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President's Message

by Ed Lugowski, AIA



As I write this "President's Message," our country is still about twelve hours away from electing a new President. I don't know who will win, and in some ways, I no longer care. The rhetoric, the charges, and the counter-charges seem to leave us a message that says everyone in office or no one in office is responsible for what may or may not be a financial crisis. Both front runners for President seem to pretend that they served in a congress that was located in a remote part of Montana. This way neither could be held accountable for what is wrong with the way our leaders in Washington, DC have screwed up this country. In fact this is now the second Presidential election in a row that the people have not been given a clear choice in candidates.

political party that was in power, so you would think that finding three qualified candidates to run on the party's ticket would be no problem. After the election I had a chance to speak to the mayor/party head and tell him that I thought the party had made three very good choices. What he told me at that time shook my belief in politics. He said, "Ed, if I told you that we asked twenty-seven persons prior to the three that were our Trustee candidates, what would you think?" Through the years I have continued to see this happen not only locally, but nationwide as well. Good people cannot afford to have their whole life put under a microscope in the larger political arenas, nor can they handle the negativity, the insults, and baseless accusations hurled at them in the smaller arenas.

What is wrong with our political scene? It starts right at the grassroots level. Years ago, twenty-nine to be exact, I was involved in a political campaign in my town. No, I wasn't a candidate, but my best friend growing up was running for Village Trustee in a non-mayoral year. There basically was no opposition to the

Now that I've said all that, I would like you all to know that I support AIA/National's efforts to encourage the members of our profession to get involved in politics. Since we already practice under a code of ethics, it should be relatively easy for an architect to avoid scandal and slander. Also, since most of us work 24/7 at our profession, we couldn't possibly

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**NOVEMBER 19
 CHAPTER MEETING**

Program:

**A BRIGHT FUTURE
 Daylighting for
 Tomorrow's Buildings**

Presenter:

**Bill Nagel
 Technical Glass Products
 Architectural Solutions**

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have done anything wrong. Of course since you may have not taken out social security taxes when you paid the baby sitter, or your children didn't pay sales taxes for the lemonade stand they had this summer, you may feel a bit hesitant to offer yourself up on the political sacrificial altar. Truly, I wish more professional people would get involved in politics, or at least serve in the government. AIA/National recently surveyed our members to learn of their involvement, and the results were impressive.

When we were still a section, I remember Ray Chocholek encouraging our membership to get involved in their community in some way, be it on the zoning board or in a service club. Many of us at that time did just that. I'm pleased to know that we still carry on that tradition. Scott Seaton thinks he is King of Kankakee County, but I understand that he's really just considered a Royal Pain down that way.

*Ed Lugowski, AIA
EIC President*

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Rear View Mirror

REAR VIEW MIRROR

a look back at the October chapter meeting

by Ed Lugowski, AIA, President AIA/EIC



SPECIFYING AND INSTALLING NON-STRUCTURAL STEEL FRAMING MEMBERS

presenter: Kevin McGreal, Dietrich Metal Framing

Our meeting on October 22nd was titled "Specifying and Installing Non-structural Steel Framing Members." The real title should have been "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Metal Studs and More." The host for this program was Dietrich Metal Framing, and the presenter was their representative, Kevin McGreal. Mr. McGreal gave one of the most concise data packed one hour discussions that this writer has ever witnessed.

The first items discussed were the major ASTM Standards that govern the manufacture and installation requirements of interior non-structural steel framing members, ASTM C754 and ASTM C645. This was important as Kevin continuously referred to them during the remainder of the session.

One of the more interesting items discussed was the types of finishes available for metal studs such as Rust, Galvalume, and Zinc Galvanized. While not saying it in so many words, it sounded as if for the small increase in price, we'd be better off using galvanized metal studs throughout our projects even if it were an indoor non-wet use. We have heard of a case just recently where metal studs and metal door

frames that were used on the interior developed rust because the roof was not installed prior to the studs and frames being installed, and now that the work is completed and rust is bleeding through, the corrective measures will require an immense amount of work.

