



Centerlines

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President's Message

—By John Whitlock, AIA

What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas."

Hopefully that popular quote and catch phrase piques the interest of those of you who did not make the trek to the AIA National Convention in Las Vegas this year. Whether convention visitors took part in the "Viva Las Vegas" tours, "Dining by Design," the "Best of Las Vegas" exhibits or just cruised the exhibit hall in between thought provoking seminars, the trip to this year's National Convention gave you the opportunity to share in the exploration and discovery of *The Power of Architecture*.

The City of Las Vegas also offered convention goers the opportunity to get a glimpse of their culture and their architecture. I can quite honestly say that the one topic I heard discussed the most was the architecture of the Las Vegas Strip. You can probably imagine how many of those discussions went! Many thanks to all who attended from Central Illinois and helped represent the chapter at the national convention.

Recent Central Chapter activities: In April, AIA Illinois provided a new and exciting program that we here in Central Illinois took advantage of as our first chapter meeting. On April 7 in Springfield, the first ever "lobby day"

or 2005 Prairie Grassroots Conference was attended by many members from all over the state and was a huge success. The program offered the opportunity for attendees to meet their legislators and join fellow AIA members as we continued to advance our agenda and AIA Illinois' vision for a stronger profession.

The half-day conference began with a lunch and legislative briefing at the Sangamo Club. After hearing about the current legislative issues facing the profession, attendees marched to the State Capitol to offer knowledge and valuable resources to our legislators. (See the article on page 4 for more details about *Prairie Grassroots*.)

The conference concluded with a reception that recognized those who made significant contributions to the design and construction the new Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. Certificates were given out in the Lincoln's Eyes Theater. Attendees were then invited to tour the museum and take in all the facility had to offer in what was an advanced preview of a

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July Meeting Announced

When: Tuesday, July 26, 2005

Program: Tour of the Krannert Center followed by dinner a speaker presentation with Mike Ross, Director of the Krannert Center who will speak about the future of Krannert.

Location: Champaign, Krannert Center followed by dinner and speaker presentation in the Festival Foyer.
(See map on following page)

Agenda:

- 5:30 pm Tour
- 6:30 pm Social
- 7:00 pm Dinner & Business Mtg.
- 7:30 pm Speaker Presentation

Cost: Free to members. \$25 for guests

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(See registration form on next page)



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unique, ground-breaking museum experience. Those who attended were treated to an amazing look into the life and times of one of our greatest presidents. Thanks to all of you who helped represent the Central Illinois chapter!

Coming Soon: Be sure to pay close attention to the mail and future issues of *Centerlines* for this year's nomination forms for the Central Illinois Service Awards. This is your opportunity to recognize members, firms and educators from our chapter for their service to the profession and our communities.

Also, be sure to mark your calendars for the next chapter meeting in Champaign this July. Every chapter meeting provides you the rare opportunity to take a tour, hear an interesting speaker and visit with peers from the local architectural community to discuss topics near and dear to all of our hearts. Details and a reservation form are in this edition of *Centerlines* so be sure to send it in today. I look forward to seeing you there!

— Section News —

Bloomington

The Bloomington-Normal Section of the AIA will have a tour of the Bloomington arena project, Cellular Coliseum, currently under construction in July. Watch your e-mail for date and time. For more information, contact Don Jenkins or Doris Reeser.

Krannert Center for the Performing Arts

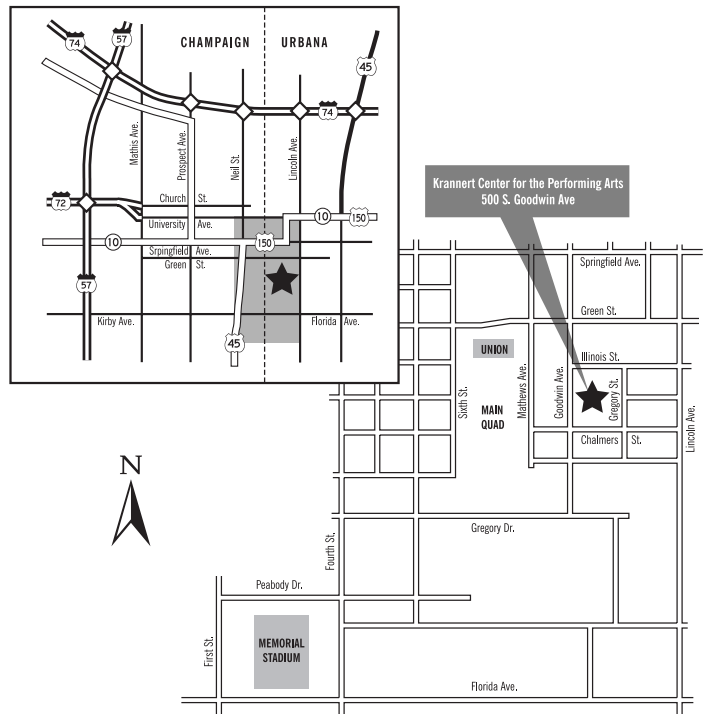
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Located on the block bordered by Goodwin Avenue, Oregon Street, Gregory Street and Illinois Street. Directions are available at <www.krannertcenter.com/about/info/>.

