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"Indelibility . . . the permanence of design on society"

2000 Honor Awards Jury Chair Tapped

Ralph Rapson, FAIA with Ralph Rapson & Associates, Inc in Minneapolis will chair the 2000 AIA Nebraska Fall Design Conference. For over forty years Ralph Rapson & Associates, Inc., have provided professional consulting services in the fields of architecture city design, environmental planning, interiors, and graphic design. During this period the firm has built an international reputation for quality design in institutional, public and private architectural work. RR& A has received over sixty international, national, and regional awards including five national AIA Honor Awards for its work.

Ralph Rapson received his Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Michigan and did graduate study in Urban and Regional Planning at the Cranbrook Academy.

Rapson is a Minnesota institution, widely regarded as the state's most influential Modernist architect. He has spent 30 years of his professional career in the quiet groves of academia, where he led the University of Minnesota's architecture program from 1954 – 1984.

Rapson has been well acquainted with architects such as Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, Eliel Saarinen, and Sibyl Moholy-Nagy. He was a rising star in the 1940's and early 50's, having designed lines of chairs for Knoll and foreign embassies in Stockholm and Copenhagen. He was the youngest architect to participate in *Arts and Architecture* magazine's Case Study House Program with his design for the Greenbelt House.

Rapson received the Minnesota Society of Architects Gold Medal in 1979, the Thomas Jefferson Medal in 1965, and the ACSA/AIA Topaz Medal for Educational Excellence in 1987.

Some of his works include Embassies in Stockholm, Sweden, Boulogne and Neuilly, France, the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis, Performing Arts Center University of California, Santa Cruz, Recreation Facilities Building at Southern Illinois University – Carbondale, Cedar Riverside Housing/Community Complex in Minneapolis and Jang-Baek Mountain Lodge Hotel near Yanji City, China.

Rapson maintained an active practice during his academia years, finding a compromise between the reality of architecture and the theory of architecture.

Jury members serving with Rapson will be highlighted in the May/June *Oculus*.

"INDELIBILITY" is also the Central States Region Conference and AIA Nebraska will welcome architects and design professionals from Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma. October 19 – 21, plan to be in Lincoln at the Embassy Suites Downtown. Conference details to follow, and will be posted on the AIA NE website. *Plan to attend and gain valuable professional knowledge and LUs.*

Call for entries information will appear in the May/June *Oculus* as well, be posted on the AIA NE Web Site, www.aiane.org.

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2000 AIA Nebraska President's Letter

By Marvin Webb, AIA, President

THE LEGISLATIVE SEASON BEGINS

The beginning of February 2000 is upon us sooner than we expected. As the days pass by we can only think of the warm spring weather

coming. Except, isn't that what we have already been experiencing most all this winter?

As the new year begins, we find ourselves thinking about architecture related Legislative Issues from the state Capitol in Lincoln to Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. Recently our AIA Nebraska delegation of Steve Clymer, Joe Saniuk, Sue McKie, Brad Kissler, Aaron Bilyeu, Lowell Berg, and Gayle Krueger attended the Grassroots Conference. I am sure we were well represented by their lobbying efforts. Thank you all for your dedication. The latest AIA's Angle Jan. 28, 2000 reported that more than 700 AIA architects attended Grassroots.

There are a few Nebraska Legislative Bills that have surfaced recently. They are LB1252 the Nebraska School Construction Act (Design-Build) and LB1312 which provides exemptions for the Elevator Act. We have been fortunate to have AIA Nebraska members volunteer to become familiar with each of these Legislative Bills and provide testimony at the hearings.

For those of you who want to keep informed, you can subscribe to the Unicameral Update, weekly publication

by calling 402/471-2877 or access the Internet at www.unicam.state.ne.us/update/.

Coming up next month is the Western Nebraska Chapter's Spring Conference, March 28th in Kearney. The committee members have assembled a great menu of Keynote Speakers, Learning Sessions and Exhibitor Interaction. Some sessions will include: International Building Code, CAD Layering Standards, Technology in Education, Glass and Window Applications, Assisted Living. I encourage you all to send in your registration form soon after you receive it. This Spring Conference has grown over the past in size and quality. Mark your calendars now and plan on an valuable professional development day in Kearney.

At our last AIA Nebraska Board Meeting, Bob Schoenleber, AIA announced that he will be a Candidate for the Central States Director. If elected he will join Kate Schwennsen, AIA from Des Moines, IA. All of us need to rally our support for Bob and again have an AIA Nebraska member as a CSR Director.

