLSON
ALLEN C. PARRETTE
ISADORE ROSENFELD
JOHN G. STEINLE
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR
HELGE WESTERMANN
MARY T. WORTHEN

The Committee's efforts have been directed toward three objectives:

1. Increased understanding on the part of younger practitioners of the architect's role in hospital and health facility planning and of the resources which the architect may draw on. To this end a scheduled series of six late afternoon discussion meetings have been held, led by speakers prominent in their respective fields, and five scheduled field trips have been made to health institutions of distinct types.
2. Wider exchange of information and exploration of current problems on the part of seasoned practitioners. Two dinner discussion meetings, one on reduction of hospital construction costs and one on the planning of operating room suites have been held. A general dinner meeting of the Chapter, was addressed by federal and state government leaders in the forefront of the medical facility planning field.
3. The development and financing of a research program in hospital planning. For reasons beyond the Chapter's control last year's efforts in this direction failed to gain federal support. The committee feels that these reasons are in large part dissipated and that its program this year may be favorably received, in which case it is prepared to activate a research project at once.

In addition, the full committee has met periodically to review its objectives and the results of its efforts. It is attempting to develop closer coordination of its training curricula and to acquaint more of the Chapter's general membership with the important part architecture plays in meeting the nation's health problems. Its membership has been most active and interested and the chairman is grateful both to the Committee and to Mrs. Henkel for their strong support throughout the year.

HOUSE CONSULTING COMMITTEE

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MORTIMER E. FREEHOF
BRUCE C. GRAHAM
OLINDO GROSSI
CHARLES K. HIRZEL
THOMAS E. KEARIN
GEORGE MANN
VLADIMIR MOROSOV
RAYMOND PAVIA
GUERINO SALERNI
SIDNEY N. SHELOV
LEO S. WOU

This Committee's function as liaison between the builder, the potential home owner, the public and the A. I. A. keeps it active between meetings. Our aim has been to raise the standard of design, encourage better site planning and to educate the consumer in the use of an architect and in demanding a better product.

A seminar was held on March 11th "On the House" it brought together a Vice President of the Bowery Savings Bank representing Finance, Chief Underwriter of FHA, New York Regional Office representing government and two development builders representing the Building Industry. Each gave his views and a heated discussion followed in which the architects had an opportunity to express their views and try for better cooperation between builder and architect.

On Thursday, April 23rd, a meeting in memory of Frank Lloyd Wright was held. Edgar A. Tafel, A. I. A., who had spent 1932-1941 at Taliesen spoke on Wright's approach to Domestic Architecture.

Publicity for the architect, in the form of articles in the New York newspapers has resulted from our meetings and from interviews relating to the work of this committee.

LE BRUN FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

LESTER D. TICHY
Chairman

LEOPOLD ARNAUD
ARTHUR S. DOUGLASS, JR.
THEODORE HOOD
DANIEL SCHWARTZMAN
W. MILLER WILCOX

The Le Brun Fellowship Committee during the past year has supervised the period of travel and study of the recent award winner, William Lacey. Mr. Lacey furnished reports of his travels which the Committee found extremely interesting and stimulating.

Judging from his reports this Scholarship has been successful in giving him an opportunity to broaden his cultural background as well as enlarge the scope of his architectural experience.

The Committee is at present reviewing the program for next year's competition.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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Chairman

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GEORGE J. CAVALIERI
MATTHEW W. DEL GAUDIO
FREDERICK C. GENZ
M. MILTON GLASS
JOSEPH B. KLEIN
SAMUEL M. KURTZ
JOHN N. LINN
FRANCIS D. McHUGH
HARRY M. PRINCE
RICHARD ROTH
HENRY STEINHARDT

Legislative matters affecting the architect and the profession crowded the agenda of the Legislative Committee during the 1958-59 period just ended.

