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## SAH NOTICES

**1981 Annual Meeting—Victoria, British Columbia (April 1-5).** Damie Stillman, University of Delaware, will be general chairman of the meeting. Alan Gowans, University of Victoria, will be honorary local chairman, and Earl D. Layman, Historic Preservation Officer for the City of Seattle, will serve as local chairman. The headquarters for the meeting will be the Empress Hotel in Victoria.

A list of all SAH sessions appeared in the April 1980 *Newsletter*, with the names and addresses of the persons who will chair them; the only exception was *Renaissance Urbanism*, which will be chaired by David H. Friedman (Department of Architecture, Room 3-305, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 77 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge; MA 02139—persons submitting papers may define these terms broadly).

The Society is pleased that this meeting will be a joint one with the Society for the Study of Architecture in Canada. The SSAC is sponsoring and organizing the following sessions for the Victoria meeting, in which SAH members can participate: *Is There a National Style in Canada?* chaired by Christina Cameron (Parks Canada, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H4, Canada); *The Practice of Architecture in Canada*, chaired by Michael McMordie (Faculty of Environmental Design, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4, Canada); and *Art in Architecture in Canada*, chaired by George T. Kapelos of the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Recreation (95 Hazelton Ave., Toronto, Ontario M5R 2E4, Canada).

Persons wishing to submit papers for the sessions listed above or those listed in the April *Newsletter* should write directly to the persons chairing the sessions. The **deadline** for submission is **August 15, 1980**.

The local committee is planning several tours in conjunction with the meeting, including walking tours, bus tours to outlying historic sites in Victoria and tours to Port Townsend, Washington and Vancouver. Further details will be given in subsequent issues of the *Newsletter*.

**1982 Annual Meeting—New Haven, Connecticut (April 21-25).** Damie Stillman, University of Delaware, will be general chairman of the meeting, and Elizabeth Mills Brown will serve as local chairman.

**SPECIAL 1980 ANNUAL TOUR: Southwest (October 4-11).** The chairman of the tour is John P. Conron, FAIA, FASID, who will be assisted by Bainbridge Bunting, University of New Mexico.

**1980 Foreign Tour—France, May 23-June 15.** Earl D. Layman, Historic Preservation Officer, City of Seattle, was chairman of the tour. Many SAH members have indicated an

## SAH FUND RAISING EFFORT

At the middle point in the first-year effort to raise \$100,000 by October 1, 1980, to match a hoped-for NEH Challenge Grant Award, SAH has raised just over half that amount, mainly through new and upgraded memberships. That is a notable accomplishment, but we must redouble our efforts in order to raise the remaining half by October 1. All members are urged to enroll new members, as well as to inform the SAH office of possible Corporate, Sustaining and Patron members. We need everyone's help!

interest in a re-run of this tour at the same time of the year in 1982. Members who are interested and have not notified the SAH central office should do so.

**1981 Foreign Tour—Japan, May 28-June 16.** W. Dean Eckert, Professor of Art and Architectural History at Lindenwood Colleges, will be chairman of the tour. Announcements will reach the SAH membership immediately after September 1, 1980 (Labor Day). **Members abroad who wish to have the announcement sent airmail should notify the SAH central office at least a month in advance of this date.** (Information on tour in February 1980 *Newsletter*.)

**1981 Annual Tour—Great Mansions of Virginia (October 14-18).** William Rasmussen, Coordinator of Education Services at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, will be chairman of the tour. Announcements will reach the SAH membership by May 1, 1981.

## Annual Business Meeting The Concourse Hotel Madison, Wisconsin April 25, 1980

The thirty-third annual business meeting of the Society was opened by President Placzek at 1:45 p.m. The *minutes* of the business meeting held in Savannah, Georgia, April 6, 1979 were approved as distributed in the June 1979 *Newsletter*.

In his opening remarks, President Placzek welcomed the members present, and added that the Society, like the country at large, is now facing a financial crisis, and has therefore, filed another application for a Challenge Grant.

