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NEBRASKA SUBMISSIONS SET NATIONAL STANDARD

Jury members of the AIA Nebraska Design Awards Program met at the Smith-Miller + Hawkinson firm in New York City, August 4, 2004. An entire day was spent reviewing this year's 114 entries submitted by Nebraska architects. AIA Nebraska Executive Director, Sara Kay was present and assisted with presentation of entries. New York jury members included: Henry Smith-Miller, AIA, Smith-Miller + Hawkinson, Jury Chair; Ronnette Riley, FAIA, Ronnette Riley Architects; Bartholomew Voorsanger, FAIA, of Voorsanger Architects, P.C. "Jury members benefited from the process and with each entry they were continuously amazed by the quality of work presented," said Sara Kay. Kay added recommendations from the jury to improve the submission process will be implemented.

"IN ADDITION TO VERY REAL AND SUBSTANTIATIVE ARCHITECTURAL "DESIGN EXCELLENCE", THE ENTRIES' GRAPHIC PRESENTATIONS AND PHOTOGRAPHY WERE REMARKABLE – COLLECTIVELY THE SUBMISSIONS SET A STANDARD FOR THE NATION," – HENRY SMITH-MILLER, AIA, OF HENRY SMITH-MILLER + HAWKINSON.

AIA Nebraska, a Society of the American Institute of Architects, will present 5 Honor Awards and 13 Citations at this year's Tribute to Architecture Banquet, September 24, at the Van Brunt Visitors Center, UNL, Lincoln. Reservations must be made in advance.

CDs containing the submissions are available at AIA Nebraska for $15 +shipping/handling/tax.

JURY MEMBERS DELIBERATE IN NEW YORK: BARTHOLOMEW VOORSANGER, FAIA, OF VOORSANGER ARCHITECTS, P.C.; RONNETTE RILEY, FAIA, RONNETTE RILEY ARCHITECTS; HENRY SMITH-MILLER, AIA, SMITH-MILLER + HAWKINSON, JURY CHAIR.

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8:00 am

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Changing Faces of Architecture
Ronnette Riley, FAIA, Ronnette Riley Architect, New York

1:00 pm
Henry Smith-Miller, AIA, Smith-Miller + Hawkinson Architects, New York

6:30/7:30 pm

Design Awards/Architecture Tribute
Van Brunt Visitor's Center, 313 South 13th, UNL

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Wilscam Receives Gold Medal

Charles Wilscam, AIA, of RDG Planning & Design has been awarded the Harry F. Cunningham Gold Medal for Architectural Excellence in the State of Nebraska. The award was presented at the Vibrant x Design – AIA Nebraska Tribute to Architecture Banquet September 24.

The medal commemorates the achievements of Harry F. Cunningham who took over the Nebraska State Capitol project after the death of architect Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue. It was Goodhue's building design that won the nationwide 1920 contest to determine the look of the new capitol. Cunningham subsequently established the first school of architecture at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The Gold Medal is the highest honor that AIA Nebraska can bestow and is awarded in recognition of the most distinguished achievement in architecture or service to the profession of architecture in

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2004 HARRY CUNNINGHAM RECIPIENT, CHARLES WILSCAM, AIA, RDG PLANNING & DESIGN

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"The new design calls attention to typographic nuance and communicates hierarchy through space and form, without the use of ornamentation. The process for manufacturing the natural-colored, uncoated paper is more environmentally friendly than coated, brilliant white, paper." – David Kadavy, Graphic Designer

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"WE ARE FORTUNATE IN THE PROFESSION OF ARCHITECTURE TO BE BLESSED WITH MANY TALENTED AND CREATIVE PRACTITIONERS. EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE A PERSON COMES ALONG WHO NOT ONLY ACHIEVES PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL SUCCESS BUT ALSO INSPIRES OTHERS TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL ENDEAVOR AND COMMUNITY SERVICE. CHARLES WILSCAM IS SUCH AN INDIVIDUAL."

– NOMINATOR JOE LANG, AIA, OF RDG PLANNING & DESIGN.

Cunningham

the State of Nebraska.

Charles A. Wilscam, Jr., was born in 1928 and has dedicated his life to family, country, and profession. The son of a mason, he was exposed to design and construction at a young age when he worked with his father as a brick tender. The first in his family to attend college, he graduated in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Architectural Engineering, University of Nebraska. Accepted into the senior ROTC program,

Charles received a commission as second lieutenant in the United States Army Corps of Engineers and was immediately called to duty in the United States Army to serve his country during the Korean War.

