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1997 ACRA Awards Call For Nominations

By Adrian White, Awards Committee Chairperson

The ACRA Awards Committee invites nominations from members for the following ACRA Awards to be presented at the 1997 ACRA Annual Meeting in St. Louis.

Award of Appreciation

Awarded to an individual who has contributed significant effort to ACRA for the betterment of the organization.

Legislative Award

Awarded to a Senator/Representative who supports existing legislation and/or is influential in proposing new legislation that protects irreplaceable cultural resources.

SHPO Award

Award to a SHPO or employee of a SHPO who has worked with a CRM company or companies in a cooperative and supportive way in protecting cultural resources.

Governmental Award

Awarded to a governmental agency (federal, state, county, or municipal), or employee of a governmental agency that has

worked with a CRM company or companies in a cooperative and supportive way in protecting cultural resources.

ACRA Company Award

Recognition of a company that has made a long-term contribution to the study, management, and/or protection of cultural resources. Efforts toward training students for CRM careers, internships, etc.

Quality Product Award

This might include publications, illustrations, architectural drawings, photographs, or any quality product that results from work conducted by an ACRA company.

Research Award

Recognition of high quality and innovative research that makes a lasting contribution. This research has to result from a contract managed by an ACRA Member Company. It could be a single project, or recognition of long-term commitment and study in a region or state.

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Preservation Award

This award should recognize an ACRA company that has done work that will preserve and/or protect a site, building, place, or other object of cultural significance for future generations. It could include archival collections, curation projects, interpretation, law enforcement, public education, etc.

Public Service Award

Award for an ACRA company that has contributed volunteer efforts and resources for the betterment of their immediate community, county, state, etc. This might include school programs, environmental programs, preservation programs, and interpretive programs.

Industry Award

An award presented by ACRA to a client company (mining, energy, transportation, etc.) that has shown a commitment to the preservation of cultural resources. This could be a single project or recognize an on-going commitment.

Nominations should include a statement that details why the company or individual is deserving of a specific award. This statement should describe the nature, scope and significance of the nominee's contribution and should include background information on the company and/or individual nominated. Examples of quality work should be supplied along with a nomination for the Quality Product Award. In order for ACRA Awards to be presented at the Third Annual Meeting, scheduled for September 19-21, 1997, in St. Louis, nominations need to be received by the Committee Chair by **June 9, 1997**. This will allow the Awards

Committee time to review the materials in July and August and notify the President and Executive Director of Award Winners by late August.

Please send nominations to:

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1997 ACRA Conference Update

The 1997 ACRA Conference and Annual Members Meeting will be held September 19-21 at the Radison Hotel in Clayton, Missouri. Clayton is the county seat for St. Louis County and is in the metropolitan St. Louis area. Shuttle service to and from the airport is provided by the hotel. The hotel is located in the heart of the restaurant district.

Hotel rates are \$85 for a single and \$95 for a double room. The price includes a continental breakfast.

The program for the conference is still in the planning stage. According to Charles Markman, conference coordinator, planned events include a Friday night reception at the hotel and a session/field trip to Cahokia Mound. The price of the field trip will be included in the registration fee.

Further program information will be published as available. For immediate questions, contact Charles Markman at 314-721-7868; FAX 314-862-6712.

STRAIGHT FROM THE T-SQUARE

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This month's "Straight From the T-Square" will feature Ms. Christine Windle. Ms. Windle is Program Director for the Federal Affairs Department at the American Institute of Architects (AIA) in Washington, D.C. She has chosen to write about the AIA's Universal Accessibility Conference. This Conference will address issues such as accessibility in historic buildings and our professional responsibilities as preservationists and cultural resource managers.

AIA And Access Board Sponsor Conference on Universal Accessibility

*By Christine Windle
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The American Institute of Architects (AIA), in partnership with the United States Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board), will hold *The Universal Accessibility Conference* June 12-13, 1997, at the Renaissance Washington, D.C. Hotel.

The conference will draw on the expertise of public and private-sector leadership, including architects, owners, contractors, engineers, building code officials, disability rights organizations, and government officials. Participants will explore and discuss the requirements of the nation's laws addressing accessibility for people with disabilities for existing, as well as newly constructed and altered buildings. Specific subjects

include the Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines for buildings and facilities (including facilities for children, recreational areas, stadiums, and historic facilities), enforcement of the Act, education, code certification, the Fair Housing Act, and recommendations for updating the ADA accessibility guidelines.

Panel discussions will feature John Wodatch, Chief, Disability Rights Section for the U.S. Department of Justice; Cheryl Kent, Office of Fair Housing of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Jack Catlin, AIA, Access Board; and Marilyn Golden, Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund.

One of the most important components of this conference is its Information Resource Center featuring government and industry-related educational materials on the ADA and Fair Housing from key cosponsoring organizations and federal agencies.

AIA President Raj Barr-Kumar, FAIA, RIBA, said "The AIA is pleased to partner with the Access Board in conducting this historic conference, which intends to improve coordination, implementation, and areas of cooperation regarding the ADA and the Fair Housing Act."

"As the only federal agency devoted solely to the issues regarding accessibility, the Access Board looks forward to the opportunity to work even more closely with the people who implement, on a daily basis, the accessibility guidelines we write," said Access Board

Chairman, Patrick D. Cannon.

Cosponsors of the forum include the Paralyzed Veterans of America, United Cerebral Palsy Foundation, Associated General Contractors of America, American Consulting Engineers Council, Building Owners & Managers Association, Victor O. Schinnerer & Company, Design Professionals Insurance Company, National Association of Home Builders, National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, Council of American Building Officials, American Institute of Architecture Students, and the American Society of Interior Designers.

