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Left: Autodesk Managing Director Jeff Drust hands Roger Whiteman of SOM his prize of the new Autocad Version 14. Gary Gordon, RTKL and Justine Kingham, Chapter President smile with envy!



Right: Patricia Norton, America's Directorate, Dept of Trade & Industry and Bruce Gornick, Professional Affiliate AIA enjoy themselves at the Garden Party.

## NCARB Committee Set Up to Rekindle US/UK Reciprocity

The NCARB Board of Directors appointed an International Relations Committee at its board meeting in June to develop a comprehensive international reciprocity policy. It will be chaired by Peter Steffian FAIA, former NCARB Treasurer. Their findings will be presented to the full membership of member boards in June 1998 for ratification.

The International Relations Committee will begin work with

the Procedures and Documents Committee to assess the new UK act covering UK registration.

By creating the international committee, the NCARB mooted a proposed resolution to amend its bylaws to clarify NCARB's mission regarding global practice. The amendment would have added the words, "facilitate the mobility of the practice of architecture throughout the world," to the mission statement in the NCARB bylaws. This had been supported unanimously by the NCARB Board of Directors.

A more controversial resolution was withdrawn that required NCARB to obtain approval from its member boards before engaging in any meeting with representatives of, or offering services to, organizations or government agencies outside the U.S. This will now be the responsibility of the new International Committee.

NCARB also voted to accept Canadian degrees certified by the Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB) or a Canadian program accredited by CACB as equivalent to the NAAB accredited degree for purposes of the NCARB Certificate.

## Web Page Address Change!

Please note that the Chapter's web page has a new address: <http://www.aia.org>

The chapter is offering links from the home page to your home page. Contact Gary Gordon at RTKL if you are interested: Tel. 0171-306 0404, fax 0171-306 0405, email [ggordon@lon.rtkl.com](mailto:ggordon@lon.rtkl.com)

## Summer Barbeque

Date & Venue now established! See flyer inside for details.

## Message from the President

Welcome to an old and new friend. Herman Miller has renewed its corporate sponsorship of the Chapter and has once again made it possible to hold the Garden Party. Franchi International, suppliers of designed door furniture and fittings, has also joined us, and their firm will be profiled in the September issue of the newsletter. Thank you for your support.

In other matters, Stephan Reinke and I, the chapter's delegates to the AIA Convention, decided at the last minute not to introduce the chapter's resolution in favour of US/UK licensing reciprocity. The resolution called on the AIA to encourage NCARB to reconsider its policy on reciprocity with the UK, after first giving all interested persons the opportunity to state their views and provide information relevant to the reciprocity issue.

This may sound perverse of us, but we think we achieved more by not pressing our point before the entire membership at this time. We found widespread support for reciprocity among the principle decision makers. Darrell Smith, then

NCARB President, and Lenore Lucey, NCARB Executive Director, assured both of us that the issue would be put on the agenda of NCARB's board meeting in June. (It was.) The unanimous advice to us from the AIA players was not to introduce the resolution, because both the AIA and NCARB are already exploring the issue. And the convention had already gone into overtime in order to elect the 1999 President. As you can see from the NCARB update, their assessment was correct, and we may soon see real progress toward reciprocal licensing.

We would like to hear your views on the reciprocity issue. Please write or fax the chapter with your thoughts.

The chapter is planning several events for the summer and fall. In July there will be the Garden party and Salomon Brothers lecture. August offers the Bar-B-Q. In September, there will be a reception to meet AIA colleagues from the US and educational events. October will have the Charette and a special tour of the Benjamin Franklin house. In short, there will be many opportunities to participate for pleasure and learning. Hope to see you.

Michael J. Stanton, FAIA, was elected First Vice President, meaning that he will succeed Ron Altoon as President in 1999. He said in the caucus sessions that "all politics are local," and he believes that localities are the "venue of our most important issues." He promises to focus on tangible benefits for each member and to integrate the chapters more fully into Institute decision making.

Regarding the selection of a new CEO, Stanton said he would like to see a "strong advocate, someone with a strong basis within architecture, and a 'people person'."

