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CONTINUING EDUCATION IS FOR EVERYONE

By Marvin Webb, AIA, AIA Nebraska President



There seems to be a trend developing in my Oculus articles this year. It appears to be that I am trying to encourage our AIA members to get more involved in Nebraska Legislative issues, bring AIA issues to your attention or become Citizen-Professionals in our State and home communities. This article will hope to stress the importance of CONTINUING EDUCATION. As we all have come to realize after finishing our secondary education and college degrees, we are not finished learning. We continue to learn every day. This is also true for us as architects. We are all living an existence of "Life Long Learning". AIA membership over the last few years has been conditioning us to attend Continuing Education seminars, workshops, and various conferences to earn CES learning units.

We have all been hearing about the development of the new "Nebraska Administrative Code" or the Nebraska **Rules and Regulations** that now coincide with the new "Practice Act" (Jan. 1, 1999) of the Nebraska Board of Examiners for Professional Engineers and Architects. In the 2/25/00 issue dated Title 110; Nebraska Administrative Code, there is "Chapter 9. Continuing Education". The first introduction paragraph (page 26) states "**9.1.1. Every licensee shall meet the Continuing Education requirements of these regulations as a condition for license renewal after January 1, 2002.**" We all have had enough preparation for this day that there should be no problem in meeting this new licensing requirements. In fact, this chapter continues to define that "Architectural Continuing Education (ACE) requirements for Nebraska license are those that are required for our current American Institute of Architects (AIA) membership". This makes recording, documenting and cataloging our CES learning units very simple to report. The AIA CES program has been in place since 1995 and has become a standard of record keeping for professional architects.

Most recently national news is surfacing about an attack on the CES requirements in Florida. A new law has recently been enacted by Florida that will affect all architects who are registered in that state. The *AIA's angle* (July 28, 2000) reports that "The new law requires the State of Florida to establish a state system to monitor compliance with continuing education requirements to determine each licensee's continuing education status. The monitoring system must be in place by July 1, 2000. There are concerns that this new requirement could impose burdensome demands on AIA members, including compliance difficulties for Florida architects, out-of-state licensees, and CES providers. The system could also impose duplicative reporting requirements and have a detrimental effect on the AIA Continuing Education System (CES)."

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Running out of time to collect your annual CES Learning Units Hours??

Check out page 10 for registration information to "Indelibility" 2000 AIA NE/CSR Conference



State | NEWS

Meet the 2001 AIA Nebraska Executive Committee Candidates

President: **STEVE CLYMER, AIA**



Venturing into the new century, AIA Nebraska will continue to face many of the same challenges, that "dog" us year after year. There will also be new challenges to our organization. As upcoming President, I am committed to providing leadership to work through these challenges as well as evaluate new directions for the interests and wishes of a new century's membership. Key agenda items that come to mind deal with architectural registration, membership numbers, and the importance of our organization's ability to provide an effective lobbying effort locally, at the state level, and nationally.

In order to be AIA status, one must be a registered architect. With the new testing procedures, many of the younger people are putting off taking the registration tests. An ever-increasing number are deciding against ever getting registered. Our profession needs the continued feed of registered architects or risk our work being taken by professions that are willing to assume the liability and the associated profits. AIA needs new registered architects to keep our rosters full. As an organization and profession, we need to seek ways and reasons to increase registration.

I hope that this year will mark the start of a trend of increased membership by our state's registered architects. It is of concern, that currently, only 64% of registered architects belong to the AIA. We don't necessarily need the remaining 36% to support our programs or functions, but we do need them to provide support and unity that will continue one of the most important aspects of the AIA: our lobbying arm. We will be considering various proactive methods to bring additional members into our fold.

During 2001, we will be fostering a relationship with Dean Drummond of the College of Architecture, dealing with continuing education issues/programs and student mentoring. We will continue to explore the idea of a board member from outside the profession. There will be plenty of work and I am pleased to be able to serve AIA Nebraska.



President Elect: **RON BAKER, AIA**



To the Membership,

Serving three years on the Executive Board of AIA Nebraska, first as a Director, followed by Treasurer and Secretary, has taught me that there are things that we can do to improve the AIA Membership experience. Issues such as Membership, Student Involvement, and Government Affairs are critical to the practice of Architecture in Nebraska.

During my term as President Elect I will work to increase membership through expanding the member-added-values, encouraging current member involvement, and expanding our interaction with other organizations. Examples of this activity will include:

- Working to make the AIA website an E-Commerce venture for the membership.
- Increasing the participation of the current membership by forming Sub-Committees with specific goals for increasing activities between the Regions and AIA Nebraska.
- Work with the Licensing Board to increase the awareness of the Continuing Education requirements that will be mandatory for our profession in 2002.

