



Beginnings

1930 — Organization

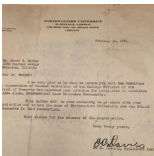
A group of men majoring in the Land Economics and Real Estate curriculum at Northwestern University, students of Richard T. Ely, sought to supplement their classroom experience with discussions of issues and solutions related to land use. An organizational meeting for International Fraternity of Lambda Alpha was held on the downtown Chicago campus of Northwestern University. Jack J. Harrington Jr., who became Lambda Alpha's first International President, joined other founders James N. Massey, George R. Stone, Adrian D. Theobald, and A. Gordon Thompson at this historic meeting. An adviser to Lambda Alpha, Adrian D. Theobald (1906 - 1982) was on Ely's staff at Northwestern. Professor Albert Greene Hinman (1894-1956), another adviser, came to Northwestern with Dr. Ely from Madison as a Research Associate and Assistant Professor of Real Estate and Land Economics in 1930. One of LAI's bedrock principles derives from a statement by the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents in their support for Dr. Ely in his academic freedom trial:

“Whatever may be the limitations which trammel inquiry elsewhere . . . we should ever encourage that continual and fearless sifting and winnowing by which alone the truth can be found.”

LAI was organized November 5, 1930 in Richard T. Ely's 5th floor office of the Institute of Land Economics and Public Utilities in Wieboldt Hall in the McKinlock Campus of Northwestern University which is at 338 E. Chicago Avenue.

One of the original group, George Rickert Stone (1908-1981), founded an insurance brokerage firm in Highland Park, Illinois called Hill & Stone. He served as a president of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Downtown Redevelopment Commission of Highland Park; and, for 15 years, on the Lake Bluff Plan Commission.

After teaching at Northwestern, Dr. Hinman taught at University of Nebraska and then at Principia College. In 1929, he published “Real Estate Merchandising” with Herbert Dorau. Dr. Ely wrote a review for the book.



Traditions / James N. Massey

1931 — Traditions

In a letter to James N. Massey, the honorary professional fraternity is formally recognized by Northwestern University. Its members adopt a constitution, ritual, and key. The original keys were 10-carat gold and could be engraved with initials on the back. In 1980, with the rising price of gold, LAI began to present 10-carat rolled gold plate to initiates. In 1981, Edward Johnson, a student of Richard T. Ely and Fraternity founder, spoke at the Biennial meeting. He recalled that the LAI key was copied from Professor Ely's ring, perhaps a Phi Beta Kappa ring or the Ely Family Crest.

James Neal Massey, a founder of Lambda Alpha, wrote the fraternity's first constitution and designed its signature key. The elements of the key were based on Richard T. Ely's family crest, basic tenants of land economics, scholarship, and learning. Mr. Massey was a graduate of Northwestern University and operated Massey Furniture Store in Mississippi from 1945 through 1961. He served as a City Court Judge in Franklin Mississippi and was President of the Franklin Rotary Club and President of the Franklin-Simpson Chapter of Commerce. He helped organize the Franklin-Simpson Industrial Board as well as its Planning Commission. James Massey died in 1997 at age 88 in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. (LAI Keynotes May 1997)

The original Constitution of the International Fraternity of Lambda Alpha organized the fraternity around undergraduate chapters. The Grand Chapter would consist of all chapters, working through a Grand Congress, which was to meet every two years.



Richard T. Ely
1854 - 1943

Richard T. Ely / First Honorary Members

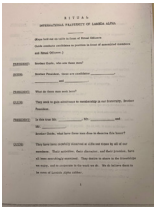
1931 — Organization

The honorary professional fraternity is formally recognized by Northwestern University, and its members adopt a constitution, ritual, and key. Professor Richard T. Ely (1854-1943) is initiated and becomes the fraternity's first honorary member. As a professor at the University of Wisconsin, Ely was the inspiration for Lambda Alpha. At the time of his initiation, he was Director of the Institute for Research in Land Economics and Public Utilities at Northwestern University. At the time that his students organized LAI, Richard T. Ely was 74 years old and in the twilight of his long, distinguished career.

On March 29, 1931, Dr. Richard T. Ely was presented a diamond-set key commemorating his initiation into Lambda Alpha. It was the only key of this type ever authorized by Ely Chapter.

A brief summary of the life of Richard Theodore Ely is provided by the Wisconsin Historical Society:

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Initiation Ritual

1931 — Organization

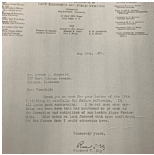
Original initiation ritual explains the land economics roots of new fraternity.

The link shows the first five pages of the Ritual. Others will be added when they are located.

In this ritual, the Historian and Scribe explain public land use policy and its importance in the development of democratic society.

"The purpose of a land policy is to bring about a situation such that, while in the main pursuing his own ends, the user of land will at the same time act in harmony with the interests of society as a whole."

"Our future is interwoven with the progress of the world outside our borders."



Richard T. Ely "Heartened" by Fraternity

1931 — Honors

In a letter addressed to founder Adrian D. Theobald, Richard T. Ely (Director, Institute for Research in Land Economics and Public Utilities) writes: "I do not know when anything has been done that has heartened me so much as the activities of our Lambda Alpha Fraternity. It makes me look forward with more confidence for the future than I would otherwise have."



First International President

1931-1932 — International Presidents

James "Jack" J. Harrington, Jr. was the first elected President of the fraternity he had helped found while at Northwestern University. Mr. Harrington spent his career as a real estate broker with the family firm. He was born in 1910 in Chicago. When Brother Harrington died in 1967, he left a bequest of \$10,000 to Lambda Alpha as a scholarship fund.

Richard E. Weiss

1933 — International Presidents

Reflecting LAI's status as a college fraternity, the 1933 President graduated from Northwestern University in the same year he held office. Richard E. Weiss was born in Hammond Indiana in 1914. He returned to hometown after graduation and began his professional career and life of civic service. He was an Ensign with the Naval Reserves, with active service including commanding a Navy destroyer in 1945-1946. In Hammond Mr. Weiss developed industrial real estate. He was a director of Mercantile National Bank and Lake Country Title. He served as president of the Chamber of Commerce and Board of Realtors, and he chaired the Lake County Development Committee, studying social and economic issues of Northwest Indiana. Mr. Weiss died in 1970 at age 57 when a twin-engine plane that he was piloting crashed. His wife Lois and his mother Florence also perished in the accident.

Burton Rubloff

1934 — International Presidents

Burton Rubloff is International President. During his tenure, Lambda Alpha reorganizes to have chapters in various cities consisting of qualified men who were engaged in some business aspect of land use, making the organization international in scope.

Burton Rubloff was born on June 1, 1912 in Chisholm, Minnesota. Son of Solomon W. and Mary Rubloff. His older brother was Arthur Rubloff.

Education Grad, Northwestern University, 1940. Career With, Arthur Rubloff & Company (now Rubloff Inc.), Chicago, since 1930; vice president, Arthur Rubloff & Company 1947-1976; senior vice president, Arthur Rubloff & Company 1976-1994.

Burton Rubloff has been listed as a noteworthy real estate broker, appraiser by Marquis Cd. Membership Board of directors Municipal Art League Chicago. Member Urban Land Institute Served with United States Army, 1943-1946, European Theatre of Operations. Member American Institute Real Estate Appraisers (life member chapter 6), National Illinois, Chicago (honorary life member) associations real estate boards, Chicago Real Estate Board (ethics committee), Building Mgrs. Association Chicago, Urban Land Institute, Greater State St. Council (real estate committee), John Evans Club, City Club, Northwestern Club Chicago, Lambda Alpha International (Ely chapter), Plaza Club. Burton Rubloff was born on June 1, 1912. He died on March 20, 1994 at 81 years of age.

Robert B. Whitaker

1935 — International Presidents

New President Robert B. Whitaker has Wisconsin roots.

Robert Burbank Whitaker was born in Kenosha WI in 1888. We believe that he attended Northwestern University. Mr. Whitaker was a real estate broker with offices in Kenosha and Winnetka IL.

He married Margaret Jebb Allen in 1923. He died in 1982 in Kenosha.

Franklin B. Bowes

1936 — International President & Fellow

Franklin B. Bowes (Ely Chapter) headed Bowes Realty, a firm begun by his father in 1907. Both father and son played important roles in the development of Chicago's "Magnificent Mile" along Michigan Avenue. Franklin B. Bowes is remembered as a land economist and unofficial historian of the area. (1908-1993)

Mr. Bowes was honored as an International Fellow in 1993.

John W. Schaeffle

1937 — International Presidents

John W. Schaeffle is President of LAI in 1937.

John William Schaeffle was born in Naperville IL in 1893. He graduated from North Central College in 1916, and the following year enlisted to fight in World War I. He was involved in three major combats as well as the Occupation following the War.

He joined the Baird & Warner real estate firm in 1921. For 12 years he worked in advertising, and for seven years in the bond department.

Mr. Schaeffle married Lucile H. Sanders in 1920; he died in 1943 at his home in Wilmette IL.

World War II Approaches

1937 — International Presidents

Glen Clovis McBride is elected 1937 President of LAI while working for Chicago Title and Trust. LAI records show, however, that John W. Schaeffle served as president that year, so we do not know if Mr. McBride actually took the presidency. Pending further research, it is assumed that Mr. McBride was preparing for active duty with the US Army around that time. The 1946 member directory included Brigadier General McBride.

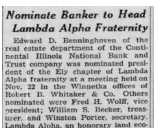
Glen Clovis McBride was born in 1903 in Mattoon IL. He entered the ROTC at the University of Illinois, and in 1925 joined the Cavalry Reserves. He received a BA from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in 1926. It appears that by 1928 he was pursuing his real estate career with AD Fraser in the Cleveland OH area, where he lived with his wife, Winifred Spates McBride, and young children. By 1930, he had moved to Chicago. He was initiated into LAI in 1935.

A long career with the US Army followed, with active serve beginning in October 1940. Mr. McBride rose to the rank of Brigadier General, serving in World War II and Korea. He commanded the 6th Armored Division under General George Patton and served under General Douglas MacArthur during the occupation of Japan. He was honored with over 600 metals.

Glen C. McBride died in 1982 in Omaha, Nebraska; he is buried at Fort Leavenworth.



Glen C. McBride
1938



Edward D. Benninghoven

1938 — International Presidents

Edward D. Benninghoven (1911-1995) of Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust serves as International President.

Morris B. Ashton

1939 — International Presidents

Realtor and appraiser Morris B. Ashton is the new LAI President.

Morris Badger Ashton (1903-1987) was a 1937 graduate of Northwestern University (Commerce) and a member of the Institute of Real Estate Appraisers. He may also have worked for Provident Mutual Life Insurance. He died in Menlo Park, CA.

He was married for 61 years to Melissa Wolstenholme Ashton.



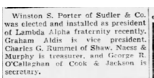
Winston S. Porter

1940 — International Presidents

Winston Seymour Porter is the 1940 LAI President.

Winston Seymour Porter was born in Nova Scotia, Canada, in 1909. He attended Northwestern University from 1936-1938. He held positions as a real estate executive with firms including Sudler & Co. He was active in the Deerfield, a Chicago suburb, including serving as head of the Deerfield Plan Commission.

Mr. Porter married Ruth Marie Lyon in 1934. He died in 1987.





Charles G. Rummel

1941 — International Presidents

Young architect is new LAI President.

Charles Garman Rummel (1912-1991) was a prominent Chicago architect. He earned a BS in Architecture from the University of Illinois in 1933. Awarded the Plym Traveling Scholarship, he traveled and studied in Europe for a year.

Mr. Rummel became a partner in the firm of Shaw, Naess & Murphy and until 1967 was with its successor firm, C. F. Murphy Associates. The Prudential Building and First National Bank Building were among their prominent projects.

He finished his career with Lester B. Knight & Associates, retiring as vice-chairman. He was one of the original trustees of the Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts. In 1986, he was elected to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects.

In 1943 he married Cynthia Drake Walker. His military service is reported to be in the period from 1940-1946.

Below is a link to "Interview with Charles G. Rummel / interviewed by Betty J. Blum, compiled under the auspices of the Chicago Architects Oral History Project, the Ernest R. Graham Study Center for Architectural Drawings, Department of Architecture, the Art Institute of Chicago."

<https://digital-libraries.artic.edu/digital/collection/caohp/id/9862/rec/56>

LAI Hears of Housing Needs

1942 — Land Use Issues

Gael Sullivan, Associate State Director of the Federal Housing Administration for Illinois addressed LAI at a meeting held at the Civic Opera Building. Mr. Sullivan stated that 30,000 new homes would be needed to accommodate workers in 150,000 new jobs. He noted that 3,500 small Chicago industries were gearing up for war production.

Gael Edward Sullivan (1904-1956) played several roles with the Truman Administration.

Homer Hoyt

1942 — International Presidents

Homer Hoyt (1895-1984) was initiated by Ely Chapter in 1934. The autobiography of Homer Hoyt compiled from audio tapes and hand written notes by his son, Michael Hoyt included Dr. Hoyt's account of his tenure as International President: "It seemed necessary to me that we should broaden the base of the fraternity and secure leading professionals in the fields of urban geography, urban sociology and planning so that Lambda Alpha would represent a broad approach to urban problems and would not merely represent the financial interests of the real estate professionals. I was elected the president of Lambda Alpha in 1942. At that time there was only one chapter, which was in Chicago. I thought it necessary to make the fraternity at least national, if not international. I worked to establish a chapter in New York and then, with a group of distinguished scholars, in Washington, D.C. Lambda Alpha finally became international with a chapter in Toronto. After my initial efforts, I became so involved with my studies of shopping centers that I was pleased to learn that the original members carried the ball and expanded Lambda Alpha to what it is today (c. 1976)."