As a reminder to all AIA NE members who attended our 1999 AIA Retreat, please keep on schedule to accomplish our Goals and Objectives by meeting the deadlines. One of our goals is to increase AIA Nebraska membership. So visit with your fellow architect friends and encourage their membership in AIA. Thank all of you who have made the commitment to make AIA Nebraska better and stronger in this new year.

SCHOENLEBER THROWS NAME IN THE HAT

AIA Nebraska is proud to announce that **Robert Schoenleber, AIA** with Schoenleber, Shriner Hittle in Lincoln will be running for Central States Regional Director at the Fall Conference, October 19-21, 2000, Lincoln, NE

If elected, Bob will serve a three-year term on the AIA National Board representing the Central States Region. Bob is immediate past president of AIA Nebraska.

AIA NE is pleased to offer, as a benefit to our members, **The Architectural Graphic Standards 10th edition** at a DISCOUNTED price: 12% off the regular price

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It is anticipated that demand for the new version 3.0 will be quite high, given the vast number of improvements, enhancements, and additional information contained, so, don't wait.

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Legislative Report



By Gordon Kissel and
Gayle Krueger, CAE

AIA Nebraska will see a
new face in the rotunda of
the state capitol this year,

as our long time legislative liaison,
Charles Thone has retired. **Gordon
Kissel**, Managing Director Kissel/E&S
Associates of Kissel/E&S Associates,
has been retained as the AIA Nebraska
lobbyist.

A native of Lincoln, Gordon Kissel
brings 17 years of experience in the
lobbying and association management
field to Kissel/E&S Associates. As the
Executive Director of the Nebraska
Association of Resources Districts
from 1980-1994, Gordon was responsible
for governmental and legislative affairs
and association management
Welcome, Gordon!!

The Nebraska Legislature is nearing the
halfway point in the session. On
February 22 the Legislature will be on
the thirtieth day of the sixty-day session.
Also by the end of the week the priority
bills should be set and it will be clear
what issues will dominate the rest of the
session. Public Hearings will be ending
by the end of the month with most of the
committees having finished that phase of
the legislative process. The Revenue
Committee and Judiciary Committee
will probably need to hold some public
hearings the first week in March, but all
the rest of the committees should be
done with the public hearings.

LB 1252, the design build legislation,
was heard by the Government Commit-
tee this week. Several people were on
hand to testify on the bill. Representa-
tive of Hawkins and Ayers testified in
support along with HDR Vice President
Jim Suttle. Those in opposition included
several "small to mid range" construc-
tion companies. The concerns of the

AIA have been communicated to the
Senators of the Committee. Issues related
to qualifications selection and intellectual
properties have been discussed with
senators. We have pledged to work with
the committee and others interested in the
bill over the interim. The bill will remain
in committee

LB's 1312 and 1384 dealt with elevator
regulations, including the formation of an
advisory committee. At this point both
bills are in debate, and we will keep you
updated on their status and relevance to
AIA.

From the National Front

AIA Assertively Voices Concerns with ADA
Steven Winkel, FAIA, testified at an
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
hearing in Los Angeles on Jan. 31. Mr.
Winkel, an AIA Board member, is a
member of the AIA's Accessibility Task
Force.

In the testimony, Mr. Winkel stated that
the AIA is "firmly committed to making
the built environment fully accessible
for the safe use and enjoyment by
people with disabilities. The AIA
advocates clear and certain guidance to
facilitate compliance with the ADA."
The AIA has long been calling for
certainty and clarity in the law, empha-
sizing that confusion severely un-
dermines the intent of the ADA.

The AIA will submit comprehensive
comments on the proposed revisions to
the ADA and the Architectural Barriers
Act (ABA) Accessibility Guidelines in
March. For additional information, visit
<http://www.e-architect.com/gov/ada>.

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Continuing Education



REGISTRATION

Spring Conference Schedule

Spring Conference

Fees per Person	Mar. 17	after Mar. 17
AIA Member	\$55	\$80
Non-AIA Members	\$80	\$105
Students	\$20	\$45

Fee includes: Breakfast, lunch, breaks, and seminar materials. **Cancellation:** Fees will be refunded, less \$10 processing fee, if cancellation is received in AIA Nebraska in writing before **March 17, 2000.**

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Fees reflect the CASH discount price of \$5 if paid by cash, check, money order. *Visa / Mastercard payment - ADD \$5.00 (non discount price). **Make check payable, and return with this form to: AIA Nebraska • P O Box 80045 Lincoln, NE 68501 • 402/472-1456 or Fax: 402/472-1654 or -3806, E-mails: gkrueger@unlserve.unl.edu or lducharm@unlserve.unl.edu.**

