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Newsletter for The First International Chapter of The American Institute of Architects

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New Chapter Address

This location will have a telephone/fax and forwarding capabilities in the future but is not staffed full-time.



Lee Polissano FAIA

KPF London

President's Message

Back in January when I delivered my speech at the Annual General Meeting I asked all of you to "Lend us your ears, give us your time, so that together we can build a strong chapter in the year of the millennium. In my speech I stressed that participation in the chapter's events is fundamental for the chapter to thrive and grow.

Since that speech, the events and educational committees have organised a number of social and educational events that you will read about further on in this newsletter. Please take the time to mark them down in your calendars. I know that the construction business is booming at the moment and that we all are up to our ears in our work, however, it is important that we make some time for our profession as well as catch up with old friends and make new ones.

I look forward to seeing you at our next event and trust that if I don't see you I will see you at the following event.

Continually being educated...

it sounds like a great idea but in reality we all know it takes some doing. Interesting lectures, easy access locations, variety of options... the AIA London chapter wants to make the process of maintaining the educational requirements for the AIA enjoyable.

It's not just about fulfilling those credits; it's a social event, a chance to network, an opportunity to expand your horizons. (Well, ok, we all have different expectations, but someone's horizons could be expanded....)

The nitty-gritty - watch your e-mail for upcoming CES events, and we will also keep you posted in the newsletter. (For those of you without e-mail don't worry announcements will be sent the old fashioned way, via the post.) The 3rd

Wednesday of the month has been loosely designated for CES events. The dates will float depending on who is giving the talk and any feedback from the chapter members regarding best times for events.

Also, remember the RIBA CPD programs can go towards CES credits. Any questions, suggestions, (notes of encouragement) can be forwarded to either Jennifer Kyner at jennifer_kyner@gensler.com or to Morgan Whitehead at mwhitehead@lon.rtkl.com.

Jury Elects Lee Polissano to FAIA

Lee Polissano will become a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects at the May convention in Dallas. Fellows are elected from among the AIA membership and are architects who have made contributions of national significance to the profession. Out of a membership of more than 62,000, there are fewer than 2,400 AIA members who are Fellows.

Lee is the first member of the London/UK chapter to be so honoured. As 1998 Chapter President, Bob Schmidt wrote in his nominating letter, "It seems suitable to us that our first candidate should be qualified in the category of practice, which represents a special challenge to American architects overseas."

As a founding partner of Kohn Pedersen Fox's London office, Lee established a practice in 1990 that has grown from a staff of 12 to almost 90 in less than nine years. Opening the office in a foreign country with virtually no name recognition among the European clients that eventually hired him, Lee committed the firm to entering several competitions and won all but two in the first few years of operations.

Congratulations, Lee!

AIA members earn Learning Units in many ways. This continuing-education symbol used throughout the Newsletter indicates Learning Unit opportunities

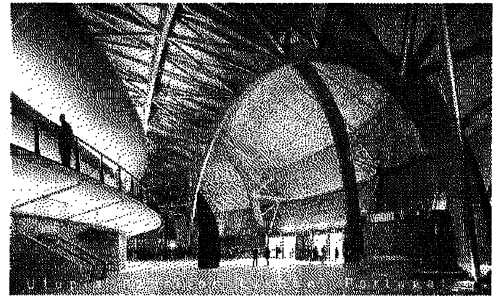


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AIA London/UK Chapter Founding President appointed to the Editorial Board of Architecture Record... Stephan C Reinke AIA has accepted and is honoured by an appointment from McGraw Hill to serve as one of five Editorial Board members for Architecture Record. He welcomes the views and criticisms of Record from our Chapter members.. Stephan.Reinke@hok.com



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AIA/UK COMMUNICATION BY EMAIL

The Chapter is endeavouring to increase its contact to members through the use of e-mail. Several e-mail notices have been sent to date. If you haven't received these, please contact the Chapter at AIA-UK@usa.net.

E-mail sent to this address is automatically forwarded to several board members, who in turn take responsibility for actioning your e-mails.

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E-MAIL Membership Survey

Many of you recently participated in the e-mail survey, the results of which are tabulated below. The feedback you have provided has a clear and direct impact on the shaping of future events. To discuss this further, or if you are interested in participating in Chapter events and programs, please contact Chapter President Steven Steimer, steven_steimer@gensler.com, 0171 256 6060.

executive summary

A recent e-mail survey conducted of AIA London/UK membership received 26 replies. The most important elements for the chapter focus were (in order of importance) reciprocal registration with ARB/RIBA, continuing education requirements for NCARB/AIA, and networking with other AIA members. The two most important programmes and events are the design awards and small-scale lectures and presentations. The least favoured events were golf and tennis outings and participation in MIPIM. Other events including student charettes, regular social get-togethers, and large-firm roundtables, despite their average scores, have many people who rate them highly.

The interest in committee participation is generally low. The highest interest, relatively, is in international practice, design awards, and public policy.