On December 1, 1984, the New York Times published the following obituary:

Dr. Homer Hoyt, a land economist and market analyst who pioneered in the planning and development of urban shopping centers, died of pneumonia Thursday at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Md. He was 89 years old and lived in Washington.

Dr. Hoyt, who specialized in real estate, was the founder and president of Homer Hoyt Associates, a consulting firm in Larchmont, N.Y., in 1946, which moved to Washington in 1953. From 1946 to 1974 he was involved in the market research and planning of more than 200 urban shopping centers.

From 1974 on he devoted himself to investments and lectures on land economics.

Dr. Hoyt went to Washington in 1934 to serve as chief land economist for the Federal Housing Administration. From 1941 to 1943 he was director of research for the Chicago Plan Commission, and from 1943 to 1946 he was director of economic studies for the New York Regional Plan Association.

From 1925 to 1934 he was a real estate broker in Chicago, where in 1933 he wrote a book, "One Hundred Years of Land Values in Chicago," a study that proved the cyclical nature of Chicago land values. Economist for the F.H.A.

From 1934 to 1940 he was the principal housing economist for the F.H.A., where he developed the economic base and sector theories of models of urban growth.

He received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Kansas in 1913 at the age of 18. He earned a doctor of jurisprudence degree in 1918 and a doctorate in economics in 1933, both from the University of Chicago.

With Arthur M. Weimer, he was the author of "Principles of Real Estate" a standard college textbook.

A widower, he is survived by a son, Michael R. of Silver Spring; a stepson, Eugene J. McGuane of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; a stepdaughter, Alice M. Collins of Chicago, and 9 grandchildren.

A funeral service is to be held at 11 A.M. Tuesday at the Blake Lamb Funeral Home, 47-27 West 103d Street, Oak Lawn, Ill.



Edward L. Johnson

1943 — International Presidents

Edward L. Johnson was born in 1910 and graduated from Northwestern University in 1932. His career took him from Chicago to Los Angeles, where he founded the Los Angeles Chapter in 1955. He remained an active, valued member of LAI for many years. He was named an Honorary Life Director of the Los Angeles Chapter in 1976, and became the first International Fellow in 1987.

The following is Mr. Johnson's obituary from the Los Angeles Times: Johnson, Edward L.

Edward L. Johnson went to be with the Lord on December 18, 2004, at the age of 94, in Santa Barbara, California. Born in 1910 and reared in Chicago, he graduated from Northwestern University in 1932. After many productive years with Bell Federal Savings and Loan Association, he moved his family to San Marino, CA in 1953 where he resided for 49 years. He worked for Standard Federal Savings and Loan Association, followed by American Savings and Loan Association. From 1959 to 1982 he was Chairman, President, and CEO of Financial Federation, Inc., a statewide, multi-billion dollar savings and loan holding company headquartered in Los Angeles, California. Following that he was a director of American Savings and Loan Association. In 2002 he moved from San Marino to Samarkand in Santa Barbara, CA. Johnson served on various boards including Campus Crusade for Christ International, Salvation Army, Pepperdine University, City of Hope, and Goodwill Industries of Southern California. He also served as a trustee of both Moody Bible Institute and Lake Avenue Congregational Church in Pasadena and as a director of Christianity Today. Included among his numerous professional affiliations were National Treasurer, National President and Honorary Life Director of Lambda Alpha International (an international real estate and land economics society); President's National Business Council for Consumer Affairs; Federal Home Loan Bank Board, Chicago, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C.; and member of both the California Club and the Jonathan Club. Johnson is survived by his wife of 64 years, Joyce; his son, Calvin; his daughter and son-in-law, Gloria and Ron Ryan; his daughter Janice; his daughter and son-in-law, Patti and Chris Kent; his grandchildren Aaron Ryan (and wife Jennifer), Peter Ryan, Daniel Ryan (and wife Dana), Joel Ryan, Jesse Kent, Amy Kent, Adam Kent; his great grandchild Aliyah Kent (Jesse's daughter); his sister-in-law, Evelyn Johnson (wife of his brother, Carl H. Johnson); and numerous nieces and nephews. Johnson's oldest daughter, Karen, was killed in a car accident in Palm Springs, CA on June 6, 1959. Both the viewing on Dec. 22, 5-8:30 p.m. and the graveside service on Dec. 23, 1:00 p.m. will be held at Rose Hills Memorial Park and Mortuary, Whittier, CA. ((562) 699-0921). A memorial service will be held January 5, 2:00 p.m. at Lake Avenue Church, 393 N. Lake Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101 ((626) 795-7221).

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Leonard C. Smith

1945 — International Presidents

Housing and planning authority is elected LAI President.

Appraiser Leonard Carlyle Smith (b. 1886, East Chicago, IN) published professional articles with Homer Hoyt. He was an author of the manual of the Federal Housing Administration, where he worked for many years.

He served as assistant executive director of the Chicago Plan Commission in the mid-1940s. With a move to Florida, he worked in the private sector in all aspects of real estate including valuation.

Mr. Smith died in 1964 in Winter Park, FL. He is buried alongside his wife Doris in Arlington National Cemetery with a tombstone commemorating his service in World War I in the Army Field Artillery.



Leonard H. Scane

1946 — International Presidents

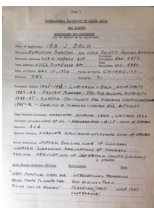
In 1946, Leonard Scane was manager, Downtown Management Department, Baird & Warner, located at 7 South Dearborn Street.

Fellow officers were:

George A. Hutchinson, Vice President

Richard Lawrence Nelson, Secretary

Franklin B. Bowes, Treasurer



Ira J. Bach

1947 — Member Spotlight

Ira J. Bach (1906-1985), a prominent Chicago city planner and author, was initiated by Ely Chapter. For many years Mr. Bach served as treasurer of Lambda Alpha Foundation. John M. Ducey, Director of Planning for Chicago Housing Authority nominated Mr. Bach. The first page of the application is attached.

IRA BACH, CITY PLANNER FOR DECADES - CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Ira J. Bach, 78, an author and urban planner whose name ranks with Daniel Burnham in the history of Chicago planning, was appointed to various city posts by five mayors. He retired three months ago as Chicago's director of city development and had been commissioner of the city's Department of Planning in the 1960s.

A memorial service for Mr. Bach will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in Preston Bradley Hall in the Chicago Public Library Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington Blvd. He died at home Wednesday.

"He was associated with all of the big, important Chicago plans in the last 30 years," said Marshall Holleb, an architect and friend. "He was involved in building O'Hare International Airport and was the person who insisted on the 'L' line out there.

"As executive director of the Land Clearance Commission, he helped make way for Lake Meadows (apartment complex), for the expansion around Michael Reese (Hospital), for the neighboring development projects that kept the University of Chicago and Northwestern University in the area and for the planning with Mayor Daley of the University of Illinois-Chicago campus at Harrison and Halsted Streets.

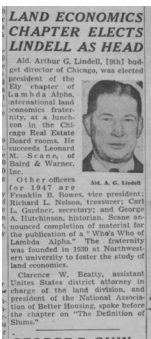
"The question (was) how was he able to survive under such different mayors as Kennelly, Daley, Bilandic, Byrne and Washington? He could because he was a unique person with an ability to steer clear of petty political fights by keeping his eye on his goal. He did not lose the main thrust of his plan and did not let any mayor get out of hand."

In his most recent position, he was responsible for coordinating the work of the city departments of planning, housing, economic development, public works and aviation.

When he announced his retirement, Mayor Harold Washington said of him,

"He has had a hand in every major development project in Chicago since 1947. His vision and confidence in our city are seen in the magnificent skyline and in our neighborhoods."

Mr. Bach and his first wife, the former Ruth Lackritz, had two children, Caroline Bach Marandos and John. Mrs. Bach died in 1961, and in 1963 Mr. Bach married Muriel Dunkleman Wolfson, who survives him. Survivors also include a stepdaughter, Susan Wolfson, and four grandchildren.



Arthur G. Lindell

1947 — International Presidents

Arthur Lindell served as 9th Ward Alderman for the City of Chicago from 1933-1937, representing the Pullman community. As Alderman, he fought for transportation improvements for the southwest side. He later became the City's Budget Director, his position at the time served as President of LAI. He chaired the City Council's Housing Committee under Mayor Edward J. Kelly. Mr. Lindell was an author of the 1942 Land Use Survey, which was an important analysis for comprehensive planning. Homer Hoyt was the Director Research for the Planning Commission at that time. In 1946, Mr. Lindell, along with Mayor Kelly, Philip M. Klutznick (Commissioner, Federal Public Housing Authority), and others, testified before a U.S. Senate Committee on a proposed amendment to the Lanham Act. Chicago and other cities were facing a housing crisis fueled by demand returning Veterans after a wartime period with limited new supply. Mr. Lindell wrote a series of books on Chicago's corporate history ranging from "Chicago's Mayors" (1966) and "Roster of Chicago Common Council" (1970). He also published a historical novel "School Section Sixteen" about the Dutch community in Roseland. Prior to his public service, Mr. Lindell was a foreman electrician at the Pullman Co. Operating Department. He was born in 1893. As of 1974, he is listed as a retired member of LAI living in Calumet City IL. He died in 1982 at the age of 89.



Carl L. Gardner

1948 — International Presidents

Planner Carl Lessey Gardner is elected as 1948 President.

Carl Lessey Gardner (1904-1981) was born in Seattle WA. He attended the Harvard School of City Planning in about 1930-31. Harvard created the first formal program in city and regional planning in North America in 1923, making Mr. Gardner an early member of the emerging profession.

He was a land planner for the Federal Housing Authority and then served as director secretary of the Chicago Commission from 1945-1953. In 1953 he formed the firm Carl L Gardner & Associates, preparing many comprehensive and master plans for communities in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana.



New York Chapter / Homer Hoyt

1949 — Chapters

The New York Chapter founded, quickly growing to about fifty active members. The chapter was organized by Homer Hoyt, who had relocated from Chicago to New York to become director of Research for the New York City Plan Commission. Max Fuhrer (1901-1968) of Eugene & Max Fuhrer, Architects and Engineers and LAI President, presided over the initial meeting of founding members. Until 1949, Lambda Alpha was a single-chapter fraternity.

Dr. Homer Hoyt: Planning's Unsung Hero

Jane Jacobs. Daniel Burnham. Lewis Mumford. James Rouse. While not all planners, these names are among those select few readily recalled by most planners when asked to identify our profession's most important progenitors. Dr. Homer Hoyt is one often overlooked individual whose name should be added to this list.

Dr. Hoyt, born in 1895 to a college-educated single mother, grew up in less than secure circumstances in rural and poor areas in the present-day Kansas City region. Although he experienced difficult circumstances in childhood, his mother instilled in him the independence, a strong work ethic and an understanding of the value of education. Dr. Hoyt earned a BA and MA from the University of Kansas at age 18, and four years later completed a law degree at the University of Chicago. In his twenties he worked at for short periods at several firms, and taught law. During the 1920s Dr. Hoyt moved to Chicago to invest in real estate

to take advantage of the city's booming real estate market, from this point forward Dr. Hoyt remained an active investor in real estate for the rest of his life.

Dr. Hoyt's personal experience with real estate losses following the stock market crash of 1929 and the subsequent Great Depression, raised his interest in how real estate values related to economic cycles. He became a doctoral student in land economics at the University of Chicago, and in his dissertation focused on examining Chicago's real estate values through its past five economic boom and bust cycles. (His dissertation was published in 1933 as *One Hundred Years of Land Values in Chicago*). Dr. Hoyt's dissertation research at the University of Chicago served as the catalyst for a lifetime of critical discoveries in planning and real estate economics. From 1934-1940 Dr. Hoyt worked for the Federal Housing Administration, where he developed a methodology to assess which areas of cities were the best for investment by mapping a city's housing stock using various socio-economic indicators (housing age/value, race of tenants, owner occupancy, overcrowding etc.). These exercises led to his development of Sector Theory, sometimes called the Hoyt model, which postulates that urban growth occurs along transportation arteries, and that zones are not rigid in form and can penetrate one another.

All planners are also familiar with another Dr. Hoyt innovation, Economic Base Theory. Once Dr. Hoyt developed a better understanding of how cities grew, he wanted to understand why they grew. He theorized that regional economic growth was dependent upon the regional population's ability to produce more than they can consume, that is the health of a region's export-based industries. Hoyt realized that demand for land (and thus land values), was dependent upon the economic strength and sustainability of a regional economy.

While Dr. Hoyt's early career was spent examining cities in the pre-World War II era, he proved very perceptive about the changes in land values that would occur due to the mass suburbanization that occurred after the War. In the late 1940s Dr. Hoyt became turned his attention to suburbanization and suburban shopping centers, developing a hierarchy of shopping centers that is still used today. He successfully invested in once regionally peripheral lands that became our nation's first suburbs in the post War era. He founded a consulting firm, Homer Hoyt Associates, in 1951 to provide professional research services to real estate investors, at a time when such services were really first emerging. In his suburban shopping center and other post War work, he developed modern real estate market analysis by applying measures of supply and demand to individual sites or markets.