President Placzek recognized Richard Longstreth, chairman of the Committee on Preservation, and Dora Wiebenson, chairman of the Education Committee. He remarked that the Society regretted Rosann Berry's retirement, but that she would still be with the Society for another year, and thanked her and her staff

for all their work in preparation for the meeting. He also thanked Freda Church, her assistant, who was present at the meeting, and Annette Hoth and Camille Pello of the central office. He said the Madison meeting was going splendidly under the general chairmanship of David Gebhard.

The President announced that Christian Otto's second three-year term as editor of the *Journal* would end in March of 1981, and that Naomi Miller has been appointed associate editor and will succeed Otto next year. Dora Crouch has completed her term as *Newsletter* editor, and she will be succeeded by Geraldine Fowle. He thanked the editors for their efforts on behalf of the Society.

In a matter related to the *Journal*, the President reported that the Board of Directors on April twenty-third appointed a committee to look at the format of the *Journal*: Kenneth LaBudde, Bainbridge Bunting and Victoria Newhouse, chairman, constitute the committee.

**First Vice-President's Report.** David Gebhard spoke of the splendid work of the local committee for the Madison meeting, and thanked them all. He recognized Richard W. E. Perrin, honorary local chairman, Eric McCready and Narciso Menocal, local chairmen.

**Second Vice-President's Report.** Damie Stillman said the 1981 annual meeting will be held in Victoria, British Columbia, April 1-5, with Earl Layman as local chairman and Alan Gowans as honorary local chairman. The SAH will be meeting jointly with the Society for the Study of Architecture in Canada at the Victoria meeting, and several interesting tours are planned. He added that the 1982 annual meeting will be in New Haven (April 21-25), with Elizabeth Mills Brown as local chairman, and the 1983 meeting probably will be held in Phoenix, Arizona. Future meetings may be in Washington, D.C. and Chicago.

**Domestic Tours.** Stillman reported that the 1980 special domestic tour will be in the Southwest, October 4-11 with John Conron as chairman; in 1981, William Rasmussen will lead a tour of the "Great Mansions of Virginia" (October 14-18); and Ronald Miller will lead a tour in the Natchez area in the fall of 1983. Possibilities for future domestic tours are "Shingle Style on Long Island," Mid-Hudson Valley and Buffalo, New York.

**Foreign Tours.** As the members are aware, Stillman said, the 1980 foreign tour will be in France, May 23-June 15, with Earl Layman as chairman. In 1981, Dean Eckert will lead a tour to Japan (May 28-June 16). Since so many people are on the waiting list for the 1980 French tour, it is very likely that that tour will be rerun in 1982 (at the same time of year), and the regular foreign tour probably will be in Northern Germany in August of that year.

**Development Steering Committee.** As chairman, Damie Stillman reported that the Society needs to improve its financial status materially, and that a second application for a Challenge Grant in the amount of \$100,000 was filed in January, which sum will need to be matched by \$300,000 from the Society. It is necessary to increase the membership dramatically, and a membership drive is therefore being mounted. As of April 18, 1980, \$52,000 has been raised—one-half the first year's matching money. Since October 1, 1979, 313 new members have been enrolled; the SAH needs to raise this total to 450 new members by June 30, 1980. He asked that members upgrade their memberships and assist in enrolling new members in all categories. He named the task forces at work: 1) Institutional; 2) Corporate; 3) Patron, Contributor, Donor, Life, and Benefactor; 4) Special Projects; and 5) Estate Planning.

**Treasurer's Report.** Robert Jorgensen referred to the "Statement of Financial Condition" which had been distributed,

and pointed out that it referred to the status at December 31, 1979. He called attention to the Endowment Fund: for auditing purposes it is given in market value; however, the Fund is worth \$85,000 in maturity value and there is \$12,000 in a money-market fund, making the Endowment Fund worth approximately \$97,000.

