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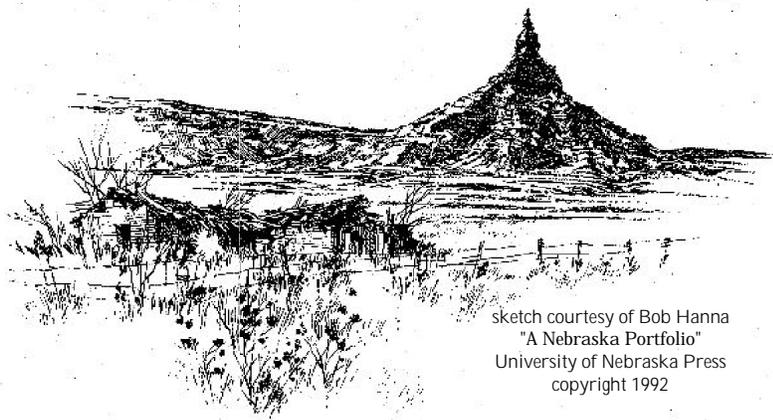
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2001 AIA NE / Western NE Spring Conference

Many challenges are posed to the design profession, however, this opens many opportunities to interact with a team of individuals that each brings an important piece to the overall project.

Come join AIA Nebraska and the Western NE AIA Chapter on this look into architecture, to ask questions, to seek answers, and to share ideas. Set your sights on: Outlook Architecture. . . . an introspective look at the design process. March 27, 2001, Ramada Inn, Kearney, NE



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Schedule

7:00 a.m. Registration / Welcome Exhibitor Interaction

8:00 a.m. Keynote Address

Sketching Nebraska: Join our esteemed speaker in a 'drawing' session - both with pen and with mind. Take an active part in this keynote to explore the lost art of sketching your projects.

• Robert Hanna • 2.5 LUHrs/HSW

10:30 a.m. Break / Exhibitor Interaction

11:00 am - 12:30 pm • Learning Sessions

Stability in Hiring: This presentation will relate horror stories, current state of employment litigation and liability, and that ignorance is not bliss in addressing the problems and pitfalls of ignoring your obligations as an employer. It will address Common Mistakes in Employment, including: Wage and hour rules and compliance, Employee Leave, and Discrimination. Participants will learn interaction between and development of a long range plan for implementing sound human resources and employment practices, and the potential need for liability coverage. • David Jesse and David Wendt • The Harry A. Koch Company • 1.5 LUHrs/HSW

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2001 AIA Nebraska President's Letter

By Stephen Clymer, AIA, President



The snow continues but surely Spring is around the corner. Nonetheless, clients are anxious to get their projects going or finished and we, again at times, probably wish that we had 40 hour days, not 40 hour weeks. Too much to do, not enough time; and another legislative session commences.

Our time is stretched, however, we need to insure that we are taking time to stay abreast of legislation that affects our profession. This year, Legislative Bill 391, "Regulating Design-Build and Construction Management at Risk in School Construction" has been introduced to the 2001 Nebraska Legislature. Depending on where this bill goes, it could eventually have carryovers into legislation for other public works construction. Our Government Affairs Representative, Lowell Berg, AIA, our Lobbyist, Gordon Kissel, and Gayle Krueger, CAE are carefully monitoring action on this important bill. The board has your results from the survey taken prior to the Holidays, but as this moves through the session, the Board will be looking to you for your opinions and input. Take time to understand the issues.

It is also that time of year when the State President-Elect and Chapter Presidents/President-elects attend "Grassroots Leadership and Legislative Conference" in Washington D.C. An important part of this event is a visit by attendees to Capitol Hill to visit our elected legislators. Issues to be discussed this year include brownfields redevelopment, school construction and modernization, and The Truthfulness, Responsibility and Accountability in Contracting (TRAC) Act.

The schedules and registration form for the AIA Nebraska and Western Nebraska Chapter "2001 Spring Conference" have been mailed out. Most of us have been to AIA Nebraska's annual Fall Conference, but if you haven't been to a Spring Conference, you should try to attend this year. An excellent list of speakers highlights the event. Also, the AIA National Convention is in Denver this year and the deadline for returning your registration is soon. With the convention being so close to home, I suspect that many of us will be attending, so get those registrations in. This is an excellent opportunity to pick up Continuing Learning Units.

In closing, I would again encourage you to be educated about the issues that affect our profession. As old Elbert Hubbard said, "Parties who want milk should not seat themselves on a stool in the middle of a field in hope that the cow will back up to them".

Fair Housing Act Design Manual Revision Sheets from HUD

The Fair Housing Act Design Manual was issued in 1996 by HUD. Shortly after, notice was given that the manual had errors in it and was therefore not to be used. Unpublicized, revision stickers to the manual were issued in 1998. The revision sheets for the August 1996 Edition update and correct errors in the original edition. They are available from the HUD office in Omaha - (402) 492-3100. The revisions are dated April 1998.

Why should I join the AIA?