During my term as President Elect I will work to strengthen the relationship between the University of Nebraska College of Architecture and the profession. The University is welcoming a new leader. Wayne Drummond, FAIA, the new Dean of the College, began his role effective on August 7, 2000. AIA Nebraska will create an atmosphere with the College to strengthen the involvement of faculty and students in AIA. The students of the College are the future leaders of our Institute, and we, as members and leaders need their involvement. We need to pass the baton to the graduating class each year to encourage their support and membership in AIA.

Government Affairs are a continuing issue in the State. Two critical issues during my term as President Elect will be the legislation affecting the practice of Interior Design, and the Legislation affecting the Design Build delivery system to the Education Clients in the State. AIA will be involved each step of the way during the legislative process to assure the integrity of the architecture profession in Nebraska remains intact.

These are exciting times in the practice of Architecture. The economy continues to flourish, and as a result, all of our members, large and small, are enjoying an extended period of growth. I am excited to be a candidate for President Elect, and will work to improve the membership experience in AIA Nebraska. *Thanks for your vote!*



Secretary: PAUL JEFFREY, AIA



All AIA Nebraska members should be concerned about the issues we face this coming year. Prosperity may be here now, but there are issues (design/build legislation, interior design licensing, fair fee and competition practices) that will affect us greatly - positively or negatively depending on the efforts of your leadership. As a member of the 2001 AIA Nebraska Board, I will strive to increase membership, listen to members, communicate our actions, and make joining the AIA one of the best investments we all can make.

Our chapter has received national attention for progressive, cutting-edge programs helping our members. Some of these programs are held up as models for all AIA chapters nationwide. We are one of the best chapters in the country, and I'm determined to earn this continued distinction as Secretary of your Board of Directors.

Treasurer: MICHAEL JAMES, AIA



It is my pleasure to have the opportunity to work the AIA Nebraska Board of Directors an fellow Architects in the up coming year.

As we enter into the new millennium, we need to provide the service and programs to our members that will enhance their skills while challenging their talents.

We, as many other organizations, are constantly working to increase membership and encouraging participation. I believe that by offering more diversified programs, designed to enhance the skills of all members, we will encourage increased membership and strengthen the organization. It is through the combined efforts of the AIA that we can work to increase the awareness of the public to the value of the architectural profession.



Director: BRUCE FISCHER, AIA

Director: DAN SPIRY, AIA

Associate Director: KENT A. STEEN



I was browsing through the July / August issue of the Oculus, and read Kevin Clark's final comments for the AIA Lincoln News. "How did you serve

society today? Would they give you a tip? Think about it." And that I did. I realized after reading Mr. Clark's article that it is time for me to give something back to the profession. As the AIA Associate Director, I would serve as advocate and advisor to architectural professionals, ambassador to other professions and educator to the community. I would promote the AIA, the services our profession provides and positive community services like Habitat for Humanity. But, most of all, I would listen to the opinions and concerns of the Associate members of the AIA. For now, I would ask everyone to serve your professional society by voting in the AIA elections.

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AIA Omaha President Elect: SUE MCKIE, AIA



I joined the AIA Omaha Board of Directors five years ago when then Omaha President, Troy Christiansen called and asked if I would consider getting involved as a Director. It took me a while to decide, but once I did, I was committed, and so far, have served on each of the offices of the Board ... except one. As AIA Omaha President next year, I will also be a representative of the AIA Nebraska Board.

Since joining the AIA Omaha Board, I have had the privilege to see its members in action. During each of the past president's "Administration," each board has worked diligently to improve programs, increase participation, maintain memberships, recruit new members, try new ideas, avoid "Board Burnout" and even have some fun. The momentum of this Chapter has increased with each passing year. We have improved things that have already "worked", and minimized or eliminated those that didn't.

Your AIA Omaha Board serves as your representative of the Profession. Whether on the AIA National, AIA Nebraska, or AIA Omaha, we serve as a "watchdog" on legislative and policy issues, as well as practice trends that affect our profession. AIA also serves as a key player in education, whether your goal is obtaining Continuing Education and Learning Units (LU's), progressing from intern status to Licensed Architect, or continuing education of the public and raising the awareness of what architect's do.

My goal is to keep our momentum growing and keep "a good thing going". Indications are that that is a realistic goal, because I already have a team of very energetic and dedicated members on the Board. They have studied and set some goals for next year, and have several events "in the works" already. Who could ask for more?