**Secretary's Report.** David Van Zanten stated that there are now 25 chapters, instead of 24, with the addition of the new Urban History Chapter. He added that a chapters' representatives meeting had been held on April 23, under the chairmanship of Marjorie Semerad and Donald Emerich. He asked Mrs. Semerad to report on the meeting. Mrs. Semerad expressed the hope for closer cooperation and more direct communication between the chapters and the national organization; also, the chapters hope for more such occasions to meet together, with, perhaps, the formation of a council of chapters. In conclusion, she said there would be a meeting of the Committee on Chapters later in the afternoon (5:30 p.m.) in Directors Room IV, and invited interested members to attend.

**SAH Alice Davis Hitchcock Book Award.** Chairman Bainbridge Bunting reported for the committee which included Myra Nan Rosenfeld and Drury Alexander. Professor Bunting stated that the award is given for the best work of scholarship in architectural history published in the preceding two years by a North American scholar, whether or not on an American subject. He announced that he and his committee were in agreement that two awards should be given this year: one to Norma Evenson for her book *Paris: A Century of Change, 1878-1978* and one to Abbott L. Cummings for his *The Framed Houses of Massachusetts Bay, 1625-1725*. He presented the framed Stuart plaques to each recipient.

**SAH Founders' Award.** Harold N. Cooledge, chairman, announced on behalf of his committee, which included Daphne C. Roloff and Richard J. Betts, that the award for the year 1978 goes to Robert Bruegmann for his article in the October 1978 *Journal*, "Central Heating and Forced Ventilation: Origins and Effects on Architectural Design." The citation reads as follows: "For breaking new ground in the investigation of those life-giving systems within the living building which have profoundly influenced its functional spaces and the forms which define them, and for directing the attention of the analytical historian inward to those systems which, though often hidden, are vital to the human use of the spaces defined, the Committee commends Mr. Bruegmann." Mr. Bruegmann was present and received the award.

President Placzek introduced Dora Crouch, who announced that she and some colleagues are working on a thesaurus of art and architectural terms. She asked that anyone present who was involved with such a project get in touch with her at the School of Architecture, RPI, Troy, NY 12181.

**Report of the Nominating Committee.** William Pierson, chairman, named the members of his committee: Alexander Cochran, Earl Layman, Eileen Michels, and Barbara Wriston. He said the slate of officers proposed for 1980-81 is as follows: President, David Gebhard; First Vice-President, Damie Stillman; Second Vice-President, Carol H. Krinsky; Secretary, David T. Van Zanten; Treasurer, Robert W. Jorgensen. The slate of directors nominated to serve three years is as follows: George Ehrlich, James H. Halpin, Earl Drais Layman, Victoria Newhouse, Adolf K. Placzek, Janann Strand, Dora L. Wieben-son. In addition, Catherine W. Bishir is nominated to serve the one-year unexpired term of Carol Krinsky. It was MOVED by Pierson and SECONDED by Jorgensen to accept the slate of officers and directors. PASSED without dissenting vote. David Van Zanten, Secretary, MOVED to vote the 84 proxies in favor

and one proxy against the slate. **SECONDED** by Damie Stillman. **PASSED** without dissenting vote.

**Bylaw Committee.** President Placzek announced that Marian Donnelly would report for the Committee, which also includes Eric McCready and George Tatum, chairman—a Committee appointed in response to the Task Force recommendations. On all the revisions or additions submitted to the SAH membership, the Board and the Executive Committee recommends their passage.

Mrs. Donnelly introduced David Van Zanten, Secretary, who read the proposed revisions or additions and a vote was taken individually on each item:

1. **Emergency Modifications to Bylaws, Article III.** Article XIV of the *Bylaws* permits the Board of Directors to modify the *Bylaws* in the event of an emergency. Any such amendment must be submitted to the members for ratification no later than the next annual meeting. On April 4, 1979, the Board of Directors, in order to promptly implement a capital fund-raising program proposed by the Society's Development Steering Committee, amended Article III of the *Bylaws* to increase the classes of membership to include Supporting, Contributing, Donor and Corporate, under the powers vested to it under Article XIV. The Board now requests approval of these modifications. David Van Zanten **MOVED** the passage of Number 1 and the voting of the proxies—83 in favor and 2 against. **SECONDED** by Jorgensen. **PASSED** by the members assembled with one dissenting vote.

