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OBJECTS: The objects of the Association shall be to unite the architectural profession within the State of Florida to promote and forward the objects of The American Institute of Architects; to stimulate and encourage continual improvement within the profession, cooperate with other professions, promote and participate in the matters of general public welfare, and represent and act for the architectural profession in the State, and to promote educational and public relation programs for the advancement of the profession.

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A.I.A. CHICAGO CONVENTION

Quoted below is a release from the American Institute of Architects National Convention held in Chicago this month:

"Chicago, May 11 - Glenn Stanton, Portland, Oregon, architect was elected today president of the American Institute of Architects for the coming year. The architects national professional society closed their 83d annual convention here after establishing a new record for attendance.

Stanton heads a new group of officers that includes Kenneth E. Wischmeyer, St. Louis, first vice president; Norman J. Schlossman, Chicago, second vice president; Clair W. Ditchy, Detroit, secretary; and Maurice J. Sullivan, Houston, treasurer.

The new president of the Institute is a tall, 56 year-old bachelor who has distinguished himself in architecture and in Institute activities. He is well known in the Northwest.

Among his buildings in Portland are the Oregon Journal Publishing Company plant, and the J. J. Newberry Company store. He was also architect for buildings at Lewis and Clark College, and a number of Christian Science churches and school buildings in Oregon.

Stanton has served in recent months as a member of the National Production Authority's building industry advisory group. For the last two years he has been first vice president of the A.I.A.

Regional directors elected to serve to 1954 were: Leonard H. Bailey, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Central States District; G. Thomas Harmon, III, Columbia, South Carolina, South Atlantic District; Charles O. Matcham, Los Angeles, California, Sierra Nevada District; Edward L. Wilson, Fort Worth, Texas, Texas District."

The following is a report from Francis R. Walton, delegate from the Florida Association of Architects to the Chicago Convention:

The convention was presided over by President Walker, who in his opening remarks announced the theme "Humanity is our Client." Mr. Walker pointed to the danger to the profession of the present emergency and cautioned that we must organize the small offices for survival, must study and know our cost of producing our services and should in the chapters keep cost records on construction in order that we may become the source of cost information in the community. Also, we were cautioned: Every eligible architect should be a member of the A.I.A., and the Institute is to be recognized for what it is--the national organization of a great profession.

Some of the highlights of the Boards report and the resolutions resulting are as follows:

1. Whereas, the architectural profession is a key factor in the construction industry and thereby in the general economy, and
Whereas, the architectural profession of itself and within its ranks is competent, through training, experience and ability, to contribute to the welfare of the country in these days of uncertainty and difficulty, and
Whereas, the democratic American way of life demands the fullest participation and cooperation of the private citizens as opposed to a philosophy of blind regimentation and direction; therefore, be it

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Francis R. Walton's report cont'd.

RESOLVED, that The American Institute of Architects in Convention assembled request the Federal Government and its agencies to indicate clearly without further delay a pattern of economy to which we can adjust ourselves, and that the architectural profession and the construction industry be afforded definite schedules in order that they may participate in the national effort and that the American way of life may continue to be enjoyed.

2. Whereas, departments, agencies and bureaus of the Federal Government are contemplating construction programs and have, in some instances, already initiated these programs, and

Whereas, Services of architects in private practice are essential to the success of these programs, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That The American Institute of Architects in Convention assembled, reaffirm its position that architectural services on Federal public works should be rendered by architects in private practice and that The American Institute of Architects support and encourage the establishing of those offices in the Federal departments, agencies and bureaus which are concerned with initiating, programming, scheduling, and carrying out the construction programs, and which recognize the appropriate position and services of the architect in private practice.

3. RESOLVED, That The Institute's National Defense Committee be commended for publishing its recommendations without waiting for further public action.

RESOLVED, That The Institute supports the Committee's philosophy that, in procuring architectural services in conjunction with civil defense measures, normal business relationships of architect and client shall prevail, save that as a profession our advice is at all time available to public officials and agencies.

RESOLVED, That the construction industry among other industries in the nation should not be penalized in the national effort to conserve materials, but that its efforts in behalf of national defense be second to no other industry.

RESOLVED, That architects wish to make their maximum contribution in the national effort to conserve materials needed for defense, and desire forms of public regulation that recognize their creative contribution in devising structural systems which conserve materials, and in specifying substitute materials, and that under the controlled materials plans we shall seek, as we have in previous forms of building industry regulation, modes of control that will allow contribution to count to the full.

Discussion and resolution were heard concerning the present US Engineer Practice in awarding architectural contracts. Opposition is being continued and resolutions forwarded in this regard. The only occasion for the delegate to take the floor in business session was during the review of public relations policy of the Institute. The press release program was criticized and a suggestion made that these releases be coordinated with and released through chapter committees at the local level and that AP-UP releases over wire services be timed to coincide with this.

The graduated dues step has heretofore been \$5 and was changed to \$10 through by-law amendment.

Election procedure for the regional directors was discussed at length but the writer is not clear as to the outcome because of the many amendments and the parliamentary confusion.

