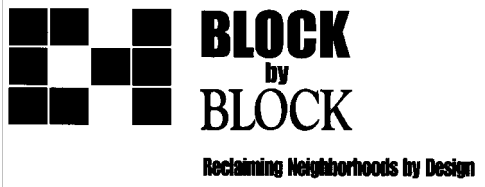


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October Chapter Meeting

Thursday, October 18, 2001

Block by Block: Reclaiming Neighborhoods by Design

Great neighborhoods never happen by accident. There must be careful and cohesive planning at some point to make them and to keep them that way. But even if an area has a bad start or has fallen on hard times, it is never too late to begin reclaiming it. This process must also be by design. On Thursday, October 18th the AIA-Northeast Illinois Chapter monthly meeting will address this issue at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Lombard.

Under the direction of the chapter's Public Awareness Committee the meeting will spread the message that America's livability challenges can be met by design. The meeting has been formatted to produce a high level dialogue among attending member architects and several public officials who will attend as special guests.

Excerpts from the outstanding American Architectural Foundation documentary film entitled "*Block by Block: Reclaiming Neighborhoods by Design*" will be shown as a catalyst for some very powerful dialogue. The film was created to demonstrate how many problems of American cities can be corrected or prevented by design. Two case studies (lower downtown Denver, CO. and Frog Hollow/Hartford CT.) are examined as models for revitalizing cities of varying sizes and characteristics. These communities were reclaimed from despair and dysfunction through a synergistic revitalization approach involving input from citizens, proactive and responsive design by architects and resourceful support and cooperation by insightful public officials. The excerpts give dramatic testimony that positive change is an achievable goal and that the work of a few can inspire many to participate in building a better future.

Interestingly, Charles Royer, former mayor of Seattle, WA, and advocate for good design narrates the film. Other mayors and public service officials give testimony throughout the excerpts. Joining us live and in person will be several local public officials from various communities to bring invaluable perspectives to the dialogue. They include a combination of plan commissioners, village/city Mayors and council members, village managers, economic development officials and the like.

This session is expected to generate renewed energy and inspire mutual challenges: for architects/planners to increase their involvement in the total process of shaping the environment and for public officials to understand, embrace, and benefit from the special expertise of design professionals together to produce wonderful places, spaces and experiences.

All AIA members are encouraged to attend and also to bring one of their own local public officials who may learn from or contribute to the discussion.

See page 9 for meeting details.

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Mission Statement

The mission of AIA Northeast Illinois is to provide member focus and activism, both community and chapter based, by enhancing and promoting the profession of architecture.

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President's Message

OCTOBER FIRST



This is a journey nobody wanted to take. While researching information of interest for this month's message, I returned to a *Chicago Tribune* from September 4th, one week before the sobering tragedy in New York. The news articles and concerns seemed from another, simpler time. Back when we thought globalization was good.

And what were they writing about? A receding recession, throwing rocks and shooting people in the Middle East, the Irish Catholic and Protestant antagonists harassing kids on the way to school, and the pending football season. Life will return to these events, but it will never have the same urgency.

The news article is now even more appropriate, about hours worked and productivity gained. If you thought you were overworked, there is now supporting evidence. In the mid 90's America took the lead in hours worked per year and stretched that lead to a total of 1978 hours or 49.5 weeks. This is one hundred hours more than Country Number 2. America continues to remain number one in productivity per worker at \$54,800 annually, \$1,400 more than the next group. Now we have to work even harder to pay for the increased expenses of security and rebuilding.

These types of expenditures are not productive. Security to protect ourselves from others. Building to replace quality demolished buildings. This type of production is not creative or profitable. The profits are paid for by the insurance companies (higher premiums), public entities (bond repayments), and the stock market (\$600 billion loss). Wars are not productive. It was recently observed in the September 17 issue of *Barron's* "the greatest economic boom this country enjoyed – and indeed the world – followed the collapse of Communism." The Berlin wall came down in 1989 and growth (globalization) took over.

In an effort to separate myself from the pallor of recent events, I contacted past president ('97) and always upbeat, Daniel Atilano, AIA, from Burnidge Cassell in Elgin for reflections upon his AIA Northeast Illinois experience. Pleased with directing the first comprehensive Long Range Plan for the chapter, he considered his participation in the chapter a growth experience. One memory was the pleasure of signing an honor award certificate for his firm's award. Another was the first \$100,000 chapter budget. Yes, this is big business.

