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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BARBADOS INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

The last time this publication was circulated was when Vicky Telford was President – sometime around 2004'ish – it has been too long - the new editor is hoping to publish it every 3-4 months. It is intended as an informal avenue where we can inform our members of what council is up to and whats happening in the BIA. We have been quite busy and would like to take this opportunity to invite all BIA members to participate whenever possible ...we need your help!

Summary:

- Tackling the increased Architects Registration Fees in conjunction with the Barbados Coalition of Service Industries (BCSI) – increased from \$500 to \$2500 in 2008
- Conducting a review of the proposed Building Code (Dec 2008 / Jan 2009)
- Managing Diary issues
- Chasing up outstanding Membership Fees
- Assessing applications for new members
- Reviewing the Constitution with regard to the following:
 - Reviewing the Membership classes to omit “Architects in Training” and add “International members”
 - Making ARB registration a prerequisite to becoming a full member
- Reviewing the “Code of Professional Conduct” to remove the restrictions on architects advertising to fall in line with the RIBA & AIA
- Planning the Gala for later this year

Awards:

- **NIFCA** – We have agreed to sponsor the award for the Best Photograph in the Architectural category at the National Independence Festival of Creative Arts – There is a \$250 prize. Discussions started with the NCF in 2007 and everything should now be in place for the award to happen this year.
- **The Annual Student Book Scholarship** – The 2008 scholarship in the value of \$1,000 Bds was awarded to Andrew Tindale – Andrew is just completing his 3rd year at Nottingham University in the U.K – The BIA purchased the books on Amazon and had them delivered. This scholarship was under subscribed and we need to look at new ways to reach the architectural students out there – both to be able to assist them through scholarships like this and to hopefully encourage them to join the BIA - please ensure that any students in your offices, or that you know about, are made aware of this scholarship. We will be sending out notices about the 2009 Scholarships shortly. The following prizes will be available: Books to the value of the following: 1st = \$1000Bds, 2nd = \$800Bds and 3rd = \$600Bds
- **BCC “Associate Degree in Architecture”** - We will be making an annual presentation of Books to the top three students completing the “Design Project” of the “Associate Degree in Architecture” at the Barbados Community College. Israel Mapp is currently teaching this programme and there is some promising talent coming through this course. If you are interested in volunteering as a guest lecturer or assisting with critiquing their design projects contact the BIA office – you would be welcome!

Arbitration & Adjudication:

- The BIA has recently been asked to appoint an arbitrator and an adjudicator in two separate cases and our president Robert O’neal has formalised the format based on the RIBA system which should help to make the process a bit easier in the future.

So what is Council up to?

Organisational Structure:

President	- Robert O’neal	Floor Member	- Stewart Bird
Vice President	- Neil Hutchinson	Floor Member	- Paul Simpson
Treasurer	- Aubrey Dawkins	Council Observer	- Andre Brathwaite
Secretary	- Dian Small	Admin. Assistant	- Sophia Moore



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Upcoming Events

The Annual General Meeting – 19th August

- The AGM is scheduled for the 19th August @ the Barbados Yacht Club. We are always looking for people to serve on the various committees as those on council are not able to do everything. Please review the outline of committees later in this document to see if you would be interested in helping on one of them.

BIA Golf Tournament - August

- Aubrey Dawkins is organising this annual fund raising event for sometime in August. Rumour has it that Aubrey has delayed the date from the originally planned 4th July to put in some extra practice so that he will be gunning for the prizes this year...or should that be driving?

BIA diary – submissions due 31st August 2009

- The submissions of project photos & drawings for the “Architectural Practice” section of the diary are due at the end of August – Any changes in member’s information should also be sent to the BIA office by this date to be included in the new diary.

Evening Lecture – Contemporary versus Asian Fusion

- Architects Cubed and Aubrey Dawkins Architects will discuss and debate the merits of these two styles at an evening lecture in September 2009. There will be PowerPoint presentations of completed/proposed projects together with each architects views and a discussion session afterwards.