2.a. **Amendment to Bylaws, Article III.** Primarily to save time and expense, the Board recommends that the specific categories of membership be eliminated from the *Bylaws*, and that Article III, Membership, be amended in its entirety to now read:

Section 1. Classifications. The Board of Directors of the Society shall establish the classifications of membership. All classes of membership are open to those interested in furthering the aims and objectives of the Society.

The Board of Directors may, from time to time, elect to Honorary Membership persons who have made a distinctive contribution to some aspect of architectural history. An Honorary Membership may be conferred at such time and under such terms as the Board of Directors shall determine in each case.

Section 2. Privileges of Members. All members (including one accredited representative from each institutional member) shall have the full privileges of the Society.

Section 3. Cessation of Membership. Membership in the Society shall cease on the resignation or death of a member, or upon failure to pay dues by September 1.

Section 4. Dues. Dues for all classes of membership shall be set by the Board of Directors. Except for members with lifetime privileges, membership fees and dues are payable in advance on January 1 of each year.

David Van Zanten **MOVED** to accept Article III in its entirety, and to vote 82 proxies for it and 3 against. **SECONDED** by Stillman. **PASSED** without dissenting vote from the members assembled.

2.b. **Change in Bylaws, Article VIII.** As recommended by the Committee on Architectural Preservation, the charge to the Committee contained in Article VIII, Committees, Section 3, will be rewritten to read:

Committee on Preservation. This Committee, consisting of no less than seven members, shall devote its activities to making architectural history and the Society's expertise available in support of the preservation process and the protection of our architectural heritage.

David Van Zanten **MOVED** to accept the change in *Bylaws*, Article VIII, and to vote the 85 proxies in favor. **SECONDED** by Jorgensen. **PASSED** without dissenting vote from the members present.

2.c. **Addition to Bylaws, Article IV.** Because experience suggests the need, it is proposed to add the following provision to Article IV, Officers: When duly elected by the members of the Society, there may also be an Assistant Treasurer who shall assist the Treasurer and fulfill all of his duties in the event of his absence, death or resignation.

David Van Zanten **MOVED** to accept this addition to the *Bylaws* and to vote the 85 proxies in favor of it. **SECONDED** by Gebhard. **PASSED** without dissenting vote from the members present.

President Placzek announced that the new Nominating Committee had been appointed in consultation with incoming President Gebhard, as follows: Robert Winter, chairman, James Halpin, Christian Otto, William Pierson, and Roxanne Williamson. He asked members of chapters and other members to discuss their ideas with Robert Winter. He then turned the meeting over to David Gebhard, who made the following remarks: "Adolf Placzek, who completed his second term at this meeting, is the 20th president of the SAH. He has served the Society intermittently since 1963 in several capacities: first as Secretary, then as a member of the Board of Directors, then as Second and First Vice-Presidents, and finally as President since 1978. Most of us who have been involved with architectural history have at one time or another benefited from his advice as the Librarian of America's foremost architectural library, the Avery Library of Columbia University. We have also encountered him through numerous scholarly publications, especially those devoted to the carefully-annotated republications of significant European and American classics in architecture and architectural history. Adolf Placzek represents the classic ideal for which we all strive—a close knowledge of his subject, a remarkably broad humanistic understanding of it, coupled with the ideal of scholarly generosity. His Presidency of the Society was marked by these same ideals, always intermixed with a hefty dose of the 19th-century work ethic, and a genuine loving regard for his colleagues. Fortunately for the Society, he has accepted an additional term as a member of the Board of Directors, so the Society will continue to benefit from his wisdom in the immediate years ahead."

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David T. Van Zanten  
Secretary

May 20, 1980

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**Nominating Committee for 1980-1981 Slate.** Suggestions for nominations should be sent to Robert W. Winter, chairman of the Nominating Committee, at 626 South Arroyo Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91105.