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PROGRAMS: (choose one per time slot)

10:00 - 12:00 * Mind Trips Topics/Questions:

- Tech Voyages
- Mind Trips*
- Clear Sailing

2:00 - 3:30

- Navigational Opps
- Journey to One Code

3:45 - 5:15

- Migration to CAD
- Fork in the Road

For AIA NE use

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7:30 a.m. Registration / Exhibitor Interaction / Welcome

8:30 a.m. Keynote Address

- ✓ Trek through History Nebraska State Capitol Restoration: An opportunity to take a behind the scenes glimpse at the restoration of the Nebraska State Capitol Building. Learn about the challenges of this extraordinary undertaking. • 1.5 CES/HSW • Dan Worth, AIA and Michael Rindone, AIA.

10:00 a.m. Break / Exhibitor Interaction

10:30 am - 12:00 • Learning Sessions (select one)

- ✓ Technological Voyages: The role of technology and education through the use of video and other media delivery equipment to significantly stimulate the learning environment. Continuing advancements in this type of equipment assists the educator in creating a multimedia presentation in the classroom. • 1.5 CES/HSW • Randy Wilson, PE.
- ✓ Mind Trips: Offering an opportunity and forum for architects and interns to gather together in a "noncompetitive" environment to pose topics for discussion and comment. FORMAT: *Submit topics or questions you would like tackled during the session to the AIA NE office with your conference registration or via e-mail to Gayle gkrueger@unlserve.unl.edu or Luz - lducharm@unlserve.unl.edu ahead of time. • 1.5 CES • Robert Schoenleber, AIA and John Sinclair, AIA.

- ✓ Clear Sailing - Glass and Window Applications: Using a variety of glass samples and project case studies from across the United States, we will discuss how the architect's selection of the glazing system impacts aesthetics, thermal performance, and cost. We will discuss the effects of double-glazing, triple glazing, warm edge technologies, low-E coatings, tints, reflective coatings, between-glass blinds, and the feasibility of future technologies like liquid crystal and electrochromic glass. • 1.5 CES/HSW • Terry Zeimet, AIA, CSI, CDT.

12:00 Lunch / Exhibitor Interaction

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. • Learning Sessions (select one)

- ✓ Navigational Opportunities for Assisted Living Communities and Conversions: Participants will learn some general information about the licensing and operational requirements, funding and grants availability, and construction standards affecting Assisted Living Facilities and Communities in the state of Nebraska. The information and handouts provided and issues discussed during the question and answer session will be a great assistance for any designer or operator of one of the fastest growing facility types in the state of Nebraska. • 1.5 CES/HSW • Rod Laucomer.
- ✓ Journey to ONE CODE: The ICC International Building Codes which address multi regional needs, will assist in keeping the US in a competitive position on a world scale in the field of building construction. The code is currently at press and this session will address the changes and expectation with this approach. • 1.5 CES/HSW • Susan Kelley.

3:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. • Learning Sessions (select one)

- ✓ Migration to CAD Layering and Standard The discussion will focus on setting up drawings in Microstation and/or Autocad that conform to the National CAD Standards. • 1.5 CES/HSW • Ron Baker, AIA
- ✓ Fork in the Road . . . Comparative Study of Wood and Aluminum Windows in Commercial Buildings Project case studies from across the United States are used to illustrate how the selection criteria impacted the choice of window material, and determine the most appropriate window system for your next project. • 1.5 CES/HSW • Terry Zeimet, AIA

CORRECTION to our brochure Please note that the name of the hotel is **RAMADA INN**, not Regency Inn.

HOTEL INFORMATION: A block of rooms is being held under AIA Nebraska at the Ramada Inn • 800/652-1909 UNTIL 14 MARCH 2000. Rates: \$54 SGL/\$59 DBL.



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CONVENTION



There's No Place Better Than Philadelphia in *May!*

Now is the time to mark your calendars for the AIA's 2000

National Convention in Philadelphia (<http://www.aiaconvention2000.com>). Join friends and colleagues *May 4-6* for "New Century, New Vision: Livable Communities for America's Future." Former U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young will be the keynote speaker. Two international acclaimed architects: Zaha M Hadid and Christian de Portzamparc will also bring their own fresh perspectives to the Convention.

Fire-Resistive Construction Requirements Course

Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) and B&F Technical Codes Services, Inc. have developed this comprehensive course on utilizing the UL Directories to determine the fire-resistive compliance requirements specified in the model building codes. Using a set of architectural drawings and UL's Fire Resistance, building materials and roofing materials, and systems directories, code officials, design professionals, building owners, construction representatives, and others will be instructed on how to review construction plans for conformance with the model building codes.