In State legislation the committee helped to defeat such proposals as, the bill providing for the preparation of standard stock plans for school buildings by the State Architect and Education Department for communities of less than 125,000 inhabitants; bills providing for the corporate practice of engineering; bills authorizing the Education Department to waive qualification requirements for architects' licenses of applicants having 15 years of experience, and the bill preventing the employment by the Department of Public Works of private architects.

The committee helped with the passage of such legislation as the bill permitting the Board of Regents to promulgate rules for the conduct of disciplinary proceedings for registered architects; a bill extending to all factory buildings the provisions requiring more rigid fire protective measures, and the bill excluding \$500 million in school bonds from the city's debt limit. Efforts to amend the Educational Law relative to the architects' seal, by eliminating the \$10,000 provision and 30,000 cubic feet but requiring 1,200 square feet of livable area, were only half successful.

In local legislation the committee effected the passage of local law 57 known as the Exits bill, which relates to the travel distances to exits; it endorsed an amendment to the Zoning Resolution which corrected inequities in loading berth requirements; it had participated and is still active, in the controversial certificate of occupancy legislation now pending in the City Council, which was written for the purpose of expediting the issuance of such certificates.

The committee fought the threat of the American Association of Highway Officials to set up an architect-engineer office in each state in order to perform the design phases of the national highway program; it also helped to support the Keogh-Simpson legislation, which permits self-employed people to defer payment of income taxes on limited amounts of income laid aside for retirement.

In all of these matters, the committee had the full support and cooperation of the Chapter membership.

MEETINGS COMMITTEE

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JOSEPH C. HAZEN
ELEANOR PEPPER
GEORGE J. SCHWARZ
DOROTHY C. SCOTT
MAURICE D. SORNIK

The Meetings Committee had nine meetings to consider and work out details for two Special Chapter events.

The first was the Chapter's Fall Opening Meeting, which was held November 25, 1958 at the Architectural League, attended by 97 Members. The program consisted of beautiful color slides and an interesting discussion on "The Modern Architecture of Mexico" presented by Mr. H. Creston Doner, I.D.I., Director of Design and Color, Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co., Toledo, Ohio.

The second was the Chapter's Anniversary Supper Dance held April 10, 1959 in the elegant setting of the Crystal Ball Room of the Park Lane Hotel. 172 Members and Wives were served a delicious hot meal at midnight and enjoyed dancing until 2:00 A.M. The Committee is happy to report a profit of \$44.60.

The Chairman wishes to warmly thank each Member of the Committee for his and her enthusiastic support of the year's activities.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

C. GATES BECKWITH
Chairman
CHARLES E. HUGHES
Co-Chairman

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ROBERT M. BEDER
ALLEN R. CONGDON
GEORGE A. DIAMOND
GEORGE H. FERRENZ
BRUCE C. GRAHAM
JAMES S. HORNBECK
PHILIP G. McINTOSH
ELEANOR PEPPER
RICHARD ROTH, JR.
JAMES J. SOUDER
HENRY SZATMARY

The Membership Committee has concentrated this year on a continuation, in part, of the successful activities of committees for the past two years. In a joint venture with the Student Chapter Committee, a cocktail party and reception was held for guests invited from the following categories:

Newly registered architects (June 1958)

Architectural Graduates (June 1958)
of Columbia and Cooper Union

Prospective members of selected architectural firms

The party appeared to have been well received by both guests and chapter members attending and to date, the results have been encouraging. Of the 48 prospective members entertained, 38% have applied for membership to date, and a recent follow-up indicates that this percentage will continue to rise within the month.

