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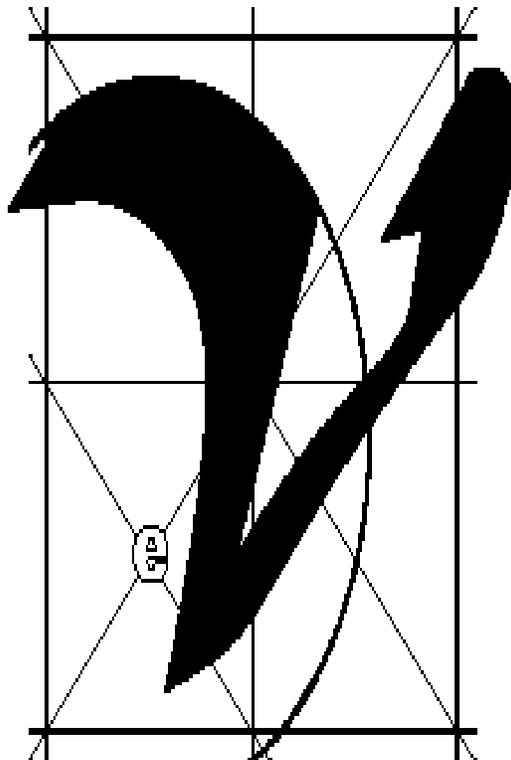
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AIA NE Fall Design Conference

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Evaluate your priorities

▲ Attend the **AIA Nebraska Fall Conference September 9-10, 1999** at the Holiday Inn Centre • 72nd and Grover • Omaha, NE

▲ Attend the **Golf Outing, Thursday, September 9th** at Pacific Spring • 168th and Harney Streets • Omaha, NE

eValuation is an examination of . .
The Value architects bring to practice
The Value of practice to Society
The Value of design in projects

Friday sessions will include roundtable discussions involving local members of the Professional Interest Areas (PIA), a review of issues critical to the integration of education and practice, practical applications in projects, collaborative endeavors, and interaction with suppliers to be aware and updated on the latest products and services.

Registration forms will be sent in July, but mark those dates now!!

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!



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1999 President's Letter

By Robert Schoenleber, AIA, AIA NE President

"Take pride in your accomplishments, large or small and value any praise received from clients, it is a compliment to the profession."

Special Thanks

Every once in a while, when someone refers a client to your office or commends you for your efforts on a project, the role of being the architect becomes very satisfying. Although it rarely happens often enough, when it does it causes me to remember why I became an architect in the first place. Several immediate reasons come to mind, but it's the subtle ones which make the greatest impact. For instance, while working on a small renovation job at home, my son informs me "That's not the way grandpa does it." Referring to my method of marking materials to be cut.

Instantly I recall working on projects with my father, the ultimate "green" builder who's farm background calls for salvage and reuse of everything (and I mean everything). Countless hours of discussions evolve for alternate methods of construction, usually resulting in more talk than work, but a lifetime of learning of how to deal with discussions on design.

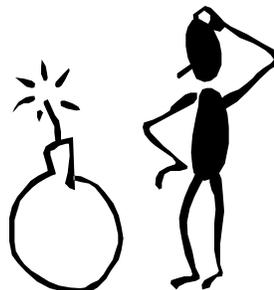
My mother, who would always be nearby, was the scheduler and would report the necessity to complete the work before dark. She stressed patience (mostly for working with my father) and taught me that good things don't just happen, they are the result of hard work and continued effort. Not exactly what one likes to hear in the middle of a difficult project.

Both parents educated me on a respect for people and their ideas (which is probably why they allowed so many of my ideas as child to be "worked through" before they said "no"). All of these lessons in life are what I believe enabled me to survive my formal architectural education which, in turn, provided the opportunity to become an architect. Many people, like my parents, have taught me things that I use regularly in my practice. As architects, we must continually strive for education that will elevate us to a "necessary" part of all architectural projects.

Our training in project development and expertise in the construction administration phase of a project, coupled with abilities to evaluate alternatives and decipher the "personal" aspects of design, is what makes us professionals. This separates us from those who want the title, without the responsibilities or liabilities.

