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Transitioning to the 2003 IBC

Wednesday, October 22, 2003

AIA Northeast Illinois is coordinating a daytime seminar on building codes for October's monthly event. This seminar, which is eligible for Health, Safety, Welfare CES credit, will be held at the Gaslite Manor, 2485 Church Road, Aurora, on Wednesday, October 22nd from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m.

Developed by the International Code Council, this technical seminar will assist in identifying the changes between the 1999 BOCA National Building Code and the 2003 International Building Code. Participants can expect to learn the changes in organization, code requirements and the applicability of the code requirements to design. The applicability of these requirements to design, plan review and inspection will also be identified.

The instructor, Mr. Michael Giachetti, has been with ICC for eight years and is currently a senior staff engineer in ICC's Chicago Regional Office Plan Review Department. Most of his activities involve supervision of the plan review department. In addition to his supervisory duties, he performs architectural and structural plan reviews of commercial and residential structures, prepares research

reports, provides interpretations of the International Codes, BOCA National Codes and CABO Codes, and assists with the development and updating of the codes. He teaches several building code seminars including Nonstructural and Structural Plan Review, Overview of the International Building Code and Solving Means of Egress. For the past two years, he has been the instructor for an on-line class on Residential and Non-Residential Plan Review for Red Rocks Community College in Colorado. He previously served as part of the ASTM D07 committee which was involved with wood analysis. He also served as part of the committee for the development of the new International Existing Building Code.

Mr. Giachetti holds both a Master of Science and Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Participants are encouraged to bring the 2000 International Building Code and 2003 International Building Code to this seminar.

This seminar is eligible for 5 HSW LUs. See page 8 for seminar details.

AIA Northeast Illinois Mission Statement

To celebrate and promote the profession of architecture, provide opportunities for professional growth, and improve the built environment.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We're halfway through the next Illinois architectural license renewal cycle which means the next 12 months could be busy for architects who have not kept up with their continuing education. For the first time, the state licensing renewal in November 2004 will require architects to meet the State's Mandatory

Continuing Education requirement.

Continuing education has been a requirement for AIA membership for several years. This proactive step put AIA architects in a position to control their own destiny. The state modeled its requirements using the AIA program. The State's 12 contact hours required per year (24 contact hours within the two-year renewal cycle) are broken down into two basic categories. Eight of the contact hours (16 for the two-year renewal cycle) must be relevant to safeguarding public health, safety and welfare (HSW) and acquired in structured educational activities. A maximum of four additional contact hours (8 total for renewal) may be related to practice subjects acquired in structured or individual planned education activities. Since the licensing period is every other year, learning units may be carried over a two-year period.

The AIA membership requirements are slightly stricter than the States in that an additional six units, other than health, safety and welfare are needed for a total of 18 per year. AIA-NEI has made it possible to attain all of the learning requirements locally by attending monthly programs, events and chapter meetings. September's sustainable roofs workshop provided five HSW learning units to both member and non-member attendees. This month's building code workshop will provide five more HSW units.

For some, these requirements become burdensome and just seem like more government intervention. The fact is that most professions have formal continuing education requirements and architects have been informally training themselves for years but not getting recognized for it. Now, when individual architects acquire new skills, knowledge and information, it will serve to bring the profession the growing respect that it deserves.

For more information on Illinois' Mandatory Continuing Education, checkout www.aiaill.org or contact AIA Illinois direct at 217-522-2309.

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AIA Illinois Report

*By Walter Hainsfurther, AIA
AIA Illinois Treasurer and NEI Chapter Delegate*

The AIA Illinois Board met on September 18 in Springfield. The following is a synopsis of the items discussed:

AIA REGIONAL ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Congratulations to Joe Benesh, Associate AIA on his election as Illinois' delegate to the AIA National Associates Committee.

2004 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND DUES STRUCTURE

The Board recommended approval of the preliminary budget with minor modifications to the 2004 Board. As part of the action, the Board set the 2004 dues structure at the current levels.

IAPAC

Many non-members have contributed to the PAC. The fund currently has received a total of \$14,175 this year. Mike Waldinger has received requests to attend fundraisers in September alone that total about \$8500. We appreciate the increase in contributions, but still need to do a better job reaching out to members.