What will I get out of it other than a magazine subscription?

The Mission Statement of The AIA is: *"The American Institute of Architects is the voice of the architecture profession dedicated to: Serving its members, advancing their value, and improving the quality of the built environment."*

The obvious answers to above questions are:

- **Recognition**
- **Legislative Voice**
- **Resources and Publications**
- **Professional Growth**
- **Career Opportunities**
- **'AIA' behind name recognizing you as a leader in the community.**

They apply as much today than they ever have. What does this mean for the membership? Continuing education seminars that provide timely and useful information meeting the needs of the profession. Chapter meetings / forums that offer an exchange of practical ideas that will energize and enthuse practitioners and soon-to-be practitioners, sole proprietors and small firms to take the next step in accomplishing their dreams.

Members are a valuable asset to the architectural profession and AIA feels their contributions would make AIA an even stronger organization. AIA is counting on you to be among the ones who lead the profession. We need you, your ideas, and your energy to ensure architects continue to shape our profession and our communities.

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Legislative Report



**By Gordon Kissel and
Gayle Krueger, CAE**

The Legislature has completed over one-third of the session. Priority bills are to be chosen by the Senators, Committees and the Speaker before March 9. The Committees will continue to hold public hearings on bills until mid March and then the Legislature will begin full day debate.

Legislative updates can be access via our lobbyist web site at www.gkissel.com/aia.html or through the AIA Nebraska web site www.aiane.org/links.htm and follow the links.

AIA did support an amended version of **LB391** at the February 22, 2001 hearing in the State Capitol. The amended bill incorporated comments from the survey regarding the concerns centered around Design Build and the relationships between owner and designers.

The referenced document is LB391 AM0588 which was drafted on 3/21 and will be available from the legislative web site shortly, www.unicam.state.ne.us/.

The AIA Nebraska poll of the membership, showed opposition to the original language of LB391, with contingency on rewording of the design build portion, including:

- elimination of design based selection and only allow qualifications based selection
- maintain that this method is optional by the school districts
- define relationships between architects/engineers and owners based on the registration law
- language was introduced to maintain the integrity of the architect and design

The support of AIA NE was contingent upon the amended version, and the testimony was worded in that manner.

LB301 was seeking to change provisions of the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act. The change would occur in the square footage, occupancy, and dollar amount of a structure requiring the use of an architect or engineer. This bill's hearing scheduled in early February was cancelled.

LB 661 required the Governor to appoint individuals to make up a task force to study the feasibility and potential of future development along Interstate 80 between Lincoln and Omaha (the corridor). Architects were not specifically named to the task force, but AIA NE has submitted an amendment to that effect.

LB811 the intent is to amend the current state building code to include the International Building Code, 2000

Edition, and the International Residential Code, 2000 Edition. It would repeal the statutory citations to those codes which are being superseded by the International Building Code, 2000 Edition and to add appropriate references to that code and the related family of codes. AIA is in support of this adoption, but currently several groups are offering amendments that will slow the progress of LB811.

Currently sales tax on professional services has been staved off for this session, but that is a perennial favorite and we will continue to monitor.

Feel free to contact Gayle Krueger • AIA Nebraska Executive Director, 402/472-1456, Gordon Kissel • AIA Nebraska Lobbyist, 402/476-1188 or Lowell Berg • AIA Nebraska Government Affairs Representative with further questions, 402/477-9291.

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Continuing Education



CONFERENCES / SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS / FORUMS

Mandatory Continuing Education for Licensure

Coming to OMAHA - NE: The ICBO Non-structural Provisions of the International Building Code Seminar

This two-day seminar is designed to provide a broad overview of the non-structural provisions of the 2000 "International Building Code". If your Building Inspector and/or Building Plans Examiner Certification is due to expire between January 2001 and December 2003, your renewal will be based on the 2000 "International Building Code" (IBC). You have the option of taking this 2-day seminar in lieu of the take-home renewal exam.

Seminar dates: March 15-16 - Omaha, NE • April 9-10 - Las Vegas, NV • April 26-27 - Kansas City, MO • May 10-11 - Portland, OR • May 21-22 - Seattle, WA. Topics include: • Detailed occupancies • Building classification • Means of Egress • Fire-resistive construction • Fire-protection systems.

Participants can earn up to 1.3 CEUs or AIA/CES 13 LUHrs (HSW). For a registration form, visit www.icbo.org, 800/423-6587, ext 3418.

Building Energy 2001

The Conference and Trade show for Renewal Energy and Green Building Professionals, Tufts University, Medford, MA, March 21-24, 2001. To register, www.nesae.org, 413/774-6051.

ECOSPHERES Conference

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln, in conjunction with the Joslyn Castle Institute for Sustainable Communities, invites your participation in an international conference to be held in Lincoln, Nebraska on June 10-13, 2001. The conference specifically aims to encourage holistic thinking by searching for the connections and relationships between the issues of land, water, populations and culture, technology and the environment. Please visit the conference website for additional information and on-line registration: www.unl.edu/ecospheres.

