

# AIA UK

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Honorary fellows of the AIA in London

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AGM: The first meeting of the London/UK chapter of the AIA.



Stephan Reinke presents Judy Nyquist and Roger Kallman with Outstanding Service certificates for their efforts in forming AIA/UK



Model of London: On display at the AGM, held at 60 London Wall, London

## In the Beginning...

The American Institute of Architects arrived in the UK on 17 June 1993 when the national organization granted a charter. It is the first international chapter of the Institute.

Following initial discussions in London in 1991, a general meeting was held in December 1992 to see if there was sufficient interest to establish a chapter.

**Roger Kallman, Assoc. AIA**, and **Judy Nyquist**, former AIA Foundation curator, established a steering committee who developed plans to operate a new chapter.

The first Annual General Meeting, sponsored by Herman Miller at 60 London Wall, was held 28 March 1994 and was attended by more than 100 members and friends. They unanimously elected the following officers and directors:

**Stephan C Reinke AIA**, President; **Daniel Smith**

**AIA RIBA**, First Vice President; **David Walker AIA RIBA**, Vice President, **Thomas Giannini AIA RIBA**, Secretary; **Justine Kingham AIA**, Treasurer; **Judy Nyquist**, Executive Secretary; **Roger Kallman Assoc. AIA**, Associate Member Director; **Noel Hill Assoc. AIA RIBA**, RIBA Liaison Director; **Maria Plunkett AIA RIBA**, International Liaison Director; **Stephen Yakeley AIA RIBA**, Small Practice Liaison Director; **Lawrence Malcic AIA**, Past Officer; and **Emily Malino AIA**, Honorary Director.

## Chapter Agenda

Chapter President Stephan Reinke set the following goal for the chapter in a speech delivered at the Annual General Meeting in March: Reviving licensing reciprocity between the US and UK; Creating an UK/AIA continuing education programme; Instituting an annual design awards programme; Publishing a member directory; Forming a referral service; and Instituting an annual design charrette in the UK.

## COMMENTARY

### President's Comment: Making It Work

You, the members of the AIA London/UK, have a unique opportunity to define the international endeavours of the American Institute of Architects. We are part of a "new experiment" with the results yet to be determined.

The vehicle for your participation is the Committee. They are listed elsewhere in this newsletter, and I would urge you to get involved.

We share mutual interests, problems, opportunities, and the need for fellowship in the UK, Europe (where another chapter has been started in Paris), and the Middle and Far East, where AIA chapters are being formed. As Mr. Hellman showed in his "AIA" cartoon for Building Design magazine, it's all about "Cross Fertilization" and "the Free Exchange of Ideas."

I will attend the AIA Convention in May, which will be the first time international members will be represented

as chapter delegates. Please let me know your ideas. I assure you your voice will be heard. Together, we will make it work.

Stephan C Reinke AIA  
President

### AIA Convention in LA

The national convention of the American Institute of Architects meets May 13-16 in Los Angeles.

Special seminars will explore the concerns of international practice.

The convention coincides with the AIA Expo94 in which 300 exhibitors will participate, and with the International Bookfair.

Stephan Reinke will represent the London/UK.

You can contact him at 081-748-3475 (fax), regarding positions, opinions, or concerns that he should raise. A Convention Hotline provides programs and registration details on 0101-202-626-7395.

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### Building Bridges with RIBA

Reciprocity between US and UK licensing regulators was discussed by Chapter members and **Ian Pritchard**, RIBA International Affairs Director, and **David Barclay**, RIBA Practice Director during meetings in March and April. Both organisations have pledged to work to reinstitute reciprocal recognition.

This arrangement broke down in 1987 when NCARB objected to certain aspects of the agreement.

The participants agreed that a new reciprocal arrangement is not likely to be in place before 1996. The UK needs to settle the status of the renamed or reconstituted ARCUK as the corresponding authority to NCARB.

In related matters, the chapter plans to study the effect on AIA members of licensing regulations established by the European Community. Current law limits reciprocity of architectural registration to

citizens of EC countries.

American citizens who are RIBA-chartered Architects do not have the same reciprocity in the EC as their British-citizen counterparts.

To overcome this limitation, AIA members may consider forming an association with a local practice where they expect to work. Dual US/UK dual citizenship would also satisfy EC registration requirements.

### Continuing Education Exchange Explored

The chapter Education committee will meet soon with **Peter Gibbs-Kebbet**, RIBA Education and Professional Director, to seek ways and means of developing joint open learning programmes. The courses would aim to satisfy requirements for continuing education set by both RIBA and AIA and be held in the US and the UK.

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### Wanted: Student Members

Membership information has gone to all 39 UK schools of Architecture with an invitation for both faculty and students to join the London/UK Chapter.

One of the activities being organized for students is an urban design charrette based on a London site yet to be determined. This will bring together professionals and students to work over a

weekend on a significant urban design project. The Education Committee, led by **Dan Smith** of Smith Lance Larcade & Bechtol Architects, plans to offer the services of volunteer members for end of year crits, as lecturers or as participants in design studios.

The Committee is also discussing the possibility of creating a new institutional category of membership to interested schools or school libraries.

US Architecture schools will be contacted to develop a relationship with the London/UK chapter.