Nebraska depends on qualified architects to protect the public and design exciting environments in which to live. A professional education is the first step for future architects and AIA membership is a means for maintaining the level of quality the public expects.

Take pride in your accomplishments, large or small and value any praise received from clients, it is a compliment to the profession. In doing so, also evaluate what and who it was that helped you to be successful. Sometimes it hits pretty close to home.



Legislative Update

As of this writing the Nebraska Legislature is in their 15th week, and looks like they will adjourn this session on time, the end of May.

AIA Nebraska has been following some key legislation in order to protect the public health/safety/welfare concerns of the citizens: **LB253** was introduced to amend sections in the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act to increase the dollar amount from forty thousand to eight thousand needed for a professional on public projects. The bill was signed into law on March 9th.

LB440 amending section in the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act to exempt certain commercial or industrial buildings from the necessity of a design profession was signed into law on March 24th, however, the amendment offered was accepted. This amendment reads; The construction, remodeling, alteration, or renovation of . . . (b) a one-story commercial or industrial building or structure of less than five thousand square feet of above grade finished space which does not exceed thirty feet in height unless such building or structure, or the remodeling or repairing thereof, provides for the employment, housing, or assembly of twenty or more persons.

LB752 on Fair Housing did not make it out of committee.

LB856 the attempt to tax professional services also stayed in committee.

AIA Nebraska in tandem with the Engineers are working with the Associated General Contractors on Design Build Legislation to be introduced into the 2000 Unicameral. You will have the opportunity to become educated on the verbiage of the document, through a series of meeting offered by the local AIA Chapters and AIA Nebraska this summer.

On the National Front, AIA continues to work with the Justice Department to address the Fair Housing Compliance concerns. They are also compiling information on architects' frustrations. If you have experiences to share, send them to Jim Dinegar at dinegar@aiaemail.aia.org. Obtain more information on accessibility criteria through the US Access Board's free bimonthly newsletter, Access Currents. To be added to the mailing list, send an e-mail to news@access-board.gov or visit their Web site at <http://www.access-board.gov/>.



New Legislation will Help Foreign Professionals

Recent legislation (H.R. 4558, the Technical Corrections Bill) removes a stumbling block for non-resident foreign nationals who want to obtain or renew their professional registration to practice in the U.S. The legislation passed by Congress in October '98, clarifies the 1996 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (The Public Welfare Reform Act). The 1996 law strengthened controls over immigrant workers in the U.S. It limited public benefits available to immigrants, and forbade foreign non-residents from receiving state benefits. One of the unintended consequences of the legislation was that states were interpreting the definition of a "public benefit" to include the right to hold a professional registration or license.

When NCARB learned of the problem in October 1997, it was brought to the attention of the AIA, NCARB, the Committee of the Canadian Architectural Councils, and the U.S. Trade Representative's office. These associations worked to convince Congress to clarify the intent of the Public Welfare Reform Act. The new law makes it clear that the intent of the original law was not to keep non-resident foreign professionals from practicing in the U.S.

The AIA is now working with the states' attorneys general to help spread the word about the new legislation. For information, call NCARB, Mike Boudrez at 202/879-0535; AIA, Mike Wilson, 202/626-7406.

Consumer Web Site

Take advantage of the new consumer Web site, with the Architect Finder guide to AIA firms. You can visit the site at www.aiaonline.com and click on "Find an AIA Architect". The Architect Finder 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.

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

Newly Advanced Fellows

The Central States Region of the AIA, cordially invites you to a special recognition of the newly advanced Fellows:

William L Anderson, FAIA
Robert A. Findlay, FAIA
Glen S. LeRoy, FAIA
Dan S. Mitchell, FAIA
George Z. Nikolajevich, FAIA

And for the following CSR member in appreciation of her professional leadership:

Elaine Bergman, Hon. AIA

A reception will be held at the '99 AIA National Convention, Friday, May 7, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Majestic I, Adam's Mark Hotel, 400 North Olive Street, Dallas, TX.