There's No Place Better Than Denver in May!

Now is the time to mark your calendars for the AIA's 2001

Convention
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National Convention and Expo in Denver. Join friends and colleagues - May 17-19 for "Leaders and Partners in Creating Community." AIA Members can earn the 18 Learning Units Hours (LUHrs) needed to maintain AIA membership and for MCE for state licensure.

The conference will focus the energy and drive of the profession on advancing the Livable Communities concept—Leaders and Partners in Creating Community. Convention hotline: 202/626-7395, www.aiaconvention2001.com



Going Our Way??

AIA NE is interested to know who of our membership will be attending the National Convention in Denver, May 17-19. **Please contact the AIA NE office via email** to either Gayle gkrueger@unlserve.unl.edu or Luz lducharm@unlserve.unl.edu or call us at 402/472-1456, and we will include you on the mailings for Nebraska / Central States Region events in Denver.

Your AIA member dues invoice indicates a statement of compliance for continuing education. Please remember that states that require mandatory continuing education for licensure do not accept this broad statement and AIA will request documentation should you be selected for a continuing education audit. Hopefully, most, if not all of you have met your continuing education requirements. Please visit www.aia.org to view your AIA transcript. The actual deadline for 2000 is Sept. 30, 2001; however, **if you earned AND recorded 18 hours with 8 HSW hours prior to 12/31/00, your "slate" will be considered clean for 98, 99, and 2000.** Remember also that your AIA transcripts may help you maintain your licensure in states requiring mandatory continuing education, however, some states may not accept e-learning or magazine articles.

REMEMBER: Nebraska will begin continuing education requirement on a biannual cycle **beginning in 2001.** If you meet the AIA requirements, that will satisfy the Nebraska licensure requirements.

Lost Online AIA/CES Forms

If you used the online version of AIA's Self-Report Form or the online version of *Architectural Record's* Self Report Form between December 29 and January 8, 2001, your information has been lost. Please resubmit your form by fax to: AIA/CES Record Keeping Center University of Oklahoma Fx: 405/325-6965, 800/605-8229.

If you submitted forms online **before** December 29 or **after** January 8, your information is registered, and there is no need for action on your part.

Delay in Posting of AIA/CES LUHrs Credits

In addition to the normal end-of-the year rush to report CES activities, at the close of 2000 there were three situations that slowed the recording process of CES Learning Unit Hours. A fire in the University of Oklahoma campus communications system followed by an ice storm, caused a nearly complete communications breakdown for two weeks. In addition, the need to look up the new member number for every record submitted in the late 2000 caused the posting of each activity to take about twice as long as usual. Additional staff have been employed to help clear the backlog.



2001 AIA NE / WESTERN NE SPRING CONFERENCE

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Green Architecture: Selling the client on the benefits of Green Architecture has in the past been difficult, due to cost restraints. This session will explore the benefits of implementing this practice in your projects, and how to promote the long term aspects of green architecture to your clients.

- John Dineen, AIA and Heidi Higgason, Assoc. AIA
- HDR Architecture, Inc. • 1.5 LUHrs/HSW

12:30 Lunch / Exhibitor Interaction

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. • Learning Sessions

Firm Roundtable: Offering an opportunity and forum for architects and interns to gather together in a "noncompetitive" environment to pose topics for discussion and comment. Come ready to share opinions or experiences so that we, as AIA Nebraska members, can mutually benefit from our past experiences and work together for the future benefit of each of our practices as well as the profession as a whole. **FORMAT:** *Submit topics or questions you would like tackled during the session to the AIA Nebraska office with your conference registration or via e-mail to Gayle Krueger <gkrueger@unlserve.unl.edu> or Luz Ducharme - <lducharm@unlserve.unl.edu> ahead of time. • Robert Schoenleber, AIA and John Sinclair, AIA. • 1.5 LUHrs

Code Footprinting: Code footprinting is a code analysis by a Design Professional, providing a 'snapshot' of key elements, providing a graphic depiction of a building's life safety and fire protection information, indicating the entire floor plan and providing a "Living Document". • Rick Fay, AIA. • 1.5 LUHrs/HSW

The Parametric Building Model: Concepts and Technology • The expanding dimensions of architectural practice. By reaching to the most basic level (Parameter) of components, the "system of the building" can be shaped in new ways through: Evaluating the building as a system of components; Defining components - operations, construction process and aesthetics; Defining Parameters - parameters & parametric; Defining the framework of revit - what the system

contains, the hierarchy, how to access; and the vision - where parametric capability have the potential to lead. Parametric modeling provides the capability to create building in different ways based upon the linkages and relationships that are and can be created.