Well, as a member, YOU CAN. Share with us what you like, what you don't like, or what else you would like to see. Want to get involved? We would love to have you. Make some new friends, or renew some former friendships, and help our goal of avoiding burnout. If more people do just a little bit, everyone has more fun and is less burnt out. That's my campaign strategy! *I look forward to the next year and look forward to seeing you!*



2001 AIA NE Executive Committee Candidates

Continuing Education is for Everyone

AIA Lincoln President: **DAN GRASSO, AIA**



The attitude of the 2001 Lincoln Chapter Board Members will be that of "it is our profession to maintain, strengthen, and grow."

A few of the primary Lincoln Chapter goals for the upcoming year will be to: 1.) maintain a series of monthly membership events that provide the opportunity for continuing education, social interaction and dialogue among the members.

2.) strengthen our network with other local organizations, such as PAL, AIAS, and the College of Architecture.

3.) reach out to other local "non-architectural" organizations in an effort to grow local public awareness of architecture.



AIA Western NE President: **BRAD KISSLER, AIA**

As so-called "Out State Architects", those of us to the west of Lincoln's city limits sign have different needs and expectations as members of AIA. Is being an AIA member going to make us any more likely to get hired when interviewing for that addition to a small school in the sandhills? Maybe it will - but probably not. Is a potential client going to solicit our services because he needs an architect or because he needs an AIA architect? Most clients are not even aware of the difference. So why bother being a member at all?

The answer is that AIA, and especially our state and local chapters, do provide us with valuable services that not only help make the business of being an architect easier, but also help make us better architects. We all rely on AIA documents as the standards for everything from contracts to the general conditions of our specifications - and most likely take those things for granted. The AIA is also our most readily available source of obtaining our required continuing education learning units - and it's only a matter of time before those units are going to be required to retain licensure (2002). For those of us who must often travel more than 150 miles just to attend an AIA meeting, those opportunities to acquire meaningful learning units are very important.

As the incoming president of the Western Chapter, I hope to build upon those particular services AIA offers that affect our members the most. We will work to continue the success of our largest and most recognizable event - The Annual AIA Spring Conference - and to increase the opportunities to meet our continuing education requirements.

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The AIA national component is assisting AIA Florida's effort to launch a campaign urging the State of Florida to examine its new continuing education rules and improve the new reporting system's implementation. Action alert and sample letters are available at the www.e-architect.com web site. (Also see page 5 of this *Oculus*.)

So, where are you as an AIA Nebraska member with your AIA CES Learning Units? You can dial into the AIA web site www.e-architect.com, enter your AIA membership number and review your records. If you find that you are coming up a few learning units short, then look at your mail box and you will find the announcement and registration form for the 2000 AIA NE / CENTRAL STATES REGIONAL DESIGN CONFERENCE AND DESIGN AWARDS. The CSR Design Conference is happening October 19 - 21, 2000 in Lincoln, NE at the Embassy Suites Hotel. This is an excellent opportunity for you to earn continuing education credits. By attending the entire conference, you can earn up to 12 Learning Unit Hours (LUHrs). All sessions are worth 1.5 LUHrs. Some sessions qualify for Health, Safety, Welfare (HWS) credits. So I encourage you to read through the CSR Design Conference schedule and send in your registration now!

PS, look in the AIA Nebraska's July/August *Oculus* and find a **\$10.00 discount** Coupon (page 8, expires 9/15).

See you in October at the
AIA Nebraska / CSR
Design Conference!



THE PERMANENCE OF DESIGN BY SOCIETY



Design Build Legislation for Nebraska Public Schools

ACTION ALERT—

Lowell Berg AIA, AIA Nebraska Government Affairs Representative
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The Nebraska Schools Construction Alternatives Act (LB1252) was introduced into the legislature last year, but was pulled from consideration because of lack of consistent support from the design and construction industry. The bill is currently being tweaked in an effort to garner that support, and will come up for public hearing in committee again at 1:30 on Friday, September 29th. The bill is designed to provide clear statutory authority for three additional construction delivery systems for public school districts: design-build (design based selection), design-build (qualification based selection), and construction management at risk.

“Design based selection” would include evaluation of qualifications, approach, and the respondents design and price in the selection criteria. “Qualification based selection” would only include qualifications and approach as the selection criteria. The bill envisions that the public school district would use a registered architect or engineer to be a performance criteria developer. That person or organization would develop the criteria that the design-build responders would use as a basis for their response. The performance criteria developer would also assist the district in its evaluation of the responses. As currently configured, the bill does not prohibit the performance criteria developer from responding with a design-build proposal. I believe that this creates a clear conflict of interest, and have stated the same to the people who are drafting the bill.