AIA Lincoln

By David Wiebe, AIA, President

Lincoln AIA is keeping busy this Spring with several interesting meetings and events for the next few months. We will have had the AIAS Mentoring Program barbecue and the Endicott Clay Products tour and golf outing as of press time. This year we extended an invitation to the Omaha and Western chapters.

Other upcoming events:

- A lecture by *Demetri Porphyrios* from London on his architecture. (He is a guest lecturer at UNL this semester.)
- A tour of the ongoing renovation of the State Capitol building (get out your hard-hat).
- The National Convention is also next month in Dallas, of course. I will be attending as representative of the Lincoln Chapter. The current issue of *Architect* lists the resolutions that have been proposed for votes. I would appreciate any input given.

Here at home we are also in the midst of the political season also. With Lincoln's dramatic growth and change in the last decade, this election will determine significant courses that our city will take. The mayoral and city council races offer distinct differences regarding development at the center and edges of the city, urban planning and transportation. As architects, we should be very concerned with who will represent us at this important time.

A few other items: The latest information on Continuing Education credits has been issued. Nebraska AIA members are some of the highest complying members in the nation. In the Lincoln Chapter, only a handful have been termed "at risk" because of not fulfilling the requirements. Filling all the requirements is a relatively simple task because almost every educational opportunity qualifies. (Attend the State or National conventions, read the articles in *Architectural Record*...) The Central States Regional Conference will be held here in Lincoln in the year 2000. Any one interested in planning for the convention is encouraged to contact Gayle or myself.

And, as always, the Lincoln Chapter exists for your benefit. If there are issues or ideas that you would like to have addressed, please feel free to contact your board members.

AIA Omaha News

By Mike West, AIA, President

The first quarter of 1999 has been good for Architect's in Omaha. Everyone seems to be very happily busy. To fill any spare time that any of you may have, the Programs Committee of the AIA Omaha Board has been working to finalize our 1999 Calendar of Events. It should hit all of our desks sometime in May. As expected, it's shaping up to be spectacular. We've received confirmation that *James Cutler, AIA* will be here in October and are finalizing arrangements for a yet to be announced speaker for our Annual Meeting in November. Our Millennium-end Event in December is being planned with somewhat of a different flair than the holiday parties in our recent past.

There's also the State Design Conference in Omaha, **September 9-10**. Under the theme "**eValuation**" we will explore the Architects value to people, projects and practice through various workshops, seminars and lectures. The "Call for Entries" for Design Awards is included in this *Oculus*.

Additionally, the Omaha Board has been following the \$253 million OPS bond election scheduled for this May. In some way, each of us will be affected by the outcome of this election whether or not we have children attending an Omaha Public School. At stake are issues right here in Omaha, that mirror those raised in February by your AIA at Grassroots in Washington DC. Architects are inherently involved in the process of promoting the design, development and maintenance of sustainable communities. Better neighborhood schools are vital to this goal. Regardless of your position, I urge you to become involved in the process.

If you have any questions regarding this year's events or the upcoming bond election, please contact me, 402/551-1500 or your president-elect Joe Saniuk, AIA, 402/551-3400.



5th Annual Spring Conference Makes an IMPACT

The AIA Western Chapter in conjunction with AIA Nebraska was a success with 60 registrants and 20 exhibitors. The conference focused on the convergence of design and the community offering sessions on Y2K, Fair Housing, Technical applications, Sustainable Design, Code Review and Contract Documents.

Special thanks to: *Jim Phillips* - Alphagraphics in Lincoln, *Betty Bottiger* - HUD in Omaha, *Kevin VanderKolk* - Farris Engineering in Omaha, *David Eijadi, AIA* - The Weidt Group in Minneapolis, *Bruce Fischer, AIA* - City of Lincoln Codes, and *Frank Musica*, Associate AIA - Victor O Schinnerer & Co, Inc in Chevy Chase, MD, for sharing their time and talent in relating their expertise to our members.