Parking: On evenings and weekends you can enjoy free parking in the Center's underground parking garages.



RESERVATION FORM FOR JULY 26 MEETING

Advance registration is required.

(Please type or print)

NAME: _____

COMPANY: _____

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Cost: Free to members;

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Deadline to Register:

5 p.m. on July 22

2005 National Convention in Vegas

—by John Bishop, AIA

The 2005 National Convention brought attendees a myriad of opportunities, both within the convention halls and outside on the Las Vegas strip. Around 27,000 attendees had the choice of more than 160 different seminars, 800 different vendors and a plentitude of entertainment options.

Focusing on the business at hand, delegates to the Convention had a wide range of choices for election to national office, including seven candidates for four Vice President positions. The final results of the election:

- R.K. Stewart, FAIA – First Vice President/President-Elect
- Michael Broshar, AIA – Vice President (two-year term)
- Norman Strong, FAIA – Vice President (two-year term)
- Ronald J. Battaglia, FAIA – Vice President (one-year term)
- Jerry K. Roller, AIA – Vice President (one-year term)
- Tommy Neal Cowan, FAIA – Treasurer

This years' business session featured only one proposed amendment to the Institute's By Laws. The measure, proposing the addition of an International Director, representing the 900-1000 AIA members living and working abroad, to the Institute's Board of Directors was well received and passed with a considerable margin above the required 2/3 majority.

In addition to consideration of the By Laws Amendment, delegates took action on twelve resolutions:

Resolution 05-1: The Health, Safety, and Welfare of the Public, Profession, and Institute – In response to a decline in the number of newly licensed architects between 2003 and 2004, delegates approved a resolution which is intended to explore and raise awareness of the number of architecture school graduates completing the registration process. The resolution further calls for an examination of the subsequent impact on the public, the profession and the Institute. The AIA will work collaboratively

with NCARB and the state licensing boards to conduct a survey of newly licensed architects over the past ten years with the survey being updated annually.

Resolution 05-2: Advocating for a Sustainable Future – Targeted at raising awareness about the need for a national energy policy, supporting the AIA Public Policy regarding sustainability, and urging AIA members to stand up and advocate sustainability, Resolution 05-2 was overwhelmingly supported by delegates.

Resolution 05-3: Promoting Leadership in Building Science and Technology – Delegates supported this resolution intended to recognize the essential role of Building Science and Building Technology in the architecture and the creation of higher performing buildings. The resolution calls for the Board Knowledge Committee and the Building Science Knowledge Community to recommend to the Institute how it can advance its leadership in the area of building science and building technology to promote the creation of better building enclosures.

Resolution 05-4: Addressing Specialty Certification - Delegates voted down a resolution that would have discouraged specialty certification through the AIA itself or by other groups.

Resolution 05-6: Creation of a Small Firm Committee – Resolution 05-6 was withdrawn.

Resolutions 05-5, 05-7-05-12: Were approved by acclamation to show recognize and show appreciation to newly licensed architects, Retiring Members of the Council of Architectural Component Executives, Retiring Executive Committee and Board Members, the Convention Host Chapter, the Convention Committees, Convention Exhibitors and to outgoing AIA President Douglas L. Steidl, FAIA.

Outside of convention business, networking and seminars, it's probably best to simply summarize with the adage "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas." (*See President's Message*)

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

July 27	Central Chapter Meeting — Champaign Krannert Center tour & presentation
August 18	Central Chapter Board Meeting
September 15	Central Chapter Meeting — Peoria
October 20	Central Chapter Service Awards
November 4-5	AIA Illinois Annual Conference "Celebrate Architecture" — Rockford

Prairie Grassroots Off to a Good Start



AIA Central Illinois President John Whittlock, AIA, State Representative Bill Mitchell, and AIA Central Illinois Treasurer Todd Cyrulik, AIA at the 2005 Prairie Grassroots Conference

On April 7, 2005, AIA Illinois held its first ever “Prairie Grassroots.” More than 100 AIA members, peers and constituents from through out the state of Illinois traveled to Springfield to learn, advocate and offer knowledge and resources to our legislatures.

An afternoon luncheon with legislative briefing at the Sangamo Club featured RK Stewart, FAIA, AIA National Vice President and Paul Mendelson, AIA State and Local Affairs, presenting the national picture where 49 other states were discussing QBS, service taxes, common codes, energy use and livable communities in difficult budget times. Information packages were then handed out and everyone headed off to the Capitol.

Following the legislative visits, AIA Illinois hosted a reception in the new Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum to acknowledge the design and construction team that worked on the project and to give participants a sneak preview prior to the public opening. Much of the commentary that could be heard that night and the feedback afterwards spoke very highly of the event as well as the new museum; it was a wonderful opportunity, indeed, to have an advanced sneak peak at something so spectacular.

