SAH NOTICES

Nominations. The Nominating Committee for 1976 will be chaired by Carl D. Sheppard (342 N. Mississippi River Blvd., St. Paul, Minnesota 55104). Suggestions for nominations should be sent to Professor Sheppard as soon as possible.

1977 Annual Meeting, Los Angeles—February 2-7. Adolf K. Placzek, Columbia University, is general chairman of the meeting. David Gebhard, University of California, Santa Barbara, will act as local chairman. The call for papers was published in the April Newsletter.

Although this will be a joint meeting with the College Art Association of America, two hotels will be used: SAH will have its headquarters at the Biltmore and the CAA will use the Hilton Hotel as headquarters. The hotels are separated by only a few blocks, with city shuttle service available. Registrants with either organization are entitled to attend any CAA or SAH session.

A working session on Beaux-Arts Architecture has been arranged for the coming Los Angeles meeting under the chairmanship of David Van Zanten, University of Pennsylvania, 8-10 p.m., Friday, February 4.

1978 Annual Meeting, San Antonio—April 5-10. Adolf K. Placzek, Columbia University, will be general chairman of the meeting. O'Neil Ford of Ford, Powell and Carson will be honorary local chairman, and Mary Carolyn Jutson will act as local chairman.

1976 Annual Tour—Lexington, Kentucky (and vicinity)—October 6-10. Eric S. McCready, University of Wisconsin, Madison, and James P. Noffsinger, University of Kentucky, will serve as co-chairmen.


1977 Foreign Tour—Sicily (Ancient, Medieval and Baroque)—June 10-27. Spiro Kostof, University of California, Berkeley, and Henry Millon, American Academy in Rome, will serve as co-chairmen. The announcement will reach the SAH membership by October 1, 1976.

1977 Special Tour—Newfoundland (July 24-30). Douglas S. Richardson, University of Toronto, will serve as chairman of the tour. He will be assisted by Shane O'Dea and George T. Kapelos.

Announcement of the tour will reach the SAH membership by September 1, 1976. Members abroad who wish to have the announcement sent airmail should notify the SAH office (address above) well in advance.

SAH Placement Service Bulletin. The next Bulletin will appear with the October 1976 issue of the Newsletter. Deadline: position-available and member-applicant listings must reach the SAH central office (address above) no later than September 15, 1976. We urge prospective employers to remember this deadline and to submit listings of positions open (under categories of Academic, Business and Professional, Government, and Other), which will be published free of charge.

NOTE: Through clerical error, the following Member-Applicant Listing was omitted from the last Placement Service Bulletin (No. 2, April 1976): ART HISTORIAN/ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN seeks university teaching position in History of Art Department. Ph.D., 1955. Area of research 18th and 19th century English-American architecture. Preferred location East Coast or Mid West, with substantial library for research. Available September 1976. (Apr 76)


New Chapter of SAH. At their meeting in May, the Board of Directors of SAH accepted a petition for the formation of a Wisconsin Chapter of SAH.

Student Scholarship Winners. The all-expense student scholarships for the 1976 annual tour of the Bluegrass area of Kentucky were awarded to Kingston Heath of Brown University and Marjorie Pearson of City University of New York Graduate School.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

DAVID V. ABRAMSON and LOUIS H. GOETTELHANN have been appointed members of the New Jersey State Review Committee for Historic Sites for two-year terms... MARCIA E. ALLENTUCK opened the Sir Edward Marsh Art Collection exhibition in Liverpool, England on May 4, and on May 11 she delivered the Mark Rothko Memorial Lecture at the Tate Gallery in London... BURTCH W. BEALL, JR. has been elected president of the Utah Society of the American Institute of Architects... Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, has conferred an honorary degree on SAMUEL J. DORNSIFE for his outstanding achievements in restoration and preservation as a specialist in nineteenth century interior design... MINXIE FANNIN is chairman of the Massachusetts State Senate Art Committee... LESLIE M. FREUDENHEIM is architectural critic for The Evening Sun, Baltimore... JOHN R. HAAF has been named a full partner in the Philadelphia firm of David
Wisdom and Associates, formerly of the office of Louis I. Kahn ... SYNOVE HAUGHOM and JOHN F. PAGE have been named officers for the New England Conference of the American Association of Museums ... ROGER P. LANG is the newly installed president of the Victorian Society in America, New England Chapter ... JAMES E. MANTEL of the Civil Engineers Corps, U.S. Naval Reserve, has been promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral. ... GERALD M. MCCUE has been named associate dean of the Harvard Graduate School of Design and chairman of the department of architecture. He was also named professor of architecture and urban design at the HGSD. In 1971 he was the Sir Banister Fletcher Professor at the University of London’s Bartlett School of Architecture ..., PAUL M. MYLONAS, professor of architecture, National Academy of Fine Arts, Athens, Greece, delivered the 1976 Mathews Lectures at the Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture and Planning. “Middle, Late, and Post-Byzantine Architecture ...” was the subject of his lectures. ... BUFORD L. PICKENS has some of his recent research included in the exhibit The Eye of Thomas Jefferson at the National Gallery of Art. Reproduced in JSAH (December 1975), the drawings of the conjectural elevations for an octagonal chapel and the 1780 version of the Virginia Capitol building are based on Jefferson’s plans and written notations. ... SUSAN E. RYAN will be in charge of a project on the architectural history of Yale University, under the direction of GEORGE L. HERSEY. A resource center of visual and documentary materials will be organized and made available for study and public exhibition. A central index will be compiled and steps taken to preserve important architectural drawings, photographs and models which are now in various offices and storage rooms. ... THOMAS M. SLADE, formerly assistant director of Professional Services, has been appointed assistant director of the Real Estate division in the Office of Properties at the National Trust for Historic Preservation. ... GEORGE B. TATUM lectured on “The Powell House—Philadelphia” at the Pennsby Spring Seminar, which was organized under the theme “Washington Slept Here: Great Houses of the Revolution”. ... JOHN G. WAITE is a partner in the new firm, The Preservation/Design Group, ... DORA L. WIEBENSON and FREDERICK D. NICHOLS lectured at the National Gallery of Art in Washington on Thomas Jefferson’s interest in horticulture, architecture, the arts in Paris and his own collection at Monticello as part of the special programs for the exhibit The Eye of Thomas Jefferson.

