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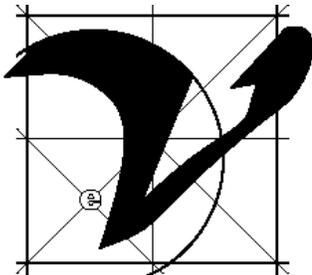
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WORN OUT AND DEAD-LINED

By Robert Schoenleber, AIA, President of AIA Nebraska

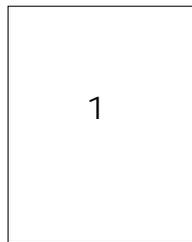
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1999 AIA NE Conference



"Our ultimate goal during these stressful times is to avoid becoming worn out and dead-lined ..."

In a conversation with a respected colleague the other day, I asked if he was continuing to stay busy. His reply was so true to the point, that I felt I should pass it along. He said "You know Bob, I'm just worn out. We should not be worn out."

The surprising thing about this reflection was, that it came from a person who had just returned from an overseas vacation. He, you would have thought, should have been relaxed and ready to return to work. In reality, he already faced the ominous task of determining how much work waited for him to return and only the deadline to complete it shortened.

Why is it that architects, as professionals, have such a difficult time declining work or at least establishing realistic deadlines. My most recent deadlines have been determined by the time frame of my client's next fishing trip or golf vacation. "Be sure to be done by next Wednesday or I'll miss my three week cruise." What a motivation factor!

I resent the fact that some professionals are scheduling time in November and that my clients don't like to wait until this afternoon for an appointment. This, however, is my own fault. I have made myself too accessible to my clients which is the only way I was able to secure work when it was scarce. I offered "my" time and "my" abilities to work on the project.

This design time frame is enhanced, but not eliminated, by the speed of computers. Too often clients mistakenly read a nice initial set of computer generated documents, as ones which have been totally designed. This only adds to the dead-line dilemma, because they assume you push a button and the documents spill out, ready for construction. I "enjoy" meeting with people on projects, solving that difficult program or construction detail and practicing architecture up to the point where it becomes stressful and I'm overcommitted. This is a vast difference of our profession from others.

I believe our true value to architectural projects, is having the time to do what we've been trained to do: Develop the best possible solution for each problem.

Don't get me wrong. I appreciate having successful clients who travel and enjoy their accomplishments. I hope in some way I've had a part in adding to that success. I will seldom, if ever, turn down work and this will ultimately prove to be my key to success or failure.

It's difficult to explain this to others outside the profession and that's why it was so valuable to hear it from one of our own. Our ultimate goal during these stressful times, is to avoid becoming worn out and dead-lined and if we can't tell our clients at least we must release it to each other. Thanks to all of you who will listen. I promise to do the same.

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State NEWS

2000 AIA Nebraska Executive Committee Candidates

President: **Marvin Webb, AIA**

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As the Architecture profession in Nebraska approaches the new Millennium, our AIA Nebraska members will have the opportunity to focus on a new beginning, have a

fresh start for growth and development of our state-wide AIA architects organization. The AIA's Continuing Education program is up and running full speed and is creating a better value for AIA memberships as well as developing better quality AIA Nebraska architects across the state. As we approach the year 2000, our short and long range planning goals become more important in preparing AIA NE for the next century. My involvement and leadership as President of AIA Nebraska Board for next year will help assure that AIA NE has a voice in the built environment of our state:

- "Legislative Watch" (local, state, nat'l) to protect the interests of AIA members.
- Collaborative effort with "AIM" (Aligning the Institute for the Millennium)—state and national.
- Continue AIA/AGC meetings with our counterparts in the construction industry.
- Strengthen partnership with College of Architecture and help development of students.
- Help improve the overall AIA Architect's public image tie into National AIA programs.
- Technological advancement - member access to architectural knowledge, technology tools.
- Continue the development of the AIA Nebraska Internet "web site" — www.aiane.org, this will help us bring AIA NE to the forefront of public information access and architectural service to the public.

The next "Y2K" of AIA NE activities promises to be very exciting and rewarding. I want to continue to help lead AIA NE members into the Year 2000.

President Elect: **Steve Clymer, AIA**

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As citizens of this planet, all of us must promote the integration and use of sustainable elements in every made product. Architects specifically, must bear the responsibility

and leadership to incorporate sustainable materials in the "built-environment". We must continue to educate our membership on issues concerning the environment through strong continuing education programs and strengthen our lobbying influence to enable legislation to discourage the use of non-sustainable products and methods.

Treasurer: **Paul Jeffrey, AIA**

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I am running for the office of Treasurer of AIA NE for the year 2000. This position I take very seriously, for the budget of AIA Nebraska is important to our membership. I will

vow to keep records open, up-to-date, and well communicated to the membership, the owners of our funds.

To serve on the AIA Nebraska Board of Directors gives me the opportunity to contribute to increasing the value of architects to the general public across the state. This in turn, as a goal, would benefit architects, clients, and our built environment for all Nebraskans.