The most popular method of communication, according to the e-mail responses was, not surprisingly, via e-mail, followed by printed newsletters.

recommendations

- Reciprocal registration should remain a high priority focus of the chapter.
- Increase the amount of communication to

members via e-mail. Aim for at least one notice per week.

- The newsletter is an important vehicle of communication. Regular features should include upcoming events, status of reciprocal registration, and continuing education/CPD.

- Post and maintain a calendar of events on the chapter web site.

- Host a variety of continuing education events. Link this with RIBA CPD requirements.

- Increase the amount of small scale lectures and presentations. This could fit in well with continuing education events and requirements.

- A number of members expressed relatively high interest in specific areas. Solicit assistance via e-mail with running various events and programmes, particularly the design awards, and forums such as large firm roundtables.

- There should be a mix of events, as there is a range of interests among the membership.

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AIA/UK MEMBER'S SURVEY

The numbers in brackets are the average score. Please give a number between 1 and 5 for each category, (1 is least important, 5 is most important)

1) CHAPTER FOCUS

- Please rate the importance of the following:
- [4.4] Reciprocal registration with ARB and RIBA
 - [3.6] Continuing Education requirements for AIA/NCARB
 - [3.4] Networking with AIA members
 - [2.9] Networking with RIBA members
 - [2.7] Learning more about other practices in London
 - [2.6] CPD requirements for RIBA membership
 - [2.2] Participation in committees

AIA Goes Atlantic

The first in a new series of Chapter social gatherings was held at the **Atlantic Bar & Grill** in London's West End on Wednesday 31 March 1999. Approximately thirty members - including several new AIA London/UK Chapter members - enjoyed the palatial surroundings and creative cocktails on offer.

The purpose of these events is to allow members the opportunity to visit and network in an informal setting.

Organisers will choose architecturally interesting venues across the capital for each month's event.

The second Pub Night was held on Wednesday 28 April 1999 at the **City of Yorke Pub** at 22 Holborn (Chancery Lane tube). Everyone is invited to Pub Night- we hope to see an even larger crowd next time!

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2) PROGRAMMES AND EVENTS

Please rate your interest in the following:

- [3.5] Design awards
- [3.4] Small-scale lectures and presentations
- [3.1] RIBA evenings
- [2.8] Large firm roundtables
- [2.7] Regular social get-togethers at designated restaurants/pubs
- [2.7] Student charette
- [2.6] Ben Franklin seminars
- [2.6] Monthly CES 'happy hours'
- [2.5] Pro-bono charettes for needy groups
- [2.4] BBQ
- [2.3] Beaux-arts Summer Ball
- [2.0] Participation in MIPIM
- [1.9] Golf or tennis outings

3) COMMITTEES

In which committees would you like to participate?

(1=No interest, 5=High interest)

- [2.8] International practice
- [2.2] Art and architecture
- [2.2] Awards
- [2.2] Marketing
- [2.1] Public policy (ARB liaison, licensing, etc)
- [1.7] Programmes and events
- [1.6] Communications and publications
- [1.6] Education (including continuing ed and CPD)
- [1.6] Professional practice
- [1.4] Historic buildings
- [1.2] Professional services / membership

4) MEANS OF COMMUNICATION

In an effort to better communicate among ourselves, please rate the following ideas.

- [4.5] E-mailed notices of meetings, upcoming events, etc.
- [3.9] Printed newsletter mailed on a regular basis
- [3.7] Web site for the dissemination of news and events
- [3.6] E-mailed copies of meeting minutes, committee discussions, etc.
- [2.8] Web site based discussion groups on specific themes of interest

RIBA

Will be offering membership to AIA members in the future.

On 12 April, officers of the London/UK Chapter met the RIBA's President, David Rock, Director-General, Alex Reid and Director of International Affairs and Membership, Ian Pritchard, in the regular half yearly liaison meeting to discuss matters of mutual interest. One of the items which may be of interest to Chapter members is that the RIBA will soon be offering membership to AIA London/UK Chapter members. The RIBA is currently establishing a procedure to grant AIA members in good standing, membership in the RIBA. AIA members and applications will be entertained in the Autumn as part of a pilot scheme. At the end of the summer, interested members should contact Jennifer Parker (an American as it happens) at the RIBA on 0171 580 5533 for membership benefits.

According to Jennifer Parker, the RIBA is looking for a means to ensure that AIA member applicants are in good standing. The possibility of membership to AIA architects comes from a Council decision to approve full architect AIA members to become members of the RIBA. However, to use the letters "RIBA" in the UK, one must be an architect registered with the ARB.