BOOKS


Sounuda Ruan, K. V. Megalithic Architecture in Southern India. Columbia: Museum of Anthropology, University of Missouri, 1975. $2.50; paper.


REPRINTS AND NEW EDITIONS


ARTICLES


Pommer, Richard, SAH. “Lowly and the Industrial Skin Game,” Art in America 64 (March-April 1976), pp. 46-47.


BOOKLETS AND CATALOGUES

On Ohio for health facilities, information about other building types is also desired, as well as records, photographs, plans, etc. by I. K. Pond and his brother Allen B. Pond. Please contact: Guy Szuberla, University of Toledo, College of Arts and Sciences, Department of English Language, 2801 W. Bancroft St., Toledo, Ohio 43606.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

National Historic Civil Engineering Landmarks. The American Society of Civil Engineers has added a number of landmarks to their list of significant contributions to civil engineering. Among those recently added to the list that now numbers over 50 are the following. The Marlette Lake Water System of the Virginia and Gold Hill Water Company, Virginia City, Nevada, 1873, was the first American system developed to sustain high pressures required by mountainous topography. The Croton Water Supply System in New York, 1842, was the prototype for many large scale projects elsewhere. Designed by Chief Engineer John B. Jervis, the system was 40 miles long when completed and supplied about 80 million gallons of water per day. The Folsom Hydroelectric Power System, California, consisting of a dam designed by Henry T. Knight, 1893, and powerhouse, 1895, was the first American long distance, high-voltage three phase transmission and generating system. The Smithfield Street Bridge, over the Monongahela River at Pittsburgh, was designed by Gustav Lindenthal in 1883. The Hoosac Tunnel in Florida, Massachusetts, constructed 1855-1875, was the largest transportation tunnel in the Western Hemisphere when completed. The Granite Railway in Quincy, Massachusetts, completed 1826, before the advent of steam locomotives, was designed by Gridley Bryant to transport quarry granite for the Bunker Hill Monument. The Castillo de San Marcos in St. Augustine, Florida, 1695, is the oldest extant major engineered structure in the United States. The Tunkhannock Viaduct in Nicholson, Pennsylvania was constructed by the Erie-Lackawanna Railroad and put in service in 1915. It is the largest reinforced concrete structure of its kind, and at that time represented a departure from contemporary concepts of railroad location. The Mount Washington Cog Railway in New Hampshire was the first mountain climbing railway when completed in 1869. For further information on the program contact: ASCE, 345 East 47th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

VENICE UPDATE. Reports from Venice indicate that while work lags far behind schedule, signs of progress are apparent, and damage from the recent earthquakes limited. The most serious was a wide crack that developed in the 16th century Palace of the New Prisons, which has been closed for risk of collapse. Most of the city's heating units have been converted to gas, and the air is cleaner. Aqueducts have replaced many underground wells and the land has apparently stopped sinking. Plans are being drafted for new systems to process sewage and control high tides. In addition several restoration projects recently have been completed and plans are going ahead on others. An important target for residential rehabilitation is the Campo de Roga, a working class district near the shipyards where several hundred people live in 17th century buildings grouped around a small square. Other restoration projects are the Church of San Pietro di Castello, near completion; the Chapel Molin adjacent to Santa Maria del Giglio, completed; and the Scuola Id San Giovanni Evangelista, in process. Further information about projects can be obtained from: Venice Committee, International Fund for Monuments, Inc., 15 Gramercy Park, New York, N.Y. 10003.

FEDERAL PROBLEMS. The Ford administration has proposed a 50 percent cutback in historic preservation grants by the National Park Service for its 1977 fiscal budget. Numerous protests have been voiced. Stephen Jacobs, chairman, SAH Committee on Architectural Preservation, in a letter to a congressman noted: "The program can be shown to have had more positive results than many of the more expensive renewal and rehabilitation schemes that have been federally funded in the past."

On another subject, the bill (S. 400 in the Senate and H.R. 1600 in the House) "to establish the Frederick Law Olmsted Home and Office in Brookline, Massachusetts as a National Historic Site" is scheduled for committee hearings. The American Society of Landscape Architects requests support through contacts with congressmen.