A sincere “thank you” to all who attended, especially from the Central Illinois chapter, and to the AIA Illinois Staff for their time, energy, and patience, all of which helped make this event such a success.

YOUNG ARCHITECT’S FORUM

—By Eric L Cluver, AIA

As you well know, the YAF is geared towards both interns and those of us who have been licensed 10 years or less. This time I have **great news** for all those interns who are planning to take the ARE. The AIA Central Illinois YAF Chapter has been authorized to purchase and implement a Portable ARE Test Station! It is my understanding that this may be the first of its kind in Illinois.

The test station will contain mock exams for all nine divisions of the ARE. Our intent is to allow interns from within the chapter to have the opportunity to utilize this station in order to practice testing prior to taking the actual exams. In addition, we are planning to purchase the accompanying study guides that will also be available for use.

The next step after acquiring the materials and hardware is to pull together the rules and procedures for the test station. I will be working on this with the Central Chapter Board and AIA Illinois state council office in the next several months.

I know this is exciting news for all the interns in the chapter. Please be patient as we pull the final details together over the next several months. Feel free to drop me an e-mail or give me a call (ecluver@f-w.com or (309) 663-8436) and share your ideas or ask questions. Once everything is in place, I will be sending out an e-mail notification to the membership. So if you’re not an associate member already, here is another great reason to join the AIA!

2005 AIA CENTRAL ILLINOIS MEMBERSHIP REPORT

CURRENT ACTIVE PAID MEMBERS

As of June 16, 2005

<u>AIA</u>	<u>ASSOCIATE AIA</u>	<u>MEMBER</u> <u>EMERITUS*</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
245	72	54	371

Professional Affiliates 9

**Includes inactive Member Emeritus*

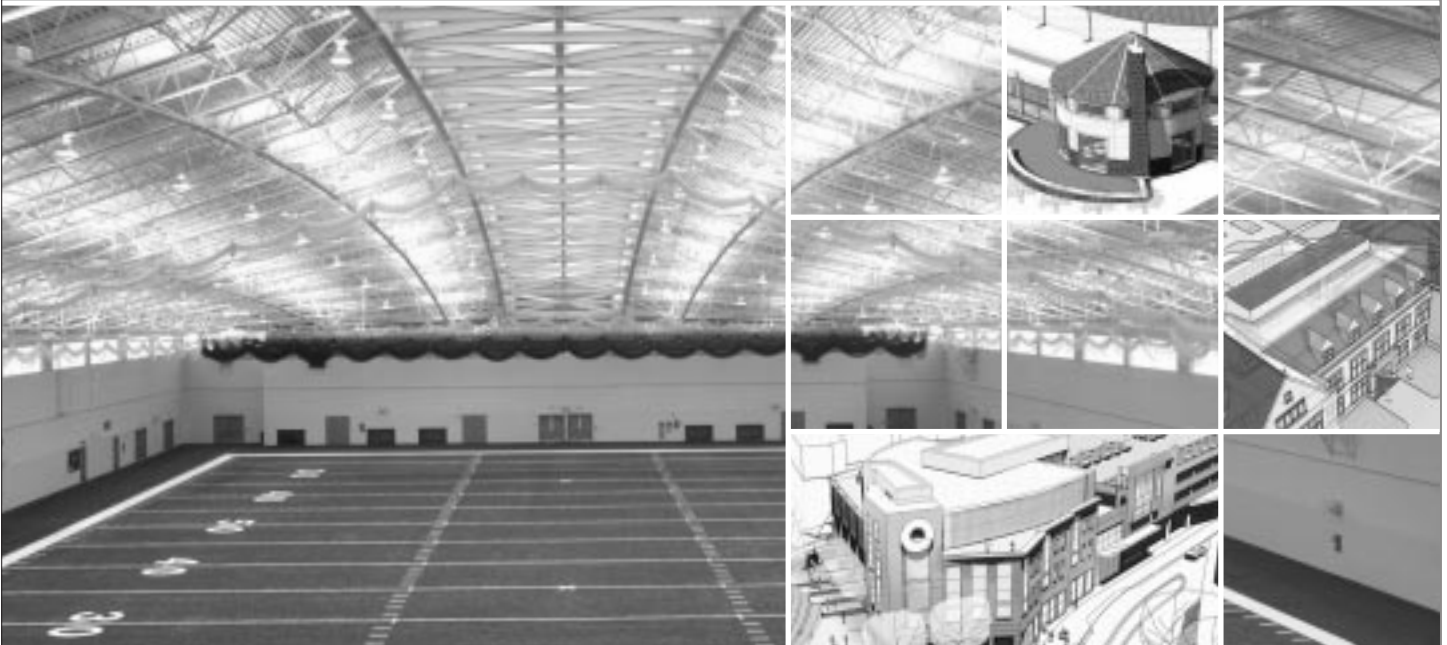
REINSTATEMENT

Mark J. Comerford, AIA	Bloomington	05/9/05
Charles M. Schwab, AIA	Moline/Rock Island	06/17/05

UPGRADE

Carey L. Mayer, AIA	to Architect Member	06/13/05
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