A New Headquarters Building

The Philadelphia architectural firm of Mitchell/Giurgola Associates has been selected in a year-long nationwide competition to design a new headquarters building for The American Institute of Architects in Washington, D. C.

The Mitchell/Giurgola design concept blends contemporary architecture with the Georgian style of the historic Octagon House on the same site. It was picked from seven finalists in the competition originally including 221 submissions.

The AIA competition called for “a building of special architectural significance, establishing a symbol of the creative genius of our time, yet complimenting, protecting and preserving a cherished symbol of another time, the historic Octagon House.”

The architects envision a five-story, red-brick structure featuring a semi-circular wall, with liberal use of glass, embracing the gardens and the Octagon House at the corner of New York Avenue and 18th Street. The structure will enclose approximately 50,000 square feet of usable floor space.

According to the architects, the “building order develops naturally from the condition of the site, oriented toward the gardens and facing the Octagon, a building form completed only by its presence. The garden is a quiet place, a meeting ground of the historically traditional and the contemporary.”

The Octagon House, completed in 1800, 57 years before the formation of The American Institute of Architects, was purchased by the AIA in 1899. It was designated a Registered National Historic Landmark in 1961. Last month it followed the White House and the Capitol in a major list of “landmarks of great importance (which) must be preserved.” That list was issued by the Joint Landmarks Committee of the National Capitol Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts.

The new headquarters building will be erected at an estimated cost of $1,450,000. An additional $30,000 has been allocated for the use of sculpture or other fine arts.

The winning design features a ground-floor exhibition gallery, which the architects describe as “a significant area for communication between the public and the architect.”

Jurists were architects Hugh Stubbins, FAIA, Cambridge, Mass., Edward Larrabee Barnes, AIA, New York City; J. Roy Carroll, Jr., FAIA, Philadelphia; O’Neil Ford, FAIA, San Antonio; and John Carl Warnecke, FAIA, San Francisco. A. Stanley McGaughan, AIA, Washington, D. C., was professional advisor.

Bainbridge Bunting, co-editor of New Mexico Architecture has written a feature article in the December issue of Art In America. The article describes the “Henge” which was first published in the March-April issue of NMA. Bain is professor of history of art and architecture at the University of New Mexico and is currently serving as director of the Cambridge, Mass., Historical Architecture Survey. The survey is concerned with the historical significance, pertinent facts, and maintenance of historical sites. Professor Bunting will be returning to New Mexico this month upon publication of the survey report.

With the November-December issue we ended our sixth year as the official publication of the New Mexico Chapter, A.I.A. With this issue we become the official publication of the newly formed New Mexico Society of Architects.

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