For a copy of *The Universal Accessibility Conference* registration booklet, please contact the AIA's registration agent, Galaxy Registration, Inc., 301-694-5243, or mail/fax your request to Galaxy Registration, Inc., P.O. Box 3918 (1888 North Market Street), Frederick, MD 21705, Fax: 301-694-5124. To order a registration booklet using TTY, contact the Access Board at 202-272-5449 (TTY).

For more information about specific discussion topics and participants, contact Christine M. Windle, 202-626-7507, or Jon Moore, 202-626-7375 in the AIA Federal Affairs Department.

Legislative Update

ACRA/SOPA Weekly On-Line News

April 17, 1997

Capital Comments:

It came as a surprise this week to learn that Steve Hodapp was dismissed from the staff of the House National Parks and Public Lands Subcommittee. He was the "mastermind" behind much historic preservation and heritage areas legislation. No word as yet on his replacement, nor how this might affect Rep. Hefley's introduction of the historic preservation bill (see last week's On-line News for details.) We'll keep you posted.

— Loretta Neumann

Topics In this Update

1. Appropriations
 - (a) FY 1998 \$ On Hold
 - (b) Emergency Supplemental \$ Move
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3. BLM Planning Underway
4. New ISTEAs

1. Appropriations

(a) FY 1998 \$ ON HOLD: House hearings on the Interior Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998 were completed this week with the testimony from Members of Congress. The Interior Appropriations Subcommittee cannot begin to mark up the bill, however, until the Budget Resolution is approved and each of the Appropriations subcommittees receive their allocations-

(e.g., how much they can spend on the programs under their jurisdiction). The Administration has been working with the congressional leadership on the funding levels for the proposed budget, but it now appears that an agreement will not be forthcoming until later next week at the earliest. Subcommittee staff, meanwhile, will be developing the chairman's "mark," which will take into account the requests that are being made, especially by other members of the subcommittee and full Appropriations committee. That proposal will be the basis for the subcommittee's markup when it occurs, hopefully before the Memorial Day recess the end of May.

(b) Emergency Supplemental \$ Move: Several Appropriations subcommittees began work this week on the Administration's request for extra funding for fiscal 1997 to cover the costs of recent natural disasters (floods and tornadoes) and military operations in Bosnia. Although the Interior Department would receive funding for several national parks, such as Yosemite, which were damaged from flooding, no funding appears to have been requested for historic preservation purposes. "We haven't heard of any major disasters to historic properties that can't be funded under regular appropriations," one source explained.

The floods could, however, have caused substantial damage to historic properties, but the problem is that many areas are still inundated, and can't be reached for several more days before estimates

of damage can be assessed.

Meanwhile, the supplemental appropriations bill is on a fast track. The full Appropriations Committee hopes to mark it up next week, April 23, and then take it to the House floor the following week. The Senate does not have a specific timetable, but expects to work on it soon thereafter.

2. Professional Qual's Due in June

The National Park Service is nearing completion on its work in addressing comments on the informal draft of the revised Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualification Standards. According to Joe Wallis, these may go to the Federal Register for formal public review and comment in June. Copies will also be sent to state historic preservation offices, professional societies, and others who commented on the early draft. The qualifications officially apply only to SHPOs, CLGs and Section 101(d) tribal programs, but other entities often use them as a guide.

"We received many thoughtful suggestions and are making a lot of changes as a result," said deTeel Patterson (Pat) Tiller, the chief of the Heritage Preservation Services Office. "It has been difficult however, because the guidelines haven't been revised in many years, and the nature of preservation work has changed substantially. For example, we have new categories that we didn't have before, such as ethnography,

engineering, even historic preservation." For further information, contact Joe Wallis, 202-343-9564.

3. BLM Planning Underway

The Bureau of Land Management is in the process of preparing a strategic plan for the management of the public lands which, when approved, will guide the bureau's activities for the next several years. It will serve as a framework for annual budget submissions to Congress and for development of annual work plans and performance reports. A copy of the draft plan is available on the Internet at <http://www.blm.gov>. BLM Acting Director Sylvia Baca says that comments received by May 2 will be reflected, as appropriate, in the final draft and may be sent by E-mail to stratplan@wo.blm.gov.

BLM is hosting an open house

in Washington D.C. to discuss the plan on Monday, April 21, from 1:30 to 2:30 pm, Room 7000A-B, Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street NW. Others outside the Washington D. C. area may visit one of the BLM field offices to discuss the plan.

4. New ISTEAs in House and Senate

Action is expected soon in both the House and Senate on reauthorization of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA). The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee hopes to get a bill voted out of its committee by the Memorial Day recess (May 26) and to bring the bill to the House floor by July 4. The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee hopes to begin its work in May. The last of the Senate field hearings is next week,

April 21, in Rhode Island.

Meanwhile, two new bills have been introduced. On April 9 of last Week, Senator Max Baucus (D-MT), the ranking member of the Senate Environment Committee, introduced the "Surface Transportation Authorization and Regulatory Streamlining Act for the 21st Century," also known as STARS 2000. It was cosponsored by committee members Craig Thomas (R-WY) and Dirk Kempthorne (R-ID). The bill would, among other things, repeal the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program, although some funding at reduced levels would be available for areas that are out of compliance with the national clean air standards. The bill would retain the enhancements program at \$480 million per year, an increase over the current \$400 million funding.

On April 10, House Transportation Committee Chairman Bud Shuster (R-PA) introduced H.R. 1268, "National Economic Crossroads Transportation Efficiency Act of 1997." This is the Clinton Administration's proposal, which Rep. Shuster introduced as a courtesy. Among its provisions, the legislation would continue and expand the enhancements and scenic byways programs.

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