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Messrs. Bessell and Williams gave a summary of the recent New York State architects' convention, and made a special point of the fact that the Chapter's representation was humiliatingly low.

Oculus was given a guarantee of at least one year's life by the appropriation of $275 for its expenses from the Chapter's reserve fund.

Mr. Bessell presented an invisible prize in an inaudible speech to the anonymous winner of Oculus' competition for a name.

Messrs. Erskine, Petroff and Struppman, newly elected associate members, were introduced to the Chapter.

President Harmon reported that in regard to the "Mayor's List" the following provisions had been agreed upon for this year:

That a Committee of 9, consisting of one representative of each architectural society in the Metropolitan Area, and one each from the Municipal Art Society and the Fine Arts Federation, elect a jury, the members whereof would not be members of the Committee of 9; this Jury to select not more than 75 firms for the 1939 panel; and further that this Committee of 9 study a plan for next year's method of selection; all other provisions as agreed upon at the last meeting of the Chapter to remain the same.

LIBRARY
The Chapter library needs whatever books you can spare, but especially the following:
- A good standard dictionary
- A dictionary of architectural terms
- A complete file of the Octagon

POSTAGE DUE
The Chapter office continually pays postage on return post cards that arrive too late to be of any use. Miss Waters requests that when members notify her of their intended presence or absence at a meeting, they mail the cards before the meeting takes place.

HOUSING COSTS
Alfred Fellheimer of Fellheimer and Wagner has recently been appointed chairman of a Building Congress committee to study minimum construction standards for rental housing projects eligible for mortgage insurance. It is expected that the results of the committee's work will be helpful as a guide in setting up low-cost private rental projects in the city.

JOINT COMMITTEE
Few architects seem to have a clear idea of the function of the Joint Committee of Architectural Societies of the Metropolitan Area. The Committee has as its member bodies:
- New York Chapter, A.I.A.
- Brooklyn Chapter, A.I.A.
- New Jersey Society of Architects
- Westchester Society of Architects
- New York Society of Architects
- Brooklyn Society of Architects
- Bronx Society of Architects
- Staten Island Society of Architects

As only architectural societies are members of the Joint Committee it can take action only upon questions that are brought before it by one of its constituent societies, and it can never act in behalf of any single individual.

We present below a description of its genesis and activities written by Mr. DelGaudio, the present Chairman:

"For about twenty years the Architects of the City of New York had been at the mercy of city officials in the questions of interpretations of the various laws and ordinances. It was very difficult for an Architect to serve his client properly because of the arbitrary attitude of many of the city officials and city employees, and it was a known fact that the administration of the various offices having to do with buildings were not only incompetently managed, but run as private enterprises to a great degree.

"Accordingly many of those Architects practicing in the kind of work that required local supervision on the part of city employees decided to form an organization. This was done, and from the time of such formation the relations between the Architects and the city officials have greatly improved.

"In 1928, when the Multiple Dwelling Law was first suggested, each of these various groups and each of the Chapters of the American Institute of Architects studied the problem and arrived at certain conclusions. By accident or by a happy thought one of the local organizations invited the representatives of the various other organizations to meet to discuss this very important matter, and after a number of meetings all the architectural groups joined in the opposition to the then proposed law and in suggestions as to the manner in which the law might be formed.

"In 1929 and 1930 the representatives of the various associations and chapters again cooperated fully and efficiently. So successful were the efforts of these representatives that in 1931 it was suggested that these representatives form themselves into a permanent group to represent their organizations and to discuss problems and exchange ideas. From this conference resulted the Joint Committee of Architectural Societies of the Metropolitan Area.

"When the new Building Code of the City of New York was suggested, representatives of the various architectural groups in the city again cooperated, suggested amendments, made appearances and generally succeeded in obtaining concessions which they felt the architects should receive. These representatives were finally joined with the Joint Committee, which latter Committee eventually took over the matter of the Building Code revision.

"Since 1935 this Joint Committee has acted as a coordinating committee, receiving ideas from each of the organizations and requesting the other representatives to impart to their constituent organizations such information.

"Because of the imminence of a new charter, a discussion in respect to the Building Code and the amendments to laws generally affecting the profession, the architectural groups themselves decided to maintain the Joint Committee as the spokesmen for the entire profession in the Metropolitan Area.

"Since the new city administration has been in office all complaints made by the various architectural organizations have been forwarded to the Joint Committee which, in turn, has discussed the matter with the city officials, and in all cases complaints have been adjusted and the city administration has complied with the requests of the Joint Committee. In fact, at the present time the city administration regards the Joint Committee as the spokesman for the entire profession in the City of New York and will receive suggestions only from this Committee. The functions of the Joint Committee therefore have now resolved themselves to the following:

"Complete cooperation between the various architectural groups in the Metropolitan Area (including Westchester County and Northern New Jersey) without in any way interfering with the organizations themselves, nor with their local management.

"Appearance before city and state officials on behalf of the architectural profession, after the representatives of such organizations have unanimously approved of such proposition.

"The discussion by the Committee of all problems such as unionization of draftsmen, amendments to laws, registrations of architects and other legislation that affects the profession as a whole."
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