Some Program Locations: March 30-31, St. Louis, MO • April 12-13, Arlington Heights, IL • April 19-20, Orlando, FL • May 10-11, Ft. Lauderdale • May 24-25, Las Vegas, NV • May 31-June 1, Houston, TX • June 14-15, Phoenix, AZ • June 29-30, San Diego, CA • July 19-20, Denver, CO • October 11-12, San Francisco, CA

For more information, 800/232-5523, www.bftechcs.com



Going Our Way??

AIA Nebraska is interested to know who of our membership will

be in Philadelphia for the National Convention, May 4 – 6. Contact the AIA Nebraska office at 402/472-1456 or email either Gayle or Luz, gkrueger@unlserve.unl.edu or lducharm@unlserve.unl.edu and we will include you on the mailings for **Nebraska/Central States Region events in Philadelphia.**

The University of Wisconsin-Madison's Conferences:

March 20-24 - Madison • Fundamentals of Structural Design for Architects, Builders, and Technicians.

April 3-4, Madison • Effective Cost Estimating for D/B and E/P/C Projects. A practical update on single source construction estimating. Accuracies and contingencies, risks and contract language dealing with owner.

April 3-5, Allentown, PA • Construction Contract Interpretation Principles, Guides. You will learn how to avoid costly disputes, apply important knowledge and techniques, and make "preventive medicine" an important and effective contract administration strategy.

April 10-11, Madison • Building Mechanical Systems: HVAC&R basics and fundamentals, HVAC&R codes and equipment, Environmental control and building automation systems, Total building commissioning.

For more information about any of these conferences, contact Allen Wortley at 800/462-0876.

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US Dates: • All times are 9:00am-4:45pm
Cedar Rapids, IA - March 10
Milford, CT - March 14
Virginia Beach, VA - March 14
Richmond, VA - March 15
Syracuse, NY - March 16
Denver, CO - April 5
Sacramento, CA - April 12
Visit http://www.avat.com/site/training/adk_workshop.stm for more information and registration.

Project Management

How to successfully orchestrate the people, resources, and tasks it takes to bring any project in on time and within budget. Participants will get a thorough briefing in the nuts and bolts of planning, scheduling, and budgeting. They will gain the communications skills it takes to get ideas, instructions, and requests across quickly and accurately. They will learn how to stay on top of deadlines and expenses.

Program Locations: **Lincoln, NE, March 28-29, Holiday Inn Downtown • Omaha, NE, March 30-31, Ramada Inn Airport.**

To register, www.careertrack.com, 800/334-6780.



AIA Lincoln

By Kevin Clark, AIA, President

The AIA Lincoln Board has begun our year 2000 schedule of events. Combined with these events we will continue to co-host lunch time brown bag lectures with the Preservation Association of Lincoln (PAL). The UN-L College of Architecture Hyde Lecture series and the colleges Brown Bag Lectures will be added to the schedule as they confirm dates. There is an extensive level of continuing education activities available to the Lincoln Architectural community. The following is our current schedule. Stay tuned for updates.

February 8, 12:00 noon • Lincoln Planning Director @ Vals.

March 1, 4:00 p.m. • Journal Star construction tour.

March 22, noon • IDP, NCARB, registration brown bag @ UNL.

April 11&18, 7:00 p.m. • Bruce Fisher - Code Review 101 @ UNL.

April • College of Architecture 6th-year reception @ UNL.

May • State Capitol Restoration.

June • Yankee Hill Brick Tour.

July • Ellery Davis @ UNL.

August

September • Current projects / Work in progress @ UNL.

October • Central States Convention, Lincoln.

November

December • Christmas Party @ Grotto

Our first meeting of the year hosted Kathleen A. Sellman, AICP. The lunch meeting at Valentino's brought together 32 members to discuss planning in Lincoln with our new Planning Director. Thank you to Kathleen for her insightful presentation.

A side note: Most business using outdoor advertising (Billboards) use many forms of advertising. None of these business rely solely on billboards. All it takes is a call or letter to encourage these business not to use billboard advertising. The individual can make a difference. Lets show the billboard industry that we do not want or need their product. Let your voice be heard. Help clean up our built environment.

AIA Omaha

By Joseph Saniuk, AIA, President

After attending the Grassroots Legislative and Leadership conference, Sue McKie, AIA and myself decided that the AIA Omaha Board needed to invest some time into Strategic and Long Term Planning. This was the focus of the Board in February. I have the privilege of serving with a Board of Directors composed of very dedicated individuals. I know that the Board of Directors will be committed to achieving Long Range Goals as set forth in our Planning Meeting. In order for the Board to evaluate future programs, I feel we need to look how the members are being served, and how best to serve them in the future. These planning goals will allow us to evaluate programs and services the future.