Wilscam began his professional career with Leo A Daly in 1953, becoming a team captain in the mid-1950s. Leo A. Daly, Jr., was an important mentor in the growth and development of Wilscam's career in architecture. Wilscam founded an architectural practice in 1965 that through growth and merger has become RDG Planning & Design. This architectural, planning, and landscape architecture firm, with offices in Omaha, Chicago, Des Moines, Coralville, and Ft. Myers, today has more than 150 employees. Wilscam has been instrumental in mentoring many young architects, emphasizing the importance of superlative, principled service to their clients and the necessity of giving back to the community.

From his award for valor during his service in Korea, to his more recent recognition from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society as 2001 Volunteer of the Year, he has quietly participated in leadership positions for a number of civic organizations, including Goodwill Industries, the Landmarks Commission, the Boy Scouts of America, the City of Omaha Building Board of Review, the Plumbing Board, the 2000 IBC Non-Structural Code Review Committee, and, recently, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society; including president of the Omaha & Nebraska Chapter of the AIA.

Wilscam and his wife, Beverly, have raised three daughters. His concern for employees and their families has played an important part in the development of the RDG culture.

Beyond all his commendable personal and professional accomplishments, Wilscam's greatest feat is the lasting legacy he has created through the mentoring of young architects, instilling in them a passion for their profession and enthusiasm for community service. His guidance has been vital to the success of his firm and the many lives he has touched.

IN ADDITION TO ARCHITECTURE AND HIS FAMILY, CHARLIE HAS BEEN COMMITTED TO HIS COUNTRY. HE IS PICTURED HERE DURING HIS SERVICE IN KOREA, 1951.

Architects Responses

"Charles A. Wilscam Jr. is the best representation of a professional architect in that he always has the interests of others first and foremost. He strives to promote excellence in quality as well as economy in solving the clients needs. He is dedicated to promoting the quality of Architecture in the State of Nebraska by continuing to develop leaders in his own firm." said Michael A. James, AIA, President, AIA Nebraska.

"Charlie's life and professional career is an example to all, showing a beautiful balance between commitment to his family, service to his profession, and service to his country. Not only has Charlie fostered a successful firm that produces great architecture, but he is a hands on mentor to young architects thereby raising the bar for our profession into the future." Harry F. Cunningham Recipient, Deon Bahr, FAIA, Bahr Vermeer Haecker.

"Charles Wilscam provides a wonderful example of quiet, yet extremely effective, mentorship and leadership within our profession. A true gentleman who has also served his country and community through decades of selfless contributions. Charles Wilscam is an ideal role model for our aspiring young professionals through his personal character, leadership and impeccable ethical standards." Wayne Drummond, FAIA, Dean, College of Architecture, University of Nebraska.

MIKE KROS, AIA

PRESIDENT, AIA OMAHA CHAPTER

Summer's end is drawing near bringing thoughts of the upcoming falling leaves, football and Amory Lovins lecture.

One of the highlights of summer was the Summer Arts Festival on June 25-27. In AIA Omaha's continual support of public outreach, a group of volunteers helped children become little architects as they designed sugar cube buildings to be placed in downtown Omaha. They were inspired by the numerous boards of prominent buildings in Omaha's past and present, creating an appreciation for the art in architecture. A big thanks goes out to Cathy Rupprecht, Associate AIA, for, once again, doing a great job organizing this event. Also, thank you to all the volunteers that helped work at the booth.

July brought an in depth tour of the recently complete National Park Service building. This is one of the first buildings in Omaha to use the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification system. It was easy to see why the employees liked coming to work when you have a building in which nearly all of the people have great views of the river. Thank you to Cindy Tooker for pulling this tour together. The USGBC Flatwater chapter along with ME Engineers, Falcon Waterfree Technologies, Kiewit Construction and Shaw Carpets hosted a nice reception after the tour at Ricks Café Boatyard.

In the world of architecture, sustainable design is a critical component of good design. While a lot of architects generally deal with the design of a building, sustainable design deals with much more than that. It not only deals with the building and the surrounding site but the building process, how the business operates their company from shipping products, what the products are made of , to whether they even sell a product or sell a service.

An approach to sustainable design that deals with many of these aspects is called "Natural Capitalism". One of the top guru's of this approach is Amory Lovins of the Rocky Mountain Institute. AIA Omaha, along with many sponsors, will be bringing Amory Lovins to town to share his ideas and real world examples on sustainable design.

