



President's Report

by Gary L. Skog, AIA-President 1993

To the Membership, AIA Detroit:

1993 has been a year of significant internal change in the way AIA Detroit reviews and plans its upcoming programs. As I reported at last year's Annual Meeting, our intent this year was to continue addressing our long range planning goals by identifying specific goals to be achieved in 1994, and begin the necessary planning early enough this year to be able to put on more effective programs next year. I believe we have achieved this aim. Early this year, the Board held a goal setting session where each board commission outlined specific goals for 1994, based on our long range plan. With this information, Vice President/President Elect Carl Roehling, AIA has put together an excellent calendar of events for next year and has already begun to organize the committees to carry out the plan. It is the Board's hope that we will continue this early planning goal setting procedure next year.

Some of our accomplishments and activities in 1993 included:

- A successful Honor Awards program at Cranbrook featuring keynote speakers Todd Williams and Billie Tsien; Gold Medal recipient Ed Francis; Honorary Member Chuck Forbes; Charles Blessing awardees Eddie Edwards, Maggie DeSantis, and Father William Cunningham, and of course, our own honor awards members.

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1994 Building Connections

by Carl Roehling, AIA - President, 1994

Dennis Archer, Detroit's new Mayor, is one of the most effective architects I have seen. Granted, he doesn't design and build the physical structures for which we are licensed, but he designs and builds connections between people and organizations that will have a profound effect upon our lives, our city and our future. In one week, Mr. Archer "connected" with Coleman Young, the Central Business District Association, the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce, and President Clinton. He leaves in his wake the feeling that we all belong to our region's future and that we can make a difference. So it is certainly no coincidence that our 1994 AIA Detroit program focuses on building our own connections, our own future.

I hope you are now asking yourself, "How can I get connected?". There are no guarantees in life, but if you take advantage of this simple twelve step program of opportunities offered, you will probably be connected. You need not do them all, only those that interest you. Some can even be done out of order.

Paint Yourself Green

Join the new Environmental Committee on January 20. Anne Belleau-Mills will lead the inaugural meeting. The Committee will connect you to the National and State organizations and the information that is currently available. The four environmental design video tapes produced by National AIA are available for loan at no charge.

Have Breakfast with Your Mayor

Cobo Hall will be the site of AIA-Detroit's first legislative breakfast. Join Chairperson Anne Bernardini on February 10.

Serve the Community

The University of Detroit Mercy Architecture School will co-host presentations on the new Community Design Center. If you want to volunteer or learn more about this exciting development, join Dean Vogel on March 31.

Bring a Friend to Committeefest '94

April showers brings the Second Joint Meeting of AIA Detroit Committees. The event is designed to let you network with associates and sample the committees.

Exchange Information with Your Peers

A Principal's Roundtable will focus on issues facing Detroit area architects and AIA-Detroit. The Beaubien House will host this in May.

Make Friends with Your Clients

Jeff Zokas and the Practice Committee will provide you with the opportunity to learn how to "Partner" over lunch on June 9.

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- The continuation of our Architecture series with LTU.
- The start-up of a successful chapter newsletter with 3 issues this year.
- Another House Tour program, this year in Birmingham, and an Architect's Sunday at One Detroit. Key programs by the Building Codes and Regulations Committee and our BOCA Chapter.
- Continued growth and interest in our Urban Priorities Committee.
- With a new mayor, we look for new opportunities to become more active and visible in the revitalization of Detroit.
- The first (annual?) "Oktoberfest" featuring presentations by four committees open to the membership.
- A public endorsement of mayoral candidate, Dennis Archer. Continued activity by our
- Professional Practice Committee in monitoring licensing abuses.
- Development of a traveling exhibit of Interiors by Architects by our Interior Architecture Committee.

The efforts put forth by the members of the Board have been exceptional. I appreciate their dedication and contributions and thank them for their valuable leadership. In addition, I'd like to express my appreciation to all the Committee members and Chairpeople. It's not always easy to give up your spare time, but without these dedicated volunteers, we would have no programs! Thank you all. Let me also thank Rae Dumke, Hon. AIA, and the Beaubien House staff for another year of support. Once again their commitment to our Chapter has shown through. And lastly, thanks to all of you, the Membership, for allowing me to serve you as President for this year. It's been fun (mostly), and I look forward to the positive changes in store for AIA Detroit. •

Oktoberfest Success!

by Pamela DuBois Holmes, AIA - Newsletter Staff

Approximately 125 AIA members attended the first annual Oktoberfest, held on October 21, 1993, at the offices of Smith, Hinchman & Grylls. With a terrific view of the Detroit River, AIA Detroit owes a big THANK YOU to SH&G for contributing the venue. Three AIA Detroit committees and one AIA Michigan committee made concurrent presentations.

Urban Priorities Committee (UPC)

With a membership of over 100, the UPC includes both AIA and non-AIA professionals and community representatives, including the New Center Area Council, Cass Corridor Development Corporation, SEMCOG, University of Michigan, University of Detroit Mercy, Wayne State University, Lawrence Technological University, Preservation Wayne, and the City of Detroit.

Attendance at the monthly meetings ranged from 35 to 50.