OFFICE PRACTICE COMMITTEE

DAVID F. M. TODD
Chairman

BRO. CAJETAN BAUMANN
ALBERT W. BUTT, JR.
RICHARD D. DERHAM
GEORGE H. FERRENZ
EDWIN B. FORBES
CHARLES K. HIRZEL
SAMUEL M. KURTZ
RICHARD ROTH
MAURICE R. SALO
AARON SCHWARZ
LESTER W. SMITH
ROGER G. SPROSS
H. BOURKE WEIGEL

The Office Practice Committee has concentrated on a study of current personnel practices of offices making up the Chapter. The results of a survey involving approximately fifty firms have been analyzed. The Committee believes that the membership will be interested in the results. The Committee has also arranged for a report by Nathan Walker, Attorney, for a study of existing State and Federal laws as they affect the Architect's responsibilities towards his employees. An abstract will be distributed to the membership for their guidance, and Mr. Walker's main report will remain in the Chapter office files for reference.

In addition to the above activities, the Committee has undertaken a study of shop drawing practices and hopes to distribute to the membership a short report on new processing techniques.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

PETER S. VAN BLOEM
Chairman

FREDERICK W. ADAMS, JR.
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STUART O. BAESSEL
LEON S. BARTON, JR.
JAMES L. CADY
ROBERT A. DJEREJIAN
JOHN S. FOUNTAIN
GERALD K. GEERLINGS
JOHN A. HLAVATY
BERNARD G. HORVITZ
HERBERT L. SMITH
PRESLEY C. THOMPSON, III
HERBERT I. TYSON

The Publications Committee during the year 1958-59 has continued its practice of holding regular monthly meetings and special meetings, the latter in which policy and subject matter of the Chapter publication "OCULUS" were reviewed.

The current year saw an expansion in committee membership from eight to fourteen members, thus affording a broader liaison with other committees seeking publicity in the OCULUS.

While the aim of the committee has been to provide the Chapter Membership with a timely, newsworthy and informative publication, we have striven to publicize our stand against such adversaries as Miss Thompson and Mr. Gerosa, thanks to the contributions of our Chapter President L. Bancel LaFarge, John C. B. Moore, Lathrop Douglass, Raymond Ruge, Al Frantz and many others. Feature articles included a reprint of a talk by Samuel Ratensky, Director of the Urban Renewal Board of the City of New York and, at this writing, Herbert I. Tyson of the Publications Committee is preparing an article for inclusion in a subsequent issue.

Finally the committee initiated a seminar on Architectural Criticism with a panel consisting of five members prominent in the fields of art, architecture, newspaper writing, real estate and history. Credit for the groundwork goes to Committee Secretary Frederick Adams who was Moderator and Sub-Committee Chairman.

The Publications Committee Chairman wishes to thank the members of this committee for their assistance in producing each issue of the OCULUS, the other committees for contributing material so generously and Gillet Lefferts, Jr., Chapter Secretary and Liaison, for his sound advice and support of our program. Last but by no means least, we are deeply indebted to Mrs. Margot A. Henkel for her valuable assistance in moulding our OCULUS.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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A public relations program, like a fire insurance policy, is most appreciated in time of trouble. Such an occasion arose last fall, in the irresponsible charges regarding school construction costs. Because of our public relations program, the Chapter was able at that time to present a positive, well-thought-out case for good design, for the use of independent architects on public projects, and for adequate fees. The profession did not lose by default—it presented its case effectively to the millions of this area both through the major newspapers and on radio and television.

Under the program for which we retained Edward Gottlieb & Associates more than a year ago, the Chapter is achieving real public stature for the profession and its members. We have set up a Speakers' Bureau and a committee to investigate the possibilities of new and larger headquarters. We have taken public stands on the Narrows Bridge, Washington Square, the redevelopment of lower Manhattan and the proposed new zoning resolution. Our members have appeared on television and radio on slum clearance, zoning, community appearance and redevelopment of the West Side.

Through our public relations counsel some sixty articles have been prepared during the year and used in the New York press and other newspapers. These have covered many subjects: antiquated building codes, hospital planning, the Brunner Scholarship, the new Plastering Institute scholarship, the lessons of European housing, development housing, work of Chapter members in international architectural shows, election of members as fellows, use of art by architects, praise of Italian architects for New York buildings.