The bill also currently gives ownership of the accepted proposal, including drawings and specifications, to the school district. I have also suggested that this requirement be removed from the language. Other organizations are also reviewing the bill and making

suggestions, so no one is quite sure what the exact language of the final revised bill will be, but AIA Nebraska will oppose the bill if it is not consistent with our main interest: the protection of public health and safety through responsible project delivery.

If you have questions about this bill, please let me know. If you would like to read the entire bill, you can access it on the Legislature’s web site at

www.unicam.state.ne.us/Bills.htm.

Directly to **LB1252** (need acrobat)

www.unicam.state.ne.us/PDF/

INTRO LB1252.pdf. I will attend the public hearing on September 29th. If you are interested in attending as well, please coordinate with Luz at AIA Nebraska (402-472-1456) so we know that you will be there. Thanks.

Design Diplomacy

The “Design Diplomacy: Public Policy and the Practice of Architecture” conference will be held Sept. 6-9 in Copenhagen, Denmark. The conference will offer an in-depth look at how architectural design objectives can shape public policy. Hear from an international panel of architects, high-level government officials, and other policy-makers. This conference promises to inspire and inform your commitment to leadership in your community and in your advocacy of good design. For information, visit www.e-architect.com/pia/intlmkts/denmk_c.

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New Florida Continuing Education Law May Cause Problems

A potentially problematic new law recently enacted by Florida regarding continuing education for licensure will affect all architects who are registered by that state. The new law requires the State of Florida to establish a state system to monitor compliance with continuing education requirements to determine each licensee’s continuing education status.

There are concerns that this new requirement could impose onerous demands on AIA members, including compliance difficulties for Florida architects, out-of-state licensees, and continuing education providers.

For further details, sample letters, and talking points contact Paul Mendelsohn at 202/626-7388 or pmendelsohn@aia.org or log onto [e-architect](http://www.e-architect.com/) <http://www.e-architect.com/>

ADA Anniversary

July 26 marked the 10th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). As many related activities occur, the AIA will continue to call for further clarity and certainty to the ADA. The AIA is working collaboratively with the Department of Justice (DOJ) to bring about this mutual goal.

The AIA is striving to highlight member’s success stories, or stories of those who have worked with ADA advocates to successfully design public spaces and facilities. Please contact Mike Janes, AIA’s director of media relations, at (202) 626-7467 or mjanes@aia.org with this information. For more detailed information on the ADA, visit www.e-architect.com/gov/ada. Now available - “Enforcing the ADA: Looking Back on a Decade of Progress” on the DOJ ADA Home Page at www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm.



KEVIN CLARK, AIA Receives National AIAS Award

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by Scott Baldermann, AIAS National President



Each year the AIAS honors those that have exhibited an exemplary commitment to the education and development of architecture students. This year the AIAS

saw a large increase in National Honor Award submissions from across the country for awards in categories ranging from chapter president to educator to special accomplishment. Established in 1991, these awards have never seen a recipient associated with the University of Nebraska.

On the evening of July 28th at the AIAS Grassroots 2000 leadership conference in Washington, DC, it was announced that **Kevin Clark, AIA**, had received the *Special Accomplishments Honor Award* for his outstanding contributions to both AIAS and architecture as a whole. It was noted that Kevin is currently the President of AIA Lincoln, the Nebraska IDP Coordinator, and a mentor to more than 15 students for the AIAS chapter at the University of Nebraska. His involvement with AIAS has continued since his days as the AIAS Nebraska Chapter President in 1987.

Students in the College of Architecture managed to gather letters of support from over 15 students, former classmates, faculty and other AIA members for Kevin's submission. Unaware to all of this, it was announced to him last April that the Nebraska AIAS Chapter submitted his name for the award. The following are excerpts from the submission:

What I admire most about Kevin is his ability to nurture the AIAS program while maintaining distance to watch it grow. He is an exemplary role model for leadership and his passion and concern for students is admirable. Thank you Kevin for all of your help and support!

Tim Politis- Chapter President 1998

In general Kevin was like a mentor to everyone. He was always the one you went to when you had a question about anything in the profession or academia. If he did not know the answer he always knew where to find it. He was always very giving of his time and always had amazing energy. This energy was inspiring and contagious.