I'm very proud of our state and the work of Nebraska architects. To better promote our profession, improve the quality of our work, and make responsible financial decisions for our member is what I will strive to do as Treasurer of the 2000 AIA Nebraska Board.

Secretary: **Ron Baker, AIA**

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After 2 years on the State Board, I have been involved with many issues that will set the direction of AIA in the State:

- **The Web Site** is growing in use, and is becoming a vital

link to our members.

- **The Interior Design** issues will be a major focus of our attention next year, and being involved last year in meetings with the ASID representatives, I will be in a key spot to help with the AIA issues.

- **Fair Housing** continues to be a crucial topic for many of our members, and this will continue to be a topic that will demand much of the Board's attention.

As Treasurer this year, we were able to correct some key issues with the budget, and I look forward to the year-end results.

As Secretary, I will be able to provide a level of leadership (besides taking good notes) that will enable me to move into other roles on the Board in the future. Membership in an organization means a commitment to serve in whatever capacity you feel comfortable with.

We are all busy in our respective day jobs, but if we want AIA to continue to represent our membership, we all need to become active, let our leadership hear our opinions, and do what we can to make AIA an integral part of our practice. I look forward to serving another year on the AIA Nebraska Board.



Director: Michael James, AIA

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It is my pleasure to have the opportunity to work with the AIA Nebraska Board of Directors and fellow Architects in the upcoming year. It is my goal to help promote the role of

architects as leaders in the community, by being at the forefront in the development of new projects and community development. In addition to working with the community, I would like to help develop programs which would be beneficial to the entire architectural community. It is by providing programs of interest to all of our members, that we will encourage participation in the organization.

Director: Bruce Fischer, AIA



Continuing Education is essential to the professional growth of each and every AIA member. As a member of the Board of Directors of

AIA Nebraska, I would propose that an emphasis be placed on the continued development of programs and seminars that would benefit our Nebraska membership as well as tie us to the University's College of Architecture - specifically the Professional Practice Program. Educational topics designed to help the practicing professional are good, but if they are also designed to benefit architectural students (soon to be in the work force) then they will have an even greater long term impact on the quality of architectural services. We each have knowledge and talents that could be turned into these types of programs. Helping all of us to develop these programs is what I would challenge AIA Nebraska members to do more.

Associate Director: Jeff Chadwick

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I just had an interesting conversation with another Associate AIA member. I had mentioned that I was writing a candidate's statement for the position of AIA Nebraska Associate Director. I asked him

what was on his mind, what was the real crux of being an Associate, what does it really mean to him? I guess I halfway expected a long diatribe on the hardships of IDP, the red tape of NCARB and of architectural registration. I expected this usually verbose colleague of mine to fill me full of ideas to plant into a flowering statement of what an Associate Director should do.

I listened intently and heard "it's not really something I feel like putting on the end of my name". He went on to say that he had watched another Associate place the tag "Assoc. AIA" after his signature in a letter and actually found it a little comical. There may have even been a little chuckle after this seemingly benign admission. I got to thinking about this seemingly benign admission and began to find it a bit unsettling.

I must admit that I do not use "Associate AIA" in my everyday communications. I would like to explain this neglect due to added keystrokes or fear of using the wrong abbreviation of Associate. But I think it is more than that. It is a concrete statement of an uncertain gray area. It is the signpost along the long path to becoming an architect. It reads close but not quite close enough. Almost there. Just a little bit farther. Here lies the crux of being an Associate in the AIA.

This letter comes from an address somewhere in the gray area. I would like to continue as Associate Director of AIA Nebraska in order to continue learning about all sides of the process I am engulfed in. I am interested in continuing to facilitate the process for others and quite selfishly even myself. The more I learn about the system the more comfortable I feel about helping others who are just starting out. Just entering the gray area.

And I vow to be better about using "Associate AIA" on my correspondence from now on. Just get the abbreviation right.

AIA Omaha President Elect: Joe Saniuk, AIA

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The service the AIA Omaha Board of Directors provides is only as good as the feedback from the members. Your AIA Omaha Board has continually strived to provide quality programs, which the

members want. If any member feels that the Board is overlooking issues or programs vital to the profession, feel free to voice your concerns to the attention of any Board Member.

Goals for the following year pertain to maintaining the momentum of quality events established in the past several years. The board is already researching for next year's speaker series. Once again, Architects of national significance will share their work in Omaha. An additional push will be aimed at sponsorship of these speakers. A continued and sustained base of sponsors will insure the financial success of this program in the years to come.

The AIA has always served as a watchdog for the membership in legislative and policy issues. AIA Omaha will continue to serve in this capacity.

The Board of Directors has identified educational programs as a focus for the next year. Over the past several years, RDG Schutte Wilscham Birge has provided excellent leadership in promoting the Profession to High School Architecture Students through MOBA's Architectural Awards Program. The Board of Directors has decided to formalize this relationship by taking a broader and supportive role in this vital effort. AIA members have also participated in the Omaha Public Schools Architecture Expo, sponsored by the Office of Gifted and Talented Education. This program engages elementary school students in the architectural design process. Involvement in these programs, and any similar is seen as a focus for next years Board.