Items to be discussed include the following:

- Membership Programs,
- Continuing Education,
- Speaker Series,
- Interns & Young Architects, and
- Programming funding.

I invite any of you who may wish to share any long range planning issues to call me or any other Board member.

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AIAS Report

Nicole Ludacka, AIAS President

I would like to begin my first report by congratulating Scott Baldermann on his success with the election of AIAS national president. Scott brought much leadership to our organization last year and in following the footsteps of many Nebraska alums, we know he will do the same on a national level. With the election of our chapter's new board I feel we have the ability to further continue this leadership. We have young enthusiastic directors coming in and together we have already accomplished a lot for this semester.

Our mentorship program is still going strong. Our first event took place on February 16th, where students and professionals came together to design and build sleds for the cardboard box race on Mount Crescent the following Saturday. This was a great fundraising experience. For the rest of the semester we hope to work with some local architects on prospective lectures and tours. We have many students that want to stay in the area after graduation, but do not really know about the profession locally or nationally. With the mentorship program we hope to help students get more involved in what is going on here in our community on an architectural level.

We are still continuing our community event, *building a square meal*, where we serve dinner at Matt Talbot Kitchen on the third Monday of every other month. I want to thank everyone who helped out and contributed to this event. I believe that these types of events help students establish service and interest in the community as architects.

Architecture week this year is February 28th-March 4th. A student art exhibit will be displayed in the gallery the entire week. The exhibit will contain student work from outside of architecture school. Dan Rockhill will begin the week by giving a lecture on his work. Dan is a professor at Kansas University and as an architect he does his own design/build work within the Lawrence area. Through out the rest of the week, there will be brown bag lectures and numerous events. Look for a postcard containing the itinerary in the mail and around arch hall.

I hope to continue the successful nature of our activities throughout the semester and gain additional recognition on a national level from this. I would like to thank the AIA for their continued support and we are all very excited to attend the National Convention this year in Philadelphia.

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2000 GRASSROOTS

By Gayle Krueger, CAE

Each year, component presidents, presidents-elect, and chief executive officers gather in Washington, D.C., to exchange knowledge and views, take the Institute's message to congressional representatives, and form closer bonds with the national elected officers and staff. Despite the snow storm and closed airports, many component executives and AIA members managed to arrive in Washington, D.C. to participate in the 2000 Grassroots leadership conference. The federal government may have shut down, but Grassroots attendees brushed off the more than 12 inches of snow from their boots and got down to business Wednesday morning. Thursday was Government Affairs Day, which featured visits to Capitol Hill for briefing members of Congress on the AIA's four legislative initiatives for 2000. Legislative blueprints were provided to illustrate the AIA issues for 2000.

The Nebraska contingent was able to see Reps Bereuter, Barrett, and Terry, and met with staff from Sens Hagel and Kerrey. Thursday afternoon attendees listened to Boise, Idaho, Mayor H. Brent Coles; J.C. Watts, (R-Okla.); Robert Peck, Hon. AIA, commissioner, Public Buildings Service; and Charlie Cook, political pundit, discuss critical legislative topics including livable communities, government buildings, and election predictions.

The focus of Grassroots 2000 turned toward leadership issues on Friday, opening with component peer group breakfast meetings and a morning plenary session that featured a "CEO Perspective" by Executive Vice President/CEO Norman L. Koonce, FAIA, and a keynote speech by Richard Farson, PhD, president of Western Behavioral Sciences Institute. The candidates for national AIA office in the year 2001 were officially introduced to attendees by David S. Collins, FAIA, 2000 AIA secretary, during the afternoon luncheon, and the AIA conferred several awards to

components and national staff for excellence.

Candidates for 2001 AIA national office: Stephan Castellanos, FAIA; Terrance J. Brown, AIA; John F. Corkill Jr., AIA; Edward M. Hord, FAIA; Gordon H. Chong, FAIA; Douglas L. Steidl, FAIA; Barbara A. Nadel, AIA; Angel C. Saqui, FAIA; and Fred L. Creager, AIA.