Dr. Hoyt's contributions to planning knowledge form an important basis for much of our economic development planning work today. He had an amazing career that incorporated both work as a real estate consultant and investor and academia. One aspect of his life's work that I find particularly amazing is simply how much legwork he had to put into his getting his data and how he translated his data into practical and important theoretical insights. I certainly take for granted the ease of accessing quantitative, current and historical socio-economic data, the readily available GIS tools planners use to understand our environment. At the time when Dr. Hoyt began his career good quantitative data wasn't just a click away, and he actually pioneered the idea of representing data geographically, with maps! While working on his Ph.D. dissertation he spent hours in the Cook County Assessor's Office pulling data together from records the likes of which we can only imagine. (There was an additional reward for these efforts however, as according to his son Michael, Dr. Hoyt met his wife at the Cook County's Assessor's Office).

Reflecting on Dr. Hoyt's work, my thoughts turn to today's planning innovations, and how planning practitioners are currently contributing to our broader understanding of our field. In recent months I've begun learning about emerging technologies that have the potential to transform planning practice. Perhaps some these tools will help us achieve a new understanding of the 21st century city and its economic base.

November 16, 2009, Official blog from the Economic Development Division of the American Planning Association. Source: Holzheimer, T. (2009). *The Work and Life of Homer Hoyt*. Used with permission.



Max Fuhrer

1949 — International Presidents

Max Fuhrer, along with his brother Eugene, founded an eponymous engineering and architectural firm. Their books on Chicago building costs, published by the Chicago Real Estate Board, established professional standards for appraisers. Mr. Fuhrer was born in Hungary in 1902 and he immigrated with his family to Chicago in 1905. In 1923 he graduated from Armour Institute of Technology. He passed away in 1968. Mr. Fuhrer is in the family tree of Linda Goodman, President of Ely Chapter in 20xx. In Cleveland, Linda's great uncle Eugene Goodman married Beatrice Fuhrer, younger sister of Max Fuhrer.



Philip Klutznick, Secretary of Commerce

1950 — Member Spotlight

Philip Klutznick joined Ely Chapter in 1950. In 1980 he became the United States Secretary of Commerce. He founded Chicago-based Urban Investment and Development Company, later sold to Aetna. Educated as a lawyer and member of the Bar, he served several Presidents, including two years as US Ambassador to the United Nations.

Homer Hoyt Becomes President

1950-1951 — International Presidents

Homer Hoyt, now in New York City, serves a two-year term as International President. This is the first year that the International President was not the same person as the President of the Ely Chapter.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/local/1984/11/30/homer-hoyt-real-estate-economist-dies/2295f3ce-e4e7-4ebf-8114-327adc34e4c3/>

Dr. Homer Hoyt, perhaps the best-known of LAI presidents, was elected in 1950. After attending the University of Kansas, he earned both a JD and Ph.D. in economics from the University of Chicago. In 1933, he published his dissertation "100 Years of Land Values in Chicago," the first comprehensive study of land values. From 1934 through 1940, he was the Principal Housing Economist for the Federal Housing Administration, working Chicago. Homer Hoyt pioneered with his rigorous data collection and use of maps for analysis.

His research into housing investment led to his Sector Theory, sometimes called the Hoyt model, which postulates that urban growth occurs along transportation arteries rather than in concentric circles.

Following World War II, Dr. Hoyt turned his attention to suburbanization and suburban shopping centers. He founded a consulting firm. Relocating to New York City, he established the New York Chapter of LAI, the first outside of Ely Chapter.

The foundation of Dr. Hoyt's work was his belief that academics, practitioners, and analysts balance rigor and relevance.



Raymond J. Spaeth

1951 — Member Spotlight

Raymond J. Spaeth was the 1951 President of Ely Chapter. Born in 1907 in Kansas, he graduated from American University and then earned an MBA from Harvard University. His career included prominent civic positions and banking positions in Chicago. Starting his long tenure in 1940 at Illinois Institute of Technology, he became its treasurer and vice president. He was a founding member in 1946 of the Southside Planning Board of Chicago and served as president from 1955-1960. In 1955, Mr. Spaeth testified before the US House of Representatives' Subcommittee on Housing. He related the story of Illinois Institute of Technology's quandary over whether to stay in its deteriorating Near South neighborhood, relocate to the suburbs, or start an entirely new institute elsewhere. "We decided to stay and in staying I got involved in the whole area." Today's Near South Planning Board grew from the Southside Planning Board founded by Mr. Spaeth.

In 1955, Mr. Spaeth testified before the House of Representatives, Committee on Banking and Currency, Subcommittee on Housing. He related the story of Illinois Institute of Technology's quandary over whether to stay in its deteriorating Near South neighborhood, relocate to the suburbs, or start an entirely new institute elsewhere. "We decided to stay and in staying I got involved in the whole area."

Mr. Spaeth was born in 1907 in Kansas, and he died in 1982. He graduated from American University and then earned an MBA from Harvard University.

Jack J. Harrington Jr.

1952-1953 — International Presidents

James Jay Harrington Jr. served his first term as International President in 1952-1953. Mr. Harrington was an industrial broker. His firm, J.J. Harrington & Company, was located at 39 S. LaSalle Street in Chicago.

Mr. Harrington was born in Chicago in 1910. He attended Northwestern University from 1928-1932. In 1940 he married Elsie Wittenberg. At the time of his death in 1967 at the age of 56 he lived in Crystal Lake IL.



D.E. Mackelmann Among New Members

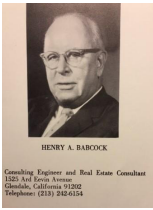
1953 — Member Spotlight

Ely members were along the men who were close to Mayor Richard J. Daley and helped shape (for better or worse) many Chicago neighborhoods. Detlef Ernest Mackelmann, a 1953 inductee, held several high-level positions with the City.

Other 1953 inductees were John S. Cromelin, Carl F. Distelhorst, Otto C. Doering, Arthur Kruggel Jr., Laurence H. Mills, William T. Murphey, Abbott L. Nelson, Lindell Peterson, Robert Snow, Wm. M. Spencer, James R. Sterling, and Arthur M. Weimer. (As reported in the Chicago Tribune.)

Dr. Weimer was Dean of the Indiana University School of Business from 1939-1963. With Homer Hoyt he wrote "Principles of Real Estate", a classic text with editions over several decades.

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Henry Babcock

1954 — International Presidents

Dr. Henry Andrews Babcock has been recognized as "the dean of American appraisers." In his Los Angeles practices and in association with Marshall and Stevens he wrote landmark reports on Los Angeles' Bunker Hill, mass transit projects, and Santa Catalina Island, among many others. His "Appraisal Principles and Practices" was first published by the American Society of Appraisers in 1968. He lectured in finance at USC in the late 1950s and then at UCLA. He was initiated into LAI in 1933 by the Ely Chapter. A founding member of the Los Angeles Chapter, he served as its first President.

Born in 1891 in New York State. His BA and MS degrees were awarded by MIT. At Northwestern University, he earned his PhD in 1916 and was a physics instructor. Henry Babcock was among the early military fliers. His experiences are documented in a WWI war diary and letters that he wrote home while he was in France. They cover the period from June 1917 when he applied for the Aviation Section of the Army Signal Corps, until December 1918 when he sailed on the SS George Washington on his way back to the states.

Dr. Babcock died in 1975 in Los Angeles. His papers from 1924–1961 can be found in the Cornell University archive.

Biennial Congress Established

1955 — Organization

The first Biennial Congress was assembled in 1955 in Chicago. Subsequent Congresses were held in Atlanta in 1959, Washington D.C. in 1961, Chicago in 1963, Miami in 1965, San Francisco in 1967, and Washington D.C. in 1969.



Los Angeles Chapter Formed

1955 — Chapter

Los Angeles Chapter is installed at the First International Congress, which was held in Chicago. Edward L. Johnson, who had moved from Chicago to Los Angeles, founded this third chapter. Photo Description: Standing: Preston Martin, Thomas Lowe, J. Howard Edgerton, Ernest Englebert, James Gillies, Joe Crail, Stiles O. Clements, Charles B. Shattuck, Charles B. Bennett, Neill Davis, William R. Schroll, Belden Morgan. Sitting: Victor Gruen, Henry G. Beaumont, Henry A. Babcock, Edward L. Johnson, Otar M. Aamodt, Fred E. Case, Milton Breivogel, Charles W. Lauve, Le Roy D. Owen. Cite As: Lambda Alpha International Records, #2917. Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections, Cornell University Library.

Mr. Johnson was one of the first initiates in Ely Chapter in 1931. Edward L. Johnson was honored as an LAI International Fellow in 1989, among numerous recognitions of his contributions to the Society.

Note on LA Chapter History: In 1977, the Sycamore Canyon Fire in Santa Barbara tragically destroyed the home of William K. Wittausch, Chapter Historian. Among the sad losses, were 30 ring-binders ready to be sent to the LAI Archives at Cornell as well as chapter memorabilia.

Mr. Wittausch was Chairman, Housing Authority & Development Agency of Santa Barbara. An engineer, economist, and planner, he spent his career in the field of housing finance in various parts of the world. Among his other positions were: Officer of First Federal S&L in Chicago; Manager, Housing Research, Stanford Research Institute S Pasadena.



Phillip M. Hauser

25th Anniversary Marked

1955 — Anniversaries

Philip M. Hauser of the University of Chicago spoke on "Changing Chicago" to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Fraternity. The event was held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Chicago Athletic Association, 12 S. Michigan Avenue. Eight new members were sworn in by the Grand Chapter. (Source: Chicago Tribune)

New members were: Lawrence A. Kimpton, Chancellor, University of Chicago; J. Ross Humphreys, Chair of the Land Clearance Commission; attorney Robert S. Cushman; architect William F. Deknatel; General Samuel T. Lawton, Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals, John R. Fugart, Chair, Chicago Housing Authority; Richard J. Smykal, Acting Building Commissioner; and John Cordwell, member of the Chicago Plan Commission. (Source: Chicago Tribune)

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George Washington Chapter Chartered

1957 — Chapters

George Washington Chapter (Washington D.C.) is chartered with about 30 members.

Dixie State Chapter

1959 — Chapters

The Dixie States Chapter in Atlanta was installed on November 20, 1959, coincident with a meeting of the Grand Chapter. The charter showed the chapter covering the states of North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, and Mississippi. The chapter (and, thankfully, the name) became inactive. A new Atlanta chapter was formed in 2009.

L. Durward Badgley

1960-1963 — International Presidents

Mr. Badgley presided over the Grand Council, as the governing body was called.

1962 chapters were:

Ely/Chicago

New York

Los Angeles

George Washington/Washington D.C.

Dixie States/Atlanta

Flager/Miami

Flagler Chapter in Miami

1962 — Chapters

Flagler Chapter in Miami was chartered in 1962 to serve the entire state of Florida. One of the early presidents of the chapter in Miami was Earl Travis Van Sciver (1913-1991). He was involved in real estate research for various national and international firms.

It appears that the Flagler Chapter was named for Henry Morrison Flagler (1830-1913), a partner with John D. Rockefeller, Sr. in establishing Standard Oil. Flagler is considered the pioneer in the development of Florida as a vacation destination.

Golden Gate Chapter

1964 — Chapters

Golden Gate Chapter in San Francisco is chartered, with Douglas V. Cannon its first President. Mr. Cannon served as International President of LAI in 1967-69.

Among the first class of initiates were: Harold E. Atkinson, a nationally known planner and San Mateo Planning Director. He was the innovator of the Woodlake residential complex, said to be the first of its kind in the nation.



Richard T. Ely: Profile in Courage

1964 — Event

NBC airs an episode of Profiles in Courage on Richard T. Ely featuring actors Dan O'Herlihy, Ed Asner and Leonard Nimoy. The episode, entitled The Trial of Richard T. Ely, portrayed Ely's battle for academic freedom and an 1894 trial.

A scholarly article about the trial can be found as follows:

Rolnick, Stanley R. (1955) "Exceptional Decision: The Trial of Professor Richard T. Ely by the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin, 1894," Journal of the Arkansas Academy of Science: Vol. 8, Article 22.

Available at: <http://scholarworks.uark.edu/jaas/vol8/iss1/22>

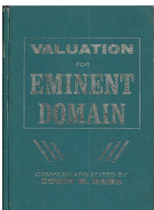
Land Economics Foundation

1965 — Land Economics Foundation

A trust fund is established as The Land Economics Foundation of Lambda Alpha. Trustees are William McFetridge, Herman O. Walther, Richard Lawrence Nelson, J.J. Harrington, Jr., and L.O Adams.

Assets of trust established in 1951 were transferred into the new trust.

An amendment added that the President of each chapter shall automatically be a Trustee of the Foundation, co-extensive with his term of service.



Edwin M. Rams

1965-1967 — International Presidents

Dr. Edwin Marion Rams was an urban economist, lecturer, and author.

Dr. Rams was born in Chicago in 1922 and graduated from Northern Illinois University in 1944.

His professional affiliations include a position as an appraiser for the federal government and his work with Urban Research Associates in Washington D.C. He authored several books including "Valuation for Eminent Domain" (1973) and "Real Estate Consultants Handbook" (1978).

At the time of his death in 1980, Dr. Rams lived in Bowie, MD. His wife was Charlotte M. Rams (born 1925).