Kristen Fritsch- Chapter President 1994

Kevin's commitment extends beyond just promoting architecture to students who have already decided to pursue this career path. He currently heads an effort by his firm to introduce high school students to the profession. Groups of students are invited into the office where they learn how an architectural project proceeds from the marketing proposal, through design, to documentation, culminating in construction. Kevin also volunteers afternoons at local elementary schools sharing his enthusiasm for architecture with the children through discussions and activities. His hope is to inspire some and give all a stronger appreciation for the built environment.

David Unick- Chapter President 1991

Kevin has led quietly for years using his professional life as an example for younger students to follow. He is not one to expect or ask for credit, he is not one to look for praise, yet with this award you will help us say what we have tried to say so many times. To Kevin Clark and the mentors in each of our lives, "Thank You."

Jay Palu- Chapter President 1997,
National President 1998

The National AIAS Honor Award winners will be formally recognized and presented with commemorative plaques at AIAS FORUM 2000 in Los Angeles. Once again, thank you Kevin for all your hard work and commitment to the AIAS.

CONGRATULATIONS:

NEW Registered Architect and AIA

John Dineen, HDR Architecture, Omaha

Ronald Skoog, The Clark Enersen Partners, Lincoln



New Affiliates

Pat Duesman, Chicago Lumber, Omaha

Transferred into State

R. Wayne Drummond, FAIA, Dean UNL College of Architecture, to Lincoln from Florida

Transferred Out of State

Donovan Wattier, AIA, HDR Architecture, to Texas from Omaha.

Members on the Move

The Schemmer Associates, Inc., has announced that **Brian Halsey, AIA**, has become one of six owners in the firm.

Halsey joined the firm in 1992. He holds both bachelor's and master's degrees in architecture from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Congratulations, Brian!

Firm Changes Name

Keeler Raynor Hinz Architects, PC, has changed its name to: **Hinz Lamprecht Architects, P.C.** The firm has also moved into new offices at 11128 John Galt Blvd, Ste 120, Omaha, 402/291-6941.

Chapter | NEWS

AIA Lincoln Chapter

Kevin Clark, AIA, President

This year AIA Lincoln set out to provide 18 CEU's of programming at the local level all free of charge. AIA National's requirement for membership is 18 hours. Our total will be 17 hours by December.

Thank you and congratulations to a very hard working and efficient AIA Lincoln Board of Directors. This has been a great year. I hope everyone continues to take advantage of these programs and will consider becoming a board member. We are in need of more new board members. If yourself or someone you know has an interest, please send me an email (kclark@sinclairhille.com).

The current calendar is as follows:

August 23, 4:30

Duncan Residence construction tour

September 19, noon

Dean Wayne Drummond, FAIA,
College of Architecture @ UNL

October 19 - 20

AIA Nebraska / Central States Region
Convention, Lincoln

November 14, noon

1898 Trans Miss Exhibit Lecture,
David Wells

November 30, 5:00

Christmas Party @ Grotto

December

Merry Christmas!

UNL College of Architecture

By Dean Wayne Drummond, FAIA



I am honored and delighted to have the opportunity to serve our profession as the Dean of the College of Architecture at the University of Nebraska. Almost thirty years ago, I began my career in

education at the University of Kansas and my family and I are very happy to be returning to reconnect with so many friends in the area -- especially in Nebraska!!

The College of Architecture has an excellent national reputation which has evolved through the work of it's students, staff, faculty and alumni. This is a direct result of the exceptional leadership of Dean Emeritus Cecil Steward, FAIA and the dedication of the faculty and staff to creating a strong environment for professional education. These traditions of educational and professional leadership continue today as many faculty and students have been selected to serve in leadership roles of our professional organizations at all levels including the current AIAS national president Scott Balderman. With your continued support these traditions will continue.

As many of you are aware, there are major leadership transitions on campus. These transitions are not only within the College of Architecture but within all segments of the University of Nebraska. As Interim Chancellor Harvey Pearlman acknowledged in this "State of the University Address" this is also a time of great opportunity and fresh ideas throughout the campus. It is clear that many new initiatives will move forward under his leadership and that each college is expected to contribute significantly in the areas of teaching, research, creative activity and public service. These fundamental and interrelated missions will guide the University and the College of Architecture into the next decade.

This is "an era of phenomenal change" in terms of educational concepts and professional practice. Significant changes are being created by digital design, production and communications technologies. The College of Architecture will be a full participant in this process of generating new knowledge, exploring new and innovative methods of teaching and the utilization of global information technologies. New academic and research programs are also emerging. The College of Architecture faculty have worked hard over the past few years to develop two joint PhD programs. These new programs are with the Teachers College to focus on professional education and the department of Geography to focus on planning issues and geographic information systems. Both programs will strengthen the professional research agenda of the faculty and consequently increase the contribution to the profession and our communities.