Wednesday, October 27th, will be a full day of lectures and seminars with Amory Lovins. The day will start with a morning lecture for the University of Nebraska's ABC (Academy, Business and Community) Speaker Series Breakfast. Mr. Lovins will talk about his ideas from his latest book called "Winning the Oil Endgame". He will explain how the American economy can get off petroleum rapidly, attractively and profitably even for the oil companies. From there he will give a lecture on Natural Capitalism at the UNO College of Business, focusing on the business side of Natural Capitalism. After lunch, he will be doing two seminars at the Peter Kiewit Institute. The first seminar is on the "nuts and bolts" of designing new buildings. The second seminar will look at retrofitting/upgrading existing buildings with an emphasis on mechanical and electrical systems design. The evening lecture will start at 6:30 at the Scott Conference Center. He will talk about the Natural Capitalism in its broad-range scope. Our goal for this lecture is to educate not only architects and engineers, but also the general public and business owners to take a sustainable approach to buildings, business and everyday life, not only for the good of the environment but also at lower costs than the old traditional way. He will show numerous examples of companies who have embraced Natural Capitalism and are making more money by doing it.

AIA OMAHA VOLUNTEERS HELP IN A CHILDREN'S SUGAR-CUBE BUILDING BOOTH AT THE SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL

Keep an eye out for additional information and details of these upcoming opportunities. We will also have the latest information posted on a website. www.aiaomaha.org If you have any questions about this event contact me or John Dineen. I hope to see you at these events. Until next time . . .

INTERNATIONAL DESIGN HONOR

ARCHITECT'S HOME TOUR

The Program from last year's Architect's Home Tour presented by AIA Omaha has been accepted into the *Communication Arts* 45th Design Annual. Last years competition had over 12,000 entries with only 244 accepted. This is regarded as the most selective and prestigious graphic design competition in the world.

Congratulations to AIA Omaha, the Home Tour Committee and graphic designer David Kadavy of RDG Planning & Design on this prestigious achievement. The Design Annual will be available on newsstands in bookstores in November.

associate news

JEFF DOLEZAL, ASSOCIATE AIA

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, AIA NEBRASKA

JEFF DOLEZAL, ASSOCIATE AIA, WITH NIGERIA TEAM, TONY AIHIE (UNL CLASS OF '96) ON MY RIGHT.

I am pleased to report that many of you are taking ARE exams. Thank you for updating me on your progress. Keep scheduling those puppies! Whoa!

I have fallen behind my ARE schedule, but with a good excuse. A few months ago I received a frantic plea from a former grad school inmate, Tony Aihie. Tony, Nigerian by birth, moved back to the motherland five years ago to start his own practice. His firm has grown to more than 25 employees, and services have expanded to interiors, space planning, mechanical and electrical engineering, and real estate development.

Tony's office received a commission for two 20-story office towers, and he needed someone from the states crazy enough to come over for a three week design charette. Enter Jeff Dolezal.

After convincing Tony a week stay would do, I arranged to get a new passport (my old one was destroyed in a fire), a visa, and various vaccinations required for entry into Africa.

After a layover in Paris (my luggage never made it from Chicago) I was on my way to Africa and major culture shock. I have traveled to Mexico and all over Western Europe and Scandinavia, but never experienced anything quite like Nigeria. My plane landed in Lagos, where Tony's firm is located. Lagos is considered third-world by U.S. standards, and with good reason. As I left the airport it was immediately apparent the rules we have in the States do not apply.

There is no traffic enforcement, no stable electric or utility grid (flushable toilets are a rarity), and no apparent sewer system. But there is an up side opportunity. The country is in on the verge of an economic boom, and everyone there is abuzz with excitement. The people are compassionate, entrepreneurial, and extremely polite. They appreciate, even hunger for, good architecture, art and culture.

This environment has made Tony quite successful. He consistently delivers superior service to his clients, the key to any firm's success. The week spent in Tony's office we worked on space planning for the towers, and his employees got a crash course in 3d Studio Viz.

I have a newfound respect for our country-we take our infrastructure, government, and freedom for granted- not to mention the education and skill we have here in Nebraska. However, for five days I was treated like a rock star. And I'm still waiting for my luggage.

ARE CANDIDATES

All nine divisions of the ARE ALS/Kaplan guidebooks are available on loan for a 30-day period through AIA Nebraska. We require a $75 deposit which will be refunded once the guidebook is returned.

Congratulations to newly licensed AIA Nebraska member, Scott P. Heaney, AIA, Davis Design.

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Correction - Gary A. Spring, AIA

Broz appointed

Dee Broz, SDA/Certified, has been appointed to serve as the Public Relations Chair for Society of Design Administration (SDA), an affiliate of AIA, for the next two years. Dee has been a member of the Nebraska SDA chapter for nine years and has been active on the national level for eight years. She is marketing coordinator at the Lincoln office of Bahr Vermeer Haecker Architects.