In the works are a series of articles on architectural services, particularly in office and industrial building, and a proposal for awards calling attention to the diversity and scope of the architect's work. Also, at our suggestion, a national television network is now planning an entire series of shows on architects and architecture. The Chapter should figure prominently in such a series.

The Committee has recommended to the Executive Committee that a full public relations program be made a permanent Chapter activity.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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ALFRED A. ROTHMAN
J. STANLEY SHARP
THORNE SHERWOOD
ROBERT J. SMITH
ANTHONY J. VARNAS

During the year, the School Committee held five meetings and four well-attended luncheon seminars for the Chapter membership. Discussions in the seminars were on timely topics of vital interest such as:

Readers Digest attacks on schools, Report on Comptroller Gerosa's charges of waste in construction of City Schools, and more generally on costs of school building construction, "School Cost Analysis" by R. Jackson Smith, and "The Effect of Educational Change on School Design" by Harold Gores, President of the Educational Facilities Laboratories, Inc. of the Ford Foundation.

The Committee has also prepared a bibliography of documents relative to school costs, and reported to the Chapter membership.

We have rebutted City Comptroller Gerosa's exaggerated charges. The Chairman, representing the Chapter, participated in the work of a small professional committee reporting to State Commissioner of Education Allen's Heald Commission which investigated the same charges.

Actual costs incurred by Chapter members when employed by the Board of Education of the City of New York to prepare plans for city schools have been analyzed. This material has been assembled with a view to making representation in conjunction with the Committee on Fees and Contracts to the Budget Director, the Comptroller and other City authorities in support of claims that the new schedule of fees for services of private architects should not be reduced to the levels applied to work for the Department of Public Works of the City of New York.

The AIA's film strip "School for Johnny" was viewed and recommended for use by Chapter members designing schools.

The Committee reviewed the RPI report on "Potential Economies in School Construction" and participated in discussions of the same organized by the Bureau of School Buildings and Grounds of the State Department of Education, and by the AIA New York State Committee on Schools.

We, also, requested support from the Chapter membership for the bill authorizing New York City to borrow \$500 million in excess of its debt limit for City school building construction (passed). Opposed proposed bill authorizing the State Department of Public Works to prepare stock school plans (defeated).

SPEAKERS BUREAU

JEFFREY ELLIS ARONIN
Chairman

THOMAS H. CREIGHTON
DOUGLAS HASKELL
SIDNEY L. KATZ
SAMUEL RATENSKY

The committee was appointed somewhat after the rest of the Chapter was set up this year and we have spent most meetings devoting our efforts to policy decisions and to organizational procedures. We have defined our goals as follows:

1. To obtain architects for speaking engagements;
2. To obtain speaking engagements for architects;
3. To train architects how to speak effectively.

We have solicited the membership and to date have received approximately 46 acceptances. We have arranged engagements before such diverse groups as the American Institute of Steel Construction, Hofstra College, Roosevelt Junior High School, the Lions Club, Western Electric Company, B'nai B'rith and St. Luke's Lutheran Church. We have circularized several hundred organizations in New York and the other areas comprising the Chapter's territory, with the exception of Puerto Rico and the Canal Zone, and this coming season have set as our target a speaking engagement for any architect who wishes one.

Because some architects might feel timid about speaking, or perhaps otherwise unqualified, we have arranged for a noted teacher to give a series of lectures over a ten week period, and we hope that many members will avail themselves of this opportunity.

We are perhaps a unique committee in that we have no budget, yet we have sustained a challenging program of work. But we respectfully request a budgetary allowance for the Bureau in coming years. Your chairman would like to make special note of the fine contribution and much time spent by the Committee members and by its invaluable advisor Alfred Frantz, the Chapter's Public Relations Counsel.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

EUSTIS DEARBORN
Chairman

JEFFREY ELLIS ARONIN
GEORGE H. BUTERBAUGH
GEORGE H. COOLEY
HAROLD COOPER
JOHN P. DELAVAN
HYLAND DINION
H. I. FELDMAN
JULES KABAT
CYRIL S. LOFTUS
WILLIAM J. MODIN
RAYMOND PAVIA
FREDERICK SAPHIER
AARON SCHWARZ

The Technical Committee held committee meetings in October, November, December, and three in April. Meetings were devoted to the development of the program for this year and next, and to the review of requests from trade associations and individual manufacturers for sponsorship of presentations to the Chapter.