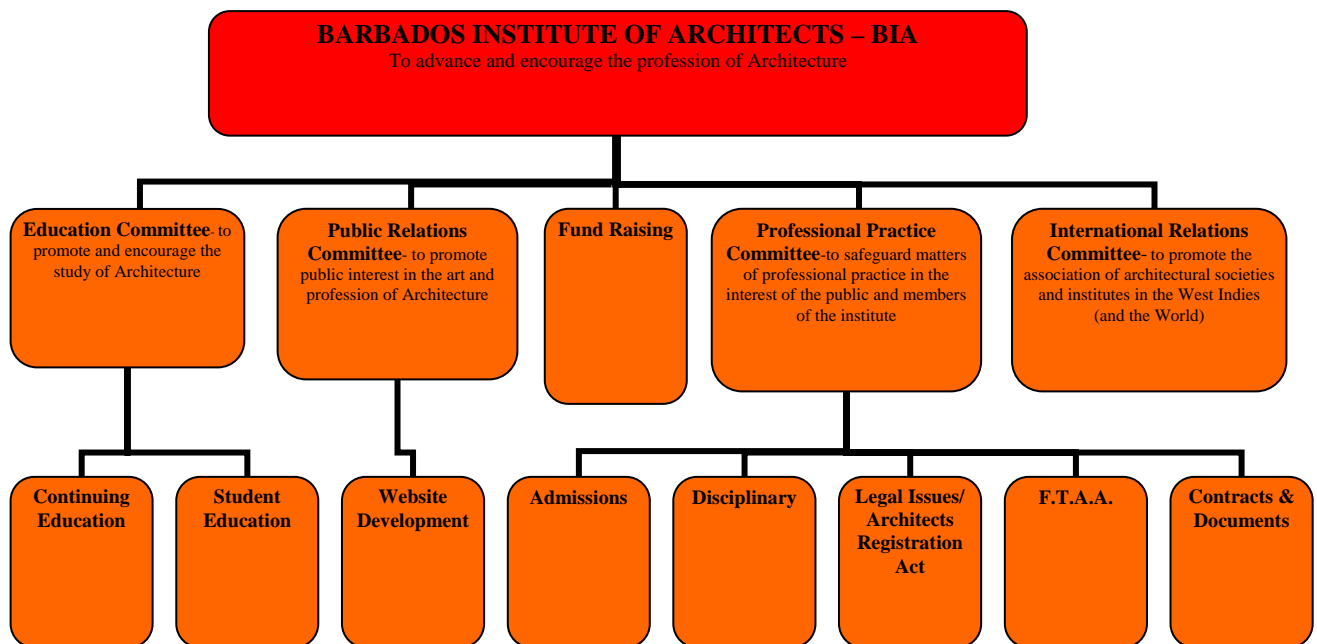
“The Gala” – 17th October

- We have not organised a “Gala” event in a couple of years now and the current committee are working feverishly to put all the details together to host it later this year in October
- The Gala Committee led by Dian Small has booked The Sandy Lane Club House for the evening but are reluctant to release too many of the details in advance.
- !!!! PUT THE 17TH OCTOBER IN YOUR DIARY!!!!



- Should you be interested in volunteering for any of the following committees please contact a member of Council or the BIA office.

Committees



Benefits of BIA membership

- A listing in the Yellow Pages BIA Register
- Group Professional Indemnity Insurance (PII) – There is a group policy available to BIA members through Trident Insurance - members receive a discount.
- Luncheons & Seminars – discounted rates for members
- The ability to network with other architects
- The use of the BIA letters after your name (Full members only)

Registration

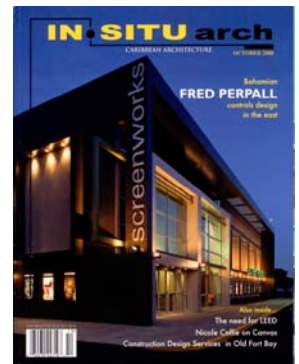
- **Registration & Full Members** - We would like to take this opportunity to remind all full members that they should be registered with the Architects Registration Board. The BIA will be publishing a list in the local press (once or twice a year) of BIA registered architects - Only members who are in good financial standing and have paid their ARB registration fees will be listed.
- **ARB Stamps** -The Architects Registration Board (ARB) has asked us to remind all members that you should have collected your official stamps by now and be using them to stamp your drawings and documents – The ARB has been in discussion with the Town Planning Department who should now be looking for the ARB stamp on applications for buildings which are required to be designed by an Architect.

Council meetings

- These generally occur every 3rd Wednesday of the month @ the BIA office - 12 noon to 2pm.
- All members are welcome to attend to air their views, contribute and generally see what we are up to.

