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August 31 - September 3—55th annual convention, American Hospital Association, at San Francisco.

November 4-6—14th annual convention, TSA, at Austin.

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The report of the 85th convention of the American Institute of Architects at Seattle shows that there are now 9,487 corporate AIA members in the United States, with at least one of the 108 AIA chapters in each state.

Among the many items of public interest in the convention report are news that architectural activity over the nation remains at a high level, with Texas architects from 20-30% busier on the average than a year ago; increased AIA activity toward eliminating temporary buildings from the Mall in Washington; accomplishments of a volunteer AIA committee which works with Atomic Energy Commission agencies on nuclear facilities; and cooperation with the Public Health Services to maintain the effectiveness of the Hill-Burton program of grants-in-aid to the states for the construction of hospitals and medical centers.

With home-building still near record levels, however, one facet of the AIA report is of particular interest to the general public: The AIA is actively engaged upon a program of acquainting the architectural profession with the opportunities and responsibilities involved in architecture for the merchant home building industry.

Large-scale home building is one of the areas wherein the talents of U. S. architects are not being used to full advantage, although it has long been recognized by builders, prospective home buyers, financial institutions and others that the services of an architect are valuable to all concerned.

To date, the AIA has completed a survey of the experiences of 54 architects over the nation who have worked with development builders. The results have been published in publications of the AIA, the National Association of Home Builders, and in the magazine *House & Home*. AIA committee members are participating in conferences with NAHB representatives which will result in a program of development houses built with architectural services. For the first time this year, development houses will be included as a category in the nationwide AIA Honor Awards Program.

More active participation of the architectural profession in the development building field augurs well for all concerned, particularly for the many additional home owners who may now enjoy the benefits of planning by Architects.

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APPLICATIONS FOR TSA CHAPTERS IN WEST TEXAS, SABINE AREAS APPROVED

**New Chapters Will Bring Affiliates To 12;
Board Discusses Full-Time Office In Austin;
Indications Of Record Convention Attendance**

The TSA board of directors, in a regular quarterly meeting at the Driskill Hotel in Austin July 18, approved applications for the establishment of new chapters in the West Texas and Sabine areas, discussed the possible opening of a statewide TSA headquarters office in Austin, and heard details of plans for the 14th annual convention in Austin November 4-6, including predictions that attendance may set a new TSA record.

Now San Antonio Chapter

The new West Texas Chapter would include San Angelo, Abilene, Sweetwater, Big Spring, and cities and towns in the general area. The Sabine affiliate is to take in Beaumont, Port Arthur, Orange, and surrounding territory in deep Southeast Texas. As part of the proposed TSA expansion, the former West Texas Chapter has been renamed the San Antonio Chapter.

Addition of these affiliates is expected to boost TSA membership above the 650 mark and to make the organization more effective on a statewide basis. Since the TSA board has approved, applications can now be forwarded to the national board of the American Institute of Architects, asking for the chartering of the new chapters.

Appointment of a committee to study the possibility of opening a full-time TSA office in Austin follows informal discussion of this matter for several months. The committee was requested by President Albert S. Golemon to report back

at the 14th annual TSA convention, scheduled for the Driskill Hotel in Austin next November 4-6.

Further discussion of the possible opening of TSA state headquarters in Austin will follow the convention, after the special committee on the matter has laid its report before the entire TSA membership.

Attendance Above 500 Seen

Representatives of the Central Texas Chapter appeared before the board of directors to report that plans for the three-day annual meeting in November are progressing satisfactorily and on schedule. The Central Texas group is preparing to entertain a record number, estimated in excess of 500 TSA members and guests, because Austin is centrally located and is accessible from all parts of the state. More than 200 were in attendance last fall at the TSA convention in El Paso, although this gathering was held at a point many hundreds of miles from other Texas cities.

Final action on the establishment of the new TSA chapters in West Texas and the Sabine area will await formal action on chartering of the affiliates by the American Institute of Architects. The national board of the AIA is expected to act on the applications in November.

Next Meeting At Convention

The next quarterly meeting of the TSA board will be held at Austin November 4, in conjunction with the Society's convention.