- Richard Taylor. • 1.5 LUHrs/HSW

4:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. • Learning Sessions

In's and Out's of Masonry: The discussion will focus on various uses and applications of masonry in projects. Learn first hand from an expert on making the most of your bricks and mortar. • Don Littler. • 1.5 LUHrs/HSW

EIFS Design: Exterior Insulation Finish System • Learn design details and proper installation techniques for EIFS. Understand the unique qualities of this product and benefits to the user. • John Burgess, AIA. • 1.5 LUHrs/HSW

Climate of Government in Architecture: An overall look at the legislation, both on a state and national level that affects the design profession. Learn how to become involved in having your voice heard by your elected officials. • Lowell Berg, AIA. • 1.5 LUHrs

FORE . . . GOLF ANYONE?

Nothing formal is set for golf, however, a group usually tries to hit the links on Monday afternoon before the conference, 3/26/01.

If interested, contact the AIA Nebraska office at 402/472-1456, or email Gayle E. Krueger at: <gkrueger@unlserve.unl.edu> or Luz <lducharm@unlserve.unl.edu> **no later than Friday, 16 March 2001.**

HOTEL INFORMATION: A block of rooms is being held under AIA Nebraska at the Ramada Inn, reservations: 800/652-1909 through February 27 2001. Rates: \$55 single /\$59 double.

REGISTRATION

Spring Conference

Fees per Person	Mar. 14	Mar. 14 after
AIA Member	\$55	\$85
Non-AIA Members	\$85	\$115
Students	\$20	\$50

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 **Wednesday, March 14, 2001.**

Name _____ FAIA / AIA / Associate

AIA Mbr # _____ Ph: _____

Firm _____

Address _____

Email: _____

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.**

***Amount enclosed \$** _____

Visa/MC # _____

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

Signature _____

PROGRAMS: (choose one per time slot)

11:00 - 12:30

- Stability in Hiring
- Green Architecture

2:30 - 4:00

- Firm Rndtable*
- Code Footprinting
- Parametric Building

4:15 - 5:45

- In's & Out's of Masonry
- EIFS Design
- Climate of Government

*Questions for Roundtable

I'm interested in GOLFING

For AIA Amt Rec'd: _____ Date: _____
Check #: _____ Credit Card



Chapter NEWS

AIA LINCOLN News

By Dan Grasso, AIA, President

It is always good to get started on the right foot – and we have. Our first Lincoln Chapter Meeting has set the bar high for the remainder of the year. The Lincoln Chapter Board would like to thank Dennis Scheer, ASLA, of the Clark Enersen Partners, for his presentation in January on “Public Way Corridors.” It was a well-attended event by professionals, students, and professors!

There are a number of events, which will be occurring, in the next few months, which will benefit the local chapter.

- First, the AIA Lincoln Chapter Board has invited **Dean Wayne Drummond, FAIA, to its monthly board meeting in March.** The Dean Has graciously accepted. The goals of this meeting are to welcome the Dean and to open a line of communication between the profession and the academic realm. The board is currently assembling a list of topics for discussion at the meeting. Some of the topics already slated are mentoring, scheduling of events between AIA, AIAS, and the College of Architecture, and possible new programs. Please contact the board if you have any specific topics to be discussed.
- Second, Steve Hupf, AIA Lincoln Chapter President-Elect, will be attending the annual Grassroots Conference, for AIA Leadership, in Washington DC February 14th – 18th.
- **Mark Simon, FAIA, presented recent work of Centerbrook Architects and Planners on February 20th** at the main gallery at Architecture Hall. Included in Mark’s presentation was the new UNL Visitor Center and Ross Film Theater.
- In March, **Bruce Fisher, AIA, will be presenting a session on “Codes 101.”** More details on Bruce’s presentation will be provided in March.

Also, we would like to congratulate Matt Cole and his wife Susannah on their new healthy **triplets!** Matt is currently an architecture graduate student at UNL. Best of luck Matt and Susannah!

AIA OMAHA News

By Susan McKie, AIA, President

Despite the awful weather we had for our January event, over 100 people showed up during a snowstorm for our “Chili, Beer, and Band” event held at the Hot Shops Arts Center in Omaha. Troy and Lori Christensen took home the Silver Spoon Award for their chili entry called “The Grinch”. Special thanks to Bob Wilson, Tim Barry, and Nan Wilson for the use of their facilities and coordination of the artists in attendance, opening their studios, and demonstrating their art. Also thanks to Martin Janousek and a cast of many committee members for all their hard work in putting together this event. A good time was had by all!

February brought about several facility tours including the new IWCC Arts Center and the Children’s Hospital. Both were well attended, and we thank Patrick Leahy for arranging these facility tours for us. Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our scheduled Lighting Seminar in February, but still plan on rescheduling when the facility is completed. Look for this event at the latter part of this year!

March and April lead us to a few more facility tours and presentations!

- **Thursday, March 22nd** is set for a tour of the new World Herald Freedom Center located at 13th and Capitol Avenues in Omaha. Be present at 5:30 p.m. to be included.
- **Thursday, March 29th.** AIA Omaha member Dan Reinhardt, AIA, has arranged for a tour of the new Latter Day Saints Temple located at 34th and State Streets in Omaha. Watch for details via e-mail and post card announcements.