Following is a list of 1999 Spring Conference Exhibitors:

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| • AMI Group, Inc. | • Knoll Inc. / Business World Products | • Otis Elevator |
| • BRP Enterprises, Inc. | • Larson Cement Stone Co. | • Kearney Crete Reimers |
| • Central Plains Millwork | • Midland Garage Door Mfg. | • Kaufman Ready Mixed Concrete Industries |
| • Concrete Products Co. | • NE Masonry Institute / NE Concrete Masonry Association | • Stetson Building Products |
| • Contractors Siding & Tool | • Nebraska Public Power District | • United Products |
| • Diamond Vogel Paint Co. | • Oharco Distributors, Inc | |
| • D & M Building Systems | • Omaha Public Power District | |
| • Endicott Clay Products Co. | | |
| • Johnson Hardware | | |

The 6th Annual Spring Conference is in the works for 2000. If you would like to participate in planning, presenting or attending, contact AIA Nebraska at 402/472-1456 or gkrueger@unlinfo.unl.edu

AIA Nebraska

is proud to open nominations for

ARCHITECTURAL FIRM OF THE YEAR 1999

OBJECTIVES:

To recognize a firm that has contributed to the profession and that has set an example both in design and leadership in the state. This should be a firm that best represents the practice of architecture.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Any firm that has provided architectural services in Nebraska for 10 years
- Any firm who is a member of AIA Nebraska
- Firms that have their main or founding office within the state of Nebraska

JURY:

- AIA Central States Regional Director-Chair
- AIA Members selected by Regional Director

NOMINATIONS:

- Nominations must come from outside the firm (AIA Nebraska will notify nominated firms.)
- Nominations must be postmarked by June 4, 1999.

PAST RECIPIENTS

1993 • Bahr Vermeer & Haecker, Architects, LTD
1997 • Donald P Polsky, AIA & Associates

1995 • RDG Schutte Wilscam Birge
Past winners are not eligible for consideration

Nominated firms will be sent a binder with guidelines and asked to submit materials that represent their contribution to the state and the profession. The following list is a sampling of what the firm will be asked to submit, and from which the jury will make their finalists list:

- Awards
- Significant Architectural or Design Projects
- Contributions to the architectural profession
- Contributions to Community or the State of Nebraska through professional achievements

Award will be presented on the evening of Friday, September 10, 1999 at the Honor Awards Banquet • Milo Bail Student Center, UNO • Omaha (Specific details, time and cost, will be available later this summer).

1999 FIRM OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

Nominated Firm Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
Name of Principal(s): _____
Year Firm Founded: _____
Name of Nominator: _____
Firm: _____
Nomination Statement: _____

Would you like your name released as the Nominator? __yes __no

Mail your nomination by Friday, June 4, 1999 to: AIA Nebraska
(shipping) 102 Architecture Hall UN-L, Lincoln, NE 68588-0106 Post Office Box 80045, Lincoln, NE 68501-0045

(Please do not fax form, as it could compromise the confidentiality of the nomination)

Questions: 402/472-1456, gkrueger@unlserve.unl.edu

Continuing Education

SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS / CONFERENCES / FORUMS / COURSES

Right from the Start: Opening a Successful Firm

June 8, 1999, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, IL. Examine the issues involved in starting your own firm (or moving your new firm in the right direction) at this program sponsored by AIA Chicago, AIA Illinois, and AIA Trust. Planning, financial considerations, legal and insurance issues, client relations and marketing, and professional service negotiations will be covered. AIA members will earn four AIA CES LUs. The cost \$60/Member, \$80/NonMember. For more information call 312/670-7770, joan@aiachicago.org.

NCARB's 80th Annual Conference

June 23-26, 1999, Charleston, SC. With a 300-year-old heritage, Charleston, SC, is one of America's most exquisitely preserved architectural and historic treasures. This year's Icebreaker reception and dinner will be at Boone Hall Plantation. For conference updates, visit www.ncarb.org.

CANSTRUCTION Workshop

May 8, 1999, AIA National Convention, Dallas, TX. CANSTRUCTION is national community service project sponsored by local AIA Chapters under the auspices of the Society of Design Administration (SDA). It puts a positive spotlight on Architects and Engineers while helping to ease a growing problem in America—Hunger. Attend the workshop and learn how to organize and sponsor a CANSTRUCTION Competition in your community. At the workshop you will be led through the organizational process step by step, receive useful tools and materials, and learn how other AIA chapters have benefited from sponsoring a competition. For more information, 212/686-9677.

