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#### Letter From the Chair

By Peyton Hall, FAIA

Dear Historic Resources Committee Members:

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# 2014 HRC PARTNERS AND ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS LIAISON REPORTS

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Reports from the NPS Historic American Building Survey and Library

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By James Malanaphy, AIA

The HABS Coordinating Committee met Friday, March 21, 2014, in the Main Conference Room at the corporate offices of RTKL in Washington, DC. In addition to committee members representatives from many of the HRC's Partner and Allied Organizations were in attendance. Reports were received from NPS Historic American Building Survey and the Library of Congress Reports. View the Reports:

National Park Service – Historic American Building Survey Report Library of Congress Report

# HRC EVENTS DURING THE 2014 AIA CONVENTION - CHICAIAGO

Wednesday, June 25 - Friday, June 27, 2014, Chicago IL

## Transformation of Existing and Historic Buildings for a High Performance Future

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#### **Historic Resources Committee Luncheon**

Thursday, June 26 | 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM | The AIA Historic Resources Committee Luncheon at the Glessner House will feature a presentation from a local Chicago preservationist. Register to Attend.

## **Historic Resources Committee Happy Hour**

Friday, June 27 | 5:30 - 7:30 PM | The HRC Convention Happy Hour at The Cliff Dweller's, overlooking the lakefront, Millennium Park, and Art Institute. Register to Attend.

#### The Role for Architects in Federal Historic Tax Credit Projects

Saturday, June 28 | 8:30 - 10:00 AM | The Historic Resources Committee is sponsoring and organizing a proposal initiated by the National Park Service to strengthen our public/private relationship by educating architects about practice opportunities that support a major federal tax incentive for existing buildings. Register to Attend.

# Requirements and Assessment Tools for Historic Properties in Disaster Response and Recovery

Saturday, June 28 | 8:30 - 10:00 AM | Natural disasters increasingly happen with great frequency and with tremendous impact on our communities. A community is vulnerable to losing its cultural resources when historic properties are improperly handled. Register to Attend.

## WAYNE N. ASPINALL FEDERAL BUILDING AND U.S. COURTHOUSE

AIA Committee on The Environment honors historic preservation project

By Wendy Hillis, AIA | HRC Advisory Group



The American Institute of Architects (AIA) and its Committee on the Environment (COTE) have selected the top ten examples of sustainable architecture and ecological design projects that protect and enhance the environment. The projects will be honored at the AIA 2014 National Convention and Design Exposition in Chicago. One of these projects, a LEED® Platinum renovation, preserves an anchor in Grand Junction, and converts the 1918 landmark into one of the most energy efficient, sustainable historic buildings in the country. The design aims to be GSA's first Site Net-Zero Energy facility on the National Register. Read more about the project.

## **MEASURED DRAWINGS PRIZE DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2014**

By Wendy Hillis, AIA | HRC Advisory Group



The deadline for submissions for the 2014 Leicester B. Holland Prize and Charles E. Peterson Prize is June 30, 2014. The Holland Prize, a competition open to both students and professionals, recognizes the best single-sheet measured drawing of an historic site, structure, or landscape prepared by an individual(s) to HABS/HAER/HALS standards and guidelines. The Peterson Prize, a competition open to students, recognizes the best sets of historic drawings prepared by an individual(s) to HABS/HAER/HALS standards and guidelines.

# CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: AIA HISTORIC RESOURCES ADVISORY GROUP

Application Deadline: June 30, 2014

By Peyton Hall, FAIA | Chair, Historic Resources Committee

The AIA Historic Resources Committee Advisory Group is now soliciting applications for the 2014 mid-year appointment to the HRC Advisory Group. Read more.