April brings a joint meeting on **Monday, April 9th** with the Nebraska Chapter CSI and AIA Omaha. We trek to Lincoln to the Nebraska State Capitol Building for a presentation on the Capitol’s Preservation.

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AIAS Chapter Report

Dena Wangberg, AIAS President

The spring semester is in full swing already and the AIAS calendar is filling up fast! Fifty-four AIAS members began their New Year in Los Angeles at Forum, the AIAS National Convention. It was a record setting conference, with over 800 total AIAS members in attendance. The UNL chapter continued our tradition of traveling by vehicle (seven university vans) and made additional stops at Frank Lloyd Wright’s Talisen West, Arizona State University, Las Vegas, San Francisco, and several firms in Denver. Lecturers at Forum included architects Michele Sae, Steven Bandanes, Sarah Susanka, and more, as well as photographer Julius Shulman. Students also participated in tours of downtown LA, Santa Monica, Venice, Hollywood, Culver City, the Rudolph Schindler projects, and Richard Meier’s Getty Center. All fifty-four Nebraska members had the opportunity to attend a taping of the famed “Price is Right” game show, and one sixth-year student, Ross Naylor, even made it on the show as a contestant! Once again, Forum proved to be an incredible learning experience and a lot of fun for UNL AIAS members, thanks greatly to the help and support of the AIA on both local and state levels.

Now settled in back at school, with a newly elected executive board, the AIAS is working on planning several events for this semester. We are continuing our popular brown bag lecture series on local architecture, thanks to the lunches provided by AIA Nebraska, and our focus this semester is on Omaha firms. **A schedule of lecturers is available by emailing aias@unl.edu.** We are also preparing for Architecture Week (February 26-March 3) at UNL with the annual all-college Beaux Arts Ball on March 3. The theme is “80’s Flashback”, and all students, alumni, and professionals are invited to attend. Also on our plate are several mentorship events, including a portfolio workshop and semester-end barbecue. Again, please feel free to contact our office for more information, or check out our events calendar online at www.unl.edu/aias, and we look forward to seeing many of you at our events throughout the spring!

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Membership Update

WELCOME Members!

New AIA

Jack Beers, Jack Beers Architects / Engineers, Lincoln
Curtis Field, Curtis A Field, Architects, Omaha
Robert Frazer, HDR Architecture Inc, Omaha
Kenneth L Frederick, Brown Design Architecture, Holdrege
J Lawrence Loftus, HDR Architecture Inc., Omaha
Tod M Trigg, HDR Architecture, Inc, Omaha

New Associates

Barbara Benck, The Schemmer Associates, Omaha
Sarah Cerny, Vetter Health Services, Omaha
Julio Da Fieno, Brown Design Associates, Holdrege
Todd Moeller, HDR Architecture Inc, Omaha
Jeffrey Shuey, HDR Architecture Inc, Omaha
Jennifer Zimmer, Alley Poyner Architecture, Omaha

Reinstatements

Steven Conley, AIA, Department of Correctional Services, Lincoln
Aaron Hartung, Assoc. AIA, The Clark Enersen Partners, Lincoln
Nancy Hove-Graul, AIA, Lincoln

Upgraded to Emeritus AIA

Deon Bahr, FAIA
Anthony Hazuka, AIA
Roger Krhounek, AIA
H. David Nelson, AIA
Roger Schutte, AIA

Affiliates

Jerry Sticker, Paul Kess, Inc, Omaha
Bob Lobsiger, ICF Building Solutions, Omaha

Transfers

Kama Helmstadter to Los Angeles, CA
Craig McClatchey to Boulder, CO

Members on the Move

The architecture offices of Meyer & Associates has hired AIA member **Rick Weidner, AIA** as Senior Project Architect. Weidner is an Iowa State University graduate.

Hinz Lamprecht Architects, P.C., has recently added AIA member **John Hrivnak, AIA** to the ranks. Hrivnak is a registered architect with a focus on business development. Along with his architectural degree from the University of Cincinnati, Hrivnak also holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Business from Wittenberg University in Springfield, OH and Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH respectively. His extensive background includes the design of various environments for the aging, as well as healthcare facilities.

Congratulation, John!

Wiebe & Johnson proudly announces the recent completion of the ARE by **Dave Johnson**. Dave is now a licensed architect in Nebraska with the self inking stamp to prove it. Dave has a Construction Management degree from UNL and formed Wiebe & Johnson in 1996 with David Wiebe, AIA. In our excitement over his success (and to more accurately reflect the changing scope of our work) we have also changed our name by dropping "construction management" to become Wiebe & Johnson, Architects.

Congratulation, Dave!

A New Baby Boy

On January 15, 2001, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Dolezal, Associate AIA, brought a new baby boy into the world: **Maxim Gunnar Dolezal**. He weighed in 6 pounds, 7 ounces, and 19 inches long. Mom and baby are doing fine. Thanks for your prayers.

Congratulations!