Douglas V. Cannon

1967-1969 — International Presidents

Economist Douglas Cannon of the Golden Gate Chapter was elected International President after serving a term as Vice President. During World War II, Mr. Cannon served in Europe with the United Nations Rehabilitation Administration. He enjoyed a long career as an economist and market analyst with the regional office of the FHA. In 1964, he joined the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco as its economist.

Mr. Cannon was born in 1910 in Illinois and died in 1974 in California. He was a founder of LAI's Golden Gate Chapter and its first President. He was also a Trustee of the Land Economic Foundation.

His papers are part of the LAI Archive at Cornell University: Douglas V. Cannon. Papers, #3014. Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections, Cornell University Library.

First International Chapter: Toronto

1967 — Chapters

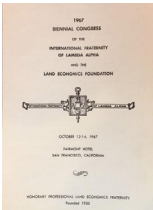
Simcoe Chapter is chartered in Toronto, making Lambda Alpha an international organization. The Chapter was named to honor General John Graves Simcoe, the first Lt. Governor of Ontario.

International Urban Affairs Award

1967 — Awards

Under President Dr. Edwin Rams, LAI created the International Urban Affairs Award to recognize work of national or international significance for urban living.

The prestigious selection committee included Dr. Hans Blumenfeld, Toronto consulting planner; Dr. Louis Wimick, NYC official; Dr. Robert Weaver, Secretary of HUD; Dr. Philip Hauser, University of Chicago; and Victor Gruen, internationally known architect and planner.



Golden Gate Chapter Hosts Prominent Speakers

1967 — Biennial Congress

The Fairmont Hotel is venue for program including speakers Paul Oppermann, Dr. Homer Hoyt, Dr. John G. Duda, and Dr. Anthony Downs.

Biennial Congress Meets in San Francisco

1967 — Biennial Congress

Golden Gate and Los Angeles Chapters hosted the Congress at the Fairmont Hotel. "Land Economics from the Era of Richard T. Ely to the New Economics" and "The Urban Land Crisis: Its Diagnosis and Cure" were the two themes. Speakers included Anthony Downs, Robert M. Fisher of the Federal Reserve Board, and Homer Hoyt.



Philadelphia Chapter

1967 — Chapters

The Philadelphia Chapter of the Fraternity was approved at the Biennial Congress. Initiation ceremonies were held on November 28, 1967, at the Faculty Club of the University of Pennsylvania.

Alfred Marcks Jr., a 1967 initiate, was credited with reactivating the chapter in the late 1970s, Mr. Marcks was an M.A.I. and HUD Deputy Area Manager.

Other early members included Charles F. Seymour (1967); Robert F. Carroll (1968), and Joseph Straus, Jr. (1969).



Cornell University Chosen for LAI Archive

1968 — Organization

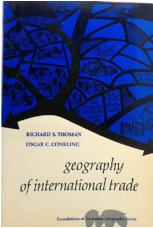
In 1968, LAI established the Lambda Alpha Literary Archives at Cornell. Under the terms of its agreement with Cornell, the Department of Manuscripts and Archives at Cornell was designated as a repository for archival material for both the organization and its members. Cornell University was selected as the appropriate repository because of the large holdings in the fields of architecture and city and regional planning. Cornell's collections document the founding and early development of the planning profession, the work of architects and landscape architects, and the development of zoning. The LAI Archive is held in the Cornell University Library's Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections (<https://rare.library.cornell.edu/>) located in the Carl A. Kroch Library. LAI's 1968 agreement with Cornell was arranged by Barclay Gibbs Jones (1925-1997), a former Chair of the Department of City and Regional Planning in the College of Art, Architecture and Planning at Cornell. Another professor, Kermit Carlyle Parsons, (1927-1999) helped maintain the archive. LAI member H. Pike Oliver reported his findings from a 2010 on-site visit to the archive: "Extensive Lambda Alpha materials (around 131 linear feet, equivalent to about 131 'bankers boxes') dating from the 1930s up through 1986 are in the library and catalogued. There are a few items with later dates, but they are spotty. "The documents are not available online, but materials can be seen at the library by making a specific request in advance."

John J. Lyman

1969-1971 — International Presidents

Los Angeles Chapter member John J. Lyman was Vice President of Security Title Insurance Company.

Mr. Lyman was born in 1906 in Denver CO and died in 1975 in Los Angeles.



Dr. Richard S. Thoman

1971-1973 — International Presidents

Dr. Richard Samuel Thoman was a geographer of international stature. He was initiated by Simcoe Chapter in 1957 in Toronto, where he honed his expertise in regional planning. He was a prolific author and held several academic positions. He was a professor at the California State University, Hayward. Following his LAI Presidency, Dr. Thoman chaired the Board of Trustees of the Land Economic Foundation.

The following is the obituary published in The New York Times:

Dr. Richard S. Thoman (1919-2015) was born near Lamar, Colorado, married Evelyn Zumwalt on November 28th, 1942; and passed away last Wednesday at the age of 96. Reared on a primitive dust bowl farm in Lamar, Dick won gold medals in statewide scholarship contests in high school. He built a nest in the trees where he was able to both study for these exams and also attend to the cattle on the farm. He received his BA and MA from University of Boulder, CO; and his PHD (Geography) from University of Chicago. With his wife Evelyn, his lifelong colleague/editor as well as mate, he authored and edited 20 books, numerous articles and reviews. In 1967, he became the province of Ontario's first Director of Regional Planning and Development. He taught Geography at University of Colorado, University of Maine in Gorham, University of Missouri, University of Chicago, University of Nebraska Omaha, Northwestern, Queens (Canada), and Cal State, Hayward. He started a new Dept of Geography at Omaha, and conducted a distance learning TV program there-- in which he was "better than [popular competing TV program] The Hawk!" according to one young viewer who once recognized him to his delight. Dick is survived by his son G. Richard Thoman, six grandchildren Camille, Alexis, Kylie, Max, Amy and Eric; three great-grandchildren Breier, Georgia and Mac, nieces Kim, Lila, Marta, Lynda; nephews Roger, Eric, John, Perry, Howard; and numerous other relatives with whom he was constantly involved. Timothy W Tillman, who joined the Thoman household, lived in Raymond, MA until his death in 2005. He has two sons Nathan and Austin. Wry, brilliant, generous, irascible, eloquent, a man of social conscience, a go-getter, a man with a strong sense of family-- practical, poetic and funny. He wished to be remembered like this "he lived profitably, not monetarily, but intellectually".

Published in The New York Times on Sept. 20, 2015

Biennial Congress

1971 — Biennial Congress

Biennial Congress in Chicago is themed "Housing Our Population in the 1970's." John J. Lyman is International President and Abbott Nelson is president of the Chicago chapter.

Mayor Richard J. Daley offered greetings from the city.

Topical speakers included James C. Downs, Chairman of Real Estate Research Corporation; Charles J. Orlebeke, Deputy Undersecretary of HUD; Lewis W. Hill, Commissioner, Chicago Department of Development Planning and Urban Renewal; Homer Hoyt, President, Homer Hoyt Associates; Allan S. Boyd, President Illinois Central Railroad and former US Secretary of Transportation; Philip M. Klutznick, Chairman, Urban Investment & Development Co. and former US Ambassador to United Nations.

Harry W. Gahagan was the General Chairman of the Biennial Congress Committee.

George Washington Chapter Initiates Three Women

1972 — Member Spotlight

Three women became the first women to join LAI. Caroline R. Freeland was "Recognized for service as long-term citizen-executive member of public planning bodies and her outstanding contributions in the field of public planning, as well as park and community development." Catherine E. Martini was "Honored for her long-term and outstanding services to the real estate and land economics fields through research, analysis, writings and administrative work." Marilyn Pray was "Recognized especially for her innovations in formulating and applying new approaches to land use guidance systems, as well as authoring many published articles on the relationships between land economics and physical planning."

H. Jackson Pontius

1973-1975 — International Presidents

President Pontius was initiated by the Los Angeles Chapter in 1959 in a ceremony at the University Club of Los Angeles.

Beginning with the Pasadena Realty Board, Mr. Pontius rose to executive positions with the California Real Estate Association starting in 1948 and then to the National Association of Real Estate Boards/National Association of Realtors in Chicago, where he was a member of the Ely Chapter.

Harold Jackson Pontius was born in Ames Iowa in 1916. In 1940 he was living in California and employed by Douglas Aircraft in Santa Monica. He died in 1999 at age 82.

An interesting note: Mr. Pontius is among those recorded in the "White House Tapes" while in the Oval Office with President Richard Nixon and others in June of 1971.

Biennial Congress

1973 — Biennial Congress

Simcoe Chapter / Toronto hosts the first Biennial Congress held outside of the United States. The Park Plaza was the host hotel. Among the speakers were Simcoe member H. Ian MacDonald, Deputy Treasurer of Ontario and Deputy Minister of Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs. Senator Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota spoke on "The Changing Structure of Metro Government."

Robert C. Weaver, Distinguished Professor of Urban Affairs Hunter College, the City University of New York, delivered a paper to the LAI Congress in Toronto. The paper was titled "Regional Approaches to Land Use in the United States." Prior to that academic position, Mr. Weaver served in government for many years, including as Secretary of HUD in the Cabinet of President Lyndon B. Johnson.



Mrs. Elizabeth McLean

First Women Invited to Ely Chapter

1974 — Honors

Elizabeth Jackson McLean became the first woman member of LAI initiated by Ely Chapter at their June banquet.

Elizabeth Jackson McLean (1931–2003) graduated second in her class from the University of Wisconsin's engineering school, the only woman in her class. A civil and traffic engineer, her first job was in 1954 as a planner for the City of Chicago. With a series of promotions, she was named Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, the first woman to hold that position, in 1973 by Mayor Richard J. Daley. In 1974, while in that position, she was initiated into Ely Chapter.

Elizabeth Jackson McLean then founded EJM Engineering in 1986, with credits that include starting the Chicago Beautiful Campaign, designing the rapid-transit lines in the middle of the Kennedy and Dan Ryan Expressways, procuring federal funding for State Street Mall, and drafting legislation that helped create the Regional Transportation Authority.

Her firm continues as part of TranSmart Technologies, one of the largest women and minority firms in the Midwest.



Landmark Designation in Madison

1974 — Honors

Richard T. Ely's home in Madison WI is designated a landmark by the Madison Landmarks Commission. The Richard T. Ely House is a historic house located at 205 North Prospect Avenue in Madison, Wisconsin. It was also added to the National Register of Historic Places. Built in 1986, it is located within the University Heights Historic District. Richard T. Ely was then a prominent member of the faculty at the University of Wisconsin. He lived with his wife, Anna, in the home at 205 North Prospect Avenue. Architect Charles Sumner Frost (1856 – 1931) is best known as the architect of Navy Pier and for designing over 100 buildings for the Chicago and North Western Railway.

The landmark plaque includes: "In the academic freedom case involving Ely's alleged radical views, the Board of Regents vindicated him with the statement that encourages 'that continual and fearless sifting and winnowing by which alone the truth can be found.'"

Los Angeles Chapter Hosts Biennial Congress

1975 — Biennial Congress

The Hyatt Regency Los Angeles at Broadway Plaza was the venue for the 1975 Congress.

Dr. Oliver H. Jones

1976–1977 — International Presidents

George Washington chapter member Oliver H. Jones is International President.

Dr. Oliver H. Jones was Executive Vice President of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America from 1968–1977. "Olie" was an economist and author in the fields of housing, finance, mortgage credit, and economic forecasting.



Dr. Louis K. Loewenstein

1977–1979 — International President & Fellow

Louis Loewenstein of the Golden Gate Chapter was elected International President. While still a graduate student at Columbia University, he was initiated in 1957 by the New York Chapter. As a senior consultant with Arthur D. Little, he became a founding member of the San Francisco Chapter in 1964. He served in many leadership roles with LAI prior to becoming International President. Dr. Loewenstein was honored as an International Fellow in 1997. He taught at University of California

and Stanford and headed Louis K. Loewenstein and Associates, Urban Development Economists and Consultants in Urban Planning and Real Estate.

Active Chapters at the time were: Ely, George Washington, Golden Gate, Los Angeles, Mid-America, Philadelphia, San Diego, and Simcoe.

Dr. Loewenstein's Obituary in The New York Times reads as follows:

LOEWENSTEIN—Louis K. Urbanologist and civic activist, died in San Francisco, CA Jan. 22, 2002 at the age of 74, of cancer. Raised in NYC, he was educated at the Univ. of VA, Columbia and the Univ. of PA. He moved to San Francisco, where he divided his time between an international consulting practice and an academic career, teaching planning at Stanford and San Francisco State. He wrote "Streets of San Francisco: The Origins of Street and Place Names" and four other books on urban topics. He served on numerous boards devoted to civic causes, including San Francisco Planning and Urban Renewal (SPUR) and Lambda Alpha International. Dr. Loewenstein is survived by his wife Neyde Trindade, his son Lexy, his daughter Lael and her husband Adam Wasson.

Keynotes Begins

1977 — Traditions

Keynotes began publication, with Keir Brooks as Editor. The concept was initiated by the LA Chapter, which since 1972 had been sending a regular newsletter titled Keynotes to members of the LA and San Francisco Chapters.