MEMBER NEWS

Mark S. Champion, AIA, Champion Architecture, Lincoln has been appointed to a five-year term on the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects. He is joined with the following other architects: Albert Hamersky, AIA, Chairman Emeritus, The Clark Enersen Partners, Thomas Laging, FAIA, UNL.

Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce presented RDG Planning & Design with a Golden Spike Award. (The award, presented to six Omaha businesses this year, has been given since 1978 to businesses that promote economic vitality.)

HDR has been rated the No. 1 architect in health care by Modern Healthcare.

Mike Hamilton, Associate AIA, formerly of RDG Planning & Design has joined faculty at Louisiana State University Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

AIAS Nebraska was awarded the Chapter Honor Award at AIAS Grassroots. Pam Grell received an Honorable Mention, Community Service Award.

Jeff Day, AIA, of Min|Day received the Grand Award in the "more than 3500 square feet" category in Residential Architect's 2004 Design Awards for the Misha/Twaddell House, Santa Clara County, CA

Bahr Vermeer Haecker Architects, has elected Paul Jeffrey, AIA, President.

Charles D. Huddleston, Affiliate AIA, has joined Schemmer Associates.

Dan Worth, AIA, Bahr Vermeer Haecker Architects has been named vice president of the Association for Preservation Technology International.

Clymer Joins AIA Nebraska

Kelsey J. Clymer, a Gibbon native, joins AIA Nebraska as an Executive Assistant. Kelsey attended the University of Nebraska at Kearney and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Economics. She jumped in right before the fall conference and is gaining a lot of valuable experience. She played volleyball for UNK and enjoys running and spending time with friends and family.

2005 Slate of Candidates

The following will be voted upon at the AIA Nebraska Membership Meeting, in conjunction with the AIA Nebraska Fall Conference, September 24, 2:00 p.m., Cornhusker Hotel.

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DUES INCREASE PROPOSED

The AIA Nebraska Executive Committee will respectively propose a dues increase for 2005: AIA-$10/$170; Associates-$5/$50; Affiliates-$5/$180 and an additional 2.3 % to reflect the government price index. Beginning in 2006, AIA Nebraska proposes coinciding with AIA National dues policy by basing an annual dues increase upon the government price index.

SUPPORT HISTORIC PRESERVATION – AMENDMENT 1

Amendment 1, to be on the November ballot, would enable the Nebraska Legislature to provide tax incentives for the rehabilitation of historic properties. The AIA Nebraska Executive Committee has taken a position in support of Amendment 1.

The most popular incentive nationally is a property assessment freeze. The property remains on the tax rolls at the pre-rehabilitation rate for a certain number of years before assessments are allowed to rise. The freeze has been adopted by more than 30 states, including South Dakota, where it has been extremely successful.

The incentives would bring to older neighborhoods and main street commercial districts because historic properties would be renovated and new revenue would be generated.

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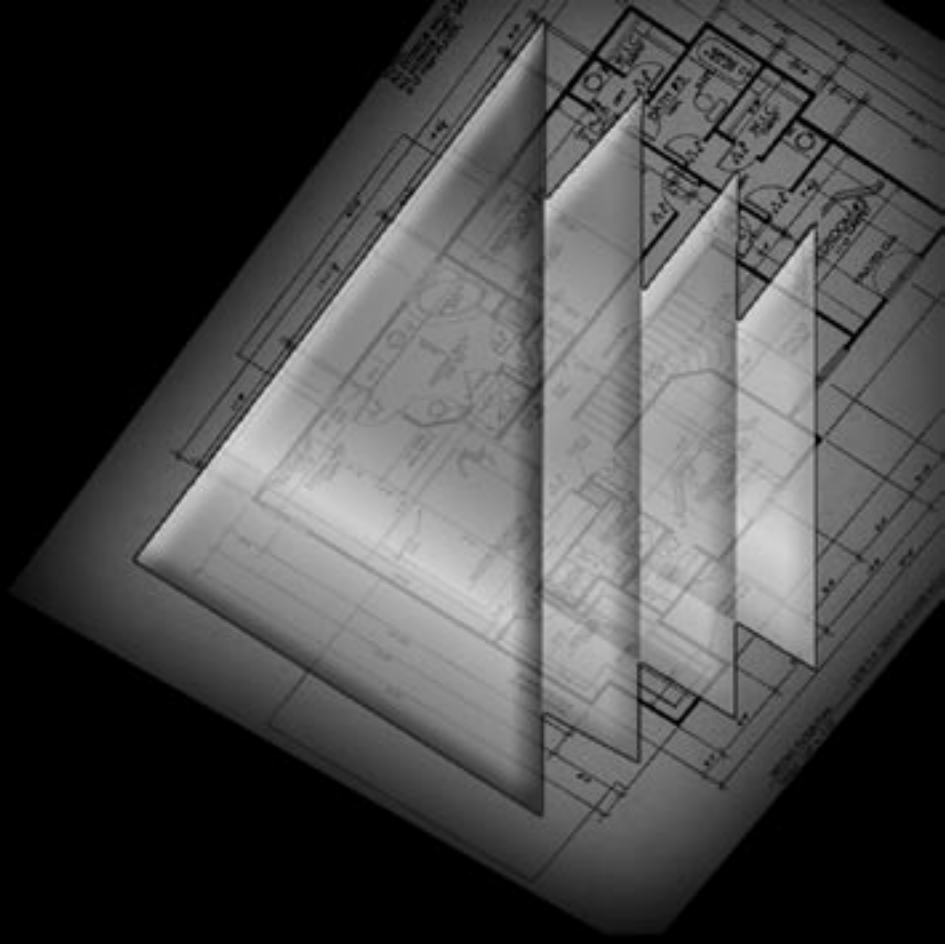