## Herman Miller

Herman Miller, Inc., is one of the few globally significant office furniture manufacturers. Founded in 1923 in Zeeland, Michigan, the company has been active in the UK since the late 60's and has a significant presence in the UK market. The company pioneered the use of modular systems furniture that has since become ubiquitous for open-plan offices.

In Fortune magazine's survey of American industry, Herman Miller has been the most admired furniture company since the category was introduced

and is the second most admired company overall in terms of environmental achievement.

The corporation has annual sales in excess of \$1 billion and has offices and dealerships throughout Western Europe, including London, Bath and Chippenham. The facility in Bath contains a state of the art manufacturing plant, and recent extensions to the Chippenham facility have recently brought assembly of its award-winning Aeron chair to the UK.

The chapter extends its continuing appreciation to Herman Miller for its continuing support.



Above: Herman Miller representative Jim Brondbjerg, Robert Schmidt AIA and Marco Franchi of Franchi International at the Garden Party.

## National Convention Happenings

The \$50-dues TV Campaign assessment for each of the next three years was defeated at the national convention. Instead, a single assessment of \$10 will appear on your national bill to fund a feasibility study of television advertising. The Chapter will ask the study committee to look at advertising to the international business community on CNN. Also, the Board will ask the print campaign to direct some attention to international publications.

## Computerised Architect Registration Exam

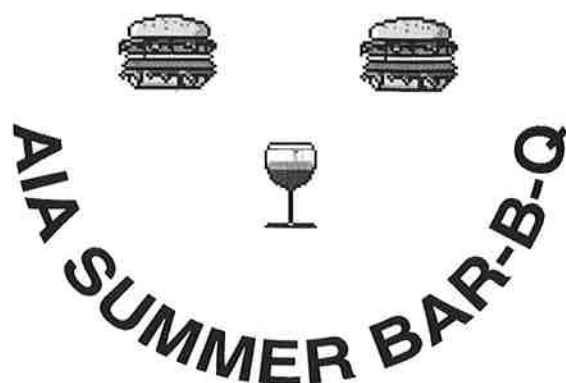
Any candidates for the ARE should know that the exam is now offered year round, six days a week at the network of test centres across the US. The paper and pencil exam is no longer available.

Applicants need to demonstrate to the State in which they wish to register their eligibility. Then they request an application form from NCARB. Upon receipt of the form, the Board determines their eligibil-

ity and completes the Test Eligibility Form to forward to the Central Testing Centre database. The Central Testing Centre will send the applicant a confirmation letter indicating which division for the test the applicant is eligible. The candidate will also receive a Bulletin of Information providing exam test scheduling. The applicant then calls a testing centre to schedule an appointment.

For additional information contact: The National Council of Architectural Boards @ (202) 783-6500 fax (202) 783-0290, <http://www.ncarb.org>.

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## A CES Wake-Up Call

By Thom Lowther,  
Director, AIA CES

This month, *AIArchitect* carried a banner on the front page reminding AIA members that they have seven months to compile 36 learning units (LUs) to maintain membership in 1998. After reviewing some statistics that the AIA education department ran in April on the number of members who have reported CES learning activities, I'd like to echo that wake-up call. The numbers vary widely: Alabama leads the nation, with 92 percent of members reporting; Florida is second, with 85 percent; and Minnesota, third, with 83 percent. At the other end of the scale are Vermont, Wyoming, and Mississippi, each reporting 33 percent or less.

I suspect, however, that these numbers do not reflect the actual participation in education activities by our members. For two years now, I have received hundreds of calls each month, attended several state conferences, and spoken at numerous local chapter meetings. I have yet to meet an architect who does not do something to continue his or her education during the year. *Not one!* Some just don't record their activities or don't realise that their seeking new knowledge *is* continuing education. This in turn limits the public's perception and appreciation of architects' efforts to stay current with changes in the industry.

### Time is on your side

Some architects tell me they don't have time to fill out the self-report forms. Most of them haven't looked at a self-report form: they are a piece of cake. The first time you complete one, it might take 10-15 minutes. Subsequent forms should not take more than five minutes to complete. There have been a few architects who have told me they did not have five minutes and then spend more than those 300 short seconds telling me why not.