The University of Wisconsin—Madison, 800/462-0876, is offering the following courses:

Effective Negotiation of Change Order Claims

May 18-20, 1999, Las Vegas, NV
May 24-26, 1999, Madison, WI
This workshop will increase your skill in resolving change order claims. You will examine a case study that embodies all the elements found in major construction disputes today—ambiguous contract language, unanticipated events, differing site conditions, and cost impacts due to delays. For more information call, 800/462-0876.

Structural Design for Non-Structural Engineers

April 7-9, 1999, Las Vegas, NV
This course will introduce you to current codes and standards that govern structural design. It will focus on helping you understand basic concepts and design problem solutions rather than rigorous mathematical derivations.

Principles and Practices of Effective Risk Management

April 14-15, 1999, Madison, WI
This course will focus on:
• Reducing first and final costs and saving money. • Reducing construction performance time. • Improving construction project relationships.
• Enhancing understanding of risk.

Building Mechanical Systems

April 12-13, 1999, Madison, WI
A practical course for project managers and project engineers covering the basic concepts and installation of mechanical systems.

NeSPE State Annual Meeting

May 19-21, 1999, Kiewit Institute of Information Science, Technology & Engineering. Theme: Engineering Economic Development. Questions, call Brett Wawers at 402/496-2498.

Restoration & Renovation Event

Nov. 7-9, 1999, Charleston, SC.
Feb. 27-29, 2000, Boston, MA. R&R Expo is the only trade show dedicated to architectural rehabilitation, period design, preservation and collections care, as well as historically inspired new construction.

The organizers of the Restoration & Renovation (R&R) Expo and conference, announced final results on the Jan. 28-30, 1999 event in Washington DC; a total of 5,300 visitors viewed exhibits from 260+ exhibitors, and over 1200 conference delegates attended the more than 40 educational sessions. In surveys conducted during and after the show, exhibitors and visitors alike gave the show high marks. Visitors praised the breadth of the exhibits, the mix of products and the quality of the presentations given by the conference speakers. For more information, call 800/982-6247, fax: 978/664-5822, www.egiexhib.com

National Convention

May 6 - 9 1999 • Dallas Texas

Earn LU's, Network with Peers, Socialize in the Big D. Check out the April AIArchitect for candidates and resolutions or log onto www.aiaonline.com. Registrations can be taken at the door.

Events for AIA Nebraska Members include:

- Central States Region Business Meeting, Thursday, May 6, 7am - 8am.
- UNL College of Architecture Alumni Gathering, Thursday, May 6, 7 pm. Reservations: 402/472-9212 or carch@unlinfo.unl.edu
- Central States Regional Reception. Friday, May 7, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm. Adam's Mark Hotel - Majestic I.

Contact AIA Nebraska if you plan to be in Dallas, 402/472-1456 or gkrueger@unlinfo.unl.edu



New ARE Guidelines Changes

The new ARE Guidelines was recently sent to all candidates currently eligible to take the Architect Registration Examination. This document, which replaces the current Bulletin of Information, has been rewritten and reformatted to provide the candidate with an easy-to-read reference on exam content, scheduling, and scoring. ARE Guidelines will soon be available at no charge in the "Forms & Documents" area of the NCARB web site at www.ncarb.org. Or, contact NCARB at 202/783-6500 to request a mailed copy.

Highlights of changes to the ARE starting **April 1, 1999:**

- 1) The six multiple-choice divisions will consist of a given number of questions administered over a fixed length of time.
- 2) All candidates **MUST** bring a scientific calculator to the test center. The on-screen calculator is no longer accessible during the multiple-choice divisions of the ARE. **ONLY** non-programmable calculators will be allowed in the test center.
- 3) New questions based on the 1997 editions of AIA Document A201-1997, General Conditions of the Contract for Construction and AIA Document B141-1997, Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Architect with Standard Form of Architect's Services will be introduced to candidates.
- 4) Minor changes to the instructions for both the multiple-choice divisions and the graphic divisions have been implemented. Candidates should contact their Board of Architecture to resolve any questions about the ARE eligibility process.