As previously stated the goals of the Board of Directors come from the members. Feel free at any time to contact me or any Board member with your concerns, ideas, and agenda for the future of AIA Omaha.



2000 AIA NE Executive Committee Candidates



Your VOTE is Important

GET THE TRUTH OUT:
B141 IS A-OK

AIA Lincoln President: **Kevin Clark, AIA**



I see three areas that AIA Lincoln can strengthen in this next year. They are the focus areas for my year 2000 term:

1. AIA as education: A wealth of speakers, exhibits, and courses occur at the University of Nebraska, College of Architecture. This source of continuing education has been underdeveloped and under utilized in the past years. We are going to strengthen this alliance.

2. AIA as representative of the profession: Each year issues arise that require the Architects of our fair city to stand and be heard. The proliferation of large format off premise signs (i.e. billboards) is such an issue. Both David Wiebe and I have begun the fight to eradicate this pollution from our city scape. We will be calling upon our members for help in this battle. Call your council members and Mayor.

3. AIA as community: Develop a better entry sequence to the profession for our young interns and associates. We need to do a better job of nurturing our young. One aspect of this is a continued and increased involvement with the AIAS/ AIA Mentor Program. Another will be programs focused towards interns.

Your Input Counts!!



The AIA Nebraska Planning Retreat is scheduled for **Wed., Nov 17, 1999**. This is your opportunity as a member to participate in the future planning for AIA NE. Contact AIA NE at 402/472-1456 Fax 402/472-1654, email gkrueger@unlserve.unl.edu with specific topics to address.

This will serve as official notification for the Annual Meeting / Election of Officers for AIA Nebraska on **Friday, September 10, 1999 • 2:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn• Omaha, NE.** The AIA NE nominating committee will present a slate of officers for election at the meeting.

The following officers will come on to the 2000 AIA Nebraska Executive Committee without balloting:

Marvin Webb, AIA *AIA NE President*
Webb & Company Architects

Kevin Clark, AIA *AIA Lincoln President*
Wiebe & Johnson, Inc

Joe Saniuk, AIA *AIA Omaha President*
Savage Palandri Architects

Richard Stacy, AIA *AIA Western President*
Great Plains Architecture

Robert Schoenleber, AIA *Past President*
Schoenleber, Shriner & Hittle

Scott Baldermann *AIAS President*
UNL College of Architecture

W. Cecil Steward, FAIA *Ex-Officio Member*
UN-L College of Architecture

Gayle E. Krueger, CAE *Executive Director*

Elections will be held for the following offices:

- ✓ **President Elect:** _____
- ✓ **Secretary:** _____
- ✓ **Treasurer:** _____
- ✓ **Director (2):** _____
- _____
- ✓ **Associate Director** _____

Names can be submitted for nomination in one of the following manners:

- 1) from the floor
 - 2) called into AIA NE office by Sept. 8.
- Questions???* Call AIA NE at 402/472-1456, Email: gkrueger@unlserve.unl.edu.

The AIA issued revisions in 1997 of the two AIA documents, most widely regarded within the construction industry, A201, General Conditions of the Contract for Construction, and B141. New offerings tend to draw criticism, and the AIA Documents Committee is following this debate with interest and open minds.

AIA Contract Documents are Created Through Industry wide Consensus

The most pronounced benefit of all AIA contract documents is that they are closely aligned with current construction-industry practices and case law. To maintain that alignment, documents are revised periodically through the hard work of the AIA Documents Committee. To ensure the documents continue to be well-balanced among all affected parties, each revision process includes owners' attorneys, insurance carriers, representatives of general contractors, and many other experts outside and within the AIA. Over the last five years, more than 800 participants contributed to the revision of B141-1997 and A201-1997. This consensus process also includes commendation by prominent associations representing our partners in the design and construction process, such as the Associated General Contractors, which commended A201-1997.

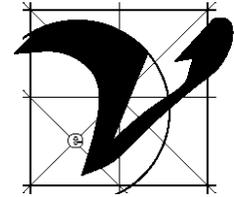
The Value of Standard-Form Documents

The AIA creates standard-form documents so clients, the design professions, and the construction industry have a common basis when contracting for a project. The question of what contracts to use is a member's individual business decision. Both B141-1997 and A201-1997 are tightly crafted to relate to each other and the many other AIA documents to maintain harmony throughout planning, design, construction, and facility use. And, because the AIA documents reflect the way business is conducted in the construction industry, they make it easier for users to obtain legal advice for contract modification and provide for efficient and complete transactions.