The real question to Daniel was, "What can AIA/NEI do for you, to keep you involved?" His response — continue with co-sponsored presentations such as the recent one with Euclid Insurance. Seminars that are

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Architects in Illinois Need Your Help

Dear Members:
 Campaign finance reform. Seems it's in the headlines almost daily, and whichever position you support, one fact is undeniable. Political contributions get the attention of elected officials, help shape public opinion, and often, set the agenda of our city, state and country. Raising funds often takes up more time of office holders and candidates than the business we elected them to do.

The concerns of our profession need to be advocated to those in power. It is inherent in the mission statement of AIA/Illinois: "To advocate and protect the interests of the architectural profession in Illinois and the health, safety, and welfare of the public within the built environment." One of the tools that is used in fulfilling this mission is the Illinois Architects Political Action Committee (IAPAC).

Personally advocating a position is easy; having it heard takes money. We need to thank our friends for their support and support candidates who will further our causes. We need to have a presence at functions where we can influence our political leaders. Often that means attending political fundraisers. That is the reason IAPAC was created.

For many years, IAPAC was supported by a line item on your AIA Illinois' membership invoices. However, since AIA instituted the consolidated invoicing program, contributions have decreased by 2/3. This puts our agenda in great jeopardy, at a time when serious issues confront our profession. Imagine what your practice will be like in five years if we don't have a seat at the table on issues such as

design-build, qualification based selection for construction managers on public projects, building code standardization, school construction financing, and Capital Development Board funding. Imagine if unqualified competitors are free to invade our practices without fear of enforcement by the Department of Professional Regulation (DPR).

In order to continue the successes that AIA Illinois has had with our governmental leaders, the AIA Illinois Board has established a modest goal of raising \$10 per registered architect for IAPAC in the second half of 2001. That translates to approximately \$3.00 per month for the remainder of the calendar year.

Each member of the AIA Northeast Illinois Board has at least met that goal. In fact, many of us who are principals are covering the donations of our employees. Now, we are asking each of you to join us in protecting the future of architecture in Illinois. Your profession can't look out for itself without your help! Please send us your check using the form at the bottom of this appeal.

If you have any questions about IAPAC or its expenditures, please contact me at 630-710-7544 or Mike Waldinger, AIA Illinois Executive Vice President, at 217.522.2309 or mwaldinger1@springnet.com.

Thank you for supporting IAPAC. Together, we will make a difference for architects in Illinois.

Sincerely,



David Finlay, AIA
 AIA Northeast Illinois President

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Judson College Architecture Lecture Series

Each year, Judson College hosts evening lectures featuring reputable architects from around the country. The Architecture Lecture Series intends to benefit the students, faculty and staff, as well as the greater architectural community with gifted practitioners in the discipline of architecture and the allied arts.

The schedule for the 2001-2002 school year is as follows:

- October 11, 2001
Gunnar Birkerts, FAIA
- October 25, 2001
Alan Short, RIBA, Short and Associates
- November 15, 2001

- Charles Cook, AIA, Myekski Cook Architects
 - January 24, 2002
Nader Tehrani, Office dA
 - February 21, 2002
Calvin Lewis, FAIA, Herbert Lewis Kruse Blunck
 - March 21, 2002
Paul Harding, AIA, Harding Associates
 - April 4, 2002
Will Bruder, William P. Bruder, Architect
- All lectures begin at 7:30 pm in the Judson College Fine Arts Performance Hall. For more information regarding the lecture series, contact Jack Kremers, Professor of Architecture at 847-695-2500 x3351 or jkremers@judson-il.edu.

Architect Registration Examination and Licensing in Illinois

On Wednesday, October 10, at 6:00 p.m., the AIA Chicago Young Architects PIA is sponsoring a program on The Architect Registration Examination and Licensing in Illinois. The program will be held at the Merchandise Mart Conference Center, 350 N. Orleans St. (or enter from Merchandise Mart, second floor). IDP participants nearing completion of their internship and firm intern/associate coordinators should mark the date to attend this annual program. Participants will learn what the ARE is, how to register for it, and how to become a licensed

architect after the exam has been passed. Speakers will be Stephen Nutt, AIA, Assistant Director of Examinations, National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB); James Lev, AIA (Hagney Architects), Illinois Architectural Licensing Board member; and Frank Heitzman, AIA (Heitzman Architects), IDP Coordinator for AIA Chicago and AIA Northeast Illinois. The program is free for AIA members; \$5 for nonmembers (can be applied toward membership in AIA; details at event). Participants will be eligible to receive 1.5 LUs.