With Dean Walker, Dean of Chicago Spec Writers, away attending to his wife Sandie, Steve Reardon was left with the task of asking all the questions that our spec writers ask. We have known Steve for over thirty years and it was the first time we ever heard him ask a question to which he didn't already know the answer. Steve was rewarded for his diligence when he won the Dietrich raffle of a digital micrometer. Now, you may think that I am wont to pick on spec writers for no good reason, but they never fail to reinforce my opinion. As an example, when Steve won the micrometer he gushed, "Now I can take that off my Christmas list!" Santa Claus has always wondered who that strange kid named "Stevie" is that sends him the letter each year requesting weird instruments. Now he knows!

We would ask that you keep Sandie, Dean, and the rest of the Walker family in your hearts and in your prayers, as Sandie is battling an aggressive, life-threatening disease.

Lastly, Kevin McGreal would welcome the opportunity to come to your office and bring a "huge" catalog and a "massive" amount of data for your use. Please give him a call at 773/320-7192 or e-mail kmcgreal@dietrichindustries.com.

*Ed Lugowski, AIA
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Upcoming Meeting ♦ Wednesday, November 19, 2008

A Bright Future - Daylighting for Tomorrow's Buildings - 1 CEU and 1 HSW credit

Presenter: Bill Nagel, TGP Architectural Solutions

Sponsor: Technical Glass Products

Program: The following is a brief overview on the presentation of "Daylighting: The Use of Natural Light to Illuminate a Building"

Topics to be covered:

- ♦ Benefits of daylighting
- ♦ Challenges for daylighting
- ♦ Beyond windows and glass
- ♦ Key considerations

The format of the presentation will include a discussion, DVD presentation, and a question and answer time. Technical Glass Products will supply us with information packets to take back to our offices.

CEU's: This program is registered with AIA/CES for 1 learning unit and qualifies for 1 Health Safety Welfare unit.

Location: Holiday Inn Select Hotel and Convention Center

Time: 5:00 Board Meeting
6:00 Libation and Conversation / Open Bar
7:00 Dinner
8:00 Program Presentation

Cost: \$30.00/member \$35.00 / non-member

Menu: (Selected by the other candidates for President, Senator John McCain, for our Thanksgiving meal.)

French Onion Soup
Citrus Salad with Raspberry Dressing
Split Cornish Hen with Orange Sauce
Wild Rice Blend
Seasonal Vegetables
Dinner Rolls
Chef Special Dessert
Coffee, Decaf and Tea

Vegetarian meals are available. Please request with your reservation.

Reservations by:
noon
Thursday
November 13th

Contact call list member or
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Payment required if cancellation
after Monday noon.



Chapter Corner

upcoming events

TRAVELING DISPLAY SCHEDULE:

The traveling display exhibit “**Excellence in Design**” features the works of architects with the American Institute of Architects practicing in South Cook, Ford, Grundy, Iroquois, Kankakee, LaSalle, Livingston, and Will Counties.

November 1 through November 28
the display will be at the
Bourbonnais Public Library
250 W. John Casey Road
Bourbonnais IL 60914

December 7 it will be at the
AIA/EIC Annual Awards Dinner.

Edvin Mertdogan, AIA



*Watch your
mail for your
invitation to our*

**2008
Annual Dinner
and Awards Program**
*to be held on
Sunday, December 7, 2008
at the
Flossmoor County Club.*

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

AIA training is coming to Schaumburg December 9. “The Architects’ Guide to Glass & Metal” magazine is presenting an afternoon-long program at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel & Convention Center. AIA/EIC members are invited to attend at no charge.


You will hear presentations from experts on the latest in glass technology including new coatings for glass, energy-efficient products, and green glazing. You can earn **up to 3 AIA LU credits** while you get up-to-date information on the latest products and techniques in the architectural glass and metal industry.

Space is limited. If you would like to attend, please let them know soon. You can send your response to ccumpston@glass.com, or phone 201/886-1285 if you want further information.

*Charles Cumpston
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