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Dear Friends and Members of the WAF:

I want to sincerely thank YOU – our many donors, community leaders, business partners and volunteers – for your commitment to the Wisconsin Architects Foundation. Your financial contributions and your gifts of time, talent and materials have, once again, made a significant difference as we worked together to improve the profession and the quality of life in our communities.

Our mission is to improve the quality of the built environment through research and education. You have, indeed, helped us achieve our mission.

This year, because of your generosity, commitment and concern, the Wisconsin Architects Foundation was able to award scholarships to architecture students who needed our assistance. Through your financial and in-kind contributions, the Foundation also provided additional program support for architects, teachers and others through our various Vision Initiatives. Perhaps you noticed, for example, that we sponsored Leith Sharp’s “Change Management for Sustainability” seminar at the 2010 AIA Wisconsin. During our 2009-10 fiscal year, your contributions enabled the WAF to deliver direct support to the profession and build our endowment for future scholarships and grants.

Generous people put the “face” on the Wisconsin Architects Foundation . . . here are just a few:

- WAF Vice President Paula Verboomen, AIA, Milwaukee, is working to improve our website and advance the concept of Planned Giving.
- Monroe architect Rob Wheat, AIA, coordinated the design charette at the AIAS Midwest Quad Conference at Taliesin, with help from financial support from the WAF.
- John Horky, AIA, Wauwatosa, the WAF Secretary/Treasurer, and WAF Director George Beyer, Elm Grove, are exploring opportunities for the WAF to build stronger “Milwaukee Connections” with design and construction industry leaders.
- WAF Director Thomas Raley, AIA, Monona, is working with Patrick Conway, AIA, Mount Horeb, to strengthen and expand the WAF initiative to get architecture magazines into the hands of high school students around the state.
- The WAF will be working with 2011 AIA Wisconsin President Thomas Hirsch, AIA, Madison, on plans to celebrate 100 years of service by AIA members in Wisconsin.

Throughout the years, the Wisconsin Architects Foundation has made a difference. And, in our current economic environment, you can count on us to continue doing so. On behalf of the Wisconsin Architects Foundation Board of Directors, I thank you for your strong support, which has totaled \$100,000 over the last three years.

Giving to the Wisconsin Architects Foundation works. I ask that you please consider making the Foundation your “first choice” for giving.

Gratefully,



A. James Gersich, AIA
President

2009-10 WAF Annual Report

Thanks to the generous financial support of contributors like you, the Wisconsin Architects Foundation (WAF) has accomplished a great deal since its founding in 1953. Our commitment to building a better Wisconsin through architectural education is reflected in active scholarship and outreach programs that positively impact students, the public and the profession.

WAF Programs

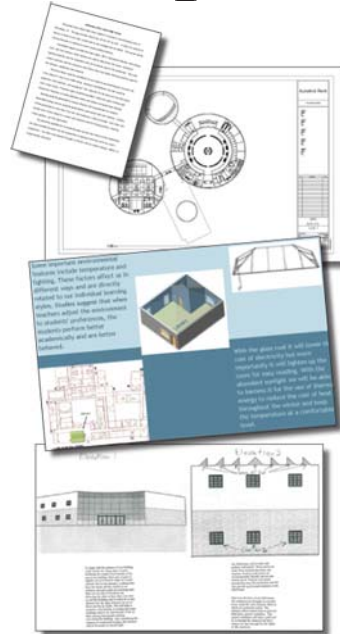
While the awarding of scholarships to deserving architecture students continues to be a cornerstone program, your support of the WAF also helps underwrite learning experiences for elementary and high school students, professional development programs for architectural interns, quality continuing education opportunities for architects and initiatives to increase public awareness of the art and science of architecture.

Helping the Best and Brightest

For over half a century, WAF scholarships have helped talented Wisconsin students pursue their dream of earning an architecture degree. Many architects practicing in Wisconsin today have benefited from these WAF scholarships, which are awarded on the basis of academic ability and financial need.

Bringing Fresh Faces to the Profession

WAF programs are helping elementary art teachers incorporate architecture into their regular curriculum and introducing elementary and middle school students to the basic elements of architecture. WAF grants also help support active architecture student organizations at UWM, MSOE and technical colleges throughout the state. Volunteers also are working with WAF to recycle architectural magazines to high school teachers and students across Wisconsin.



Architects in Schools "Design Your School" Competition and Terrace Town Display at the AIA Wisconsin Building Products Expo



UWM-SARUP Summer Camp



Continuing Education Sponsorship

Educating the Public and the Profession

Your contributions to the WAF help make possible grants that support popular educational seminars, lectures and other public awareness programs on architecture. The WAF also sponsors licensing exam study programs for architectural interns, leadership training for young architects and quality continuing education programs for the profession. Architects in transition have received WAF scholarships to offset registration fees for AIA Wisconsin continuing education programming.





Library Grant

Scholarships & State Capitol Display



Financial Report

In the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2010, the WAF received a total of \$34,545 in income from all sources. The decrease in income was due to reduced investment income and national matching grant programs. Expenditures for scholarships, grants, administration and depreciation totaled \$32,249. The resulting net income of \$2,296 increased the WAF fund balance to a total of \$453,444 at the close of the fiscal year.

In 2009-10, contributions from individuals, firms and organizations totaled \$23,107, including \$1,675 in memorial contributions and a \$1,200 AIA Component Scholarship Matching Grant. Investment income of \$5,438 and rental income of \$6,000 accounted for the balance of WAF revenue for the fiscal year.

The WAF Board of Directors awarded a total of \$25,062 in scholarships and grants in 2009-10. Other WAF expenses included a total of \$3,437 for accounting, administrative, insurance and printing services plus \$3,750 in depreciation expenses related to the historic Stoner House in Madison.

In terms of scholarships and grants, the WAF provided \$15,000 in tuition scholarships for students pursuing architecture degrees at UWM SARUP. This included matching an AIA component grant with WAF funds to provide scholarships for graduate students. Another \$1,560 in WAF scholarships were awarded on behalf of the Milwaukee Chapter CSI, AIA Southwest Wisconsin, Elmer Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund and Richard Hunzinger Memorial Scholarship Fund.

In addition, the WAF provided \$2,100 in student chapter grants to support learning activities at UWM, MSOE, and technical college programs in Green Bay, La Crosse, Milwaukee, Madison and Waukesha. The WAF also provided a total of \$6,402 in grants to support teacher training for Terrace Town at Monona Terrace (\$2,000), AIA Milwaukee's Diane Trevarrow Evans Memorial lecture (\$1,352), AIA Wisconsin Convention seminar presentation by Leith Sharpe (\$500), the AIA Milwaukee "UNSEEN Architecture: MKE" exhibit at the AIA national headquarters in Washington, DC (\$1,800), and the distribution of architectural magazines to high school technical education classrooms throughout the state (\$750).



UNSEEN Architecture: MKE on display at AIA HQ in Washington, DC



Annual Meeting

The next WAF Annual Meeting will be held on May 4, 2011, at the Monona Terrace Community & Convention Center in Madison. The Wisconsin Architects Foundation is governed by a nine-member Board of Directors.

The WAF Board of Directors thanks all of the individuals, firms, companies and organizations who support the successful scholarship and grant programs provided by the Wisconsin Architects Foundation. These valuable WAF programs depend on the annual contributions of architects and allied design and construction industry leaders.

Looking for an effective way to give back to your profession and your community?

The Wisconsin Architects Foundation is an excellent vehicle. As a 501(3) tax-exempt organization, contributions to the WAF are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

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