Also during the luncheon, Jamie Rice, executive vice president of RM&D, the AIA's advertising agency, spoke about tracking results of the first of three years of the AIA's "Building on Your Vision" ad campaign. And Dale McKinney, AIA, chair of the 1999 Component Affairs and Membership Advisory Committee, and Lawrence C. Livergood, AIA, chair of the Membership Policy Advisory Group, presented a number of preliminary proposals designed to foster inclusiveness in the AIA, as mandated by the AIA's AIM (Aligning the Institute for the Millennium) strategic plan The American Architectural Foundation's (AAF) annual Accent on Architecture Gala at the National Building Museum. Highlights included the presentation of the AIA Gold Medal and the AIA Architecture Firm Award to Ricardo Legorreta, Hon. FAIA, and Gensler, respectively, and the AAF's Keystone Award to Rick Lowe, founding director of Project Row Houses in Houston.

Saturday participants took part in the annual discussion breakfasts. Component presidents met with AIA national President Ronald L. Skaggs, FAIA; component presidents-elect with AIA national First Vice President/President-elect John D. Anderson, FAIA; and component executives with AIA Executive Vice President/CEO Norman L. Koonce, FAIA. The open forums were designed to allow for a free flow of conversation and questions. An issues forum was held to give components an opportunity to share their ideas, issues, and concerns with the national component leadership. The forum specifically focused on membership, Web-based

services, revenue sharing, internship, and governance, and the comments collected will be addressed at the March AIA Board meeting.

The rest of Saturday was devoted to workshops and seminars that focused on component innovation. Attendees also were treated to a luncheon that included an announcement of Accent on Architecture grants, an update on the AIA/McGraw-Hill alliance, and a preview of the 2000 AIA national convention in Philadelphia, May 6-9.

Grassroots is an invigorating opportunity to share with other components. The 2000 Nebraska Delegation included: Brad Kisssler, AIA, Lowell Berg, AIA, Stephen Clymer, AIA, Gayle Krueger, CAE, Dan Grasso, AIA, Sue McKie, AIA, Joe Saniuk, AIA and Aaron Bilyeu, AIA.

The Housing PIA

Representing the Diversity of Residential Architecture is William Kreager, AIA, 2000 Chair, Housing PIA <http://www.e-architect.com/pia/housing/>. The role and responsibilities of architects in residential practice is expanding dramatically. We are now recognized as more than designers of sophisticated-often spectacular-custom homes, but rather as builders of community who bring to the development team a knowledge of planning, social awareness, sustainability and the housing marketplace.

The Housing PIA leadership, working closely with AIA national staff, have developed a new structure representative of and responsive to the increasing diversity of residential practice.

The goal of this new organizational structure is to represent and assist the diverse activities of residential architects by developing issue-specific subcommittees with nationally recognized leaders in the profession: custom housing, merchant housing, affordable housing, community planning, education, and technology.



Web Site Focuses on AIA Contract Documents

Traditionally, the AIA revises most of our major contract documents once a decade. That is now changing. The national AIA Documents Committee has established a Web site in order to learn of the need for changes in AIA Documents long before the 10-year cycle currently permits. The site is also meant to solicit positive comments on important parts on the documents. The Web address is www.e-architects.com/aiaurvey; it is also accessible from AIA NE's Web site: <http://www.aiane.org/links.htm>.



AIA Documents Price Increase

AIA National has raised prices on all AIA Contract documents effective January 1, 2000. You can obtain an updated NE AIA Documents Price list and Order Form from our web site at http://www.aiane.org/PDF_Docs/pricelist.pdf or by calling AIA Nebraska at 402/472-1456.

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Membership Update



New AIA

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Floyd Ladegard, State of NE Building Division, Lincoln
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Brian Stokes, Frasier and Stokes Architects, Omaha

Jim Wilson, APA Architects, Omaha
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New Associates

Eileen Dobesh, Jackson-Jackson, Omaha

Reinstatements

Steven Hotovy, AIA, State of NE Building Division, Lincoln

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Charles Szmrecsanyi, AIA

Affiliates

Michael Karr, Business Media, Inc., Lincoln
Susan McCracken, McGraw-Hill Dodge Reports, Omaha
Robyn Gregory, Designer Blinds, Omaha



New Arrivals

Allison Christine Monzu was born on January 14, 2000, 7 pounds, 6 1/2 oz., 20 inches to Jeff Monzu, AIA and Kelly.

Emilie Ann Krupa was born on February 6, 2000, 6 pounds, 8 oz., 19 inches to Bob Krupa, AIA and Kristy.

AIA Nebraska joins in welcoming these two new wonders to the world.

Congratulations!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS -
Retirement Celebration for **W. Cecil Steward**, FAIA Scheduled for Saturday, 4/15/00. More information later.