LAI Members Participate in Revitalization of FHA

1977 — Land Use Issues

LAI members played prominent roles in Housing policy in the late 1970s. A Committee of the Revitalization of the FHA included Waldemar Weichbrodt, Horace Bazan, Richard Canavan, John Dickerman, Paul Ferrero, Neil Hardy, Alfred Jarchow, W. Beverly Mason, and Adolphus Prothro. Testimony before the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is found via the link below. Separately, Member Robert Weaver (former HUD Secretary), Mr. Hardy, and Dr. Oliver Jones served on a task created by HUD Secretary Patricia Roberts to advise on the future of the FHA. Under President Jimmy Carter, the Community Reinvestment Act was also signed in 1977.

George Washington Chapter Hosts Biennial Congress

1977 — Biennial Congress

"Life, Land and New Energy Policies" was the theme of the 1977 Congress, with sessions held at the Sheraton Park Hotel and Mortgage Bankers Association. Marshall Loeb, Senior Editor of Time Magazine, was among the speakers.

Mid-America Chapter Formed in Memphis

1977 — Chapters

1977 initiates included: Richard B. Alexander, Leader Federal Savings and Loan; Russell Bloodworth, Jr., Boyle Investment Company; Tom Brettschneider, Holiday Inns, Inc.; K. William Chandler; Dr. Robert D. Dean, Memphis State University; Thomas C. Farnsworth, Jr., Farnsworth 7 Associates; William G. Farr, Jr., Percy Galbreath & Son; Avron B. Fogelman, Fogelman Management Company; Robert F. Fogelman; Charles H. Freeburg; Samuel L. Gaynor, ARCO Realtors; John J. Griesbaum, John J. Griesbaum; John J. Heflin, Percy Galbreath & Son; Frank J. Herbers, Kemmons Wilson; George M. Houston, Mid-South Title Insurance Corp.; William S. King, Bill King Co.; Edward B. Lemaster, Edward Lemaster Co.; Robert J. Lofton, Boyle Investment Company; Prof. Paul R. Lowry, Memphis State University; Thomas E. Macallister, Holiday Inn Corporation; Phillip H. McNeill, McNeil Mortgage & Investment; Francis Mah, Walk, Jones & Francis Mah; Clyde L. Patton, Jr., Patton & Taylor Construction; Prof. Robert A. Sigafoos, Memphis State University; Carlin Stuart Real Estate; Bruce Taylor, Patton & Taylor Construction; Henry M. Turley, Henry Turley Company; Dan Wilkinson, Wilkinson & Snowden.



San Diego Chapter

1978 — Chapters

The San Diego Chapter was chartered in August 1978. Keir Brooks, both an International and Los Angeles Chapter officer, coordinated the organization of the new chapter. Henry Rasmussen, Jr. was provisional chapter chair until the chapter reached the ten members needed to become a permanent chapter. San Diego Chapter is formed as a split-off from the Los Angeles Chapter, which provided \$300 in seed money for the new chapter. International President Loewenstein conducted an initiation ceremony on May 8, 1978, at the San Diego University Club.

Charter members who had been initiated by the Los Angeles Chapter were: Henry J. Rasmussen, Jr., Keith Brownell, Sanford A. Goodkin, Belden Morgan, Gerald M. Trimble, H. Leland Troutman, & Marjorie Reed.

Members living in the San Diego area completed the list of ten founding members: Claire E Oneal, formerly of Ely and Golden Gate, Robert A. Snow, formerly of Ely Chapter, William A Reeves, recent LA initiate.

Other members of the early chapter included: Malin Burnham, Richard Cromwell, Harold Keen, Alex C. McDonald, Alan R. Perry, Roy Potter, Stanley C. Scott, Harry L. Summers, Theodore C. Young.

Richard A. Rauch

1979-1981 — International Presidents

Richard Andrew Rauch had a long career as a broker, developer, and manager of real estate in the Chicago area. At the time of his presidency in 1980, LAI had 10 chapters. The largest was Ely (278 members) followed by Los Angeles (157), Golden Gate (96), and New York (66). Other chapters are George Washington (60), Mid -America (50), Philadelphia (37), Puget Sound (41), San Diego (27), and Simcoe (32). International dues were \$50.

Mr. Rauch died in 2018. The following is taken from his published obituary:

Richard Andrew (“Dick”) Rauch of Winnetka, IL, died at the age of 89 on December 1, 2018. He was a generous man of principle, a patriot, a family man and a businessman in the highest sense of the word. Moreover, he had a statesman-like bearing with the ability to communicate his vision and provide thoughtful leadership in an eminently fair and considerate manner. He was also a wonderful story teller and most congenial host.

By the time Mr. Rauch left the service to resume his education, he had been promoted to the rank of sergeant. He had hoped to be an Air Force pilot, but always expressed gratitude to the service for introducing him to the field of business administration – for which he discovered he had a theretofore unknown ability – and for entrusting him with a lot of responsibility at such a relatively young age.

Mr. Rauch graduated from the Indiana University School of Business in Bloomington where he earned a BS degree “with distinction” and was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. After graduation, the family moved to Indianapolis, IN where Mr. Rauch took all of the graduate business courses offered at IU’s Indianapolis campus and taught undergraduate finance classes at night. In later years, Mr. Rauch periodically returned to IU as a guest lecturer for the Real Estate department and was awarded the University’s “Distinguished Owner-Manager Alumnus Citation.”

Mr. Rauch began his business career in Indianapolis, IN at H. Duff Vilm, a mortgage banking firm, and American United Life Insurance Company where he worked in the real estate department. He was also a partner in Frenzel Rauch for a relatively brief time before moving from Indianapolis to the Chicago area in the late 1950’s and joining the real estate firm of Seay & Thomas.

Mr. Rauch had great success at Seay & Thomas, which he attributed to the business philosophy of “First you make a friend; then you make a deal.” He became its president and served in that capacity until after the sale of the company to IC Industries. During his tenure, Seay & Thomas’ accomplishments included the assemblage and sale of several large properties in Chicago’s Loop area, as well as the development of Executive Plaza in Park Ridge, IL, one the first suburban office parks in the country.

In the early 1970’s, Mr. Rauch started his own company, Rauch & Associates, a commercial real estate firm engaged in development, brokerage and management, which eventually became Rauch & Company. Among other things, the company developed an office building at the intersection of Higgins and Cumberland roads in Chicago, followed by the phased development of the O’Hare Plaza office complex at 1825-65 Higgins Road, also in Chicago. These were the first Class A office buildings in the O’Hare Airport corridor and attracted large corporate tenants. Prior to the success of these pioneering projects, it had been generally assumed that market area would not support Class A rent rates.

Rauch & Company later branched out into developing large continuing care retirement communities including The Moorings of Arlington Heights, IL and Atlantic Shores Retirement Community in Virginia Beach, VA., the latter being an innovative real estate cooperative providing ownership benefits, flexible living options, and a wide range of health care services.

Mr. Rauch founded or co-founded several other companies throughout his career including Base Transition and Development Services, a firm that assisted in the transition of closed military bases to civilian use, and Special Tactical Services, a Virginia-based company he was especially proud of, that provides products, training, and other services to the U.S military and various government agencies.

In 2014, he sold his business interests and concluded his professional career. Mr. Rauch was a past president of the Chicago Board of Realtors, a past director of the Illinois Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors, and “Illinois Realtor of the Year” in 1977.

Mr. Rauch was a longtime member of the Union League Club of Chicago. He held numerous offices including serving as its 107th president and being on the board of directors for three years. He was a trustee of the Union League Club Boys and Girls Clubs, and a senior counselor to the Union League Club Civic & Arts Foundation. He served six years on the Public Affairs Committee and was a past chairman of the Armed Forces subcommittee. He was also a chairman of the Club’s Aviation Group, a commander of the Union League Club American Legion Post, and a chairman of the ULC’s 721 Club (a civilian support group for the nuclear submarine USS Chicago USN 721) as well as the ULC’s Chicago 502 (a civilian support group for the Army’s 502nd Infantry Regiment/101st Airborne Division based in Fort Campbell, Kentucky).

Mr. Rauch was active in numerous other civic, professional and social organizations. Mr. Rauch was also a past president of the Metropolitan Chicago Air Force Community Council and served on the Commissioning Committee for the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln. He was a longtime member of the Chicago Crime Commission, the Urban Land Institute and the Tavern Club of Chicago.

Mr. Rauch was a devoted flight enthusiast who became a licensed pilot in mid-life and owned and operated various aircraft, his favorite being a Cessna 185 “Taildragger”. He was a “Colonel” in the Commemorative Air Force, an organization based in Texas whose mission is to acquire, restore and preserve, in flying condition, WWII combat aircraft for public education and enjoyment. He also had a lifelong interest in firearms and was an accomplished marksman.

Mr. Rauch read several newspapers daily, and often had three or more books going at the same time (his favorite subjects being

military history, biographies, the American west and British mysteries). He was a serious collector of military miniatures, as well as model airplanes, trains, and race cars. In his later years, he became an avid artist and cartoonist whose primary medium was watercolor.

He was proud of his German/Irish heritage and loved the fact that whenever he went to Germany, local residents often initially mistook him to be a German citizen due to his appearance and last name.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Suzanne Rauch of Winnetka, IL; his son Richard A. Rauch, Jr. and his wife, Deborah Susan Rauch of Winnetka, IL; his daughter Rebecca Sue Rauch of Winnetka, IL.

Puget Sound Chapter

1979 — Chapters

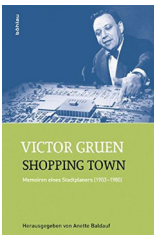
With 23 members, the Puget Sound Chapter was chartered and held its first initiation banquet on April 5, 1979. The nucleus was three men initiated in other chapters: Arthur L. Grey, Jr. (Los Angeles 1960; Gene M. Conger (Golden Gate); and Alan Rabinowitz (New York). International Secretary Robert B. Filley, Sr. is credited with much of the effort that brought about this new chapter. C. W. (Bill) Strong was the first President, and Dr. Arthur Grey Vice President.

The Puget Sound Chapter no longer exists.

"What Lies Ahead for Land Economics in the Eighties?"

1979 — Biennial Congress

The Biennial Congress was held in San Francisco at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel.



Victor Gruen - Los Angeles Chapter

1980 — Member Spotlight

Victor Gruen, a native of Vienna, was initiated into the Los Angeles Chapter 1955. He died at age 76 in 1980. He is credited with conceiving the first modern pedestrian-mall shopping center in 1943, designing and building it in 1952-54. Northland Shopping Center, located in an inner-ring suburb of Detroit, became a model for thousands of shopping centers. "Ironically, it was a concept that Gruen later disavowed, saying his idea had been corrupted by developers and has become a blight upon the urban and suburban landscape." (Los Angeles Chapter Keynotes, April 1980.)



William Roy Kellough

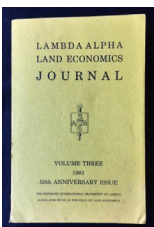
1981-1983 — International Presidents

Roy Kellough was initiated into LAI in 1965 along with two other Canadians as members of Ely Chapter. He then founded the Simcoe Chapter and was elected its President. Serving on the board with Mr. Kellough: Walter Mess/George Washington; Charles F. Seymour/Philadelphia; Robert Sutro/Los Angeles; Robert A. Sigafos/Mid-America Memphis; Keith W. Brownell/San Diego; Franklin B. Bowes/Ely; Thompson A. Dyke/Ely. In 1981, LAI had 700 dues-paying members. The organization ceased its printed publication of "The Land Economics Journal."

Mr. Kellough was educated in Canada and England. Joining the Royal Air Force in 1940, he served for four years in the Fighter Group in the Middle East, India, Burma, and occupied Germany.

He joined Canadian Chartered Bank and in 1950 became a mortgage officer for a large Canadian insurance company. He founded W. R. Kellough & Associates, a real estate appraisal and land economics firm.

He served in many capacities with LAI, including director of LEF, chair of Awards Committee, editor of Keynotes, editor-in-chief of Land Economic Journal, and International Vice President.



50th Anniversary

1981 — Biennial Congress

LAI's 50th Anniversary is celebrated at the Biennial Congress at the Union League Club of Chicago with the theme "The Next 50 Years — How 'Private' Can Enterprise Be?" Lambda Alpha Land Economics Journal published a 50th Anniversary Issue, edited by W. R. Kellough. The volume included two selected chapters from Benjamin G. Rader's biography of Richard T. Ely.

Richard A. Rauch (Ely) was International President, and Leonard Eisenberg served as Ely Chapter president.

Donald W. Conley and Harry W. Gahagan co-chaired the event. Ely members on the committee included Robert B. Teska, Richard A. Miller, Larry Christmas, and Betty Joy Wagner Zeni.

Harry W Gahagan (1899-1991) was honored in the Winter 1980 Keynotes in an article prepared by Hayward Hirsch. Mr. Gahagan was born in Elgin IL and graduated from DePaul University. While in his early 20s, he organized Harry W. Gahagan Realty Corp. He developed the West Chicago Industrial District over the decade from 1956 to 1966. He was president of Ely Chapter and served in multiple civic roles. He made significant contributions to transportation policy and was instrumental in creating the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA).

Minnesota Chapter Launched

1982 — Chapters

President Roy Kellough and Walter Mess initiated the new members in Minneapolis.

