The new logo (right) for the annual Southwest Design Conference in Santa Fe was designed for the N.M.S.A. by Michael L. Dickson A.I.A. of Stevens, Mallory, Pearl & Campbell, Architects, of Albuquerque.

The N.M.S.A. Design Awards Program seeks to recognize outstanding projects by New Mexico architects and landscape architects, and to promote public interest in architectural excellence. Members of the New Mexico Society of Architects and the New Mexico Society of Landscape Architects were invited to submit new or adaptive re-use projects in architecture, interior architecture or landscape architecture for consideration by an eminent jury.

The 1987 Awards Jury was organized by William Q. Sabatini A.I.A., of Holmes, Sabatini & Eeds, Albuquerque. Jury members included Jack DeBartolo F.A.I.A., Partner, Anderson DeBartolo & Pan, Tucson; Judith Chafee F.A.I.A., Principal, Judith Chafee Architect, Tucson, and Adjunct Professor, University of Arizona; and Robert C. Walters, Jury Chairperson, Associate Professor, University of New Mexico.

The jury met September 20th, in Tucson, and reviewed a total of 60 entries from large and small firms throughout New Mexico. Forty entries came from members of the Albuquerque Chapter, A.I.A., ten from the Santa Fe Chapter, six from the Southern New Mexico Chapter, and four from members of the New Mexico Society of Landscape Architects, whose membership was also represented in many of the architects' entries. No entries were received from members of the Farmington Chapter, A.I.A.

Office buildings, public and commercial projects accounted for 45% of the entries, with residential projects the next largest category with 27%. Educational buildings made up 13% of the work reviewed, and other building types included a museum, a hospital, a church interior, a zoo building, park and pedestrian mall projects. The jury gave eight Awards of Excellence, two for private residences, two for elementary and secondary schools, one for a University of New Mexico building, and three for office structures, including a state office building, offices for medical group practice, and a speculative office building.

Presentation of the winning entries was made at the annual Awards Banquet held during the Southwest Design Conference in Santa Fe, Oct. 8-11, 1987. Banquet Guest of Honor was Van Dorn Hooker F.A.I.A., whose years as University Architect for the University of New Mexico were recalled by toastmaster Don P. Schlegel F.A.I.A., and many architects who had worked on university projects.

The conference concluded with a Design Awards Critique by Prof. Robert C. Walters, Jury Chair, which provided members with insights into the jury process.

The annual traveling exhibit of the award winning projects, sponsored by the Albuquerque Chapter Public Relations Committee, chaired by Kevin Georges A.I.A., opened at the Albuquerque Museum on November 15, 1987, and was on display at the museum through February 13, 1988.