B141 Enhances Communication

The format of B141-1997 is its most radical departure from the 1987 version (in keeping with the AIA's Practice and Prosperity Task Force findings). The core content of B141-1997 is substantially unchanged from its time-tested predecessor. The new flexible format of the B141-1997 allows the architect to expand the realm of services in ways

Conference | INFORMATION



SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 9

- 8:00 am Golf Outing - Pacific Springs - Omaha
- 3:00 pm Hyde Lecture Series • Sheldon Gallery • Lincoln ↘
- 4:30 pm Reception & Exhibitor Welcome • Holiday Inn
Awarding of Golf Prizes
-  PIA Roundtable Discussion • Holiday Inn ↘
- IAYA Exhibit & Critique • Holiday Inn ↘↘
- Jury Critique of Design Entries • Holiday Inn ↘↘

Friday, September 10

Holiday Inn Centre, Omaha

- 7:30 am Exhibits Open / Registration
- 8:30 am Welcome and Opening Session ↘↘↘↘
Education and Practice Panel
- 10:00 am Exhibitor Interaction / Product & Service Update ↘
- 10:30 am Learning Sessions
- ◆ Building Codes 2000 / Performance Based Codes ↘↘↘ HSW
 - ◆ Copy Catting ↘↘↘
 - ◆ Keeping the Water Out ↘↘↘ HSW
- 12:00 am  **Sit down Lunchtime with Exhibitors and**
Exhibitor Interaction / Product & Service Update ↘↘↘
- 2:30 am Annual All Membership Meeting ↘
- 3:45 - 5:15 pm Learning Sessions
- ◆ Design Build for Public Projects ↘↘↘ HSW
 - ◆ Firm Continuing Education ↘↘↘
 - ◆ Architect and Artisan Collaboration: The Value of Early Incorporation of Artisans into the Design Process ↘↘↘

Honor Awards Banquet

UNO Milo Bail Student Center
60th and Dodge Streets, Omaha • 402/554-2383

- 6:00 pm Social Time
- 6:30 pm Awards Presentation / Dinner



↘ = CE Learning Units • HWS = Health Safety & Welfare.
Learning units are assessed for each program for the AIA Continuing Education Program. Units earned for this conference will be tracked by the AIA Nebraska Office and reported to AIA.

REGISTRATION

Holiday Inn Centre • 13321 S 72 St., Omaha • 402/393-3950

Convention	Pre-Reg	After	# of	
Registration Fees	Person	8/27	Tkts	Amount
AIA Members	\$55	\$75	___	___
AIA Associate	\$40	\$60	___	___
Non AIA Members	\$70	\$90	___	___

Fee includes: Thursday reception, continental breakfast, lunch, breaks, and conference materials.
Cancellation: Fees are non refundable after August 27, 1999.

Name _____
AIA Mbr # _____ FAIA, AIA, Associate
Ph: _____
Firm: _____
Address: _____

Awards Presentation / Banquet \$35
at UNO Milo Bail Student Center • Omaha
Number of tickets: ___ X \$35 \$ _____
(Max: 8 per table • Reserved tables held for parties of no less than 8)

Sept. 9 • Golf Tournament \$55
Pacific Spring Golf Course • Omaha • 402/330-4300
Number of Golfers: ___ X \$55 \$ _____
(includes Golf, Cart, & Boxed Lunch) • Start Time 8 a.m.
Handicap (HCP) ____ If nothing entered, "0" will be assessed
• I will donate for a prize / for Golf Award \$ _____
Additional Golfers from your firm (please print):

Name	HCP
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Registration 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 NE • P O Box 80045 Lincoln, NE 68501 • 402/472-1456 or FAX 402/472-1654 or -3806.

*Amount enclosed \$ _____

Visa/MC # _____
Exp Date (m/y): ___/___/___
Signature _____

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

- | 10:30 - 12:00 | Other Sessions |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Codes 2000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hyde Lecture • Lincoln |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy Catting | <input type="checkbox"/> Reception / Exhibitor Welcome |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Keeping the Water Out | <input type="checkbox"/> PIA Discussion - specify area: _____ |
| 3:45 - 5:15 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Design Build for Public Proj. | <input type="checkbox"/> IAYA Exhibit & Critique |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Firm Continuing Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Honor Awards Critique |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architect/Artisan Collaboration | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Membership Meeting |

Registration is also available at: www.aiane.org



AIAS GRASSROOTS FORUM

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

By Scott Baldermann, AIAS President

Washington D.C. July 22-25 - Besides the heat, Grassroots was a complete success. Representatives from 135 schools showed up for the four-day session. Events included leadership and fund raising sessions, guest speakers, and free meals everyday. The national level seems very strong and excited. Nebraska graduate Jay Palu finished his position as President on July 1, and pointed AIAS in a very focused direction.

Important issues that were covered on the National level included membership benchmarks and the Crit magazine. They voted that all chapters should aim for at least 51% of students to be in AIAS. These numbers were developed from the last NAAB accreditation visit at each school. Currently, UN-L has 36% of students including the Interior Design department. With a stronger involvement from freshmen there is no reason why we can't reach the 51% mark.