Every effort will be made to expand current interactive programs with the profession such as guest critics, special lectures, internships and teaching opportunities. Every effort will also be made to expand participation in continuing education and distance education opportunities not only for the profession but for those responsible for public, corporate and institutional decision making. The goal is to enrich and enhance the opportunities for all members of our educational and professional community.

There are many opportunities and challenges ahead in this year of transition within the College of Architecture and the University of Nebraska. I know that I can count on your continued support and participation in the continued development of the College of Architecture. I look forward to working with each of you this year and in the years ahead.

Sincerely,
Wayne Drummond, FAIA
Professor and Dean



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AIA Student Chapter

Nicole Ludacka, AIAS President

Classes are beginning once again, summer slipping away so fast. AIAS has worked hard to put together a very informational semester. My goal this semester is to introduce to the student body the professionals in our community. Many students receive degrees without ever knowing an architect or firm in their community. There are many students who would like to stay here in the area, but are intimidated because they have little or not knowledge about the local architecture community.

This semester we have put together a lecture series of local professionals, both young and old. They will speak to the students about their educational experience, what they wanted to do after their degrees, what they have done, and examples of their work. We hope to have two lectures each month, postcards will be sent out after all lecturers have confirmed.

The next four months are packed with social, philanthropic and professional events. We have restructured our Mentor Program to involve the whole chapter in all of the events set up for the program. We sent out letters recruiting this year's professional mentors, and have not received our usual response. If you are interested in becoming a mentor leader please contact me at 00218355@bigred.unl or 472-9212. Other events this year are the annual Hinsdale Celebration (get your TP ready), Building a square meal at Matt Talbot's Soup Kitchen, Intramural sporting events, and the annual AIAS National Convention held this year in Los Angeles December 27-January 2. Last year we caravanned 54 to Toronto, the Nebraska chapter brought the most attendees. This year we hope for an even bigger turnout.

As an Exec board, we would like to thank all the professionals for their leadership, involvement and donation to AIAS, you are the ones that carried this chapter before us and are now allowing us to carry it forward.

If anyone has any questions or comments for the chapter we would love to hear them, aias@unl.edu. Also check out the local and national web page www.unl.edu/aias and www.aiasnatl.org.

Continuing EDUCATION



SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS / SESSIONS / CONFERENCES

Attention Architects! Earn up to Twelve AIA Learning Units!

It is inevitable that you will have to adjust your designs to accommodate acoustics and presentation technology. This results-oriented course gives you the tools to prevent costly errors and build your firm's credibility.

Attend two powerful one-day sessions: *Essentials of Acoustics: Theory and Hands-On Application and Presentation Facility Design and Audiovisual Considerations* and earn 6 LUs each day, including HSW credit.

The first session (Day One) explores acoustical issues while the second session (Day Two) looks at presentation facilities and the unique design issues encountered with them.

Presented by Thorburn Associates, an industry leader in acoustic and audiovisual design and engineering, these courses are taught by Steven J. Thorburn, PE, CTS-D, CTS-I, a frequent instructor at ICIA and design principal of Thorburn Associates.

Courses are available October 6-7 in Denver, CO, November 3-4 in Dallas, TX and January 12-13 in San Francisco, CA. For more information on course content and registration, visit www.TA-Inc.com or call Darlena at 510-886-7826.

Your Road Map to Success: METALCOM 2000

October 31 - November 2, 2000, Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, GA. Earn up to 7.5 hours/LUs toward your annual requirement for continuing education. For more information, see www.metalcon.com, 800/537-7765.

2001 AIA Convention and Expo:

Leaders and Partners in Creating
Community Colorado Convention
Center • Denver, CO, May 17-19, 2001

Earn 18 Learning Units need to maintain AIA membership and earn required continuing education for state licensures.

Mark Your Calendars Now!! And plan to attend Future AIA Conventions:
May 9 - 12, 2002 - Charlotte, NC
May 1 - 4, 2003 - San Diego, CA
May 6 - 9, 2004 - Chicago, IL

'98, '99 AIA Continuing Education Grace Period Ends in September

After **September 30, 2000**, AIA members will not be able to report any continuing education activity completed before January 1, 2000. This marks the end of the grace period for reporting both 1998 and 1999 required continuing education.