Members on the Move

Donald Polsky Architects firm in Omaha, is pleased to announce that **Stephen Weber**, AIA has been named a partner. Weber spent three years designing commercial and entertainment buildings at the firm of Ellerbe Becket. He also served as an associate to Polsky from 1991 to 1994 shortly after graduating from UN-L College of Architecture. **Congratulations!**

HGTV's Homes Across America

The homes of Omaha's Architects **Lori Krejci**, AIA and **Larry Smith**, AIA, and **Randy Brown**, AIA were selected to be showcased on HGTV's "Homes Across America" national television program in February. These AIA members are recipients of architecture design awards.

Congratulations!

A copy of the Krejci/Smith's video can be requested from Lori Krejci, 402/493-9611

Kudos

Aaron Bilyeu, AIA with RDG Schutte Wilsam Birge has been appointed to serve on the AIA Young Architects Forum. Aaron began his service in January of 2000.

Young architects, roughly defined as those registered ten years or less, are confronted with a variety of issues relating to their professional and personal lives. Some of these are profession-wide, affecting many architects, interns and associates. However, some of these issues are uniquely relevant to young architects and specifically relate to the stage of development of their professional careers:

- Starting a Firm
- Moving Up Within an Existing Firm (Leadership/Early Career Development in general) Career Alternatives (both within and beyond "traditional" practice)
- Balancing Professional and Personal Life.

It is the intent of the YAF, through persistent pursuit of its stated goals, to make AIA membership invaluable to young architects and, in the process, develop the future leadership of the profession. **Congratulations Aaron!**

Other OPPORTUNITIES

Stopping Destruction Before it Starts

In December, Charles Harper, FAIA, chair of the AIA's Disaster Assistance program, and Center staff attended the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Project Impact Summit. FEMA's Project Impact program was developed to mitigate the effects of natural disasters by encouraging communities to become more disaster resistant. December's summit brought together representatives from over 200 Project Impact communities and business partners to share information, tools, and experiences.

The Project Impact program is one way in which architects can use their special skills and knowledge to assist their communities. For more information on the program, visit FEMA's Project Impact home page at <<http://www.fema.gov/impact/index.htm>>.

TEA-21 Online Resource

The transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) provides additional funding for public transit and transportation projects. The Transportation Enhancements Program included in TEA-21 funds projects involving historic preservation, scenic byways, and pedestrian and bicycle facilities. In short, TEA-21 can benefit YOU by providing funding for various transportation-related projects.

AIA's TEA-21 Online Resource provides you with valuable information, including examples of projects using TEA-21 funds, contact information in your state and insightful articles on the process. Find the answers to frequently asked questions, learn about niche programs and high priority projects, and gain a better understanding of what TEA-21 can do for you and your practice.

Access the TEA-21 Online Resource at <http://www.e-architect.com/gov/tea21/home.asp>. For more information, contact Dan Wilson at 202/626-7384 or dwilson@aialog.org.

Sense of Place and Harmony

In September, the Center collaborated with the Community Associations Institute (<http://www.caionline.com>) and the Fannie Mae Foundation (<http://www.fanniemaefoundation.org>) on a summit examining the future of community design. More than 125 participants gathered for a two-day discussion of design, management, diversity, governance, and planning.

The proceedings of this conference are summarized in "A Sense of Place and Harmony: Outcomes from the Communities of Tomorrow Summit." Copies are available from the Center by calling (202) 626-7359 or sending an e-mail to cmatthews@aia.org.

ATHENS TO ROME

A Cruise and a Chance to Earn AIA/CES Credits, October 8-16, 2000, <http://travelmgmt.com/aia.html>

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Seeking Exemplary Mentors

Are you or someone you have worked with an outstanding mentor? AIA and NCARB are looking for mentoring success stories. It can be about your mentor or how you have mentored others. Your success story just might inspire someone to be a mentor or to seek a mentor.

Stories will appear in both NCARB and AIA publications, on line, and will be available for reprint in chapter and collateral publications. Stories can be any length and should be submitted electronically to David Roccosalva, Director, Emerging Architects at droccosalva@aia.org. There is no deadline, as they will be used throughout the year. Members should include firm name, chapter, and contact information. Contact David at 202/626-7325 for more information on this project.

NCARB Registration

Instructions on the Web

Architects can obtain registration instruction and submit transmittal request forms for 36 US jurisdictions and all ten Canadian provinces at the NCARB Web site, www.ncarb.org/forms/req_tran.html. Also, 17 states have recently adopted the "Uniform Application" for registering architects. NCARB information 202/783-6500 or customerservice@ncarb.org.