Recruitment

AIA London/UK Executive Secretary

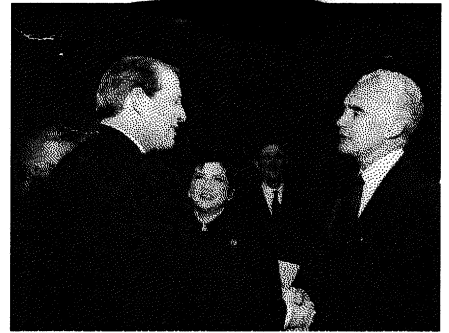
The Chapter is looking for an **part-time Executive Secretary**. Contributions/responsibilities include: **Membership Services, Promotional Activities, Bookkeeping, Event Organisation, Administrative Tasks, Office Management, and Maintenance of AIA Files and Archives**. This position is crucial for the AIA London/UK Chapter to grow as an organisation. All members assist and contribute greatly to events and activities.

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AIA Calendar 1999

- May 6-9** AIA National Convention Dallas, TX
- 19** Wed 6:30 pm Continuing Education Seminar TBD
- 26** Wed 6:30 pm Pub Night Venue TBD
- June 20** Wed 6:30 pm Pub Night Venue TBD
- 23** Wed 6:30 pm Continuing Education Seminar TBD
- July TBD** Summer Ball! Details to come!
- 21** Wed 6:30 pm Continuing Education Seminar TBD
- 28** Wed 6:30 pm Pub Night Venue TBD
- August 18** Wed 6:30 pm Continuing Education Seminar TBD
- 25** Wed 6:30 pm Pub Night Venue TBD
- September 22** Wed 6:30 pm Continuing Education Seminar TBD
- 29** Wed 6:30 pm Pub Night Venue TBD
- October 20** Wed 6:30 pm Continuing Education Seminar TBD
- 27** Wed 6:30 pm Pub Night Venue TBD
- November TBD** Design Charette
- 17** Wed 6:30 pm Continuing Education Seminar TBD
- 24** Wed 6:30 pm Pub Night Venue TBD
- December 29** Wed 6:30 pm Pub Night Venue TBD
- January 2000 TBD** Design Awards



Vice President Al Gore and AIA President Michael Stanton FAIA greet one another at the AIA Headquarters in Washington DC. 1/99

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Notes to the editor, suggestions, criticism, encouragement etc. are welcome. Submissions may be sent to cmiller@clara.net or posted to "News" at the above address. Typed, double-spaced material and images intended for publication must reach the editor by the deadline date listed on this page. Appropriate submissions are edited and published as space and time permit and at the discretion of the AIA London/UK Board of Directors.

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News from the USA

Al Gore at the AIA

Vice-President Al Gore came to the AIA headquarters in Washington in January to announce a major federal initiative on livable communities. In an interactive "audio conference" set in the AIA boardroom, the Vice-President described federal budget proposals to enhance sustainable economic development and the quality of life in American communities.

For more information on the AIA's Center for Livable Communities and its mission, contact Stephanie Bothwell, Director at (202) 626 7405 or bothwells@aiaemail.aia.org or access their web site at www.e-architect.com/gov.

Annual Call for Continuing Education Presentations...

Represent Your Firm and Chapter

AIA Convention 2000

A 21st Century Urban Vision

Philadelphia

4-7 May 2000

Share your expertise, knowledge and successes.

Increase your visibility and role as a leader in the profession.*

Earn learning units to meet your AIA/CES membership requirements for your time spent researching and preparing your presentation.

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Deadline Proposals must be received by 18 June 1999. *Note There is a speaker's allowance to defray convention costs!

Report from the President of NCARB

Susan May Allen NCARB AIA

Extracted from NCARB Publication "Direct Connection" 1999 Volume 2- Issue 1

... International relations. many of you may already know that NCARB is actively studying ways and means to facilitate the mutual recognition of qualified architects on a nation-to-nation basis. Indeed the Member Boards voted unanimously last June to authorize the Council's Board of Directors "to explore the development of bilateral accords between NCARB and other national registration authorities"~ and we have begun to do just that. In October, we renewed long-dormant ties with the United Kingdom through a productive meeting with our counterparts representing the UK's Architects Registration Board. Similarly, we continue to work with our colleagues in Mexico to identify and resolve the differences between our registration systems. As for the Canadians, we can't mention too often how rewarding our association with them continues to be.

Recently, we have taken an exploratory step in our maturing relationship with architects in the Peoples Republic of China. We have presented the draft of a cooperation agreement to NABAR~ the National Administration Board of Architectural Registration - that describes the terms of a "mutual recognition agreement." Through such an agreement, a U.S. architect holding an NCARB Certificate would be eligible to apply for and receive registration in China, and a Chinese architect who met the NCARB standard for education, training and examination would be eligible to apply for Certification in the U.S.; in both cases without the necessity to associate with a local architect. The draft stipulates that each country's education, training and examination standards would be analysed by the other for equivalency. As proposed by NCARB, a mutual recognition agreement with NABAR~ or, with any other country~ would be administered and interpreted by a joint committee of representatives from the two signing bodies...

Susan May Allen NCARB AIA

President NCARB