The Crit magazine is going from an 11X17 format to 8.5X11 to reduce cost. In return, the magazine will be mailed out four times a year instead of 2.

Thank you to AIA NE for covering the registration cost of Grassroots. It is greatly appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS:

NEW Registered Architect and AIA

Jeff Monzu, AIA, Leo A. Daly,
Omaha

Bryan H. Liebig, AIA, BHL
Development, Lincoln



CHANGE OF EMAILS

AIA Nebraska's staff emails have changed to:

"Gayle E. Krueger, CAE"
<gkrueger@unlserve.unl.edu>

"Luz E. Ducharme"
<lducharm@unlserve.unl.edu>

While you are on-line check out our web site at <http://www.aiane.org>

Welcome, New Member

AIA

Curtis Johnson, DLR Group, Omaha

Daniel J. Kammerer, DLR Group,
Omaha

James D. Kucks, HDR Architecture,
Omaha

Associate AIA

Jason B. Ayers, The Clark Enersen
Partners, Lincoln

Alan Ebner, The Clark Enersen Part-
ners, Lincoln

Chris Frossard, The Clark Enersen
Partners, Lincoln

David S. Hempel, The Clark Enersen
Partners, Lincoln

Daniel A. Orecchio, The Clark Enersen
Partners, Lincoln

Matthew C. Thomsen, The Clark
Enersen Partners, Lincoln

Ron Stewart, HDR Architecture, Omaha

Ryan Waltke, The Clark Enersen
Partners, Lincoln

Affiliates

Grant Mathey, Dupont Tyvek, Omaha

Michael Rooney, North Star Surfaces,
St. Paul, MN

Transferred into State

Ryan F. Swanson, Associate AIA, to
Western Chapter from Dallas, TX.

Members on the Move

J. Scott Oglesby, AIA, has moved to
RDG Schutte Wilscam Birge.

Richard McKinley, Associate AIA, has
moved to Alley Poyner Architecture, PC

Endicott Ad



AIA Lincoln Chapter

David Wiebe, AIA, President

Now that the searing heat of July has passed, it seems that we can now focus on things beyond air conditioning. Many thanks to *Bruce Fisher, AIA* for his very informative talk to us in June. It is a credit to his expertise and helpfulness that we had over 30 people come hear him talk about building codes. Lincoln is fortunate to have a person of his caliber working for us.

The Lincoln Board is working on several interesting programs for the fall including talks by several of our emeritus members. The State Convention in Omaha will also be worthwhile with an impressive array of educational opportunities and events.

As many of you have probably noticed, Lincoln has been under something of a billboard assault this year. *Kevin Clark, AIA* brought this to the Board's attention and enlisted my help in testifying before the City Council's hearing on the initial 6 month moratorium. The moratorium passed and Kevin and I were asked to participate on the Mayor's Billboard Task force based on our testimony.

The Task force is about halfway through our mandated time. We are tasked with providing recommendations to the Mayor for reforming the current situation. The current proposals range from doing nothing (Lincoln Independent Business Association); to a small increase in billboard spacing (the billboard company representatives); to a complete ban on new billboards (Kevin, myself and the other community representatives).

We look for the support of all of our members. Please contact your City Council members and let them know that Lincoln already has too many billboards and that a ban is the best way to preserve the visual quality of our city. (The problem isn't that we have too few billboards and need to increase their number - even with new regulations.) Once the task force's recommendations are forwarded to the Mayor and City Council, I anticipate there will be much political maneuvering by both sides and therefore we will need more assistance from all of our members.

AIA Omaha Chapter

Mike West, AIA, President

The next four months are packed with events of interest to area Architects. The 1999 AIA Nebraska Design Conference is just days away. This year we have received a record number of Design entries...**61**. *Curt Fentress, FAIA* from Denver, chairs the distinguished jury. Conference attendees will enjoy a lively critique of entries by Mr. Fentress as well as insight into the design of the award winning work of his firm.

In October, your Chapter will host *Steven Ehrlich, FAIA* for a presentation of his spectacular work.

In November, *Rodolfo Machado* will speak at our annual membership meeting. Additionally, the election of officers will take place at our annual meeting. I encourage anyone with interest in serving on the Omaha Chapter Board to contact me in the coming weeks.

Serving on the Board of Directors offers you the opportunity to affect the future of your Chapter and its value to members. You will work together with peers from other firms on various Chapter activities and interests. Since all members are welcome to attend Board meetings, please join us. This is an easy way to see what issues are discussed and decide for yourself if you are interested in Board service. Our meetings are usually held at noon on the second Thursday of the month. Please call me to confirm the time and location.

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AIA Student Chapter

Scott Baldermann, AIAS President

With the semester nearing, AIAS has a full schedule of events that can be seen at <http://www.unl.edu/aias>.