### AIA Trust Offers Members Low-Cost Insurance

US-licensed Architects who join the AIA are given a free \$10,000 term life insurance policy for the first year of membership. No medical exam is required, but forms must be completed. This policy is underwritten by State Mutual Life Assurance of America and is paid for by the AIA Trust.

All members can buy a variety

of insurance through the Trust at low rates. A 40-year-old male, non-smoking International Associate, for example, would pay \$106.20 per year for \$50,000 term life and \$100,000 accidental death insurance.

The Trust offers health insurance through CIGNA aimed at supplementing foreign health services, such as the NIH. Benefits include medical repatriation expenses.

For more information, contact **Ann Marie Boyden** at 0101-202-626-7321 (phone) or 0101-202-626-7421 (fax).

## US Students in London

Fourth year architecture students from University of Nebraska redesigned a site off Piccadilly Circus during their European study tour. The four teams produced widely varying schemes. A jury invited by **Mark A. Hoistad**, AIA, the London program director, included **Noel E. Hill**, representing the London/UK chapter, **David Wylie** RIBA, and **Hiko Takeda**, AIA, RIBA

## International Markets and Practice

How to do business with development banks in the world market was discussed at a two-day seminar at then AIA in Washington.

Speakers from The World Bank, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Inter-American Development Bank told of their needs for overseas design services.

The US State Department Foreign Buildings Office and the US Agency for International Development gave advice on tapping more than 20 government departments that procure design services abroad. Based on 1992 figures, more than 40 percent of US dollars spent abroad on real estate development were directed to UK projects, said **Michael P. Buckley**, National Director of Ernst & Young.

For further information on program findings, contact **Stephan Reinke** by fax, 081-748-3475

## Professional Indemnity Insurance Required

RIBA Architects will have to provide the RIBA with written declarations from insurers that their professional indemnity cover is current. This requirement was endorsed by the Warne Report as part of the recommended changes to improve the profession and protect the consumer. It is likely to become mandatory at the beginning of January 1996.

## PEOPLE

### Nominate Honorary FAIAs

Each year the AIA honours distinguished Architects who are neither US citizens nor residents. The AIA Bylaws also require that they must "... not practice architecture within the domain of the Institute...." Nominations for 1995 are due 7 November. Ten awards are usually given each year. Honorary Fellowships are

awarded in five categories): design, urban design, education, leadership, public service, and for contributions to the public good beyond the scope of normal professional activities.

Nominations are based on an architect's notable and outstanding contribution to architecture, society, and the profession in the nominee's home country or internationally.

AIA members are asked to bring qualified candidates to the attention of a member of the College of Fellows or the AIA International Committee,

which acts as sponsor and nominator. Candidates are reviewed and selected by a jury of Fellows.

The honour was first awarded in 1857 to "Honorary Members." Later, recipients were called "Honorary Corresponding Members" until 1954, when the present title came into use.

Distinguished UK architects who have been honoured include **Sir Aston Webb** in 1903, five years before he became the first recipient of the AIA Gold Medal; **Sir Edwin Lutyens** in 1905; and **Sir Patrick Abercrombie** in 1947.

Current Hon. FAIAs living in the UK include **David Y. Davies** (honoured in 1990), **Sir Norman Foster** (in 1980), **Patrick Harrison**, former Secretary General of RIBA (in 1978), **Sir William Holford** (in 1961), **Monica Pidgeon** (in 1987), and Professor **Sir Peter Shephard**, Dean Emeritus of the Graduate School of Fine Arts, University of Pennsylvania (in 1974).

For further information and nominations, please contact **Frimmel Smith** at the AIA in Washington DC at 0101-202-626-7390

## FEATURES

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### Contest

A regular feature of **AIA UK** will be a contest to identify a notable UK building (or fragment thereof).

Guess the notable resident of the building featured on the right and win 50% off your first year London/UK chapter membership.

### Answer:

## CALENDAR

### May 13-16:

AIA National Convention in Los Angeles, CA.

### May 24-28:

ACSA European Conference at RIBA, London. Contact ACSA at 0101-202-785-2324.

### June 8:

AIA/RIBA Joint Seminar at RIBA, 6.15pm. Contact Judy Nyquist 071-589-1387.

### July 13-15:

The Urban Experience, International Association for People-Environment, in Manchester. Contact Joyce McLellan 061-474-0401.

### July 20:

AIA London/UK Garden party at Syon Lodge. Contact Judy Nyquist 071-589-1387.

### September 25-30:

Annual RIBA v. AIA Golf Match at Royal St Davids, Harlech, Wales. Contact Bill Jack 071-631-4733.

### October 18:

Design with Brickwork

### November 17:

RIBA/RTPI Planning & Design conference commemorating the 1944 London Plan. Contact Meta van der Steege 071-580-5533.

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## MEMBERSHIP

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Membership in the London/UK chapter of the AIA is approaching 50 architects. There has been considerable interest since the Annual General Meeting and in order to accommodate as many individuals as possible, we have established the following membership categories:

**Architect:** Individual licensed to practice architecture in the US.

**Associate Member:** Individual holding a professional degree in architecture without an architectural licence in the US, working under the supervision of a US-licensed architect.

**Professional Affiliate:** Individual representing an allied profession.

**International Associate:** Individual holder of architectural licence or equivalent from a non-US licensing authority.

**Student Affiliate:** Student pursuing a degree in architecture or urban design.

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