It is recommended that all information for 1998 and 1999 be submitted by September 1, 2000 in order to be credited to your transcript by the September 30 deadline. Information sent in after Sept. 30 will be returned to the member. If you have not met the continuing education requirements of 18 learning units (LU) per year, of which 8 are required to be health, safety, and welfare (HSW), your membership will lapse. Lapsed members will need to report nine LU hours before their memberships can be reinstated.

For further information contact Thomas Lowther at AIA 202/626-7478, AIA/CES in OK, 800/605-8229, or log onto the AIA NE web site at <http://www.aiane.org> or call the office at 402/472-1456.

Conference | INFORMATION



SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 8:00 am Golf Outing • Shotgun Start
Quarry Oaks Golf Course • Ashland, NE, 402/944-6000
- 12:00 noon Conference Registration • Embassy Suites Hotel
- 3:00 pm Hyde Lecture Series • Ralph Rapson, FAIA
Sheldon Gallery, UNL • Lincoln
- 4:00 pm Reception and Exhibitor Welcome and
Awarding of Golf Prizes
Gallery 9, Suite 4 • 124 S 9th Street • Lincoln
- 6:30 pm IAYA Exhibit & Critique • Embassy Suites

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

Embassy Suites Hotel • 1040 P Street, Lincoln, 800/362-2779

- 7:30 am Exhibits Open / **Exhibitor Interaction** /
Conference Registration
- 8:30 am EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**
 - ◆ Leaving a Mark: Young Guns in the Design World
Young Architects Forum
 - ◆ Abiding Practice: Small Firm Practice in the 21st Century
 - ◆ Enduring Impressions: Architectural Graphics and Design Communications
(Limited to the first 25 registrants)
- 10:00 am Jury Critique of Selected Honor Awards
- 11:00 am Annual AIA NE Membership Meeting
- 12:00 am Sit down Lunchtime with Exhibitors and
Exhibitor Interaction** / Product & Service Update
- 2:30 pm EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**
 - ◆ Leonard Parker Design
 - ◆ Lasting Traditions: Capitol Environs
 - ◆ Unfailing Excellence: The New Process of GSA
 - ◆ Enduring Impacts: Design and Client Expectations
- 4:00 pm EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**
 - ◆ Connecting Purpose and Performance
 - ◆ New Energy Efficient Glazing Technologies
 - ◆ Talent Wars: The Design Imperative in the 21st Century Workplace
- 6:00 pm Honor Awards Presentation and Banquet**
UNL Student Union Ballroom • 14 & R Strs, 2nd Floor, 402/472-2181

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 8:00 am Central States Meeting and Elections
- 9:30 am EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**
 - ◆ Stability in Hiring: Employment Liability
 - ◆ Uninterrupted Sound: The Basis of Acoustical Design
 - ◆ Lasting Installation: Minimizing Fenestration Water Leakage
 - ◆ Sustainable Materials
- 11:00 am EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES / TOURS**
 - ◆ Tours: • First Plymouth Church,
• Journal Star Printing, and
• The Nebraska State Capitol Building

REGISTRATION

CONVENTION Registration Fees	Pre-Reg Person	After 9/22	# of Regs.	Amount
AIA Members	\$95	\$125	_____	_____
AIA Associate	\$50	\$85	_____	_____
Non AIA Members	\$120	\$150	_____	_____
Individual Session / Event	\$30	\$55	_____	_____

Fee includes: Thursday reception, Friday & Saturday continental breakfast, Friday lunch, breaks, and conference materials. Cancellation: Fees are non refundable after Sept. 22

Name (please print) _____

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▶ AWARDS PRESENTATION / BANQUET \$40
Number of tickets: _____ X \$40 (after 9/22 - \$55) \$ _____
(Max: 8 per table • Reserved tables held for parties of no less than 8)

▶ OCT. 19 • GOLF TOURNAMENT \$75
Quarry Oaks Golf Course • Ashland, NE • 402/944-6000
Number of Golfers: _____ X \$75 (after 9/22 - \$90) \$ _____
(includes Golf, Cart, & Boxed Lunch) • Start Time 8 a.m.
Handicap (HCP) ____ If nothing entered, "0" will be assessed

• I will donate for a prize / for Golf Award \$ _____
Additional Golfers from your firm (please print): HCP _____

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Exp Date (m/y): ____ / ____ / Signature _____

CE SEMINARS: (check one per time slot except for Other Sessions)

10/20 • 8:30 - 10:00

- Leaving a Mark
- Abiding Practice
- Everlasting Planning
- Enduring Impressions