First, I would like to thank AIA NE for sponsoring the Kent Larson lecture, tentatively scheduled for October 4th at 5:15 pm. Kent Larson was recently recognized for his digital representations of Louis Kahn's unbuilt designs. His work was published in *Architecture* magazine in February of 1999. AIA members will be given notice by mail of the official time and date.

This summer we also restructured the mentorship program by adding new architects and student leaders. Our goals and expectations have been refocused to make the program more clear and easier for architects to attend. Our first event will be our "architect barbecue" on September 1st @ 4:30 on the north side of Architecture Hall. If you did not receive our letter and are interested in taking part in this program, please e-mail us at aias@unlserve.unl.edu. In addition, participating in the mentorship program counts for any community service hours for IDP credit.

Every fourth Monday of every other month, AIAS feeds the hungry at Matt Talbot's soup kitchen. The location is at 19th and R and usually lasts from 5 pm to 6:30 pm when we have a good turn out of help. The money that pays for the food comes from our funds. Fortunately, we had enough firms donate money last year that we did not have to cover any of the costs. So we will be sending out letters again, asking for donations for the academic year.

I invite you to attend our events and take part in the future of the profession.



INTERIOR DESIGNERS: Defining Terms

Lowell Berg AIA, AIA Nebraska Government Affairs Representative
402/477-9291 or email: lberg@tcep.net

On June 25th and 26th, over fifty architects and AIA. Component and National staff members representing the A.I.A. State Government Network from 43 states, Washington D.C., Guam and Puerto Rico, met in Denver.

Roundtable topics included School Stock Plans, Professional Services Taxes, Livable Communities, National Building Codes, and Licensing. A majority of the time, however, was spent on two issues: (1) Design-Build as it relates to public projects and (2) licensing interior designers.

Design-Build for public projects is a growing reality (except in Hawaii, where they have tried it and are backing away.) Twenty states reported activity in this arena with New Mexico passing legislation this year. In Nebraska, a task force with architect, engineer, contractor, and public agency representation has been meeting to study the issue.

There will be a Design-Build learning session at our fall Design Conference directed toward Public Project Design-Build issues, Friday - September 10th at the Holiday Inn Central in Omaha.

In 1989, the ASID (American Society of Interior Designers), IIDA (International Interior Design Association), and AIA signed an accord that established general guidelines governing legislative efforts of interior designers. The accord essentially stated that interior designers would not pursue **practice** act legislation. The ASID recently announced that they would not honor the accord. In fact, the accord has been broadly interpreted and loosely enforced as ASID have lobbied for, and obtained **practice** acts in two states.

A **practice** act regulates interior designers for interior work (no load bearing walls, etc.) similar to the way that architects and engineers are regulated. Licensed interior designers

have a stamp and interior design is considered a profession which impacts "life safety and public welfare."

Fifteen other states currently have interior design **title** acts, which basically differentiate designers from decorators by title, based on education, experience, and examination. Through the accord, the A.I.A. generally supported or was at least ambivalent about **title** acts.

The demise of the accord is generally not mourned by AIA components because it now allows components to deal in their own manner with their local ASID chapters.

The ASID is now aggressively pursuing **practice** legislation and it is a particularly hot issue in California and Louisiana. Emotion within the national architectural community ranges from "who cares" to extreme opposition. AIA National and the representatives in the State Government Network are generally opposed to interior designer **practice** legislation.

Contentiousness is represented as follows:

- "This erodes the architect's authority and responsibility."
- "This is a direct assault on an architect's livelihood."

• "Interior design is not a profession that needs regulation" (What unique service to they provide?)

• "All they want is status. The state is not in the business of providing status."

• "If they have their way, architects will not be allowed to stamp interior design projects."

• "They don't have the necessary education, training, experience, and testing to be accountable for the public welfare."

ASID counters that they need differentiation from "shingle hanging pillow pickers" and argue that they do, in fact, have the necessary education and training, and that their exams are more comprehensive than the architects when addressing code and life safety issues.

This is shaping up to potentially be a down-and-dirty battle across the country.

The AIA State Government Network meets again on October 8th and 9th in Atlanta. I would appreciate prior feedback from AIA Nebraska members about **any** relevant issue, but most particularly about Design-Build for public projects and interior designer licensure.

GET THE TRUTH OUT:
B141 IS A-OK

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owners have said they want and strengthens and clarifies the contract negotiation for both the architect and the owner. The 1997 document is designed to enhance owner/architect communication because most owner/architect disputes arise from poor communication rather than design errors or omissions.

The following talking points may help clarify areas of confusion related to B141:

· That B141 requires the architect to interpret and decide matters concerning performance of the owner and the contractor, which creates a conflict of interest (Section 2.6.1.7). In fact, architects-as the team member understanding the needs and language of both the owner and contractor-have served this role at least since the time of Christopher Wrenn. This long-established role serves everyone's best interest.

· That mediation, which B141 requires in Section 13.4, will waste time and money; that binding arbitration or (for projects over a certain dollar amount) litigation are the best route. The article author, as a lawyer, is trained to focus on all the things that might go wrong. The provision requiring mediation is to get the parties together to talk about making things right. What we want to avoid are situations that quickly spiral out of control because the principals aren't talking, their lawyers are.