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Conventions and Expos

This column will include a list of conventions, conferences, and expos scheduled throughout the country that are of interest to the construction industry. Feel free to check out websites or use the phone/fax/email contacts to obtain more detailed information about specific events.

What: **Fourth International Conference on Courthouse Design** – “Affording Excellence: Addressing Court needs at the Local Level”

When: October 7 – 10, 2001

Where: Phoenix, Arizona

Info: www.aia.org/pia/ and scroll down and click on the following link: The Fourth International Conference on Courthouse Design. 202-626-7464 (James Gaines) jgaines@aia.org

What: **RCI Building Envelope Symposia**

When: October 11-12, 2001

Where: Denver, Colorado

Details: Two-day intensive programs offering cutting-edge information regarding maintenance and repair of the building envelope. Topics offered include: moisture migration, concrete facades, curtain walls, masonry issues, legal concern, and more.

Info: Roof Consultants Institute at 800-828-1902 or visit www.RCI-Online.org

What: **Building Successful Project Teams through Strategic Alliance**

When: October 13-15, 2001

Where: AIA National Headquarters, Washington, D.C.

Details: This conference will examine the collabora-

tive process in building design at the business-to-business level. Through a series of case studies, plenary discussions, and concurrent lecture sessions, attendees will have the opportunity to explore the nature of alliances in the building design process in considerable depth.

Info: contact Lisa Harkins 202-626-7429

What: **The Zweig Letter Hot Firm 2001 Conference and Celebration**

When: October 17-19, 2001

Where: The Argent Hotel, San Francisco, California

Details: a two-day event acknowledging the phenomenal growth in the A/E/P and environmental consulting industries. In addition to recognizing the 100 fastest-growing firms in the industry, this conference offers educational sessions covering the entire range of management issues and business development strategies of key importance to industry leaders.

Info: To register call 800-466-6275 or visit www.hotfirm2001.com. For questions send an email to info@zweigwhite.com

What: **METALCON International 2001**

When: October 23 – 25, 2001

Where: Las Vegas Convention Center

Info: www.metalcon.com, info@psmj.com, 800-537-7765, 617-928-1670 (fax)

What: **RCI Building Envelope Symposia**

When: November 29-30, 2001

Where: Orland, Florida

Details: See seminar information for October 11-12

Info: Roof Consultants Institute at 800-828-1902 or visit www.RCI-Online.org

President's Message continued

pertinent and educational. Seminars with content and LU's. Daniel noted that events are great and is looking forward to this year's Honor Awards. What other events could we do? An architectural tour along the Chicago River? Most important was to continue the evolution, to continue to update meeting venues for member interest.

Schedule yourself for the October chapter meeting. Mike Rogers, AIA, will continue to keep

your interest with a presentation of public sector officials joining us to discuss the importance of design for livable communities. The downtowns are the future. Join us on the 18th.



David Finlay, AIA, AIA/NEI President
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Architalk Calendar

October

- 3 *Risk Management Workshop for Design Professionals* *
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Marriott Chicago Hotel, 540 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago
- 6 Chicago Career Day 2001
Chicago Cultural Center
- 9-10 *Water in Buildings* *
10:00–4:00 pm, each day, Illini Center, Chicago
- 10 *Architect Registration Examination and Licensing in Illinois* *
- 13-13 *Architecture of the Heart: Current Trends in Cardiac Care Design* *
The Fairmont Hotel, Chicago
- 10 *Architalk* deadline
- 11 *Judson College Lecture Series – Gunnar Birkerts, FAIA*
Judson College Fine Arts Performance Hall, Elgin
- 18 NEI Chapter Meeting
- 23 AIA/NEI Board Meeting
- 23 *Engineers, Architects & Specifiers* *
Radisson Hotel, Lisle, IL
- 25 *Judson College Lecture Series – Alan Short, RIBA*
Judson College Fine Arts Performance Hall, Elgin

November

- 1-2 AIA Illinois Annual Meeting
Springfield
- 2 *Lead-based Paint in Preservation and Modernization* *
8:30-4:30 pm, Illini Center, Chicago
- 12 *Architalk* deadline
- 13 *Construction Management/Design-Build In Illinois* *
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Oakbrook Terrace
- 14 AIA/NEI *Celebrate Architecture* Honor Awards
McDonald's Lodge, Oak Brook
- 15 *Judson College Lecture Series – Charles Cook, AIA*
Judson College Fine Arts Performance Hall, Elgin
- 27 AIA/NEI Board Meeting

* See "AIA Continuing Education Opportunities" for additional information.