The construction industry groups are planning a small fundraiser for Senate President Emil Jones. AIA Illinois has pledged to raise \$5,000 for this \$250.00 per person fundraiser. This is an extremely important event, given the pressure the president is under regarding the Structural Work Act. Anyone interested in attending should contact the chapter office. Please note this is separate from your IAPAC gift.

ANNUAL MEETING

Brochures for the 2003 Annual Meeting have been mailed. The event, "Building a Sustainable Future," will be held in Champaign on November 7-8. It promises to be an extremely interesting event that will feature Rafael Pelli, AIA, as the keynote speaker. Remember, you can fulfill the majority of the state mandated continuing education requirements at the Annual Meeting, including those dealing with Health, Safety, and Welfare.

The Board learned the identity of the 2003 Honor Awards recipients. Congratulations to all of the winners. To find out who won, be there on

November 8!

Planning is already underway for the 2004 Annual Meeting/Conference/Convention, November 4-6, 2004 in Springfield. Keynotes have already been confirmed and will be announced, along with the theme and venue, at this year's meeting in Champaign. Karen Shoup, AIA is the co-chair of the event. Please contact me if you are interested in serving on a planning committee.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

The trial lawyers and unions are trying to pressure the Senate President to call the Structural Work Act (thus the special fundraiser). Victor O. Shinerer has just completed a study at our request of claims history before/after the repeal of the Act. Thanks to AIA/NEI affiliate member Melissa Roberts for her help on this piece. If you would like a copy of the report, or would be willing to send it to your state senator (especially a Democratic one), please call Corda.

AIA Illinois staff met with the new DPR director, Fernando Grillo. They were the first representatives of any regulated profession to do so and found him to be very receptive.

The licensing board had six of nine legislative initiatives presented to the director for consideration. This is the first time in many years that DPR staff was willing to move some of the board's legislative issues forward.

The director recently prosecuted an enforcement case for unlicensed practice himself, so staff is encouraged that we can make progress in this area.

There appears to be movement to rewrite the Illinois Environmental Barriers Act to make it compatible with the latest ADAG regulations and Chicago's new accessibility code. Bob Juris, AIA, in his role as a member of the Illinois Building Commission, is heading this up.

COMMUNICATIONS

AIA Illinois is finalizing arrangements to communicate electronically with members. This will allow us to provide you with more timely

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IIT's McCormick Tribune Campus Center

By Melissa Bogusch, AIA

On the sun-filled evening of August 13th, members of the Chapter assembled in the hall of Rem Koolhaas' new McCormick Tribune Campus Center at the Illinois Institute of Technology to preview the building as construction nears completion. The air was filled with the buzz of architectural critiques as we milled around, waiting for the formal presentation and tour of the building to begin. I heard words like 'sleek', 'bold', and 'unbelievable'. I also heard words like 'amazing', 'dangerous', 'crazy', and 'downright orange'. After brief but enlightening presentations from the architect of record, Holarbird and Root, and the contractor, Gilbane Building Company, we broke up into small groups to investigate the building for ourselves.

This is a building that is difficult to sum up into a neat package. Granted, we were viewing the building toward the end of construction and we did not have the benefit of fully-installed and functional lighting, or furnishings (or did we?), but we could see enough to understand the building's intent. Located within a Miesian-planned campus and adjacent to the Commons building (the original 'student center' designed by Mies), the site represented an opportunity to mark and highlight the spot where the campus transitions from the student life side of campus (east of State Street) to the academic side of campus (west of State Street), as well as where the link to the CTA's Green Line passes through. Acting as a crossroads for the campus community, the Center will contain a variety of spaces to serve both students and visitors. The program includes offices for student activities,

a welcome center, a ballroom, meeting rooms, a large common hall / gathering space with nooks for data connections, a 7-Eleven convenience store, a Barnes and Noble bookstore, and a cyber café. So far, things sound pretty straight-forward, right?