Call NCARB Examination Department with general questions about the ARE at 202/783-6500.

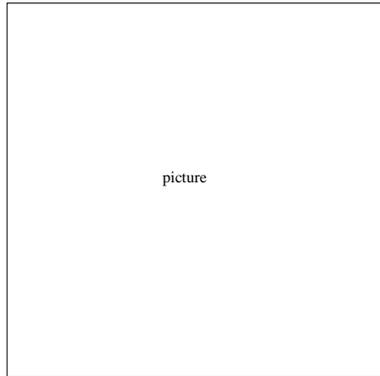
Are You Getting Credit?

You can check your CE information on the Internet by visiting "aiaonline.com". From the main page, click on "Continuing Education" and when prompted, enter your AIA member # and click "Get Transcript".

Member NEWS



AIA National Honor Award MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



Randy Brown Architects won a 1998 National AIA Honor Award for the design of his *studio/residence at 67th and Dodge*. This is the first time a Nebraska architecture firm has won an award from the AIA. The award ceremony will be held in Dallas, Texas during the national convention.

For more information, contact Randy Brown, AIA, 402/551-7097, RBA@USWest.net.

Congratulations, Randy!

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

Mark Antill, Assoc AIA, has been named a Project Manager at Keeler Raynor and Hinz, a Bellevue-based firm specializing in medical, educational, financial, and religious facilities.

Congratulations, Mark!

CONGRATULATIONS!

These members have recently become registered Architects:

- **James Brisnehan**, Cannon & Associates, Architects, Grand Island
- **Martin Janousek**, Leo A Daly, Omaha
- **Grant Creager**, Gardner Hinde Davis, North Platte



AIA NE Welcomes these members.

AIA

Richard L. Klepper, HDR Architecture, Omaha

Cristy K. Pickrel, Ayars & Ayars, Inc., Lincoln

David L. Thomas, Kenneth Hahn Architects, Omaha

Associate AIA

Brad Benne, RDG Schutte Wilscam Birge, Omaha

Timothy A. Ripp, The Clark Enersen Partners, Lincoln

Affiliates

Susan E. Bonnett, Knoll, Inc., Omaha

Reinstated Membership

Martin Shukert, Assoc. AIA, Crose Gardner Shukert, Omaha

Transfers

Richard Cotton, AIA, from Omaha to Spokane

Other OPPORTUNITIES

COMPETITIONS

Design Awards Program

The following design programs are sponsored by the Boston Society of Architects/AIA (BSA), 617/951-1433 x221:

Sustainable Design - Deadline **May 17, 1999**. Eligibility: This program is open to any designer practicing anywhere in the world; the work submitted may be anywhere in the world.

Architectural Design - Deadline: early **August**. Eligibility: This program is open to all Massachusetts architects' projects anywhere in the world and to any architect anywhere in the world who has designed a built project in Massachusetts.

Unbuilt Architecture Design - Deadline: early **August**. Eligibility: This program is open to architects, architectural educators, and architectural students throughout the world.

USA Institute International Competition

Sponsored by the Urban Studies and Architecture Institute (USA), this is a competition of ideas for the public space and related structures of the *Magazzini Generali area in Verona*. Verona, famous for its history beginning in the Roman period, has an equally complex recent past due to the impact of industrialization on the shape and meaning of the city. The competition deals with the overlap between the traditional city and the modern industrial suburb. Registration deadline: **June 15, 1999**, \$150 fee. For information, call Livio Dimitriu, 212/727-2157.

Redwood Deck

Enter the California Redwood Association/Today's Homeowner Redwood Deck Design Contest by **July 15**. Prizes consist of cash and magazine publication. Visit www.calredwood.org.

Photo Contest

Main Street Iowa is hosting an Iowa Downtown Photo contest. Prints or slides taken after Jan. 1, 1997 are due by **July 9**. Winners will be announced Aug. 24 and will be published in The Iowan magazine. Prizes consist of cash and weekend gateways. For information 515/242-4756.