Excellence-Honorable Mention

Davis Design in association with Desman, are proud to announce that their project the "Market Place Parking Facility" was selected to receive a 2000 Award of Excellence-Honorable Mention for the use of concrete in the State of Nebraska. *Congratulations!*

HDR Opens Lincoln Office

HDR recently opened an office in Lincoln in the Cornhusker Plaza, 301 S. 13th Street. The company anticipates the office will allow HDR to better serve clients in the Lincoln area.

Contact Barry Trevarrow, 402/399-1397, btrevarr@hdrinc.com.

The Pearson Birch Studio is Formed



Patricia J. Birch, AIA, has joined Melinda Pearson, AIA, to create The Pearson Birch Studio, Inc., formerly Pearson Architects, Inc. As a new Principal, Pat will lead the design efforts for the firm.

After receiving a Master of Architecture from UNL, Pat worked for architectural firms in Boston and New York City. In 1989 she returned to Lincoln and practiced as a licensed architect, joining Pearson Architects last summer. With 18 years of experience, Pat has designed many notable buildings across the state.

Pat and Melinda have created a practice that considers each building project as unique, synthesizing thoughtful, creative design with client satisfaction. The Pearson Birch Studio believes that architecture should enhance and respect the environment.

The firm of seven are currently working on a sandhill crane educational facility of straw bale construction. Their design of the new bus maintenance facility for StarTran with the City of Lincoln is under construction. Additional projects include a horse barn and an I-80 maintenance facility for the Department of Roads.

For more information, call Chris Eldred, The Pearson Birch Studio, 474-1851.



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The Winter Quarters Temple Project - Omaha

By Dan Reinhardt, AIA

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints has recently constructed the Winter Quarters Temple, located at 8283 North 34th Street (neighboring the Mormon Pioneer Cemetery and the Mormon Trail Center) in the Florence area of Omaha. The Florence area is the historic setting named "Winter Quarters" by the Mormon pioneers who established the community in 1847. Once dedicated, the edifice will be used for religious instruction.



Reinhardt & Associates, Architects, P.C. (Omaha Chapter) was commissioned by the Church to assist in the design and planning of the project. The building is a significant structure constructed of specially selected materials that contribute to the peaceful setting adjoining the Pioneer Cemetery. The exterior is clad with white granite veneer, and the interior includes custom wall fabrics, carpets, and furnishings. Special artisans have also provided unique ceiling paintings, stained glass, bronze entrance doors, and carpet carvings. The facility will stand as a monument to the faith and conviction of the early pioneers.

A special group tour is being planned on Thursday, March 29th (6:00 to 7:00 pm) for AIA members and associates interested in seeing the building. The tour will be free. Additional details will follow to Omaha Chapter members, but all members are welcome. Call 402-861-0523 for more information. Members and associates of AIA Nebraska, along with families, friends, and colleagues, are also invited to tour the building during a public Open House to be held between March 30th and April 14th.

AIA's Consumer Web site / Firm "ProFile" Listing

Take advantage of the AIA's consumer Web site, get listed with the Architect finder guide to AIA firms. You can visit the site at www.cmdg.com/profile/. The ProFile includes information for more than 12,000 AIA member-owned firms. However, there are an estimated 3,000 firms not yet listed. Don't get overlooked—get online.

If your firm is already online, you are encouraged to **update your site annually**. This can be done online. Firms register on the CMDEXpress Web site www.cmdexpress.com and then enter a unique ID# and password issued to them by CMD to gain access to their information which they then can modify online. To get an ID# and password, contact ProFile by e-mail: profile@cmdonl.com or 800/949.0276.

ProFile listing is one of the many member benefits available from AIA. To be listed on this site, you must be current with your AIA NE Firm dues.

If your firm is not listed, or you need further information, please contact AIA Nebraska, 402/472-1456.

Information Central for AIA Members - 1-800-AIA-3837

The AIA has introduced "Information Central," a new help-line telephone service that directs AIA members quickly and efficiently to the staff members and information they need. AIA members are encouraged to call for "one-stop" information about the institute, dues, continuing education requirements, upcoming events, and convention news. Calls will be received by well-trained information central staff members who will answer the caller's questions or, in one step, transfer the caller to the appropriate AIA staff member. The move is expected to eliminate both the need for multiple toll-free numbers and the "hit and miss" approach to finding answers about AIA programs and services.

E-ARCHITECT - AIA's Web site Replaced

AIA Launches new Portal Site:
www.aia.org

The AIA's professional Web site "e-architect" is being replaced in February 2001 with a completely new, state-of-the-art portal feature for exclusive use by AIA members. The portal will allow AIA members to customize their user interface to provide Institute knowledge resources as well as appropriate industry resources pulled from reputable sources worldwide with a powerful search engine.

New AIA's EF Documents 3.0

The AIA has recently released the new AIA Contract Documents: EF 3.0, a thoroughly revamped version of its **electronic-format** contract document software. The new EF 3.0, which includes new features designed to help lower project costs and expand business opportunities, is backed by an unconditional 90-day full refund exchange.