#### **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: WEBMASTER**

By Wendy Hillis, AIA | HRC Advisory Group

The AIA Historic Resources Committee Advisory Group is searching for a volunteer webmaster to consolidate the submittal and upload of individual items to the HRC website. The website is hosted by the AIA and training/protocols will be provided. If you've been thinking about getting involved with the HRC, this is a great way to meet its leadership and help in a much-needed capacity. The estimated time commitment is 2-5 hours/month. The mission of the HRC is to identify, understand, and preserve architectural heritage, both nationally and internationally. HRC is engaged in promoting the role of the historic architect within the profession through the development of information and knowledge among members, allied professional organizations, and the public. Please contact wendy.hillis@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering in this capacity.

# RICHARD MORRIS HUNT FELLOWSHIP 2015 CALL FOR CANDIDATES

By Wendy Hillis, AIA | HRC Advisory Group, 2007 Richard Morris Hunt Fellow

Since 1990, the Richard Morris Hunt Fellowship, co-sponsored by the American Architectural Foundation and the French Heritage Society, offers mid-career American and French licensed architects an intensive six-month exchange experience that showcases the latest scholarship and practice around historic preservation and architectural heritage. The program is supported in part through a generous gift from Lafarge. The 2015 Call for Candidates is now open. For more information about the Fellowship or the application process, please contact Thom Minner, U.S. RMHF Program Director, at <a href="mailto:tminner@archfoundation.org">tminner@archfoundation.org</a>. The deadline to apply is June 30, 2014. Read more.



## REPORT FROM THE HRC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

By James J. Malanaphy, AIA | 2012-2014 Chair, HRC Development Subcommittee

A perfect time to thank the HRC's many fine sponsors is when you are visiting EXPO floor during the AIA Convention. Please acknowledge and thank our 2014 HRC sponsors for their ongoing support of HRC programs, and if you are able come visit them at the HRC events scheduled during the convention. Become a HRC Sponsor.

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In one very busy afternoon, HRC was joined by representatives of many of HRC's partner and allied organizations and agencies. We owe much gratitude to James Malanaphy for bringing to the current Advisors the list of friends and participants from the past, and following through with invitations. There are already positive results, including cooperative efforts in advocacy for supporting Federal programs such as HABS and tax credits, and joint educational program content. If we can expand the meeting time next year, there will be more opportunity to present programs, make connections, and find areas where we can join efforts in order to increase efficiency and effectiveness. This meeting of people and organizations with so many common interests is clearly a worthwhile contribution by AIA, and should continue in 2015.

Those who attended the March meeting included:

- · Ford Peatross: Founding Director, Center for Architecture, Design and Engineering at the Library of Congress
- Ron Anzalone: Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

Nancy Brown: Alliance for Historic Landscape Preservation

Eric Ellis: American Collegiate Schools of Architecture

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Adam Melis: AIA Political Affairs and Engagement

Eryl Wentworth: American Institute for Conservation of Historic & Artistic Works

Gretchen Pfaehler: Association for Preservation Technology International

Bruce Laverty: Athenaeum of Philadelphia

Caroline Alderson, and Erin White (NCPE Intern): GSA PBS - Center for Historic Preservation

Richard O'Connor, Catherine Lavoie, Mark Schara and Robert Arzola: NPS, Heritage **Documentation Services** 

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I hope that you have registered for the Convention in Chicago and will meet other HRC members on June 26th at the HRC Convention Luncheon at the Glessner House and on June 27<sup>th</sup> at the HRC Convention Happy Hour at The Cliff Dweller's.

In closing, I recognize the energetic service of Carolyn Kiernat, AIA, of Page & Turnbull, San Francisco, who resigned from the Advisory Group earlier this year. Therefore, Ashley Wilson, AIA, will succeed me as Chair of the Advisory Group in 2015. HRC is soliciting nominations now for the Advisory Group to fill one vacancy, and will solicit nominations in September for the 2015 new appointment. Please also contact me, or any Advisor, in order to participate in one of the Subcommittees listed on our webpage. We need your help, and Subcommittee members are on track for an Advisor position in the future.