Rem Koolhaas has taken a rather straight-forward program and shaped it into a built form that puts a new face on the concept of a 'student union'. Every thing in this building screams 'atypical' - from the 5/16" thick aluminum panel

flooring to the exposed (but neatly taped) green board ceilings to the boldly striped and nearly three-dimensional wall coverings to the sea-green epoxy-coated floor of the great hall with its code-defying, cascading ramp/stairs, to the bright orange glazing along the corridors, to the walls of glass 'straws' sliced on end, it was hardly startling to turn a corner and see



a portion of the el tracks revealed in the ceiling. From the presentations by the architect of record and the contractor, we learned that it has been a long and arduous journey to this point in the building process, due to the extended coordination efforts necessary with the CTA, the code variances sought from the Chicago Department of Construction and Permits and the infrequent (yet design-changing) visits from Koolhaas. (Koolhaas determined the state of many of the final finishes on the fly during his walk-throughs.) Despite these formidable forces, the team is excited to see the realization of the end product. The anticipation now is to see how well the building will be received and inhabited by the students and the community at large. Time will tell.

Young Architect's Group

By Joe Benesh, Associate AIA, Chair

The AIA/NEI Young Architect's Group (YAG) Steering Committee is currently seeking interested parties for Steering Committee positions in the 2004 calendar year.

The AIA/ NEI Young Architect's Professional Interest Group is a forum for Architects, Architectural Interns and Students to discuss, study, learn, communicate, and share. This group will make a concerted effort to further develop and implement the ideas and actions important to a young architect; actively participating in the development of a distinctive architectural course; be it our own, someone else's, or both.

For 2004, we've started outlining a draft of a curriculum that attempts to integrate different elements in the education and development of young architects from many perspectives. Study sessions for the ARE, career seminars, community service, displays of individual and/or firm work, and social gatherings enumerate some of the ways we can implement and enact the ideals set forth in our chapter mission statement.

We'd like to take an opportunity to introduce the

group and get more people involved. What better way than to have an informal gathering to brainstorm and begin to structure the programming and events for 2004.

We would also like to get more individuals involved in some of the various subcommittees and interest areas we have started discussing; in order to not only provide as broad a base of information distribution as possible, but to also allow us to generate a dynamic base of programming for the group to participate in.

The YAG orientation will be at 6:30 p.m. on November 3, 2003 at Champp's Americana. (Located in Fountain Square, Lombard, next to P.F. Chang's and The Weber Grill.) Ask for our group at the reception counter. Also be on the lookout for a postcard mailer giving more details on the event.

For more information on this YAG Event, or to be added to the Young Architect's Group Electronic Mailing List, contact Joe Benesh at joe.b@phnarchitects.com or at 630.665.8400.

We hope to see you there!

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updates of issues critical to your practices. Look for broadcast e-mails from AIA Illinois in the near future. Of course, you'll continue to receive *Envision*, and the web site (www.aiail.org) is updated regularly.

AIA Illinois' new membership brochure template should debut at the Annual Meeting. The committee is working to reconcile our materials with those being produced by National as part of their membership campaign.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The President Roundtable (with President Elects) will be held in Champaign on November 7, prior to the start of the Annual Meeting.

The nominating committee is being formed and election of new officers will take place at the November board meeting prior to the Annual Meeting. The committee will slate a President – Elect and Treasurer for 2004.

The Board had a tour of the Lincoln Library, which is not yet open due to an HVAC problem. Believe it or not, the specified unit was not installed, so the library will not open to the public until at least April. We also viewed a video presentation on the exhibits for the Abraham Lincoln

Presidential Museum.

SUMMARY

The November board meeting is somewhat ceremonial, so this is, in all likelihood, my last report as your AIA Illinois delegate. I appreciate this additional opportunity to serve our chapter members. It is always a thrill to see how our chapter is perceived by others in the state as well as the staff. Our record of leadership and ability was never more evident than the role so many of our members have played on the various Task Forces and committees this year. I thank them for making AIA Illinois such a vibrant and respected organization.

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October

- 1 *Preventing Tragedies: Design and Inspection of Porches and Balconies* *
Audio Virtual Seminar
Sponsor: International Code Council and AIA Chicago
- 2-3 *A/E/C Project Managers Bootcamp* *
Hyatt Chicago
Sponsor: PSMJ Resources, Inc.
- 3 Judson College Lecture Series
Donald MacDonald, FAIA
4:00 p.m.; Judson College Fine Arts Performing Hall
- 7 NEI Budget Meeting
6:00 p.m., PHN Architects, Wheaton
- 8 Fire Sprinklers and the Built Environment - a three-part teleconference seminar series *
Understanding Fire Sprinklers and What's Needed from the Facility
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Sponsor: American Fire Sprinkler Association
- 10 *Architalk* deadline
- 15 *After Hours Chicago Building Code Review*