· That Section 2.6.2.5, giving the architect the authority to reject the contractor's work, will cause untenable liability risks for the architect. Owners expect architects to protect their interests by checking the quality of contractors' work. This has been a role of the architect long before the founding of the AIA, and there is no new liability arising from it. This section asks architects to step up to the plate and provide the full services clients consistently say they want from a responsible, single-entity representative-i.e., their architect.

· That Section 1.3.8.3, which allows the architect to terminate the agreement if the project has been suspended for 90 days, is unfair to the owner. Architecture is a business. Leaving a project flapping in the wind for more than 90 days is simply bad business practice. Moreover, B141-1997 also allows the owner to terminate the architect for convenience without cause and pay only for the services rendered to that point.



SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS / SESSIONS / CONFERENCES

Recession-Proofing Strategies

Zweig White & Associates will present this new one-day seminar in cities across the U.S. Attendees will learn: what they can do now to make their firm less vulnerable to recession, specific steps to take at the first sign of trouble, and how to manage a firm through a downturn and come out stronger than ever when it's over. Mark your calendars:
9/14/99 - Raleigh • 9/15/99 - Charlotte • 9/16/99 - Atlanta • 9/28/99 - Jacksonville • 9/29/99 - Tampa • 9/30/99 - Ft. Lauderdale. For more information, call 800/466-6275, email: info@zwa.com.

Meet the Challenge of Leadership

October 7-10, 1999, San Francisco, CA. The AIA has contracted with the National Leadership Institute (NLI) of University of Maryland to develop a three-day training experience especially for its members. Delve into the nature of leadership; explore your own capabilities and leadership potential; and engage in small-group exercises to reinforce your understanding of leadership styles, practices, and behaviors. You will develop specific goals for enhancing your skills and applying your talents and energy toward becoming a more effective leader. **You will earn 50 CES LUs.**

For more information call, *Emily Cole* at 202/626-7445.

1999/2000 Historic Preservation & Cultural Resource Management

Seminars Sponsored by the National Preservation Institute (NPI); a nonprofit organization that provides professional training for the management, development, and preservation of historic, cultural, and environmental resources. NPI is an AIA CES registered provider. Seminars run from **September 1999 through June 2000.**

For information about seminar agendas, 703/765-0100, www.npi.org, or email: info@npi.org.

Designing Low-Energy Buildings

September 17-18, 1999, Kansas City, MO. At this workshop you will learn:
• Basic Passive solar/climate-responsive design principles • 16 energy-efficient strategies described in the *Passive Solar Strategies Handbook* • How to apply a "whole building" approach to creating environmentally responsible energy-efficient buildings • How to integrate daylighting, energy-efficient equipment and passive solar design into commercial, institutional, and residential buildings • How Energy-10 software can optimize your overall design and determine the most cost-effective alternatives for meeting your project goals and the owner's.

Space is limited to the first 35 persons. For more information, call 202/628-7400 or *Jim Eman* 816/474-6464, ext. 21.

Adaptation of the A-E Species

September 23-26, 1999, Scottsdale, AZ. Topics at this conference:
• Seeing the Future, Now—Creating a 10-Year Vision
• Changing to Reach your Vision
• Marketing Tactics for a New Millennium
• Human Resource Challenges in Working Globally • The Power of Dialogue. For more information, call 800/832-2025.

AIA Kansas / CSR Conference

October 15-16, 1999, Topeka, KS. AIA Kansas invites you to participate in the '99 Central States Region Conference where you will have up to twenty continuing education seminars to choose from. Featured speakers: *Robert Ivy, FAIA*, Editor and Chief, *Architectural Record* and *Cynthia Weese, FAIA*, Dean Washington University in St. Louis. A dinner will be served in the rotunda of the State Capitol on Friday evening after a tour of the newly restored murals on the ceiling of the House of Representatives.

For a registration brochure, call AIA Kansas 800/444-9853, www.aiaks.org.

Other OPPORTUNITIES

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COMPETITIONS

CRSI Design Awards 2000 Competition Announced

The Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute recently announced its CRSI Design Awards Competition for all predominately site-cast, conventionally reinforced, concrete structures in the following categories: (1) structures and buildings, (2) bridges and transportation, and (3) innovative technical solutions.

Eligible projects must have been completed between January 1997 and October 1999 in the United States, Canada, Mexico, or one of the U.S. territories.

Entries are judged on design aesthetics, contextual response, engineering excellence, and economy in structures primarily utilizing conventionally reinforced cast-in-place concrete. The deadline for entry is September 10.

For the entry form, contact Dawn Saab at 847-517-1200, extension 18, or by e-mail at dawn@crsi.org.