San Francisco Design Competition

To celebrate the First Century of its presence in the city San Francisco State University is hosting a Design Competition. The Design will be held for an entrance to the main campus at its Holloway Avenue and Nineteenth Avenue intersection. This is an "Idea Competition" - the project is not intended to be built at this time.

First and second place winning entries and other selected entries will be exhibited at the University library from December 1, 1999 to February 28, 2000. Entrants will be notified of the Jury's final deliberations after December 1, 1999.

The competition is open--students of Architecture and Design are encouraged to enter the competition. No faculty member and/or other employees of San Francisco State University are eligible to compete. Students of the University are eligible to enter the competition.

AWARDS: There will be a \$1,000.00 prize for the first place entry. There will be a \$500.00 prize for the second place entry. For information call Rodger Birt at 415/405-0371 or visit their website at www.hyperbore.com/sfgate.

Metal Architecture Design Awards

Deadline: **June 25, 1999**. Categories: • Pre-Engineered buildings • Metal roofing • Smooth-faced metal walls • Ribbed metal walls • Renovation/reroofs • Interiors. Only projects fitting within the contest's defined categories will be considered. For information, call Metal Architecture 419/849-3109.

Where are you? Your Assistance is Requested

AIA Nebraska is seeking an individual to serve as an Intern Development Coordinator in Omaha. Qualifications??

- Holds a current license to practice architecture
- Has a long term commitment to the profession
- Personifies the belief in assisting those seeking licensure
- Is a member of AIA Nebraska



The interested individual work in tandem with Kevin Clark, AIA (current IDP Coordinator) to identify and coordinate IDP Mentors, as well as to assist test applicants with the process of licensure and questions they may have. You will also have a close working relationship with Charles Nelson, AIA • NE Board of Engineers and Architects and the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB).

For further information contact Kevin Clark, AIA at 402/476-7331, or AIA Nebraska at 402/472-1456.

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Design Software Piracy Can Do You In

"One summer's day in 1997, a detail of U.S. Marshalls, on a judge's order, made an unannounced raid on the offices of a New York City architect and checked out the licenses on the firm's software. The finale: the architect ended up buying the unlicensed software and paying a \$150,000 penalty."

That is the beginning of a report in a recent issue of Design Firm Management & Administration report, a national newsletter now edited by Stephen Kliment, FAIA.

Design software piracy is a significant issue and it's one that Autodesk, the industry's largest software vendor, has taken seriously; it has recovered over \$30 million in settlement in software piracy. Software piracy need not be intentional...indeed, it is an easy trap to fall into especially as firms grow in a good economy. Everyone's advise is be careful, be alert, and be aware that most piracy claims (according to one report) grow from complaints filed by employees.

The Boston Society of Architects (BSA) has packaged a newsletter article mentioned above with Autodesk's white papers on software piracy and a copy of an Autodesk press release describing the largest software piracy case settlement in its history. For a copy, send a request with \$15 fee payable to BSA, SASE to Piracy/RF, BSA, 52 Broad St., Boston 02109. Taken from the BSA ChapterLetter April '99.

Products for Handicap accessible projects

Contractors/remodelers now have a single source catalog for all of their handicap/accessible related projects. This will save several hours of calling around searching for these items and give them an opportunity to niche market. This valuable resource is "Beyond Barriers" a one-of-a-kind catalog created by Access One, Inc. The 127-page catalog is offered for \$5 + \$1 s/h (refundable with merchandise purchase) features seven product categories: bathroom, kitchen, universal home, outdoor, leisure and fitness, pediatrics and daily living aids.

Access One Inc. is a Minnesota-based company specializing in barrier-free environments for seniors and persons with disabilities. For information 800/561-2223.

NEA Design Grants

The National Endowment for the Arts has announced the '99 Design grants program affecting all elements of the designed environment in the U.S. The disciplines covered include: Architecture, landscape, graphic, interior, product and clothing design, and preservation and urban design. Projects may include innovative design and research projects, competitions, publications, and exhibitions. NEA is encouraging applications in all areas with a timely emphasis in creation and presentation.

Applications deadline: **August 16, 1999**

- Heritage & Preservation,
- Access, • Education

For more information, call Mark Robbins, Director, 202/682-5452.