Architects should also get the message that they need to record educational activities for more than their AIA membership. There are now six states—Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Iowa, Kansas and South Dakota—that have mandatory continuing-education requirements. They require architects to take the time to file their activities. A comparative history with other professions sets the odds heavily in favour of this becoming the norm, not the exception.

The old adage states that you can lead, follow, or get out of the way. What do you want the AIA and your profession to do?

### 5 ways to earn LUs in the UK

1. Attend an AIA educational chapter event.
2. Researching at work?? Write an article for the chapter newsletter reporting your findings.
3. Read the special, pre-selected article from *Architectural Record* and send in your completed self-reporting form.
4. Teaching? Record time spent researching new codes, designs, structures, etc.
5. Learning how to computerise your operations? Record it!

## Self-Directed Personal Learning

A quick, easy and flexible way to earn the required learning units are the self directed learning activities. These may include seminars or lectures you attend or prepare, courses or presentations, video & audio tapes, computer education software, study tours, reading professional articles, independent research or product analysis. Many of an architect's activities fit into this category. All you need to do is keep tabs on the amount of time you invest in the activity!

### Calculating Units Earned

To calculate the units you have earned, use this rule of thumb:

- 1 unit per hour for passive learning (reading, listening, etc.),
- 2 units per hour when the learning provides significant opportunities for participants to interact with each other and the learning resources.

- 3 units per hour when the learning incorporates interaction and measurements or feedback concerning the learning progress of participants.

Self-directed learning is usually 1 unit per hour. Don't forget to send in your self reporting form!

### Check Your Record!

Call or write to AIA / CES Records, The University of Oklahoma, College of Continuing Education, 100 Asp Avenue, Room B1, Norman, OK 73072-6400 for forms or with questions. Tel. 800.605.8229, fax 405.325.6965.

Remember, you can always check your LUs records on the AIA Homepage! This report is updated monthly.

Access the AIA's homepage at [www.aiaonline.com](http://www.aiaonline.com). The new continuing education section has loads of information on CES programmes, forms, etc. It even has the ability for you to access your personal transcript by inputting your AIA membership number!

Planning a trip?

Need Learning Units?

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## AIA/RIBA Members Evening

September 1 sees the first joint RIBA/AIA members evening at the stunning 1930's headquarters of the RIBA. The evening features an address by the AIA President Raj Barr-Kumar, music, wine, food and the opportunity to view the current exhibitions at the RIBA Architecture Centre. Also on offer are 20 minute limousine tours of the west end - all in all this looks set to be a fun and relaxed way to further UK/USA friendships in a great setting. Look for further details soon.

## Ben Franklin House Lecture

**Late September / Early October:** Exploring the Phase I conservation of this 18th century Georgian terrace house, a lecture by David Johncox, Partner at Alan Baxter Associates, Structural Engineers will take place in the Ben Franklin House, 36 Craven Street. Tours of the house are to follow the lecture.

Watch your post for detailed information or contact Ann Keigher, tel: 0171.373.9980. **6 LU's.**

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Building Online, claiming links to 38,500 building industry websites:  
<http://www.buildingonline.com>

The United States State Department Overseas Citizens Services Office at  
<http://travel.state.gov>

## Another Garden Party Success!!

The Chapter and Herman Miller once again hosted the annual Garden Party on July 2nd at the Orangery in Holland Park. More than 90 chapter members and their guests munched canopies and "networked" to a background of jazz music.

We would like to extend our thanks to Herman Miller for their sponsorship.

Also thanks to Joe Vycopal of Art Associates for displaying their architectural rendering exhibit which was recently dis-

played at the AIA Chicago's Chapter party. Contact Joe regarding rendering purchasing or commission information at 0181-398 4473.

Thanks to Jeff Drust, Managing Director of Autodesk, for kindly donating the newly released Autocad version 14 software as the raffle prize.

Finally, this event would not have been so successful without the extensive planning efforts of Gary Gordon AIA, RTKL. The Chapter extends its appreciation to Gary, and all those who helped him before and during the event, for their contributions.

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## Welcome To Our New Corporate Sponsor

The UK chapter warmly welcomes the addition of FRANCHI International to our family. Franchi International are worldwide distributors of classic and contemporary door and window fittings. You can view their designer lines at their Chelsea Harbour Design Centre showroom.