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Other OPPORTUNITIES

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COMPETITIONS CALL FOR ENTRIES

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Do you have a building project completed since January 1997 that is a distinguished example of owner/architect collaboration? Did your organization achieve strategic goals through architecture? If so, the registration deadline to get the recognition your firms deserves is March 16, 2000. The entry submission deadlines is April 18, 2000.

How to Enter

Get information on ordering a BW/AR Awards submission packet by calling 888/242-4240 or 202/682-3205. Information is also available online at www.aiaonline.com or www.archrecord.com.

Call for Entries

Taunton's Home Building Books is looking for the best design examples for remodels, renovations, and additions to: Bungalows, Ranch-styles houses, and Cape Code-style houses from all over North America. The best entries will be chosen for a series of books to be published in 2001. Please send photographs (they don't have to be professionally shot) both before and after, a simple floor plan, before and after, and a brief description of the project to: Taunton's Home Building Books, P O Box 5506, Newton, CT 06470-5506. **Entries must be received by April 1, 2000.** For more information www.finehomebuilding.com.

Effective January 1, 2000, the AIA CES program will be measured by contact hour. The AIA CES program to contact hours from its current "quality level" system. Beginning January 1, for example, any program that is 2.5 hours will be equal to 2.5 LUs.

The decision simplifies the recording of credits and moves the AIA's CES program closer in line with requirements of each of the 14 states mandating continuing education, all of which measure their requirements by contact hour.

Transcript to change

To adjust to these changes, the CES transcript that you currently find on AIAOnline looks different. It will be simplified. The transcript will continue to note if the program qualifies for health, safety, and welfare (HSW) credit or not in the format currently used.

The transcript will reflect the calculated allowable carryover credit earned from 1995 to 1997.

The CES transcript is not a lifetime document of educational activities—the operative word in continuing education is continuing, and as such the CES transcript is intended to reflect only current learning activities.

Other changes under review

The CES Resolution Task Force members are also reviewing other policies of the CES program, including:

- Total number of hours required annually

- Total number of HSW hours required annually
- Current reporting cycle
- Acceptance of self-reported activity
- Credit for teaching
- Credit for board or committee activity
- Distance learning
- CES record-keeping process.

The recommendations of the task force could affect the adoption and implementation of continuing education in the 15 states with enabling legislation regarding MCE in place, as well as in the five states, Puerto Rico, and British Columbia, where MCE is under serious consideration.

Send inquiries or comments about the AIA's CES program to Thom Lowther, director, AIA/CES, (202) 626-7478, or lowther@aia.org, <http://www.e-architect.com/conted/ceducation.htm>

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Online Publication Promise to be Valuable Resource for Architects

The first issue of ECOTECHTURE: The Online Journal of Ecological Design hit the Internet on January 1. Published in electronic format only, the magazine's mission, according to founder and publisher Philip S. Wenz, is "to empower our readers to solve environmental problems by providing them with timely, mission critical information about the rapidly developing field of ecological design." To register for a free subscription, go to www.ecotecture.com.

Calendar of Events

March

- 7 AIA Lincoln Board Meeting
- 14 AIA Omaha Board Meeting
- 14 ARE Electrical Systems - Omaha
- 16 AIA NE Board Meeting - Lincoln
- 21 ARE Mechanical Plumbing - Omaha
- 28 AIA NE / Western NE Chapters Spring Conference - Kearney, NE

April

- 4 AIA Lincoln Board Meeting
ARE General Theory 1 - Omaha
- 11 AIA Omaha Board Meeting
ARE General Theory 2 - Omaha
- 14 CSR Spring Meeting - Ames, IA
- 18 ARE Lateral Forces - Omaha
- 19 AIA NE Board Meeting - Omaha
- 25 ARE Problem Solving - Omaha

May

- 2 AIA Lincoln Board
- 4-6 National Convention - Philadelphia, PA**
- 9 AIA Omaha Board
ARE Building Planning - Omaha
- 18 AIA Nebraska Board - Lincoln
- 29 Memorial Day**
AIA NE Office Closed

June

- 6 AIA Lincoln Board
- 13 AIA Omaha Board
- 18 Father's Day
- 22 AIA Nebraska Board
Western Golf Outing - Columbus

July

- 4 Fourth of July
AIA NE Office closed
- 11 AIA Omaha Board
- 20 AIA Nebraska - Omaha

Mark your Calendars

- AIA NE/Western NE Chapter Spring Conference • March 28, 2000
Kearney, NE
- AIA National Convention • May 4-6, 2000 • Philadelphia, PA
- AIA NE / Central States Region Fall Conference • October 19-21, 2000
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