Members in the 1983 directory are: David Graven, Holmes & Graven; Lawrence G. Greenberg, Coopers & Lybrand; Ray H. Harris, Ray Harris Co.; Charles R. Krusell, Industry Square Development; Barbara Lukermann, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs; James B. McComb, James B. McComb & Associates; John C. Mullan, Barton-Aschman Associates (1983 Chapter President); Carl E. Ohm, Metropolitan Council; John M. Palmer, Attorney; Deane M. Wenger, Barton-Aschman Associates.



David Callies

Aloha Chapter in Hawaii

1983 — Chapters

First initiates included: David L. Callies, University of Hawaii; Willard T. Chow, Chief Planning Officer, City and County of Honolulu; Don R. Cowell, Cowell & Company; William A Grant, Honolulu Downtown Improvement Association; Raymond A. Leshner; Wendell H. Martin, Wendell H. Martin Inc.; Michael M. McElroy, Director of Land Utilization; Robert J. Vernon, John Child & Company; Donald H. Wolbrink.

Phoenix Chapter

1983 — Chapters

Phoenix Chapter chartered with 11 new members: Elizabeth Kates Burns, Arizona State University; Gerald L. Clark, Clark/Van Voorhis Architects; Richard Franklin Counts, City of Phoenix Planning Department; Robert J. Crabb; Marion Everhart, Everhart Appraisal Service; Robert E. Francy, FASA; G. William Larson, G. William Larson Associates; Gerald Rainey McSheffrey, Arizona State University; Henry G. Metzger, Jr., Peter A, Lendrum Associates; Michael Moloney, Bookbinder Financial Corporation; Walter Winus, Jr., Winus Montandon Inc.

The 12th chapter member was Rodney E. Engelen, who was initiated in 1963 by Ely Chapter. Mr. Engelen (1927-2008) was a renowned planner and architect. A link to his obituary is provided.

LEF Looks to the Future

1983 — Land Economic Foundation

LEF Trustees allocate \$250 to secure an expert opinion to address the question "Does this foundation have a chance for long term success?" (Spoiler alert: The answer is YES! but it took some time.)

Name Change: Fron Fraternity to Society

1983 — Organization

The name of the organization was changed from The International Fraternity of Lambda Alpha to Lambda Alpha International. At a Board of Governors meeting in Toronto, it was also agreed to use a subtitle of "An Honorary Land Economics Society" in graphics and materials. While the final vote by the Board of Governors was unanimous, not all chapters supported the change. At one point Ely Chapter, while acknowledging drawbacks to using "Fraternity," suggested "The International Honorary Fraternity of Lambda Alpha." Other suggested name changes incorporated the word "Institute" or "Society." The Los Angeles Chapter voted against the change by a wide margin.

President Kellough credited Don Conley for ushering the project to completion, including filings and amendments to the constitution.

Canadian Experience

1983 — Biennial Congress

Simcoe Chapter in Toronto provides a "Canadian Experience for the Biennial Congress." The 11 Chapters were: Ely, New York, Los Angeles, George Washington, Philadelphia, Simcoe, Golden Gate, Mid-America, San Diego, Puget Sound, and Minnesota. The newest chapters were in Honolulu and Phoenix.

The Honourable William G. Davis, Premier of Ontario, and Ian MacDonald, President York University and former Deputy Treasurer of Ontario and Deputy Ministry of Treasury, Economics and Inter-governmental Affairs, were among the speakers.

A panel moderated by Justice Donald Steele, Ontario Supreme Court, debated the following: "Resolved that, in the opinion of this Congress, the 1981-1983 recession/depression will be followed by the accustomed return of buoyant prosperity for land holders and constant rising expectations of land holders."

Grant Arland Bacchus (1919-2016) co-chaired the Biennial Congress.

LAI / ARES Seminar

1986 — Land Use Issues

"The Brave New World of Real Estate Investment: Where We've Been, Where We Are Now and Where We're Going" is the title of a one-day educational seminar in Chicago jointly sponsored by LAI and American Real Estate Society.

Roy W. Potter chaired the 28th Congress Committee, and Donald W. Pehrson was LAI International President.

Representing Many Professions

1986 — Biennial Congress

Biennial Congress reaffirms commitment to the many professions within land economics with theme The Realities and Dynamics of Land Economics: 1987.



Donald A. Pehrson

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1987-1989 — International Presidents

Donald A. Pehrson, a past President of the Los Angeles Chapter, was elected for a two-year term as President of LAI. He was born in Los Angeles, California in 1921 and graduated from the University of California with a Business Degree. He was a senior executive with North American Aviation and Rockwell International.

In 1990, Mr. Pehrson and his wife Rose moved to Carefree, Arizona. His membership was transferred to the Phoenix Chapter.

He passed away in 1991 at the age of 94.

Organizing for Growth

1988 — Organization

LAI implements the concept of Regional Vice Presidents, East, Central, and West, with International added later. These offices would be a conduit between International and the Chapters. Through the efforts of First Vice President Roy Potter, a strategic plan is written, with revisions and updates to follow through the years.



Liz Hollander and Mayor Washington

1st Woman President for Ely Chapter

1988 — Member Spotlight

Elizabeth L. Hollander (1939-2015) is the first woman elected president of Ely Chapter. Among her many acts of public and civic service, she was Chicago Planning Commissioner from 1983-1989 under Mayor Harold Washington. Ms. Hollander was presented the LAI International Public Official Award in 1987.

Ms. Hollander was initiated by Ely Chapter in June of 1979.

San Diego Meeting Features Pacific Rim

1989 — Biennial Congress

The Pacific Rim — Winning the Economic Race to the Future is the theme of the 28th Biennial Congress held in San Diego. Attendance was 149 people.

Professor Lawrence Krause, Graduate School of International Relations & Pacific Studies, University of California at San Diego, was the keynote speaker. Panel discussions discussed: Pacific Rim--Here and Now; Pacific Rim--Economic Trends; Impacts on Real Estate; an Future Expectations.

The 28th Congress Committee was chaired by Roy W. Potter, and members included David L. Callies, Stephen R. Finn, Michael S. Genewick, James A. Chalmers, Robert L. Shedd, Bruce H. Warren, and V. Philip Boname.

Evelyn Kieffer, past President of the Los Angeles Chapter and former Vice President of LAI, was installed as Chairman of the Land Economics Foundation for 1990-1991. Evelyn Thompson Kieffer (1919-2012) was an educator, business woman, and philanthropist. Dr. Kieffer held BA and MA degrees from Occidental College and a Ph.D. in English Literature from University of Southern California. Among her various professional positions, she was Director of Alumni Relations, Public Affairs, and Development for USC School of Education.

Roy W. Potter, FAICP

1990-1991 — International Presidents

Roy W. Potter was among the first group of members of the San Diego Chapter in 1979, becoming its President. He held prominent planning positions, particularly in San Diego. He as president of the California Chapter of the American Planning Association in 1972-73. He served on the Board of the San Diego Urban League. The Mayor of San Diego appointed him to the Land Development Advisory Board in 1976. At the time of his Presidency, he was Executive Vice President of San Diegans, an important voice in the City's development. In 2000, he was honored as Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners (FAICP) with the following citation "Never content with the status quo, his leadership expanded the frontiers of urban planning through innovation to create more livable cities. He is an effective, results-oriented professional who has had a positive impact





on urban development in the United States and abroad during his 42 years in the field." He was born in 1924 and died in 2004.

During President Potter's tenure, these chapters were active: Aloha, Ely, George Washington, Golden Gate, Los Angeles, Mid-America, New York, Orange County (Provisional), Philadelphia, Phoenix, Puget Sound, St. Louis, San Diego, Simcoe, South Florida, Vancouver.



Marjory Stoneman Douglas

South Florida Chapter Chartered

1990 — Chapters

A South Florida Chapter with 34 members was chartered in Coral Gables. Credit is given to Charles Crumpton, the first President, and Gene Shaw, the new Historian. The previous Flagler Chapter had been inactive. The charter for for the South Florida Chapter was rescinded in 2001 due to inactivity.

Marjory Stoneman Douglas--at the age of 100--became a charter member of the new South Florida Chapter. A journalist and writer, she was a fierce advocate for protecting the Florida Everglades.



V. Philip Boname

Vancouver: A New Canadian Chapter

1990 — Chapters

Officers of the new chapter were: V. Philip Boname, President Peter Oberlander, VP/Historian David M. Aitken, VP/Programming John R. D'Eathe, VP/Membership David Gillanders, Secretary/Treasurer.

Vancouver Chapter, with Phil Boname as the key organizer, is chartered. International President Don Pehrson learned that earlier chapters had not received physical charters, and directed that his be rectified.

LAI Meets in Memphis

1990 — Biennial Congress

Awards presented at this meeting hosted by the Mid-America Chapter were: Member of the Year: Walter Mess International Public Official: Calvin Hamilton Chapter Member of the Year: Stanley C. Scott, San Diego Michael S. Genewick, Los Angeles.

Calvin Hamilton of the Los Angeles Chapter received the International Public Service Award for his distinguished service in urban planning. Following an illuminating career that included both national and international assignments, Mr. Hamilton served as Planning Director for the City of Los Angeles from 1964 to 1986.

In 1990 LAI counted 1,233 active members in 15 chapters and including members-at-large.

Eugene W. Stunard

1991-1993 — International Presidents

Gene Stunard had served as President of Ely Chapter. He was named an LAI International Fellow in 1995.

The 30th Biennial Congress was held at the Washington Court Hotel in Washington D.C. in October 1993, during his tenure. The theme of the Congress was "New Directions in Development," with programs looking past the then-current malaise of overbuilding and the credit crisis. Frank H. Spink, Jr. chaired the Congress.

Orange County Chapter Formed

1991 — Chapters

Orange County was considered a "splinter chapter" of Los Angeles. LA members Bill Waldren and Jim Carlson were credited with much of effort to organize the new chapter. About 30 members of the LA Chapter became charter members, joined by 60 new members from the Orange County area. Chartering members were Ronald Molendyk, Dr. Alfred Gobar, James Carlson, James Beam, Larry Hegler, and Ronald Wedemeyer.



Sam Cullers

Sacramento Chapter Becomes 5th California Chapter Formed

1991 — Chapters

Sacramento Chapter is formed through the efforts of Sam Cullers (initiated 1990), who became its first President. The Golden Gate Chapter provided assistance to the new chapter. Members of the 1991 initiation class included: Robert H. Armsby, LPA; Carroll E. Brock, Thousand Hills Development Corp.; Dr. Richard L. Dickinson, Real Estate & Land Use Institute CSUS, Sacramento; Albert M. Dreyfuss, Dreyfuss & Blackford Architects; Thomas W. Eres, Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard; Rex S. Hime, California Business Properties Association; Thomas G. Matoff, Sacramento Regional Transit District; Josef D. Moorehead, Dean of School of Business Administration CSUS; Page Robbins, Ecumenical Association for Housing; Dean F. Unger, AIA; Brian R. Van Camp, Law Offices of Downey, Brand, Seymour & Rohwe; Stephen S. Woolery, Norris, Beggs & SImpson; Ronald A. Zumbrun, Pacific Legal Foundation.

"The Impact of World Events on Land Economics"

1991 — Biennial Congress

The 29th Biennial Congress was held in Chicago at The Art Institute of Chicago. Gene Stunard chaired the organizing committee composed of William C. Brubaker, Donald W. Conley, Stephen B. Friedman, Richard T. Garrigan, Elizabeth L. Hollander, Larry E. Lund, and Richard J. Roddewig.

Student Association Formed

1991 — Organization

Lambda Alpha International Student Association is formed to recognize the roots of Lambda Alpha and provide an opportunity for university students to relate professionally with LAI members and chapters.

London Chapter

1992 — Chapters

London Chapter becomes the only chapter outside of North America. Starting with a core of seven at-large members, 16 new initiates were added at a chartering banquet held at London's Carlton Club. While the development involved several members over the years, Keith Brownell (San Diego) spearheaded the initial effort.

LAI's Board of Governors met in London in September 1992, with Gene Stunard presiding International President.

Early officers of the London Chapter were: Roger Kallman, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Sir Idris Pearce, Richard Ellis, Inc.; Harold Melzack, Smith Melzack; Dr. Karen Sieracki, ESN Pension Management Group.



Mort Hoffman

Baltimore Chapter Founded

1992 — Chapters

Asked about the founding of the founding of the Baltimore Chapter, member Josef Nathanson gives the following account: "Mort Hoffman (initiated 1960) and Jeff Soule (initiated 1990), both residents of Baltimore, were members of the George Washington Chapter. In 1992 they thought that there was a critical mass in the Baltimore area to form a new chapter. They put out a call to about a dozen principals of both public and private organizations to explain the purposes and protocols of LAI. Soon thereafter, Mort started scheduling regular luncheon meetings at a restaurant located in his office building. The new members were officially inducted at some point later in the year." Morton Hoffman, an economist and urban planner, was the first Baltimore Chapter President. His firm, Morton Hoffman & Co., conducted studies that shaped redevelopment in Baltimore, including its Inner Harbor, for four decades. Mr. Hoffman grew up in the Bronx and received his bachelor's degree in history at age 19 from City College of New York. He continued with graduate urban planning studies at NYU.

Drafted in 1941, Mr. Hoffman served as an Army lieutenant in England during World War II. Afterward, he earned a master's degree in economics from American University and worked as an economist at the National Housing Agency and at the Division of Defense Housing Coordination. Moving to Baltimore in 1948, he served as head of research for the Baltimore Housing Authority and the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Authority. He formed his consulting company, Morton Hoffman & Co., in 1958. In addition to his service with the Baltimore Chapter, Mr. Hoffman was a member of the LAI Executive Committee. He died in 2000 at the age of 81. Jeffery L. Soule was Policy Director for the American Planning Association, based in Washington DC. He also served as a Baltimore Chapter President.