Publications

- We have received copies of two new(ish) magazines and both are in the BIA office for your perusal ~
- **CARIBBEAN CONSTRUCTION** – you can check it out online at www.caribbeanconstruction.com
- **“IN-SITU arch – Caribbean Architecture”** is a quarterly magazine that will focus on architecture and all occupations related to the built environment in the Bahamas and throughout the Caribbean. They have invited BIA members to submit articles and projects to be featured – you can check it out online at www.insitumag.com



Value Added Tax & Architects Fees

- Further to a recent query from a member, please be reminded that your architectural fees when charged as a percentage should be applied to the VAT EXCLUSIVE figure/construction cost – NOT TO THE VAT INCLUSIVE figure. Apparently some practices have actually had to refund fees to the clients on Government projects – you have been warned!

Questions & Comments

- Please remember to send in your contributions.
- E-mail them to bia@sunbeach.net or contact any member of council.

Paper Recycling

- Paper can be recycled through Ace Recycling Barbados Ltd – they will collect it – just give them a ring at 423-0510 or drop them an e-mail at acerecycling@caribsurf.com
- Newspaper can be recycled through Diceabed, Gibbons, Christ Church – contact them at 428-6874.

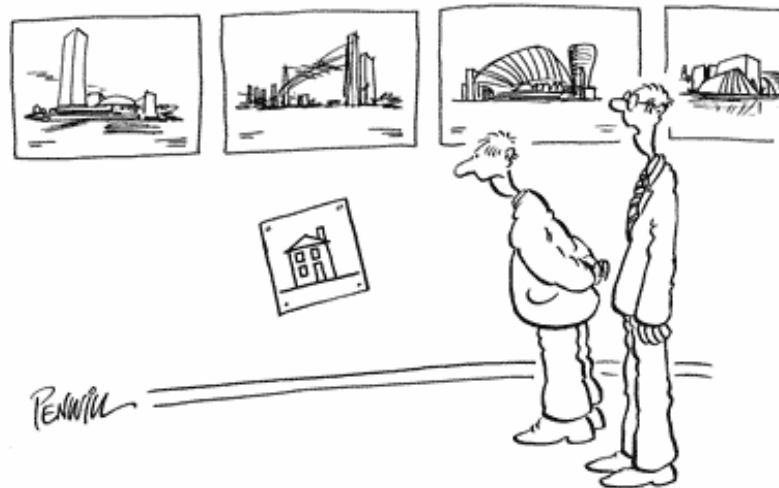
Tracing paper

- Island Medical Supplies carry rolls of a grease proof type of paper that doctors use for their examination beds – it works great for trace ...rollout as much as you want. ...and much cheaper!!! Contact them at 435-9407 - they deliver as well!!!

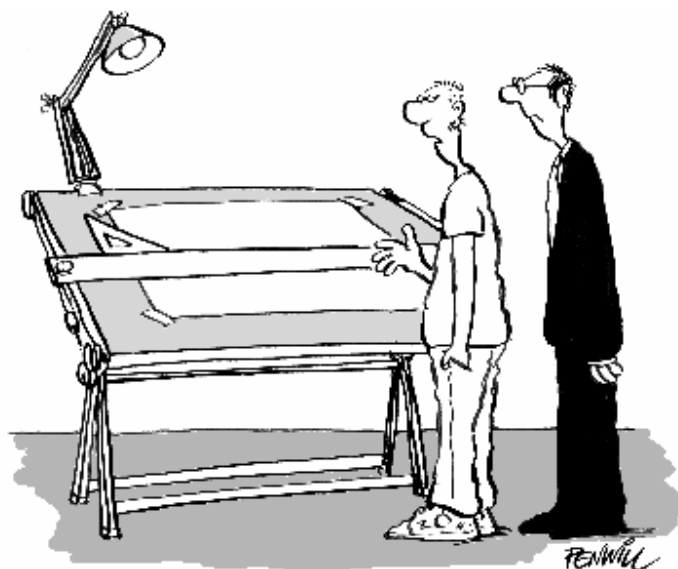
Practice Feature

- We would like to include a 1 page feature on an Architectural Practice or Architect – This may consist of a couple photos of a project (completed or in progress) with a little write up about the architect/company/project.

If you are interested please contact the BIA office.



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