**SAH Placement Service Bulletin.** The next *Bulletin* will appear with the October 1980 issue of the *Newsletter*. **Deadline:** September 10, 1980.



SAH Alice Davis Hitchcock Book Award Winner  
Norma Evenson



SAH Alice Davis Hitchcock Book Award Winner  
Abbott Lowell Cummings

#### HITCHCOCK AWARD

The Society of Architectural Historians made two presentations of its Alice Davis Hitchcock Book Award for the most distinguished works of scholarship in the history of architecture published in North America during the preceding two years. Abbott Lowell Cummings and Norma Evenson were honored for *The Framed Houses of Massachusetts Bay, 1625-1725* (Harvard University Press) and *Paris: A Century of Change, 1878-1978* (Yale University Press), respectively.

Evenson is professor of architectural history at the University of California, Berkeley, a post she has held since 1963. She has

been the recipient of several major awards and fellowships. Other publications of Professor Evenson are *Le Corbusier: The Machine and the Grand Design*, and *Two Brazilian Capitals: Architecture and Urbanism in Rio de Janeiro and Brasilia*.

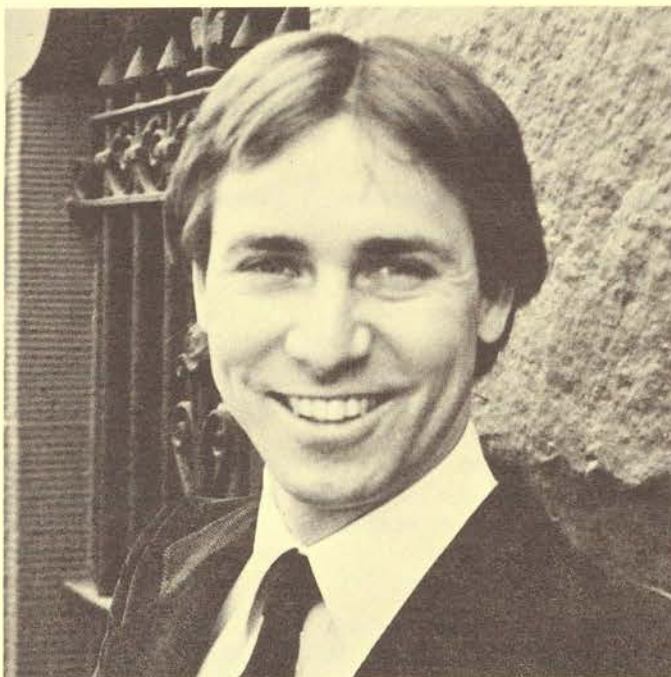
Dr. Cummings is the Executive Director of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, and previously was professor of the history of art at Antioch College; he is presently editor of *Old-Time New England* and Adjunct Professor of American Architecture at Boston University. He is the recipient of many honors and grants. Among his other publications is *Architecture in Early New England*. He was also special editor of Vol. 51 of *Architecture in Colonial Massachusetts*, and has been a frequent contributor to publications in the field.

#### FOUNDERS' AWARD

The recipient of the 1978 Founders' Award of the Society of Architectural Historians is Robert Brueggemann. This citation is presented each year for the best article on the history of architecture published in the Society's *Journal* by a young scholar. Professor Brueggemann received the award during the Society's thirty-third annual meeting held in Madison, Wisconsin for his article "Central Heating and Forced Ventilation: Origins and Effects on Architectural Design," which appeared in the October, 1978 issue of the *Journal*.

Brueggemann received his Ph.D. in architectural history at the University of Pennsylvania, and is currently an Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle. He has been the recipient of several honors and awards, including the Penfield Scholarship in Diplomacy, International Affairs and Belles Lettres for European research and Head Teaching Fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania.

Professor Brueggemann is preparing an exhibition of the work of Holabird and Roche/Holabird and Root for the Chicago Historical Society, accompanied by a book-length monograph, which will open in the fall of 1980. He has contributed numerous articles and reviews to publications in the fields of art and architectural history.



SAH Founders' Award Winner Robert Brueggemann