John L. Hysom

1993-1995 — International Presidents

Dr. John Leland Hysom, Jr. was initiated into LAI in 1974 by the George Washington Chapter. He was a Professor of Real Estate and Urban Development at George Mason University.

Dr. Hysom was born in 1934 in Ottawa Kansas. In 1957 he graduated from the University of Kansas.

His often-referenced publication "The Effect of Subsidized Housing on Values of Adjacent Housing" analyzed data from 1972-1980. Other publications include:

Business and Its Environment, 1982.

A Handbook for Creating and Urban Development Information System: A Foundation for Planning and Managing Growth, 1974.



Tim Griffin

Minnesota Chapter Reestablished

1993 — Chapters

Timothy J. Griffin was instrumental in the chartering of a new Minnesota Chapter.

Initiated into LAI in 1986, Tim Griffin had been in Chicago where he was a founding board member of Friends of the Chicago River. Tim is an urban designer and teacher, currently a Senior Research Fellow at University of Minnesota, Minnesota Design Center.

Strengthening LEF

1993 — Land Economic Foundation

Project 96 kicks off a three-year effort to build the permanent endowment of the Land Economics Foundation, which is at the \$63,000 level. Foundation officers were Rod Engelen (Phoenix), Leslie Pollock (Ely), and Vincent Maher (Los Angeles).

Ottawa Chapter

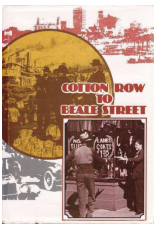
1993 — Chapters

Ottawa becomes the newest Canadian chapter. 1994 Officers were: President: James A. Lowden VP: Jean-Pierre Lortie VP: Edward Martin Robinson, City of Ottawa VP: Dr. Victor A. Konrad, Foundation for Educational Exchange Treasurer: Alex H. Fitzsimmons Secretary: Peter G. Burns, Urbandale Corporation Historian: Robert Arthur Garrod.

George Washington Chapter Hosts Biennial

1993 — Biennial Congress

30th Biennial Congress is held in Washington DC, hosted by the George Washington Chapter and chaired by Frank H. Spink, Jr. The theme of New Directions in Development looked to the future, past the "current malaise of overbuilding, credit crisis, and restructuring of public institutions and private businesses".



Memphis Chapter: A New Name

1994 — Chapters

Mid America Chapter is renamed the Memphis Chapter.

Robert Alan Sigafoos (1923-2020) was a charter member of the Mid-America Chapter.

Dr. Sigafoos wrote "Cotton Row to Beale Street," an economic and land development history of the Memphis area. The link includes other information about his distinguished career.



Centennial: Sifting & Winnowing

1994 — Honors

First installed in 1915, a plaque at Boscom Hall at University of Wisconsin in Madison uses the words in the 1894 Board of Regents' report that exonerated Professor Richard T. Ely of all charges against him. In 1894 they wrote: "Whatever may be the limitations which trammel inquiry elsewhere, we believe that the great State University of Wisconsin should ever encourage that continual and fearless sifting and winnowing by which alone the truth can be found." In 1994, the Board of Regents held a conference on the centennial of the "Ely affair" and reaffirmed the principle of academic freedom.



Mexico City Meeting

1994 — Chapters

BOG meets in Mexico City where the Mexico City Chapter was chartered. (This chapter is no longer active.) The initiation dinner was held at La Hacienda de los Morales, with remarks by International President Roger Kallman.



Boston Chapter

1995 — Chapters

Union Club of Boston was the venue of the chapter chartering and first initiation banquet. The founding class of 25 initiates Richard D. Simmons, Sr., CRE, was the first chapter president. Mr. Simmons was Chairman of the Board of Simmons Associates, Ltd. of Lynnfield MA.



V. Philip Boname

1995-1997 — International Presidents

Phil Boname founded LAI's Vancouver Chapter. He is well known for conducting financial feasibility studies, economic impact assessments, and downtown revitalization studies. Mr. Boname continues to head Urbanics Consultants Ltd., the firm he founded in 1997 in Vancouver. He has held leadership positions with numerous civic and professional organizations. He graduated from College Cevenol (France) and holds a Bachelor of Arts (Economics) from St. Lawrence University, New York.

Keynotes Goes Online

1997 — Organization

LAI's "Cyber Space Committee" chaired by Pat Dowell-Cerasoli launched the first on-line issue of Keynotes.

Alderman Pat Dowell's Biography

Pat Dowell, Alderman of the 3rd Ward, was a significant catalyst for the rebirth of the historic Bronzeville community that

occurred in the 1990's. She has an extensive background in urban planning and community development and was one of the primary architects of the Bronzeville Development Plan – which won a Burnham Award for excellence in planning. She is a former City Planner and Deputy Commissioner of Neighborhood Planning under former Mayors Harold Washington, Eugene Sawyer and Richard Daley. Formerly, Ms. Dowell was the executive director of the Near West Side Community Development Corporation where she built affordable housing and commercial retail space and provided social services and employment and financial counseling services to residents of Henry Horner Homes. In the mid 1990's, she was the founding executive director of the Mid-South Planning and Development Commission and as a result of her leadership millions of dollars in development funding was allocated to the ward to preserve several historic Bronzeville landmarks. Finally, she was executive director of Chicago Public Allies, a national youth development organization.

Ms. Dowell has a B.A. degree in Developmental Psychology from the University of Rochester and a Masters Degree in Social Service Administration from the University of Chicago. In the City Council, Alderman Dowell will be a member of the Housing and Real Estate, Transportation and the Public Way, Landmarks, Rules and Health Committees.

Source: City of Chicago, July 2019

Memphis Meeting

1997 — Biennial Congress

Memphis Chapter hosts the Biennial Congress with the theme "Community Economic Development Around the Globe."



Eugene Stunard

Ely Chapter Hosts LAI

1997 — Biennial Congress

29th Biennial Congress held in Chicago with theme "The Impact of World Events on Land Economics." Gene Stunard (Ely) chaired the committee.

Eugene W. Stunard became an LAI International Fellow in 1995.



Watercolor rooftops by Frank Spink

Frank H. Spink, Jr.

1998-1999 — International Presidents

Frank Spink was initiated by the George Washington Chapter in 1976. Mr. Spink authored many studies and books, particularly on the retail market, with The Urban Land Institute.

In 1998, LAI had 1,714 paid members. Active Chapters were: Aloha, Baltimore, Boston, Carolina, Ely, George Washington, Golden Gate (largest chapter), London, Los Angeles, Memphis, Minnesota, New York, Orange County, Ottawa, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Puget Sound, Sacramento, San Diego, Simcoe, South Florida, Vancouver.

The biography posted on the website for Mr. Spink's work as a watercolorist and ceramicist tells the following story:

Frank paints both realism and abstraction in watercolor and acrylic. Born in Chicago in 1935. Studied Architecture at the University of Illinois and, as it had a Beaux Arts tradition, acquired the equivalent of a minor in art along with his Bachelor of Architecture degree (1953-1959). Then received a Master of Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Washington in Seattle (1963). Served in the US Navy as an Officer in Charge of Construction at the US Naval Weapons Facility, Concord California, (1960-1962), located in the greater San Francisco Bay Area.

As a professional urban planner he held positions in Bellevue, Washington and in Fremont, California And, as Planning Director in Pleasanton, California.

While living in Northern California he was a member of the Society of Western Artists and President of the Fremont Art Association. His paintings were shown all over Northern California including San Francisco's DeYoung Museum, the Dedication Festival art exhibition at the restored Palace of Fine Arts and in the Jack London Square Festival.

1967 he was recruited by the ULI—the Urban Land Institute in Washington DC where he held various positions over 30 years and retired in 1997 as Vice President and Publisher. Followed by serving 2 years as the International President for Lambda Alpha International Land Economics Society. In 1998 formed the Spink Consultancy providing professional advice and consultant services.

Residing in Northern Virginia, adjacent to Washington, DC, from 1967 to the present he became active in regional art associations as a member and president of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists and as Artist Member and Board Member of the Virginia Watercolor Society. He has won Best of Show with both of these organizations. Another award from the Virginia Watercolor society, included a one-man show at the Art Depot in Abington, Virginia.

He also member of the national Sumi-e Society of America since 1971, winning Best of Show and other awards numerous times and serving as Treasurer and First Vice President. A Sumi-e style seascape was his first award in this style, given by the founder of the society Motoi Oi in 1977 and incidentally, another seascape took the Shiubi Award in 2006 at the Sumi-e Society 43rd exhibition. Both were in his own American Sumi-e style he has developed as a bridge between East Asian and Western styles and materials.

Frank has been listed in Who's Who in American Art since 1976. As well as Who's Who in America in 1997.

In 1998 he renewed an interest in ceramics, drawing on his art and design background to wheel throw and handbuild pottery

as art. His work relies on free style carving and glaze application to bring individuality to each piece of pottery. In 2008 Frank received a first award for his pottery, and a Best of Show in 2012.

Frank's paintings are in several corporate collections including Giant Food, Virginia Bankshares, and Benihana of Tokyo, St. John's University and in numerous private collections across the country, in Canada, Europe and Asia. His pottery owners are scattered throughout the US with pieces also in Great Britain and Thailand.

LAI in London

1999 — Biennial Congress

33rd Biennial Congress held in London. Participants welcomed by International President Frank Spink. Participants travel by boat to the Royal Naval College at Greenwich, where U.S. Ambassador to the United Kingdom Philip Ladar gives the keynote address.

LAI published "Old World, New World, Future World: The Disempowerment of Property?." The conference offered guidance on the underlying trends affecting the role of property, drawing on the experience in both North America and Europe.

Frank H. Spink was given the Member of the Year Award in 1999.



Eugene Stunard

First LEW Held in Baltimore

2000 — Land Economics Weekend

First official Land Economics Weekend (LEW) in Baltimore as all members are invited to dinner cruise on the Harbor and city tour. LAI member M. J. "Jay" Brodie (President of Baltimore Development Corporation) narrates the tour. Baltimore Chapter President Joe Nathanson welcomes the participants.

The opening reception was held in Garrett-Jacobs Mansion, with Charlie Duff (President, Baltimore Architectural Foundation) as speaker.

Among the tour stops were American Can Company site, Tide Point, Bolton Hill, and ColdSpring new town.

Ely Chapter Hosts Chicago LEW

2000 — Land Economics Weekend

The second "Weekend Experience" was held in Chicago with events at the Mid-Day and Cliff Dwellers clubs and a bus tour on the final day.

LAI in San Francisco

2001 — Land Economics Weekend

Golden Gate Chapter hosts LEW.

Tokyo Chapters & St. Louis Chapters

2001 — Chapters

The inaugural meeting of the Tokyo Chapter, held on October 30, 2001, was attended by LAI Vice President David Callies and Past International President Phil Boname. More than 20 members were initiated.

The East-West Gateway-St. Louis Chapter was chartered in October 2001. This chapter is no longer functioning. The chapter was formed under the leadership of Dr. Alan Artibise, the E Des Lee Endowed Professor of Community Collaboration & Public Policy at the University of Missouri--St. Louis. Dr. Artibise is a LAI Fellow and past president of the Vancouver Chapter.

Philadelphia Waterfront Showcased

2001 — Land Economics Weekend

Philadelphia Chapter President Harvey Levin welcomed LAI at the newly renovated 30th Street Station. Attendees learned about the development challenges of Penn's Landing and, across the Delaware River, the successes on the Camden waterfront. A mobile workshop took the group to Conshohocken, a former mill town 15 miles north of Philadelphia. The closing awards banquet was held at the Seaport Museum.



Jane Jacobs at Simcoe Chapter

2001 — Honors

Jane Jacobs receives International Author Award from Simcoe/Toronto Chapter, presented by Virginia Soloman, past Chapter President and current chair of LEF.

LEW in NYC

2002 — Land Economics Weekend

Hosted by New York Chapter, LEW included tour of Ground Zero a year after 9-11 attack.



Larry Lund

Larry Lund

2003-2004 — International President & Fellow

Larry Lund became a member of Ely Chapter in 1983. In 1990 he received LAI's Richard T Ely Distinguished Service Award. He served as Chapter President in 1993 and International President of LAI 2004-2005. In 2010 he was honored as an International Fellow of LAI. His career in economic development and market analysis included conceptual redevelopment planning urban planning. Public Food Markets was a subspeciality for which he was particularly well known.

San Diego LEW

2003 — Land Economics Weekend

San Diego LEW includes hardhat tour of Padres Ballpark and dinner at the San Diego Zoo.



Cheryl Soon

LAI in Hawaii

2003 — Land Economics Weekend

Aloha Chapter hosts LEW including a tour lead by Cheryl Soon, Director of Honolulu's Department of Transportation Services.

LEW in South Beach, Florida

2004 — Land Economics Weekend

While LAI no longer has an active chapter in South Florida, a LEW was held in South Beach, FLA. The Miami chapter was named the Flagler Chapter.

Sacramento LEW

2004 — Land Economics Weekend

Sacramento LEW highlights rail infrastructure and housing development and includes a trip to Napa Valley.