AIA CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

The following programs offer CES credit to AIA members.

Risk Management Workshop for Design Professionals, October 3, 9:00-11:30 a.m. or 1:30-4:00 p.m., Marriott Chicago Hotel, 540 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago. Sponsored by Hobbs Group/AVA Insurance Agency and DPIC Companies. Attendees will participate in an interactive review of key contract clauses and leading pitfalls of claims against design professionals. To register call 847-517-3453, fax 847-517-9033 or email tom@avains.com, (2.5 LUs)

Water in Buildings, October 9-10, 10:00-4:00 pm, each day, Illini Center, 200 S. Wacker Dr., Chicago. Sponsored by The School of Architecture/ Building Research Council at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. This class will provide a framework for building design and construction that will help any architect to provide a building with the right moisture conditions, indoors as well as within the building envelope assembly. By the end of the class participants should be able to 1) identify the moisture conditions desirable for a healthy indoor environment and for durable building envelope assemblies; 2) manipulate the elements of design to achieve appropriate levels of moisture; 3) know how to avoid the most common design errors in managing water and indoor humidity; 4) prioritize moisture control strategies for their appropriateness and effectiveness; 5) manage some of the more troublesome aspects of moisture control such as vapor retarders and attic ventilation. For additional information and to register call 888-633-3606 or email jshiffer@uiuc.edu. (6-12 HSW LUs)

Architect Registration Examination and Licensing in Illinois, October 10. See article on page 4 of this newsletter. (1.5 LUs)

Architecture of the Heart: Current Trends in Cardiac Care Design, October 10-13, The Fairmont Hotel, Chicago. Sponsored by AIA Academy of Architecture for Health. Conference topics will include: cardiac care from prevention to intervention; comparative care delivery models; invasive/noninvasive

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AIA/NEI 2001 Honor Awards Jury Announced

The Honor Awards Committee has announced the jury for the 2001 Honor Awards Program that will be held at The Lodge at McDonald's Office Campus on Wednesday, November 14th. The three-person jury will consist of Janet Hahn Lougée, AIA, Edward Uhlir, FAIA, and Ben Suzuki.

Janet Hahn Lougée, AIA

Managing Principal with Hahn Lougée & Associates, Inc., Ms. Lougée is recognized for her work on large and small scale interior architecture design projects for the office environment throughout the Midwest and east coast and brings a wealth of interiors experience to the jury. Past President of AIA Illinois, Ms. Lougée has been an active member on the AIA Illinois Board and in the AIA Chicago Chapter.

Edward Uhlir, FAIA

Having served as Design Director for the City of Chicago's Millennium Park and 25 years with the Chicago Park District, Mr. Uhlir has been

involved in a variety of public projects and has dealt with many of the obstacles that affect public projects. Earlier this year, Mr. Uhlir made a presentation to the AIA NEI on the development of Chicago's Millennium Park Project.

Ben Suzuki (Baek S. Kim)

Currently serving as an Associate Professor of Architecture with Judson College, Mr. Suzuki maintains an impressive background from both professional and academic settings. He has practiced in both Japan and the United States as the designer of commercial, institutional, and residential projects and maintains a Master in Architecture from the Harvard University Graduate School of Design.

The jury will be meeting on October 20, 2001 to review the Honor Awards submissions. The Honor Awards Committee would also like to thank the Judson College, Department of Art, Design, and Architecture for hosting the jury portion of the event.

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Now in its sixteenth year, the Chicago Career Day 2001 for Architecture, Interior Design, Construction Management and Landscape Architecture will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2001, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Cultural Center of Chicago located at 75 E. Washington. Sponsored by the Consortium for Design and Construction Careers, the Chicago 2001 Career Day is a free event open to high school and college students, parents, teachers and counselors interested in learning more about careers in architecture, interior design, construction management, and landscape architecture.

Jim Sasek, Vice President of VOA Architects,

Chicago, will serve as the keynote speaker and will address the audience on the Navy Pier reconstruction. Afterwards, there will be a panel discussion on education and careers in design and construction. A breakout session on financial aid as well as the College Fair will also be held. Representatives from almost 50 colleges and universities with degree programs in architecture, interior design, construction management and/or landscape architecture will provide information on their respective degree programs.

For further details or to register for the event, see the Career Day Website at www.chicagocareerday.org.