In close cooperation with the Producers Council the Committee has endeavored to promote programs of general interest to the profession, while minimizing sales approach, and has reviewed presentation material with manufacturers.

On October 23, 1958 the Committee jointly sponsored a dinner meeting with the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Illuminating Division, and the New York Section of the Illuminating Engineering Society on "The Lighting of the Pavillion and Theater of The United States of America, Brussels World Exhibition 1958."

At an evening meeting on January 19, 1959, Mr. Gannett Herwig, partner of LaPierre, Litchfield & Partners, Architects, discussed problems in connection with the design and construction of the Arctic Distant Early Warning (DEW) Line of radar defenses. The lecture was illustrated by color slides and also by colored film made by the Western Electric Company.

The Committee cooperated through the Producers Council, with the Thiokol Chemical Corporation in its forum on January 28, 1959 at the Hotel Roosevelt on the subject of polysulphide sealants.

At an evening meeting on February 19, 1959, Mr. Guy Rothenstein of Frederic P. Wiedersum Associates gave an informative talk on the use of vinyl coatings and epoxy resins.

A dinner meeting on March 24, 1959, was devoted to a discussion of the First Presbyterian Church, Stamford, Connecticut, by Harrison & Abramovitz, Architects. Mr. Yen Liang of the architects' office described the development of the design while Mr. Patrick DeLuca, the general contractor, told of the problems and process of construction. Renderings and color slides illustrated the talks.

At a luncheon meeting on April 21, 1959, Mr. Felix B. Graham A.I.E.E., of Syska & Hennessy, Consulting Engineers, talked on "Intensities of Illumination" in connection with the latest recommendations of the Illuminating Engineering Society and the Blackwell Report.

VISITORS COMMITTEE

MAURICE GAUTHIER
Chairman

- ROY O. ALLEN, JR.
- LEOPOLD ARNAUD
- ELISABETH COIT
- THOMAS H. CREIGHTON
- PAUL F. DAMAZ
- OLINDO GROSSI
- DOUGLAS HASKELL
- THEODORE HOOD
- WILLIAM LESCAZE
- JULIAN CLARENCE LEVI
- HERMAN NEUMANN
- HERBERT L. SMITH, JR.
- G. E. KIDDER SMITH
- ROBERT C. WEINBERG

Approximately 14 Architects from various countries from Australia to Poland were able, through the Chapter, to establish contact with schools and important Architectural offices throughout the country.

A group of 220 Italian Architects, Engineers, Professors, and many wives visited the United States in March of this year. Assistance was given them in formulating a program of visits in the Eastern part of the United States and arranging conferences with leading Architects.

A group of 170 of them were entertained at a cocktail party at the Architectural League with the help, fortunately, of the Architectural Record, Architectural Forum, Time & Life, Progressive Architecture, The America Italy Society and Singer Furniture Co. Over 250 persons attended this party.

Assistance, "not monetary," was given the Aluminum Company of America in entertaining 75 visiting German Architects on April 27, 1959. The party took place at the Biltmore Hotel.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Michael M. Harris

The following is a summary of income and disbursements for the period October 1, 1957 to September 30, 1958 and 7 month period beginning October 1, 1958 to April 30, 1959.