LEW Explores Post Big-Dig in Boston

2005 — Land Economics Weekend

Boston Chapter hosts Weekend Experience, highlighting the post-Big-Dig challenge of "stitching our city back together with its waterfront and exiled neighborhoods."



Michael D.
Maremont

Zia Chapter in New Mexico

2005 — Chapters

Spearheaded by Michael D. Maremont, Zia Chapter in New Mexico receives its charter.

LAI's 75th Anniversary

2005 — Anniversaries

LAI celebrates 75th anniversary in Chicago with a gala banquet at Millennium Park on the enclosed-glass Pritzker stage designed by Frank Gehry.



Lou Slade

LAI in Nation's Capital

2006 — Land Economics Weekend

"Unexpected Washington" is the theme of the LEW hosted by the George Washington Chapter. Lou Slade, P.E. was chapter president. Dr. Anthony Downs of Brookings Institution was the featured dinner speaker.

Ottawa LEW

2006 — Land Economics Weekend

LEW in Canada's Capital hosted by Ottawa Chapter and based at the historic Fairmont Chateau Laurier Hotel. Participants toured the Capital, Gatineau Park, and Rockcliffe Airbase (redevelopment) among other sites. Simcoe Chapter sponsored the weekend.



LEW in Ireland

2007 — Land Economics Weekend

Irish Spring LEW in Dublin, Ireland, themed Ireland--Greater than Green, includes a day-trip to Belfast.



Fereydoon Ghaffari

Los Angeles LEW

2007 — Land Economics Weekend

Biennial Congress in Los Angeles features behind-the-scenes tours of various urban centers. Members were welcomed by Dr. James W. Fawcett, International President, and Marsha V. Rood, FAICP, Chapter President.

Anthony Downs, Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institute, spoke at the opening reception at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel. The program highlighted the city's increased urbanization and process of reinventing itself.

Urban centers toured included Santa Monica, Century City, Downtown Los Angeles, and Hollywood.

Properties visited included RAND Corporation Headquarters, Staples Center, Disney Hall, LA Live, and Grand Avenue Project.

Phoenix LEW

2008 — Land Economics Weekend

Phoenix Chapter and LAI Student Association of Arizona State University host Weekend Experience featuring recent cultural, transportation, educational, residential, and commercial development.

LAI Returns to Canada

2008 — Land Economics Weekend

Simcoe Chapter hosts Fall LEW that, in addition to walking and bus tours of Toronto, highlights the award-winning "Ontario Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe."



Olympics Preview in Vancouver

2009 — Land Economics Weekend

Vancouver Chapter hosts the Land Economic Weekend, previewing development for the Winter 2010 Olympics.

LEW Features Plan of Chicago

2009 — Land Economics Weekend

Marking the 100th anniversary of Daniel Burnham and Edward Bennett's Plan of Chicago, Ely Chapter hosts a LEW and symposium entitled Burnham's Plan of Chicago: History or Inspiration?



John H. Herron, International Past International President
LAI, John H. Herron, President, Atlanta Chapter

New Atlanta Chapter Celebrates

2009 — Chapters

Atlanta Chapter holds Charter Ceremony and Officer Installation Banquet, recognizing Joan H. Herron as chapter president and honoring for her organizing efforts.

In 1959, the Dixie States Chapter was chartered in Atlanta. That chapter dissolved by 1977.



Madrid Chapter Chartered

2010 — Chapters

Aurelio Ramirez Zarzosa provided key leadership in forming the Madrid, Spain, Chapter.



Minnesota Chapter Hosts LEW

2010 — Land Economics Weekend

Minnesota Chapter hosts spring LEW themed "Two Cities. One River." The Westin Hotel was the conference center.

The 50th floor of the IDS Center in Minneapolis was the venue for the opening reception. Tour stops included the Guthrie Theater, Target Field, downtown Edina, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Uptown, Lyn-Lake, and Midtown Exchange.

Chapter officers were: Jeremy Mayberg, President, Charlene Roise, VP for Programs, Barb Sporlein, Secretary, Dick Strassburg, Treasurer, J. Wesley Chapman, Jr., VP for Membership, Brad Wood, AVP for Programs, Patricia Arnst, Scribe/Chapter Administrator, Jay Lindgren, Immediate Past President.



Scotland the Brave

2011 — Land Economics Weekend

Glasgow was the venue for the Scotland LEW hosted by the London Chapter (and Dr. Karen Sieracki). Glasgow highlights included a boat tour of the Clyde River Waterfront. A day trip to Edinburgh featured a tour of Britannia, the Queen's Royal Yacht.

Phoenix Hosts LEW

2012 — Land Economics Weekend

LEW highlights included a visit to Tucson and University of Arizona, walking tour of Downtown Phoenix, and a closing reception at Heard Museum.

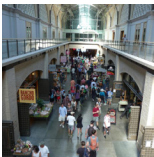


Hawaii LEW: Culturally Integrated by Design

2012 — Land Economics Weekend

Aloha Chapter kicked off the LEW with a President's Reception aboard the USS Missouri. The closing reception was held at Washington Place, a structure built for Queen Liliuokalani and currently the Governor's Residence. A full description of the tours and events is included in the LEW reports on this website.

Photo of USS Missouri by C. Williams.



San Francisco LEW

2013 — Land Economics Weekend

Jim Musbach and Paul Woolford co-chaired the LEW San Francisco Committee. Walking and bus tours as well as a Bay Ferry Cruise provided new insights to the City.



LAI-UAE

2014 — Chapters

The newest chapter in the United Arab Emirates was chartered with these new officers: Rudayna Abdo, AICP, MCIP, PQP Geoffrey Batzel, AICP, MCIP Pavathi Nampoothiri Abdellalif Qamhaleh Hicham Bou Habib The new chapter was welcomed at the Board of Governors meeting in Atlanta, GA.



Anil Hatkar

AUM-LAI Chapter Formed

2014 — Chapters

The new chapter in India, chartered by the Board of Governors at its in meeting in Madrid Spain, covers the state of Maharashtra. Initial officers were Anil Hatkar of the Maharashtra Economic Development Council, Girish Bhagat, Prakash Patil, and Abhay Pethe. Mr. Hatkar, already an At-Large Member of LAI, was the principal organizer.

Madrid Hosts LEW

2014 — Land Economics Weekend

Gran Melia Hotel Fenix was the headquarters for the Madrid LEW. Emilio Gomez Delgado was Madrid Chapter President.

San Diego LEW

2015 — Land Economics Weekend

Suzanne Varco chaired the LEW host committee, bringing LAI to San Diego.

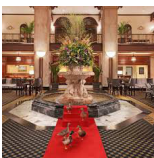


Memphis LEW

2016 — Land Economics Weekend

The historic Peabody Hotel was the conference hotel for the LEW hosted by the Memphis Chapter. In addition to providing insights into Memphis development, LEW tours included the National Civil Rights Museum, Stax Museum of American Soul Music, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, and a opportunity for a midnight tour of the FedEx Hub.

Steve Guinn was Memphis Chapter President.





Bronwyn Krog

44° N 79° Toronto

2016 — Land Economics Weekend

With an opening reception on the 53rd floor of TD Bank Tower (Mies van der Rohe) and closing dinner at the top of the CN Tower, LEW participants were afforded grand views of Toronto. Tours showed many aspects of this growing city, including how planning and development support the embrace of immigrants. See the full report by scribe Alex Savanyu.



Mumbai India: Global Conference

2017 — Land Use Issues

AUM Chapter, Mumbai, India in cooperation with LAI Global Chapter hosted GLOBAL CONFERENCE 2017 “Make In India” – Drivers for Sustainable Urbanization Land Economics, Infrastructure Development and Finance. The conference offered a unique and affordable opportunity for LAI members and guests to learn more about India, its cities, and development efforts.



Tony Forte

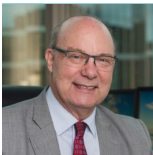
Philadelphia Hosts LEW

2017 — Land Economics Weekend

Tour highlights included the redeveloped Philadelphia Navy Yard and University of Pennsylvania's Pennovation Works Campus. A full description and photos are on this website--click the link. David Glancey, Dan Reisman, and Tony Forte (pictured), were LEW Co-Chairs and Chapter President, respectively.

Austin – Central Texas Chapter Chartered

2017 — Chapters



Garth Evans

LEW in Vancouver

2017 — Land Economics Weekend

Friday tours by bus and SkyTrain showcased suburban transit-oriented development. New fixed-rail rapid transit extensions over the last three decades have connected town centres, added density, expanded housing and job choices, and reduced sprawl. Saturday tours by bus and boat highlighted waterfront communities.

LAI's Skyline Award was presented to the City of Burnaby. Acting Mayor and Councillor Paul McDonnell; Anthony (Tony) Parr FCIP, ARIBA; Shape Properties; and James Cheng Architects were recognized for their contributions to this town centre.

The closing gala dinner was held at Vancouver Auditorium, Stanley Park.

Toronto's 50th Anniversary

2017 — Anniversaries

Simcoe Chapter celebrates 50th Anniversary with gala with speaker former Ontario Premier Hon. Bob Rae. His keynote address: “Planning for the Common Good – Looking Forward and Looking Back.”



Mel Freeman

LAI Returns to Baltimore

2018 — Land Economics Weekend

Spring LEW kicks off with President's Reception on the 27th floor of Baltimore's World Trade Center. Mel Freeman, chapter president, and Robert McBride, International President welcome attendees.

Tours included a boat cruise of Baltimore Harbor; a visit to East Baltimore featuring redevelopment around The John Hopkins Medical Institutions; Midtown revitalization projects; and reuse of Whitehall Mill.

The closing awards dinner was held at The Frederick Douglass–Isaac Myers Maritime Park.



Susannah Bergmann

Sonoran Desert Chapter

2018 — Chapters

On October 3, 2018, the Sonoran Desert Chapter hosted a new member initiation ceremony in Hermosillo, Sonora officiated by Chaz Smith, former President of the LAI's Phoenix Chapter. 16 new members were officially welcomed into the Chapter. Joining Chaz in the ceremony were Rodrigo Torres Cande (President), Patrick Welch (Vice President), and Ana Andrade (Director of Programs).



30 Years in Vancouver

2019 — Anniversaries

Vancouver Chapter holds event Vision 30/30: LAI Vancouver celebrates 30 years.



Malin Burnham

40 Years in San Diego

2019 — Anniversaries

San Diego Chapter celebrates its 40th anniversary at the Westgate Hotel, with more than 100 attendees. Malin Burnham, a San Diego icon and a member of the LAI 1978 first class, was honored with the chapter's Crystal Globe award.



Sheila Harris

Sheila Harris, PHD & FLAI

2019-2020 — International Presidents

Joining LAI in 2004, Sheila Harris later served as Phoenix Chapter President, International Assistant Treasurer, and International Treasurer. She served on the New Chapter Development Committee, assisting in the creation of the Sonoran Desert Chapter in Hermosillo, Mexico. Dr. Harris has served as the Director of both the Arizona Department of Housing and the Arizona Housing Finance Authority. She was appointed by Alan Greenspan to the Board of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, ultimately becoming its Deputy Chair. In 2019, she was named LAI International Member of the Year and elected President of LAI for the 2019-2021 term.



Community Assistance in San Juan

2019 — Event

Pre-LEW Professional Advisory Delegation (PAD) conducted a Community Strategic Planning Workshop in the Rio Piedras neighborhood of San Juan. Around 50 LAI delegates traveled early to the PR LEW to participate in the Rio Piedras PAD. According to LAI International Vice-President Cassandra Francis, "We hope this initial LAI PAD will serve to strengthen our connections with the community of Rio Piedras and allow LAI to be part of the community's future renaissance."



LEW Celebrates New Puerto Rico Chapter

2019 — Chapters

The Puerto Rico LEW included a number of exceptionally informative presentations concerning Puerto Rico's daunting challenges and brilliant opportunities; introduction of several major development initiatives within San Juan.

Tours included:

- A bus tour of San Juan including the communities of Santurce, Hato Rey, Río Piedras, the University of Puerto Rico campus, and the San Juan Convention District
- A boat tour of the San Juan harbour focussed at once on both its history and future
- A visit to the Fajardo Nature and Conservation Lands including a walk through the mangroves
- An introduction to plans for redevelopment of the former US naval base at Roosevelt Roads
- and an exploration of fine cuisine in a dine-around experience. The concluding event of the LEW was the Saturday evening Awards Dinner at the Perla Restaurant



Barcelona Chapter Chartered

2019 — Chapters

The Board of Governors approved a charter for the Barcelona chapter.



Jim Nias

Austin LEW: Growth Through Redevelopment

2019 — Event

The busy schedule included tours of Mueller Airport redevelopment, Tours included Circuit of the Americas, Community First! Village, various Austin urban districts, Barton Springs | Zilker Park, The Domain, and Seaholm District.

Pandemic

2020 — Organization

On March 19, WHO declared COVID-19 a Pandemic. LAI and its chapters deftly responded by offering on-line events. On May 27, LAI presented its first webinar: Navigating the Fallout of the Pandemic and Re-opening the Economy. Speakers included LAI members Dr. Sheila Harris, James R. Musbach, and David. W, Zehnder. The on-line format allowed LEF to spotlight its grantees, as they presented their research.

LEW Cancelled Due to Coronavirus

2020 — Organization

The Land Economics Weekend planned for Chicago to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of LAI was the first LEW to be postponed due to the Coronavirus outbreak. LEWs were planned to return in 2022.