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HRC Partners and Allied Organizations Liaison Reports

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Because the March  $21^{\mbox{st}}$  coordination meeting was so successful, and also because there are many pressing and timely issues of concern that the HRC, its partners and allies have in common and recognize that deserve coordinated response, the HRC Advisory Group members are seriously considering to re-establish the annual HRC allied partners and allied organization coordination meeting. What remains to be determined is the best time of year to schedule the meeting so that more HRC members, partners, and allied organizations can attend. There are also budgetary constraints to consider as well. The AIA provides no funding for this effort. Without the financial support and volunteer efforts of HRC Advisory Group members and HRC sponsors the meeting would not have been possible.

The reports received during the meeting demonstrate many different ways individual AIA/HRC members can assist the HRC's partners, and allied organizations within their own communities. As a result of the meeting, the HRC Advisory Group is working with partner organizations to assemble task groups to address the threat to the federal tax credit program imposed by efforts to reform the federal tax code, the threat to the HABS program imposed by NPS efforts to further reduce budget and staff levels, the threat to the National Register program by relocating National Register documentation to the National Archives, and on a positive note, to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act in a big way.

Please take time to review these reports.

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By James Malanaphy, AIA

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## 2013 HABS REPORT to the AIA-HABS STEERING COMMITTEE

Prepared by Catherine C. Lavoie, HABS Chief; for the March 21, 2014 meeting

## Overview

HABS undertook a number of interesting projects this year, although shrinking budgets for Cultural Resources WASO continue to plague us. As with past years, much of this year's work came from the National Park Service (NPS) and other federal agencies including the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). HABS continues to work with HAER on projects for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and also contributed to the documentation of the Boston Chain Forge for the Northeast Regional Office. And this year HABS staff worked with HALS to begin a new initiative to record U.S. World War I cemeteries in Europe for the National Battlement Monuments Commission (NBMC). HABS staff also worked on a Maritime/HALS project to record a Heiau for Pu'uhonau O Honaunau National Historical Park in Hawaii. In addition our work to develop interesting byproducts from our laser scanning efforts—such as 3-D models and fly-through animations— has improved this past year, greatly enhancing the documentation package that we can offer our project sponsors.

On the downside, despite a reorganization enacted in 2012, followed by a "Position Management Review (PMR)" in 2013, Associate Director Stephanie Toothman has promised yet another reorganization to be implemented by FY2015. She has indicated that this reorganization will likely include downgrades in GS levels based upon the PMR report. The new reorganization will likely be based upon Toothman's vision for a "sustainable organization" projected at a 15% reduction in current *salary & benefits*, presumably to be achieved through downgrades, but potentially through lost positions and/or retirements as well. Also problematic for HABS (as well as HAER and HALS) is the lack of a staff photographer for the first time in our history; Jet Lowe retired this past June and our request for a replacement has been denied. And all three recording programs continue to face financial pressures that were reported last year due to the need to finance our six term-position architects (two each for HABS, HAER, and HALS) whose salaries are completely dependent on outside, project funding.

HABS continues to carefully navigate the use of recording technologies such as laser scanning and digital photography within the context of the Secretary of the Interior's standards for legibility, verifiability, and long-term permanence. Architect Paul Davidson is working (along with HAER architect Dana Lockett) on Guidelines for Laser Scanning and quick "How-to" field guides. The NPS is planning to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with CyArk, which we have been asked to help guide; CyArk is interested in scanning NPS resources for *their* collection. A few of the architects are also investigating a return to the use of photogrammetry as an option to laser scanning when appropriate. Early inquiries suggest a substantial cost savings (when compared to laser scanning equipment & software) and the added value in the production of photographs (versus point clouds) that can be of better use to the layman [i.e. the general public, our core constituency]. Investigations into digital photography are on hold pending the appointment of an experienced staff photographer. Lack of IT resources (server/storage capacity) at NPS is also a tremendous stumbling block toward a move to accept digital photographs.