3rd Annual Student Exhibit Competition

Exhibitgroup/Giltspur invites design students to enter its '99 Launch Your Career in Exhibit Design competition. The prize winners will receive tuition scholarship up to \$7,500 plus paid internship at one of Exhibitgroup/Giltspur's 17 facilities in North America. The competition is open to sophomore or junior students enrolled at an accredited college or university in the 1999-2000 academic year. **Deadline is Dec. 1, 1999.** For more information, 212/724-4444.

Sustainability Resources

The President's Council on Sustainable Development recently released its final report, "Towards a Sustainable America: Advancing Prosperity, Opportunity, and a Healthy Environment for the 21st Century." The report highlights over 100 ways to improve America's quality of life, economy, and environment. The report may be accessed on the web at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/PCSD/Publications/index.html>.

Intern / Associates NEW Members wanted

Do you know Associate AIA members who would like to become more involved on the national level? The AIA Intern/Associate (I/A) Committee has a place for them! The I/A Committee provides a national voice for interns and Associate members by identifying issues and recommending policy to the AIA Board of Directors.

The I/A Committee is seeking applicants for the term beginning January 2000.

The application must include a letter of interest, resume, and letter(s) of recommendation from the local component. Additional letters of support are optional.

Applications must be postmarked by October 1 and sent to David Roccosalva, Director, Emerging Architects, The American Institute of Architects, 1735 New York Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20006-5292. For more information email roccosalvad@aiaemail.aia.org.

CALL FOR CODE-ACTIVE MEMBERS

The Building Codes and Standards PIA would like to locate at least one code-active AIA member in each state, preferably one in each local component. Please send the names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses to Tom Allen, AIA, vice chair of the BCS PIA Advisory Group at (208) 383-3789 or email to tomallen@smokeguard.com.

Keystone Award

The American Architectural Foundation (AAF) Keystone Award honors an individual for exemplary leadership that advances the Foundation vision of a society that participates in shaping its environment through an understanding of the power of architecture to elevate and enrich the human experience.

The objectives of the Keystone Award are to recognize and encourage individual leadership that:

- 1) results in citizen participation in the design process to shape their communities, and
- 2) foster communication with key decision makers about how design issues affect a community's quality of life.

Complete submissions must arrive at the AAF office NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 24, 1999, 1735 New York Avenue, NW • Washington, DC 20006-5292. For further information or nomination forms contact the AAF at 202/626-7500.

APM Project Manager Certification Program

The Association for Project Managers (APM) announces the creation of the APM Manager Certification Program which is targeted toward engineers, architects, facilities managers, owner's staff, construction managers, design/builders and all others acting as project managers in the construction industry. For information on how to become a Certified Project Manager, contact Howard Birnberg, 312/664-2300.

Accent on Architecture Grants Program 2000

The American Foundation (AAF) Accent on Architecture is seeking proposals for local projects that result in engagement between the American Public, decision makers, and design professionals. Projects should promote an increased awareness, appreciation, and understanding of how the public's involvement in the design process can enhance the quality of life in a community. The AAF offers up to \$3,000 in individual matching grants for innovative public outreach programs. Application must be postmarked by **October 5, 1999** for consideration in the 2000 grant cycle. For more information, call 202/626-7514.

Calendar of Events

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** AIA NE All Member Annual Meeting - Holiday Inn - Omaha
- 10 Honor Awards Banquet - Omaha
- 14 AIA Omaha Board

October

- 5 AIA Lincoln Board
- 14 AIA Omaha Board
- 15-16 CSR Conference - Topeka, Kansas
- 22 AIA Nebraska - Lincoln

November

- 2 AIA Lincoln Board
- 9 AIA Omaha Board
- 11 AIA Western Chapter
- 17 AIA NE Retreat -
- 25-26 Thanksgiving - AIA NE Office Closed

December

- 1 AIA Lincoln Board Meeting
- 8 AIA Omaha Board Meeting
- 14 AIA Omaha / CSI Holiday Gathering
- 16 AIA NE Executive Board Meeting - Omaha
- 24-25 AIA NE Office Closed
- 31 AIA NE Office Closed

January '99

- 1 AIA NE Office Closed
- 26-30 AIA Grassroots • Washington, DC

The Legacy Lectures

Global Cultures and Place Making in the 21st Century

A colloquia exploring the impact of globalization on design, architecture, urbanization, and the prospects for a sustainable future.

The colloquia is divided into four sessions, each with a particular geographic perspective. These sessions explore the challenges facing the design professions during the Age of Globalization from both a local and international perspective.

All programs will be held at the Student Union Auditorium on the UNL Campus beginning at 7:00 p.m

Schedule:

- August 29th** - North America
- September 26th** - The European Union, Eastern Europe and Russia
- October 24th** - Africa and the Middle East
- November 21st** - Asia, India and the Pacific Rim

For complete information contact *Doris DeVries* at the UNL College of Architecture at 402/472-9212 or find on the web site at www.unl.edu/archcoll/calendar



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**AIA NE CONFERENCE
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September 9 - 10, 1999
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