Would you like to participate in 1994? Contact Jerry Shea at 810/949-4100.

Computer Committee

Five vendors brought in equipment for an interactive session with AIA members. They showed specific items of interest to architects, including color plotting, 3D studio rendering and AutoCad applications to Mackintosh.

AIA Detroit thanks the following vendors for participating: Frank Zuccaro, AeroData Computer Services, Inc., 313/454-4544 Pete Remus/Rob Kurtycz, Sweet Source, 616/732-5489 Gint Gaska, MasterSpec, 313-644-0604 Dave Darbyshire, Cyb Lings, Inc., 313/391-1302 Tim Murad, Architectural CAD Concepts, 313/543-1149

The Computer Committee hopes the presentations were a valuable step in introducing AIA Detroit members to new areas of computer architectural applications. The Committee would appreciate your feedback and comments for use in future sessions. Contact Lisa Balian at 810/626-8100.

Intern Development Program Committee

Current and past chairpersons Dwight Blakey, Cary Sheremet and John Miliacca hosted a question and answer session. They have been involved with IDP since its inception in Michigan, and provide continuity and a knowledge of the evolution of the IDP program.

Government Affairs Committee AIA Michigan

Attacking the issue of unlicensed practice, we introduced House Bill 4787, which proposes a method for the profession to pay for enforcement.

The Home Builders withdrew Senate Bill 330, which sought to eliminate the requirement for an architect's involvement for all single family houses.

Three other bills intended to shore up Michigan's licensing laws are in process: legislation to enforce continuing education, legislation to change the Board of Architects from a non-policy-making to a policy-making body, legislation mandating Qualification Based Selection

Contact Chairperson Tom Lucas at 810/646-3868 for additional information. Be a Minuteperson, write your congressman, it works. •

1 Long Range Planning

by Pamela DuBois Holmes, AIA - Newsletter Staff

How does AIA Detroit determine the direction of our professional society? Early each year, the directors and committee chairs brainstorm for an entire Saturday. During the 1993 session, 20 professional issues were identified and posted around the room. Participants voted for their priorities by placing colored stickers next to the issues.

At a follow-up board meeting, the top three issues are assigned to the three commissions for development of action plans. President-Elect Carl Roehling based his 1994 agenda on the results of the Long Range Planning meeting.

The issues were identified and prioritized as follows:

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Building Connections

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Introduce Your Family to Other Architects

Meadowbrook Music Festival will be the location of our Picnic Concert in August. B.Y.O.D.

Make Urban Issues a Priority

We are currently planning a one day conference on regional planning issues in cooperation with the Michigan Society of Planning Officials. Join Jerry Shea in connecting our communities.

Be Recognized

Our annual meeting will honor our leaders at Second City in November.

Reach Out and Touch Someone

If you are a Past President of AIA-Detroit, volunteer to become our representative to affiliated organizations through Gary Skog. The Speakers Bureau needs volunteers to speak in the community. Call Chairman Kirk Delzer.

Tell Your Leaders What You Think The Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings are coming to you. We are moving the meetings out of the Beaubien House and into your office. Check the calendar for a time and office near you.

Get the Fax! If you haven't received our new facsimile newsletter *Connections*, call the Beaubien House (965-4100). You'll get the latest information about issues, programs and people in AIA-Detroit.

1994, Dennis Archer's first year in office, brings more optimism and hope for Detroit than we have felt in the last twenty years. His success depends on the connections he builds. Our success also depends on the connections we build. So take any of the twelve steps and get connected! •

AIA Detroit Committee on the Environment

by Chairman Anne Belleau-Mills, AIA

Environmental sensitivity is not a new issue with architects today, although we are just beginning to understand the grave consequences of our actions; the construction industry is a major contributor to natural resource depletion and greenhouse gases. Architects must take some responsibility and lead the industry towards sustainable design.

Nationally, the AIA has formed a Committee on the Environment, (COTE), and is teaming with the EPA in developing an Environmental Resource Guide. AIA Michigan has formed a component committee and is focusing on regional issues in a conference format. 1994 is the year for the Detroit Chapter to become "green."

The Detroit component of the Committee on the Environment will provide a forum for ideas and information gathering on current environmental issues and technology. Topic discussions will vary from the relationships between buildings and the environment to the human factors of material and system effects. We will discuss the useful life issues of products: the process of manufacturing, the concept of embodied energy, and the methods of construction.

We will build on an environmental dictionary and a regional resource guide of environmentally sensitive manufacturers and indigenous materials. A current schedule will be kept of local and regional environmental events, and the committee will be periodically informed of the national AIA-COTE efforts.

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Committee on the Environment

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On January 20, 1994, a kick-off meeting for the Detroit component of the Committee on the Environment will be held at the offices of Giffels Associates in Southfield. The meeting is an extension of an AIA Detroit event. Please join us in discovering a topic that has both an evolving meaning and a widening embrace.

Contact Anne Belleau-Mills, AIA at (313)983-3896 for additional info. •

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Do you agree? Disagree? The 1994 Long Range Planning meeting is coming up - contact Carl Roehling at 313/983-3710 to express your opinion. •

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