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U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL
FLATWATER ORGANIZING GROUP

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is the nation's foremost coalition of leaders from across the building industry working to promote buildings that are environmentally responsible, profitable, and healthy places to live and work.

The Flatwater Organizing Group is the local branch of the USGBC serving Omaha, Lincoln, Council Bluffs, and surrounding areas. Although in the beginning stages of chapter formation, the group plans to partner with other building industry organizations to bring sustainable building educational programs to a broad range of building professionals. The group will also sponsor networking events and LEED® training workshops. If you are interested in becoming a local member, please contact Nicolette Amundson at namundson@bvh.com. For more information about the USGBC, visit www.usgbc.org.

NATURAL CAPITALISM LECTURE BY ARMORY LOVINS

October 27, 2004 – 6:30 pm lecture – 8:30 pm social
Scott Conference Center – UNO Campus

Amory Lovins, a MacArthur Fellow and consultant physicist, has advised the energy and other industries for nearly 3 decades as well as the Departments of Energy and Defense. Published in 28 books, including *Natural Captalism: Creating the Next Industrial Revolution* and *Winning the Oil Endgame: Profitable Energy Security by Mobilizing American Innovation* and hundreds of papers, his work in about 50 countries–often with L. Hunter Lovins, with whom he cofounded Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) in 1982–has been recognized by the "Alternative Nobel," Onassis, Nissan, Shingo, and Mitchell Prizes, the Happold Medal, 8 honorary doctorates, and the Heinz, Lindbergh, Hero for the Planet, and World Technology Awards. He advises industries and governments worldwide, and has briefed 16 heads of state. He serves as CEO of RMI (www.rmi.org), an independent, market-oriented, nonprofit applied research center. Much of its work is synthesized in Natural Capitalism (www.natcap.org). RMI spun off E SOURCE (www.esource.com) in 1992 and Hypercar, Inc. (www.hypercar.com), which he chairs, in 1999.

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SAMPLE OF VIBRANT X DESIGN / SHAPING COMMUNITIES SESSIONS

Managing the Profitable Small Design Firm, 1.5 HSW
Friday, September 24, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.
James Walbridge, AIA, Tekton Architecture, San Francisco, CA

The cost of money involved in professional architectural services has roots that go deep and erode the compensation we receive for our work. What are these costs? Can they be accurately defined? How do we plan for them? Often times, the reality of doing business in our profession results in many surprises seriously affecting the bottom line.

The time frames to complete deliverables for any project directly impact our compensation. These initial time frames are usually extended due to a myriad of variables usually not attributed to the firm doing the work. Is your firm planning for time overruns in the critical path based on project type, history and client? Each project should have this variable built-in to the completion timeline and integrated into the monthly and yearly schedule with all the projects in the office. Balancing the overlap of time overruns, and anticipating accompanying delays in payments, provides realistic forecasting of income flow to meet monthly and yearly expenses.