2:30 - 4:00

- Leonard Parker Design
- Lasting Traditions
- Unfailing Excellence
- Enduring Impacts

4:00 - 5:30

- Connecting Purpose
- New Energy Glazing Tech
- Talent Wars

10/21 • 9:30 - 11:00

- Stability in Hiring
- Uninterrupted Sound
- Lasting Installation
- Sustainable Materials

OTHER SESSIONS

- IAYA Exhibit and Jury • 10/19, 6:30 p.m.
- Jury Critique of Entries • 10/20, 10:00 a.m.
- AIA NE Annual Meeting • 10/20, 11:00 a.m.
- CSR Meeting/Elections • 10/21, 8:00 a.m.

TOURS

- NE State Capitol Bldg • 10/21, 11:00 am
 - First Plymouth Church • 10/21, 11:00 a.m.
 - Journal Star Printing • 10/21, 11:00 a.m.
- (tour details will be placed in registration packets)



Other OPPORTUNITIES

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September • October
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EMPLOYMENT OPPs

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- **Bahr Vermeer Haecker Architects** is seeking a

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Send resume to: Bahr Vermeer Haecker Architects, **Attn: Shelly Kerber**, 121 S. 13th Street, Suite 200, Lincoln, NE 68508, <http://www.bvh.com> • EOE

The Rotch Scholarship

The Rotch Travelling Scholarship, one of the oldest and most prestigious architectural competitions in the United States, is receiving applications for the scholarship. A stipend of \$35,000 is awarded to the first-prize winner of a two-stage design competition for eight months of travel throughout the world.

Eligibility: applicants must be U. S. citizens under 35 years old on January 1 of the competition year and must have: a degree from an accredited U.S. school of architecture and one year of full-time professional practice in Massachusetts architecture firm or a degree from an accredited Massachusetts school of architecture and one year of full-time professional experience in any architecture firm.

Request for applications forms must be made in writing and received by Jan. 1, 2001. Information can be obtained at www.rotchscholarship.org.

Fee-Setting made easy

"A Quick and Easy Guide to 3 Methods of Setting Fees" is the title of a three-page article in the national Principal's Report newsletter. Based on the extensive fee-setting by Sasaki Associates CEO Ken DeMay, FAIA, the article focuses on fees oriented around construction costs, fees oriented around the time need to do the work, and fees oriented around the value of the work to the client. This guide is available from the Boston Society of Architects (BSA). BSA Nonmembers send requests with a \$15 handling fee payable to the BSA along with a 33 cents SASE to: Fee Options/RF, BSA, 52 Broad St., Boston 02109. For more information, call 617/951-1433, <http://www.architects.org>.

Hot Firm 2000 Celebration

The Zweig Letter Hot Firm 2000 ranking top 50 fastest growing firms in the U.S. will be announced in September and at the Hot Firm 2000 conference and celebration, October 25-27 in Boston. For further information, contact Chris Klein at 508/651-1559, cklein@zweighwhite.com.

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Calendar of Events

September

- 1 **Art x Architects Entries** deadline
- 4 Labor Day
AIA NE Office closed
- 5 AIA Lincoln Board
- 12 AIA Omaha Board
- 15 **Art x Architects Artwork Submissions** at AIA NE by 5:00
- 21 AIA Nebraska Board - Omaha

October

- 3 AIA Lincoln Board
- 10 AIA Omaha Board
- 18 **Young Architects' Entry Boards** due at AIA NE, 5:00 CST
- 19 Hyde Lecture: Ralph Rapson, FAIA
Sheldon Art Gallery - Lincoln
- 19-21 **AIA NE / CSR Conference**,
Embassy Suites Hotel, Lincoln
- 20 **Honor Awards Presentation and Banquet**, UNL, City Student Union, Lincoln

November

- 7 Election Day - **Vote!**
- 7 AIA Lincoln Board
- 14 AIA Omaha Board
- 16 **AIA NE Planning Retreat**, Camp Carol Joy Holling - Ashland, NE
- 23-24 Thanksgiving
AIA NE Office closed



December

- 25-26 Christmas
AIA NE Office closed

January

- 1-2 New Year's
AIA NE Office closed

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!



Sept. 1	Art x Architects Entries Deadline
Sept. 15	Art x Architects Artwork Submissions at AIA NE by 5:00
Oct. 18	Young Architects' Entry Boards due at AIA NE by 5:00
Oct. 19-21	AIA NE / CSR Conference & Exhibition , Embassy Suites Hotel, Lincoln, NE

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