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Chapter Meeting Details

LOCATION:

Embassy Suites Hotel, 707 East Butterfield Road, Lombard

COST:

AIA Members:\$25.00
 Non-members:\$30.00
 Student AIA Members\$10.00
 Student Non-members\$15.00

AGENDA:

5:30-6:30 Registration and Social Hour
 6:30-6:45 Announcements
 6:45-7:30 Dinner
 7:30-8:15 Video
 8:15-9:00 Discussion

MENU:

Chicken Parmesan (boneless breast baked in Marinara sauce served over fetticini pasta)
 Chef's Salad, New York Cheesecake

RESERVATION DEADLINE:

12 NOON Monday, October 15, 2001

RESERVATION POLICY:

Cancellations must be made no later than noon on the Monday before the chapter meeting to avoid being billed.

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cardiology facility design; chest pain unit design; and new trends in neonatal and pediatric cardiology design. For more information visit www.aia.org or call 202-626-7366. (LUs, including HSW, available)

Engineers, Architects & Specifiers, October 23, Radisson Hotel, Lisle. Sponsored by Simpson Strong-Tie. Participants will learn about connections for wood framed construction; changing building codes

and insurance issues regarding them as well as information on the plated truss industry. For additional information and to register call 800-999-5099, fax 614-876-0636 or online www.simpsonanchors.com. (LUs available)

Lead-based Paint in Preservation and Modernization, Nov. 2, 8:30-4:30 pm, Illini Center, 200 S.

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Chapter Corner

CHAPTER NEWS

Urban Infill Housing: The Urban Land Institute (ULI) has published a booklet *Urban Infill Housing: Myth and Fact* designed to assist architects and other community leaders answer arguments often made against infill projects. The publication refutes eight myths about the market and financing for infill developments supported by multiple case studies. As people begin to move back to the cities, and as communities search for ways to discourage sprawl, infill development becomes increasingly attractive. Housing is essential to revitalizing a city. The report is available online at http://www.uli.org/Pub/Media/D_Search/booksamples/U22_Infill.pdf or by calling ULI at (800) 321-5011.

An eight-week schedule of the AIA's fall television advertising campaign began September 17. The ad campaign includes 206 spots, up significantly from the 72 showings during the spring. Because the networks release the exact times the ads will run only a few days in advance, the AIA will post the times on the portal regularly, as they become known. Check the Institute Update Box on the professional side of the portal, www.aia.org.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Architect Member: **Alberto Musetti**, Musetti Architects; **Lois Sale**, Wright & Company

Associate Member: **Cary Chorney**, Anderson Mikos Architects, Ltd.; **Kami Kirk-Braland**, Packer Engineering; **Michael Loftsgaarden**, Anderson Mikos Architects, Ltd.

Affiliate Member: **William Epp**, LONCO, Inc.; **Julie Montrose**, BPB-Celotex; **Mike Roher**, Trex; **Heidi Ruda**, Office Furniture Resources

Advancement to Emeritus member: **Gerald Barry**, Barry & Kay Architects

Advancement to Architect member: **John Benware**

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to **Leslie Rospert, Assoc. AIA**, and her husband, Matt, on the birth of their first child, Devan Victoria, who was born on August 24.

Tom La Londe, AIA, has joined Phillips Swager Associates as Office Director for their Naperville office. He will be responsible for the overall operations of the office, as well as serving as Project Manager on selected projects.

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Wacker Dr., Chicago. Sponsored by The School of Architecture/Building Research Council at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Topics for this course include the nature of lead, lead hazards, and lead poisoning; an overview of federal and state regulations; lead evaluation and testing; designing for lead safety; dust control, containment, treatments and cleaning; and historic preservation. By the end of the course participants should be able to: 1) understand paint failure; 2) demonstrate the dust wipe sampling technique; 3) plan and design rehabilitation projects for lead safety; 4) schedule to minimize impacts on cost and productivity. For additional information

and to register call 888-633-3606 or email jshiffer@uiuc.edu. (6 HSW LUs)

Construction Management/Design-Build In Illinois, November 13, Oakbrook Terrace. Sponsored by Lorman Education Services. Topics to be discussed will cover issues of specific contract provisions, risk allocation and management, contract administration, design responsibilities, "fast track" construction, delays and the changes process. Speakers will also address the special contract and claims challenges raised by design/build and construction management methodologies. To register visit www.lorman.com, call 715-833-3959 or fax 715-833-3953. (6.5 HSW LUs)



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