- Classes Elevator Code*
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.; University of Illinois-Chicago; 750 S. Halsted, Room 605
Sponsor: Chicago Department of Buildings
- 16-17 *PM Bootcamp II: Hands-On Field Training for Accomplished Project Managers* *
Palmer House Hilton, Chicago
Sponsor: PSMJ Resources, Inc.
- 22 NEI Chapter Program
Transitioning to the 2003 IBC *
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Gaslite Manor, 2485 Church Road, Aurora
- 22 Fire Sprinklers and the Built Environment - a three-part teleconference seminar series *
The Impact of Sprinklers on Building Design Options
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Sponsor: American Fire Sprinkler Association
- 23 *Introduction to IDP*
Merchandise Mart Conference Center, 350 N. Orleans; 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sponsor: AIA Chicago
- 25 NEI Board Retreat

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COST:	Paid by 10/10	Paid after 10/10
AIA Members	\$85	\$95
Non-members	\$100	\$110

AGENDA:

- 8:00 – 8:30 am Registration Check-In
- 8:30 – 11:30 Seminar
- 11:30 – 12:30 Lunch
- 12:30 – 3:00 Seminar

AIA/CES:

Participants will: 1) be able to identify the changes between the 1999 BOCA National Building Code and the 2003 International Building Code; 2) know the changes in organization, code requirements and the applicability of the code requirements to design; and 3) identify the applicability of these requirements to design, plan review and inspection. (5 HSW LUs; .5 CEUs)

RESERVATION DEADLINE:

Check, Visa, or MasterCard accepted for payment. Early Registration Deadline is Friday, October 10, 2003.

RESERVATION POLICY:

Cancellations must be made no later than 12:00 noon, Friday, October 17th to avoid being billed.

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Wednesday, October 22, 2003 - Reservation Form

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- 28 AIA/NEI Board Meeting
- 30 *Advances in Environmental Mold Issues in Illinois* *
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Marriott Oak Brook,
1401 West 22nd Street, Oak Brook
Sponsor: Lorman Education Services

November

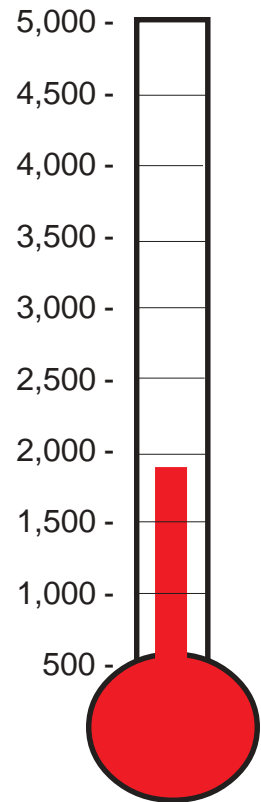
- 5 Fire Sprinklers and the Built Environment - a three-part teleconference seminar series *
The Impact of Building Options and Features on Sprinkler Installations
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Sponsor: American Fire Sprinkler Association
- 5 Judson College Lecture Series
Leon Krier
7:30 p.m.; Judson College Fine Arts Performing Hall
- 6 *Basic Design for Stability – Columns and Frames* *
Hilton Garden Inn Chicago Downtown
Sponsor: American Institute of Steel Construction
- 7-8 AIA Illinois Annual Meeting
Champaign-Urbana
- 10 *Architalk* deadline

AIA Northeast Illinois

IAPAC Goal

Did you forget something? Did you forget how much your contribution to IAPAC is needed? If everyone in the NEI chapter made a contribution, the result would be substantial – not only in dollars and cents, but in showing support for the legislative activity that is done on behalf of the profession. So, don't forget – do it today!

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CHAPTER CORNER

CHAPTER NEWS

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Affiliate: **Michael Kanak** (Sound Decisions); **Paul Marchese** (Marchese and Sons, Inc. Land Surveyors)

Reinstate/Upgrade: **James Hamrin, AIA**

MEMBER NEWS

Daniel Atilano, AIA, from Burnidge Cassell Associates will present a seminar on "Doing More With Less: Facility Additions and Remodeling" at the National Parks and Recreation Association Congress and Exposition in St. Louis on October 24th.

John Bierman, AIA, has joined Nicholas & Associates in Mt. Prospect.

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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