Honorary Associate Membership to Dr. David Gebhard

An Honorary Associate membership in the New Mexico Chapter of the AIA will be bestowed on Dr. David Gebhard at the Eighth Regional Conference in Albuquerque.

Dr. Gebhard’s contribution to the New Mexico chapter consists largely of his work in organizing the New Mexico Traveling Architectural Exhibit. It is on the basis of this work that the award will be made.

In connection with the Traveling Exhibit, Dr. Gebhard was responsible for the actual construction and arrangement of the panels and illuminated color slides which constitute the exhibit. He was also largely responsible for the photographing of the various buildings and for directing the manner in which the exhibit was and is to be displayed all over the State of New Mexico. The exhibit is already drawing attention from other areas of the United States. Requests for the photographs of the buildings have been received for placement in other publications.

Dr. David Gebhard is an architect, having received his Bachelor of Architecture Degree from the University of Minnesota. His education is further enhanced by a Ph.D. in Art History from the University of Minnesota, majoring in Architectural History. Dr. Gebhard’s doctor’s dissertation is in the form of a document on the architectural works of Purcell and Elmslie and is currently to be published as a book by the University of Minnesota Press.

While studying for his Ph.D., Dr. Gebhard was associated with the Walker Art Gallery in Minneapolis. Subsequent to that period, he instructed Architectural History and other Art History courses at the University of New Mexico over a two year period and was in charge of the University of New Mexico Art Gallery. Dr. Gebhard is Director of the Roswell Museum and Art Center, a position he has held for the past four years.