Video: How to run a successful process marketing program

When bad times do hit, and they will, A/E/P and environmental consulting firms who have let success fool them into abandoning ongoing marketing will suffer mightily. Conversely, there will be companies that will triumph over adversity without missing a beat. That's why Zweig White & Associates, Inc. has developed "Putting Process Marketing to Work in Your Firm: The Video Seminar" to help A/E/P and environmental consulting firms keep work coming in during good times and bad. By implementing process marketing, a firm will establish a "brand name" for itself and will become known as the preferred provider in the market it serves. The video seminar is available for \$495 + \$4 s/h, 508/651-1559, fax: 508/635-6522.

Calling Industry Professionals

Balco Inc. is looking for industry professionals: Architects, General Contractors, Specifications Writers, interested in writing future articles for FRAMEWORK. Showcase your knowledge and expertise. Please contact the Framework Editor at 888/875-2526, fax: 316/945-0789.

Free handbook from DPIC

Architects considering construction management (CM) as part of their scope of services will be interested in an informative handbook being offered free of charge by professional liability insurer DPIC Companies. Construction Management can be obtained by addressing your request on company letterhead to: Construction Management Handbook, Box DPIC, Monterey, CA 93942, or by faxing: 408/649-0346, or via website: www.dpic.com.

NE Businesses May apply for HUBZone Program

The U.S. Small Business administration (SBA) today announced that it is now accepting applications from businesses that want to participate in the agency's new HUBZone Empowerment Contracting program. The program is designed to stimulate economic development and job creation in targeted urban and rural areas by increasing access by small businesses to Federal contracts.

A HUBZone is a "historically underutilized business zone" and the program will provide contracting benefits to small businesses located in those areas. Potential applicants can determine if their company is located within a HUBZone by using a new system available on the SBA's web site, <http://www.sba.gov/hubzone>. For more information call SBA, 402/221-4691.

Quality Standards on CD-ROM

The Architectural Woodwork Institute (AWI) has released the 7th edition Architectural Woodwork Quality Standards Illustrated, titled CD ROM Solutions. This CD-ROM incorporates a complete membership directory of AWI active woodworker members and their suppliers; a global word search to enable users to find exactly what they are looking for, information on technical questions faced by those who specify or incorporate architectural woodwork in their projects. For information 301/953-7264, www.awinet.org.

Calendar of Events

May

- 4 AIA Lincoln Board
- 4 ARE Structures - Problem Solving
- 5-9 National Convention - Dallas, TX**
- 9 Mother's Day
- 13 AIA Omaha Board
- 11 ARE Building Design - Lincoln
- 19 AIA Nebraska Board - Lincoln
- 31 AIA NE Office Closed**
Memorial Day

June

- 1 AIA Lincoln Board
- 4 Firm of the Year** forms due
- 10 AIA Omaha Board
- 9 AIA NE/CSI Golf Outing - Papillion
- 11 Call For Entries** forms due
- 11 Oculus articles due
- 16 AIA Nebraska - Omaha
- 30 Gold Medal** submissions due

July

- 6 AIA Lincoln Board
- 13 AIA Omaha Board
AIA Western Chapter
- 21 AIA Nebraska - Lincoln
AIA Western / AGC Meeting -
Kearney

August

- 3 AIA Lincoln Board
- 4 Honor Awards** submissions due
- 10 AIA Omaha Board
- 13 AIA Western Chapter Golf Outing
AIA Nebraska (western outing)
- 13 Oculus articles due

September

- 6 Labor Day - AIA NE Office closed
- 7 AIA Lincoln Board
- 9 AIA NE Golf Outing** - Pacific
Springs - Omaha
- 9-10 AIA NE Fall Conference** - Omaha
- 10 Honor Awards Banquet** - Omaha
- 14 AIA Omaha Board
AIA Western Chapter

Mark your Calendars

- AIA National Convention •**
May 5-9, 1999, Dallas, TX
- AIA NE Fall Conference •**
September 9-10, Omaha, NE
- Central States Region Fall**
Conference • October 15-16
Topeka, KS

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