Call AIA NE and we will ship you the new EF 3.0 CD-ROM: 402/472-1456 or call the AIA order Dept.: 800/365-2724, Technical support: 800/942-7732.

AIA Firm Survey '00-'02 Book

Compiled by the AIA, this new survey is the most reliable source of information on the business practices of U.S. architects with complete and accurate snapshot of U.S. architecture firms and their clients. Responses from nearly 2,000 architecture firms nationwide were compiled to bring you financial benchmarks and management strategies. The report organizes findings by region and firm size and includes charts and tables for fast, easy access to the information needed to stay competitive.

To purchase the new Firm Survey, call the AIA Order Dept.: 800/365-2724, fax 800/246-5030; member price \$35, nonmember \$95. Questions, Mike Janes, 202/626-7467, mjanes@aia.org.

Other OPPORTUNITIES

CLASSIFIEDS / Employment

✓ ARCHITECT/GRADUATE

ARCHITECT: Smaller architectural/civil engineering/surveying firm is seeking ambitious and self-motivated architect or graduate architect with minimum 3 years project experience. Individual should have experience in various project phases including client contact, design, construction document preparation, project management and construction administration. Should also have working experience in CAD production and presentation. Wide array of project types with growth available. Full benefits. Contact: Ralph Gladbach, at Hill-Farrell Associates, 1008 Lincoln Road, Bellevue, NE 68005, 402/291-6100, rgladbach@hillfarrell.com.

✓ REGISTERED ARCHITECT

(Opportunity for significant ownership and leadership). Established eight-person architectural firm is seeking an ambitious, self-motivated person with 15+ years of experience. Individual should be registered and able to achieve NCARB certification. Experience as a project manager and project architect is a must with some exposure to business development very desirable. Individual should also have a thorough knowledge of the design process, preparation of construction documents and contract administration and have some office management skills. Design expertise and experience in K-12 education, medical and senior housing work is also desirable. Contact Larry McChesney; TSP/LMc Architects, Inc.; 9802 Nicholas St.; Suite 350; Omaha, NE 68114; 402-493-8997; mcchesneyll@teamtsp.com. TSP/LMC is a TSP Group, Inc. company, an ENR Top 500 Design organization with offices in 9 cities in 6 states. Visit our site at: www.teamtsp.com

✓ **ARCHITECTURAL:** Smaller, award winning firm with offices in Aspen and Basalt, Colorado, is seeking an individual with CAD experience (ArchiCad helpful). Opportunity to be involved with all aspects of a variety of projects. Quality design services, commitment, and teamwork atmosphere. Permanent position/full benefits/bonuses/relocation expenses. Call Reno-Smith Architects 970/925-5968, fax 970/925-5993. Email: office@renosmith.com

✓ **CAD TECHNICIAN:** Experienced CAD Technician position open at Haymarket architectural office. 3 years minimum experience required. Parking & benefits.

Indications of interest to: JoAnne Kissel at Sinclair Hille Architects, 700 Q Street, Lincoln, NE 68508.

AIA's Architects Handbook is a valuable practice tool

The Architect's Handbook of Professional Practice has been the profession's primary manual of practice for over 80 years. To reflect the changing dynamics of the profession, its scope of activities, and the evolving requirements to build and manage a successful practice, the Handbook is revised periodically, it contains the latest editions of all the AIA Contract Documents. The latest edition can be ordered as a hard cover (4 binders) or as a CD-ROM from AIA NE, 402/472-1456.

AIA '02 Call for Presentations

The AIA invites you to submit a presentation proposal for the 2001 National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Theme: DesignDesign. This is an invaluable opportunity to maximize your exposure!

Proposals Deadline: June 18, 2001.
Questions: Emily Cole at 202/626-7445, email: ecole@aia.org.

COPYRIGHT Protection

An appellate court held that copyright protection for architectural works is not limited to works that have been constructed.

A district court granted summary judgment in an infringement action concluding that there could be no valid copyright in the design of a building that had not been constructed. "Since the original definition of architectural work in H.R. 3990 referred only to architectural works 'as embodied in' buildings, there was concern that a defendant with access to the plans or drawings could construct an identical building but escape liability so long as the plans or drawings were not copied."

The project underlying the litigation involved a restaurant called "Organ Stop Pizza" located in Mesa, AZ.

Risk Management Note: The use of copyright laws to protect intellectual property can aid both compensation management and risk avoidance. For more information on copyright law, read "Managing Risk Through Document Protection" on www.schinnerer.com.

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NCARB has added the practice software for the ARE to its web site. Exam candidates can download the software directly into their computers by signing on to the site at www.ncarb.org/are/ and following the links to the examination information. The software includes tutorials to teach candidates how to use the various testing tools found in the three graphic divisions of the ARE. There are no practice programs for the six multiple choice divisions. Following the tutorials are representative vignettes, one for each of the 15 vignettes that make up the graphic divisions.