Over the course of completing projects, you can count on direct office overhead increasing while the original contract price is locked in. Large overhead items such as errors and omissions increase and can dramatically affect smaller firms generating little or no profit if not accounted for. Is your firm using an escalation percentage multiplier in their monthly and yearly business model for direct overhead increase? In a tight job market, this multiplier can prevent "in-the-red" economic situations. However, production efficiency of each project moving through the office must increase if your market niche is highly competitive and you can not increase fees to cover overhead escalation. The cost of money here will provide a wake-up call regarding how we often cheat ourselves in getting the project and we pay for it later out of our own pockets.

Who is performing the breakdown of production hours for each phase of the project when your firm assembles a project proposal? How is the time allotted for design in the early phases of the project? The big question is how has the firm defined the degree of design work thus limiting the client from making changes ad-nauseum? This is where the cost of money can be turned upside down, when the client takes advantage of the architect with design changes well after the time allotted for the design phase has been spent. A defined contractual protocol for design scope, number of options, reviews and approvals is crucial to prevent this problem from occurring.

LEVER HOUSE, NEW YORK, 1950-1952, DESIGNED BY GORDON BUNSHAFT, SOM

Of course, planning for these situations is paramount. However, how are these situations tracked, reviewed, and implemented into the business model on regular intervals? This consistent periodic implementation is mandatory for sound short and long-view profitability. Our world is a fluid environment where often daily decisions that are out of our control can leave us stranded. The old stand-by of "get the job, get the job, get the job" is not enough. The cost of money, our compensation, and time requires more attention and due diligence on our part.

Historic Federal Place Tour, 1.5 HSW
129 North 10th, Thursday, September 23, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Preregistration Required

Originally constructed as a post office in 1906, the 100,000 sf historic structure is in the process of being converted into a combined facility for commercial, retail, and residential spaces.

Redevelopment plans have called for conversion of the current first floor office spaces into combined retail and commercial spaces. A restaurant with outside patio seating is planned as the major anchor tenant. Additional planned supporting spaces include offices, specifically retail and deli/grocery operations.

Floor two through five have been converted to a series of market rate condominiums. A combination of two and three bedroom units were developed capitalizing on the historic hallways by including the majestic workmanship and historic materials into the floor plans. Units on the fourth floor are loft units with additional bedroom suites to maximize available space on the fifth floor.

Special attention has been given to the historic courtroom on the third floor, maintaining the historic character intact while making the room available for social events for the residents of the building.

Parking is provided for the residents in the basement of the facility. A fitness center is also planned in the basement level.

EXTERIOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE BUILDING INCLUDE LANDSCAPING TO ENHANCE THE STREET APPEAL WHILE PROVIDING A WELCOMING ENTRANCE TO THE BUILDING.

Exterior modifications to the building include landscaping to enhance the street appeal while providing a welcoming entrance to the building. Special emphasis is being placed on maintaining the historic integrity of the building while updating its spaces for more efficient future use.

Bahr Vermeer Haecker Architects, in collaboration with NuStyle Development Corp., was selected by the City of Lincoln Urban Development Department to redevelop the Old Federal Building in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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NATIONAL HONORS AND A NEW CHALLENGE GEAR UP AIAS