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Francis R. Walton's report cont'd.

Mr. Greeley of the Florida North Chapter took the floor at one point to contribute to one resolution which is as follows, with Mr. Greeley's words underscored:

"A Corporate member who transfers his principal place of business to or who conducts any office for the practice of architecture in another state shall forthwith take and complete steps to conform to the registration laws governing the practice of architecture of such state."

Seminars were heard on the architecture of Civil Defense, Fundamentals of Design Acoustics and The Education of Architects. The work of Bernard R. Maybeck was reviewed by W. W. Wurster. Mr. Maybeck was awarded the Gold Medal of the Institute at the annual banquet. Building under controls was the subject of another series of discussions including working with builders. Some delegates were unable to attend these portions of the meetings because the valuable inspection tours were planned to occur at the same time.

The writer was appointed to the enlarged committee on the chapter affairs for the next year which will have a larger place in the Institute program in the future. This committee includes twelve members representing all parts of the country who it is intended will be able to draw from the chapters their problems and circulate to all chapters the methods and solutions in practice to cope with these. In each region these committee members are to work closely with the Regional Directors and concentrate on the chapter level of activity. The Florida delegation included Skinner, Pancoast, Petersen, Little, Gamble, McCandless, Lott, Moore, Greeley, Bob Smith, and the writer.

Our own Mr. Pancoast was elevated to Fellowship at the Banquet ceremony.

Your delegate received inspiration from the fine talks heard and from the masterful way our President conducted the meetings. As chairman of your FAA committee to explore the Executive Secretary idea he lost no time nor opportunity to question those who have conducted such programs and has some material for his committee.

Our new President is Glenn Stanton and our new Director is Tom Harmon. Although our FAA votes were cast for Walter Hook, Mr. Ditchy was re-elected.

STUDENTS ATTEND CONVENTION

Those architects who contributed toward the attendance of some of the Student Associate members to the Convention in Chicago have been duly thanked in a gracious letter, dated 16 May 1951, from Charles L. Crumpton, Secretary, Student Associate Chapter, which is quoted below:

"The Student Chapter wishes to thank you for the money to help finance delegates from our Chapter to attend the National Convention. We received the Check thru Mr. Sanford Goin.

"At present four of our members: Bill Potts, President; Sid Kotkin, Director, Don Rogers and Bob W. Davis are attending to affairs in Chicago.

"Thank you again."

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COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

President Goin has made all the Committee Appointments as of now and they are attached hereto for the information of all concerned. Your Committee must function to make this a live organization and the members should assist these Committees in every way possible.

THE LAST EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

This meeting was held in Jacksonville on April 14, 1951, was well attended and a considerable amount of business was handled. Your Executive Board is at work.

THE NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

At the request of representatives from the Palm Beach Chapter the next Executive Board meeting will be held on July 28, 1951 in Palm Beach.

REPORT FROM FRANK BUNCH, CHAIRMAN, LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

"The greatly improved and expanded work which we are able to accomplish in the Legislature at this session and which will be reported to you by Benmont Tench in the next Bulletin is due almost entirely to the fine work which has been accomplished by many members of the architectural profession in contacting their legislators prior to the opening of the session. When these legislators go to Tallahassee after having been told that the architects are interested in legislative activities and will be represented by a full time man, they are much more receptive to our requests when we make them through Benmont Tench. What might seem to some architects to be rather inconsequential contacts with their legislators at home oft-times spell the difference between victory and defeat on some issue in Tallahassee. Please keep this in mind and if the occasion arises and the circumstances indicate the wisdom of such action, make it a point to contact your legislators when they return from Tallahassee to express your appreciation for their assistance. The increased political awareness amongst our own members should be continued and expanded. If every member of the profession will do his small part along this line we will find that we can secure almost anything which we desire in Tallahassee as long as it is reasonable and in the public welfare. So just because the Legislature is now coming to an end for 1951, don't forget the necessity for continuous political action leading up to the 1953 session of the Legislature.

Signed: Franklin S. Bunch"

THE JACKSONVILLE CONVENTION

We understand that an important meeting of the Florida North Chapter is being held to iron out some of the details of the Convention scheduled in Jacksonville in the late Fall. The Florida Association of Architects needs the support of every man in it. It further needs the membership of many architects in Florida not now members. The Convention in Jacksonville is the responsibility of every member and we cannot see why it will not be the largest and best we have ever attended. Transportation to Jacksonville is good from all part of the State. Start planning now to be there. More about the exact dates and headquarters later.

COMMERCIAL STANDARDS FOR PLUMBING FIXTURES

The Vitreous China Plumbing Fixtures Association advises as follows:
"Pursuant to a conversation with Mr. Theodore I. Coe, Technical Secretary, AIA, I am pleased to enclose copy of 'Brass Trim for Water-Closet Bowls, Tanks and Urinals,' Commercial Standard 172-50 just released by the Government Printer. It represents the culmination of several years of work to provide dimensional interchangeability for the threaded parts and key dimensions of the various items of brass trim."

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