	Fiscal Year 10/1/57-9/30/58	7 Month Period 10/1/58-4/30/59	
<i>Receipts</i>			
Dues Collected	30,087.70	30,093.75	
Sale of Documents	7,475.27	5,663.91	
Miscellaneous Income	499.22	143.80	
Reserve Fund Income	2,563.86	1,705.10	37,606.56
<i>Disbursements</i>			
Administrative	17,765.01	12,209.28	
Dues to Other Organizations..	7,883.70	5,142.15	
Cost of Documents	3,542.45	2,691.21	
Committee Expenses	6,089.17	2,586.17	
Contingent Reserve Fund	3,008.79	3,009.38	25,638.19
	2,336.93	11,968.37	
Year End Balance 56/57	11,182.42		
Year End Balance 57/58	13,519.35		
Less Appropriation for Mem- bership Director	1,308.72		
Accumulated Year End Balance 57/58	12,210.63	12,210.63	
Balance as of May 1, 1959.....		24,179.00	
<i>Book Value of Funds</i>			
Contingent Reserve Fund	45,680.04	49,221.61	
Arnold W. Brunner Scholar- ship Fund	146,016.43	147,524.89	
LeBrun Fellowship Fund	41,854.17	43,493.76	

1. The total balance as of May 1, 1959, does not take into consideration the expenses of the Public Relations Campaign which is self supporting.
2. *Arnold W. Brunner Scholarship*
From the Brunner Funds a total of \$2,400. has been allocated to G. E. Kidder Smith toward a book guide to the "Contemporary Architecture of Europe."
3. Disbursements have been kept well within budget appropriations. Audit reports as of September 30, 1958 are on file at the Chapter Office.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

GILLET LEFFERTS, JR.
Chairman

MICHAEL M. HARRIS
GIORGIO CAVAGLIERI

The Programs Committee was established this year to help coordinate Chapter affairs and to promote greater Chapter activity both on the Committee level and on the individual membership level.

Several interesting and special seminars have been held during the year, sponsored by Committees not previously involved with general membership participation. This is an encouraging trend but there is much more still to be accomplished.

One of the more obvious areas open to improvement is the failure of the vast majority of New York Chapter members to take an active part in Chapter affairs. It has been suggested that next year greater emphasis be placed on "getting out" these modest, bashful or complacent members. This might be an area for the Programs Committee of 1959-60.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Gillet Lefferts, Jr.

It is recorded with regret that the following twenty-one members have died during the past year:

Corporate Members

Henry Boak
James E. Casale
Delbert D. Ehresman
Alfred Fellheimer
William Gehron
William A. Gustafson
Arthur L. Harmon
John A. Knubel

Charles B. Meyers
Howard S. Patterson
Oliver Reagan
William H. Russell
Steward Wagner
Ralph W. Weirick
Richard J. Winn
John W. Wood

Honorary Associate
Thomas S. Holden

Associate Members

Carl Beck
Guy Sammarco
Edward LeRoy Sheldon
Albert W. Varasse

There has been, over the year, a net gain of 78 in Chapter membership accounted for below:

	Honorary Associate	Emeritus	Corporate	Associate	Unassigned	Students	Total
<i>May 1, 1958</i>	6	51	810	220	11	141	1239
<i>Gains</i>							
New Members	1	—	45	48	2	121	
Transferred	—	—	5	—	—	—	
Internal	—	6	7	—	—	—	
Total Gains	1	6	57	48	2	121	235
	7	57	867	268	13	262	1474
<i>Losses</i>							
Deceased	1	2	14	4	—	—	
Transferred	—	—	12	—	—	—	
Internal	—	—	6	7	—	—	
Graduated	—	—	—	—	—	88	
Resigned	—	—	6	4	3	—	
Terminated	—	—	6	4	—	—	
Total Losses	1	2	44	19	3	88	157
Totals	6	55	823	249	10	174	1317

CANDIDATES

Information regarding the qualifications of the following candidates for membership will be considered confidential by the Admissions Committee.

Corporate

SOLOMON BAUM
JOHN HENRY BRENNEMAN
STUART FURMAN

Associate

NEHAMA MERLE COURLAND
PAUL WALDRON REILLY
JAMES HOPKINS STEARNS

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{ MAX FOLEY
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