DAVID ORRICK
AIAS PRESIDENT

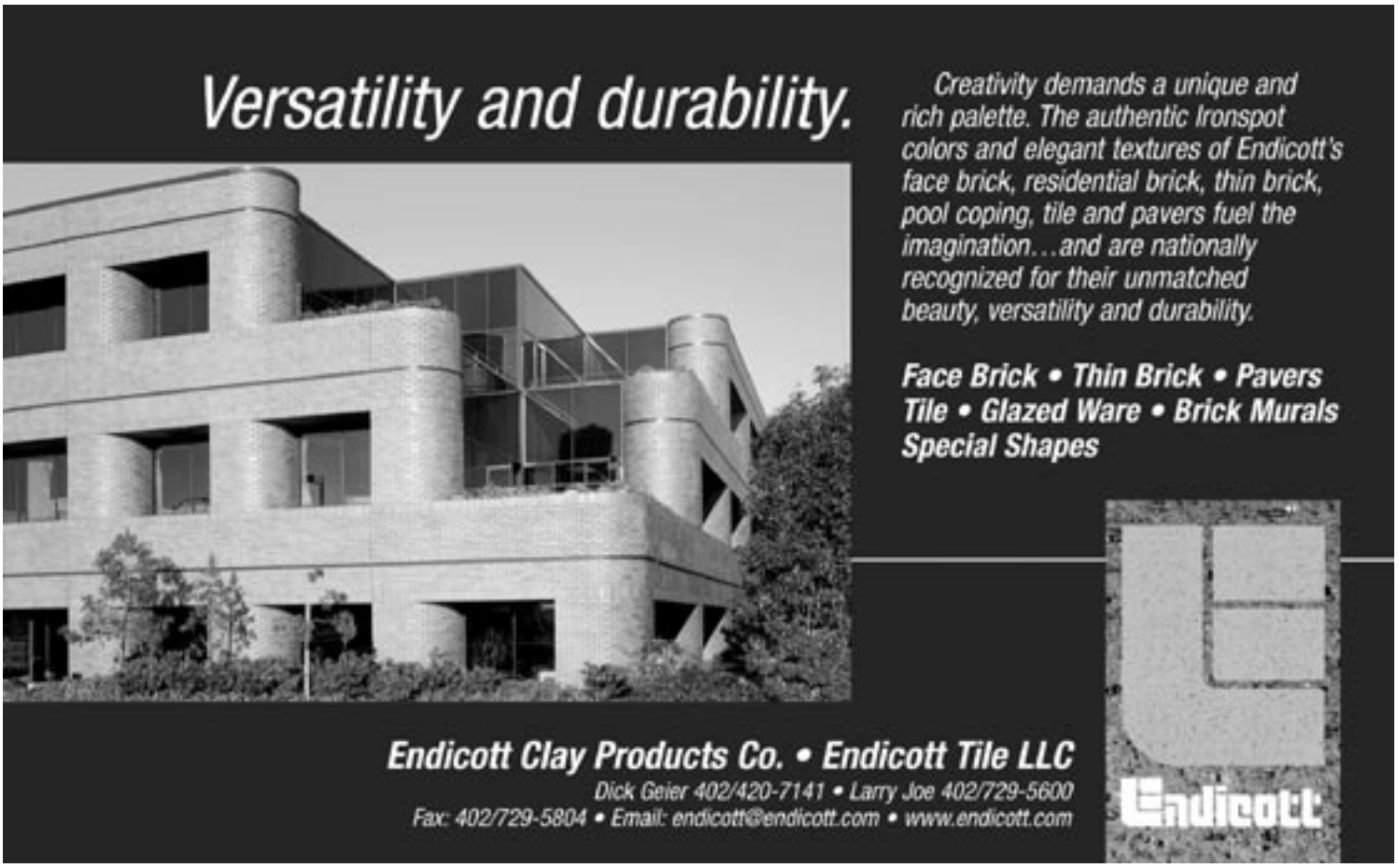
At the recent AIAS Grassroots leadership conference in Washington D.C. AIAS Nebraska was honored with the Chapter Honor Award. Assigned annually through our national office, this award is granted to only one of the over 120 chapters across the country! Among other compliments, we were specifically rewarded for our long tradition as a strong AIAS chapter, our strong connection with the AIA, and the ability of our leaders, past and present, to move forward with the visions and goals of the organization. We are truly honored for this recognition, and are excited to move forward into a new academic year.