"Owner-Designer Relationships" Monograph from APM

This monograph, from the Association for Project Managers (APM), draws upon the experience of association members and is intended to improve the working relationships between construction project team members. The primary focus is on the role of the owner/client in the process. Designers may wish to provide their clients with a copy as owners will find the publication valuable as an aid to improving their own performance in the design and construction process. The complete 41-page guide is free to APM members, \$35 + \$4 shipping for nonmember from APM, 773-472-1777, apm1@ix.netcom.com.

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As promised, the Board has pursued providing Continuing Education Units for each of our Chapter Activities. Please remember to sign in at these activities and we will take care of the rest!

Volunteers NEEDED for Fall Conference Planning is under way for the AIA Nebraska Convention to be held in Omaha on October 2nd and 3rd. If you are interested in being involved with this convention, please contact any AIA Omaha Board member for information.

Don't Begin work until the Scope is Clear

"Work with your client to develop a well-defined scope of services...services you will perform for the agreed-upon fee, services you can perform for an additional fee, services you will not perform, and services that must be performed but will be carried out by a third party." That is the core piece of advice in the article "Retaining an Adequate Scope of Services"—October 2000 issue of *AE Risk Review*—a bimonthly newsletter from Poole Professionals Ltd. The author suggests a scope of services checklist that includes details on the project development phase, schematic design plans, design development phase, contract document phase, and construction administration phase. For a copy of this October 2000 newsletter, call Poole Professionals Ltd, 781/245-5400.

A/E Firm Management ?

The Boston Society of Architects (BSA),
52 Broad Street., Boston, MA 02109.

Can you "recession-proof" your Firm?

Times are good...but things change. Struggling with fees that are not rising fast enough, new investments in information technology, soon-to-retire principals/partners and other realities may have you thinking about the new economic squeeze. Two recent articles in *Principal's Report* focus on the early warning signs of an economic downturn in your business, how to avoid problems, and addresses issues such as time management, fees and pricing, governance, billing controls, etc. For a copy of these articles, send a 55-cent SASE along with a \$15 handling fee to Recession Tips/RF; BSA.

Are you liable for inaccurate cost estimates?

The increasing legal risks posed by negligent cost estimates, the relationship of cost estimates to client-retention, and guidelines from the American Society of Professional Estimators are the subject of a packet of articles reprints from the BSA; send requests with a 55-cent SASE along with a \$15 handling fee payable to Cost Estimating/RF, BSA.

Do you have to pay your consultants if your client does not pay you?

Knowing your rights and your consultant's rights in these difficult situations is the subject of another *Principal's Report* article. For a copy of this article, along with complementary articles on how to deal with "tight-fisted clients", send request with a 34-cent SASE along with a \$15 handling charge to Tight Fists/RF, BSA.

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 from NCARB's Web site, www.ncarb.org/forms/req_tran.html. NCARB information 202/783-6500 or customerservice@ncarb.org.

WEBER AD

Calendar of Events

March

- 6 ARE Site Planning - Lincoln
- 6 AIA Omaha Board
- 6 AIA Lincoln Board
- 15 AIA NE Board Meeting - Lincoln
- 20 ARE Electrical Systems - Omaha
- 22 AIA Omaha - Omaha World Herald Freedom Center Tour
- 27 ARE Mechanical Plumbing - Omaha
- 27 AIA NE / Western NE Chapters Spring Conference - Kearney, NE
- 29 AIA Omaha - The Winter Quarters Temple Project Tour - Omaha

April

- 6 Central States Region Spring Meeting - Kansas City
- 9 AIA Omaha /CSI Capitol Bldg Preservation Program
- 10 ARE General Theory 1 - Omaha
- 10 AIA Omaha Board
- 10 AIA Lincoln Board
- 17 ARE General Theory 2 - Omaha
- 19 AIA NE Board Meeting - Lincoln
- 24 ARE Lateral Forces - Omaha

May

- 1 ARE Structures Omaha
- 8 AIA Lincoln Board
- 8 AIA Omaha Board
- 12 AIA Omaha - The Tower at First National Bank Center Tour
- 15 ARE Building Planning - Omaha
- 17-19 AIA National Convention - Denver, CO**
- 24 AIA Nebraska Board - Lincoln
- 29 Memorial Day
AIA NE Office closed

June

- 5 AIA Omaha Art Festival
- 12 AIA Lincoln Board
- 12 AIA Omaha Board
- 17 Father's Day
- 21 AIA Nebraska Board
Western Golf Outing - Columbus

July

- 4 Fourth of July
AIA NE Office closed
- 10 AIA Lincoln Board
- 10 AIA Omaha Board
- 12 AIA Omaha - American Wood Institute Seminar @ Leo A Daly
- 19 AIA Nebraska Board - Lincoln

Mark your Calendars

- AIA NE/Western Chapter Spring Conference • March 27, 2001
Kearney, NE
- AIA National Convention • May 17-19, 2001, Denver, CO
- AIA NE Fall Conference • October 2-3, 2001 • Omaha, NE

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