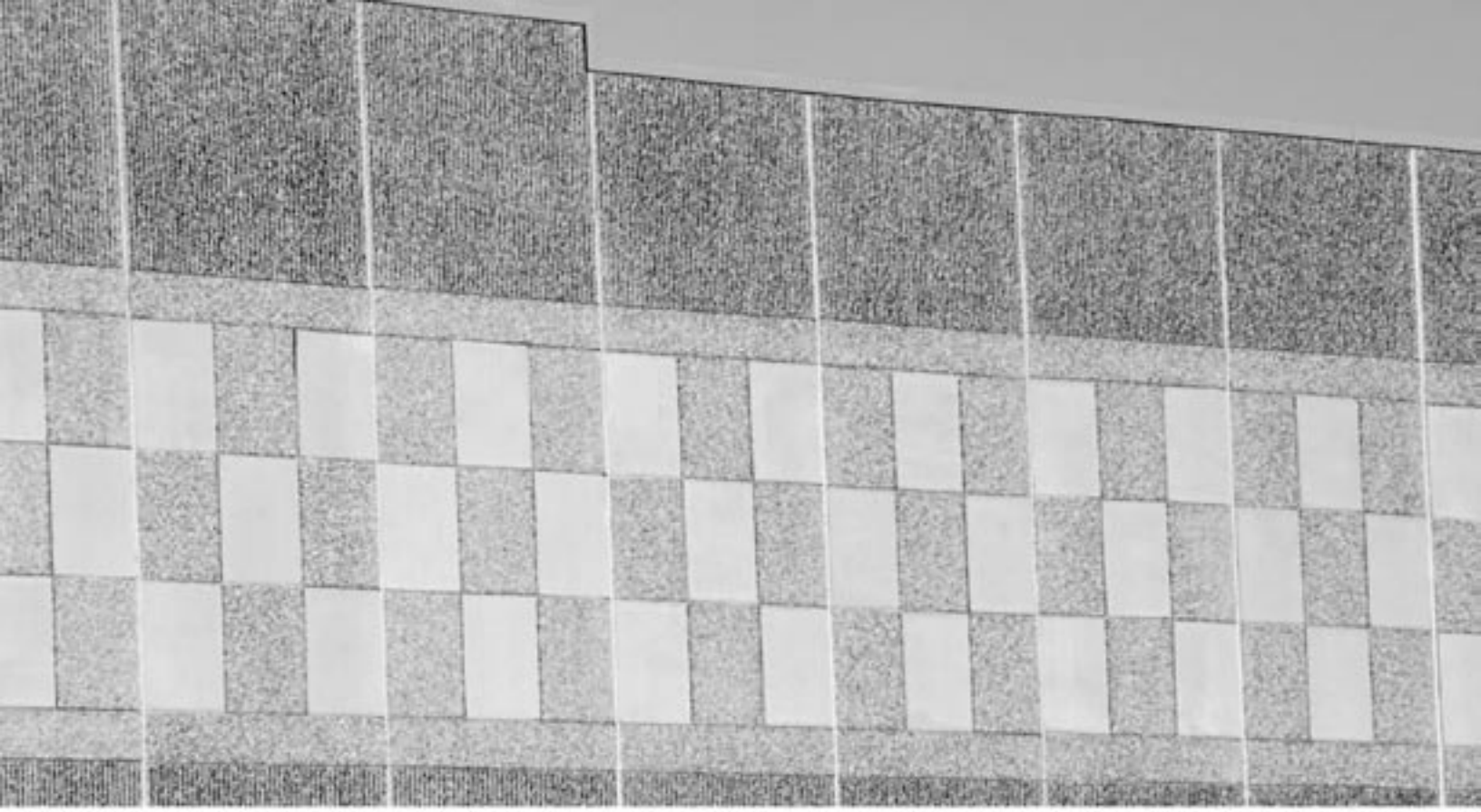
Also at Grassroots, past president Pam Grell was an honorable mention for the Community Service Honor Award. Pam's dedication to serving our local community has had a great impact on the current programming of AIAS Nebraska. Through Pam's presidency and past presidency, the AIAS has implemented volunteer work through Bright Lights and Freedom by Design. Pam has encouraged the organization's new leaders to put service high on our agenda.

While we are continuing with many of the same programs as last semester, one of our greatest tasks ahead is the reestablishment of

our mentorship program. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! Too many times we have called upon the AIA to offer professionals for our various activities and events, yet so often you have lent support. I now ask you to look around your firm at your colleagues and find an architect who would have the time, motivation, and commitment to lend their experiences to the architects of tomorrow. Each mentor will meet with their group 2-3 times per semester and will have the choice of what the group events will consist of (i.e. firm tours, site visits, etc.). Please relay any names that you come up with to me via email at ddorrick@aol.com.

Overall, we are very excited about the upcoming year and the many opportunities it will yield. We thank the AIA for its continual support in all of our endeavors and look forward to working closely with you all in the months to come!





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Have you all checked your status of Continuing Education Units? Now is the time to call up your record and check, the annual convention is just around the corner. This is a great opportunity to pick up 9 _ units as well as learning about new products. It is also a time to meet new friends and to learn from each other. I would encourage everyone to get out their calendars and mark down the AIA annual convention on September 23 and 24th at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln. This year promises to be even better than last. We have over 114 entries in 5 categories. Our jury is made up of Architects from the East coast headed by Henry Smith-Miller. From what I hear, the jury was very impressed by the quality of the entries and the work being done by the Architects in Nebraska. We still have space available for vendors, so if you have anyone that you know of, give them a call and let them know that this is an opportunity to display their products and talk to over 125 architects representing the majority of the firms in the State.

I have recently had conversations with several architect volunteers from both North Dakota and California regarding the disaster in Hallum, Nebraska. They are working with the community to help re-build several structures in downtown. They have asked if anyone in the AIA or any other architect would be available to help establish some standards for the city. We are currently in conversations with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to put together a program to help them in their efforts. This is another example where the expertise of the architect is necessary to help a community get back on its feet after a disaster. While the Disaster Assistance Taskforce of Nebraska (DATNE) is not structured to help in this way, we are looking at ways in which to broaden our input I urge all of you wishing to be a part of this valuable service to contact me for more information. You can see many of the activities and to register for the convention on our website at www.aiane.org.

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