Among the bright spots this year was the AIA-sponsored scholar, who conducted an examination into the HABS collection to determine its usefulness and to make recommendations for changes and additions to the online database, including identifying the building types, style, and regions that require better representation. The report is titled "The Historic American Buildings Survey; Its Relevance to Architectural Practice Today." This document provides us with evidence for the need to expand the collection, seeking funds for scanning the backlog of documentation to the LoC, and for indexing the current collection. In the final analysis, the report made for general recommendations to make the HABS collection:

- Better known & understood: we need to better promote the collection and dispel the myths that undermine its success (HABS only accepts documentation of NHL sites, that it is not interdisciplinary, donated documentation does not have to be comprehensive). Can we use AIA Chapters to better promote HABS work & the collection, encourage donations?
- Easier to effectively search: we need to eliminate the backlog of accessioned materials at the Loc and fully index the collection so that researchers can find the documentation. We believe that indexing will increase use of the collection exponentially. Also, we should create a user guide and/or tips for searching the collection.
- More conducive to receiving donations & contributions: Made it easier to contribute by creating "How-to" guides or webinars on creating & donating documentation. We also need to promote existing alternatives to comprehensive recording.
- More representative of our architectural heritage: We need to better represent certain building forms and styles, and certain regions of the country, Modern architecture in particular. However, identifying the gaps cannot truly occur until the collection is fully indexed.

On another bright note, the Peterson Prize continues to attract student participation, as does the Leicester B. Holland Prize, now entering its fourth year.

Highlights of the HABS projects completed this year include the documentation begun last year for the Shingle Style Washington Canoe Club, built in 1904 on the shores of the Potomac River and now endangered; the recording of the Veteran's Affairs hospital complex at Hot Springs, South Dakota; and the Totem Poles of Sitka. Due to the need to underpin our term architects, HABS hired only two **summer student** architects this past summer, both to work on the Hot Springs VA hospital. However, HABS directed two summer historians; the Sally Kress Tompkins Fellow and a student from the Iron Bridge Institute in the United Kingdom.

**Discretionary projects** for this year: The lack of a photographer has dramatically undermined our ability to undertake unfunded projects of sites and structures, and to record to endangered structures. However, the Sally Kress Tompkins Fellow cosponsored by the Society of Architectural Historians (SAH) provided an opportunity to record two Mid-Century Modern shopping complexes in suburban Maryland, one a park-and-shop and the other an arcade. And a new initiative with SAH is underway to identify and record with short format reports the 100

best sites and structures in Maryland. This will be undertaken by Catherine Lavoie and Lisa Davidson, with help from HABS/HAER/HALS staff who have expressed interest in writing about their favorite Maryland buildings, and by some of our other partners in the state.

A National Historic Landmark (NHL) nomination that was prepared last year as a HABS discretionary project was successfully defended in April 2013 and later approved by the Secretary of the Interior for the George Nakashima Woodworker Complex in New Hope, Pennsylvania. As mentioned previously the Nakashima nomination was the first site to be considered as part of the Secretary's initiative to recognize through NHL status site associated with Asian-American history and architecture.

In regard to the issue of new technologies, as already indicated there continues to be a lot of discussion about the value and **role of laser scanning** in the context of HABS, HAER and HALS documentation. CyArk, who has been promoting their "scan-and-can" approach to documentation piecemeal among various parks has approached the NPS Partnerships Office with a request for a **cooperative agreement between NPS and CyArk** and asked them to raise funds so that they can laser scan park sites for inclusion in their archive. The Partnerships Office has consulted with HABS, HAER & HALS managers in the development of a potential agreement, the goals of which are to establish an umbrella policy for laser scanning of NPS sites, to ensure that NPS funds spent on recording efforts result in documentation to the Secretary of the Interior's (i.e. HABS, HAER, HALS) Standard, and to allow our programs to have oversight of all projects. The latter issue was deemed particularly important as park superintendents appear to be unclear as to the value and/or best use of laser scans and how they meet their requirements to create baseline documentation of their historic resources versus creating interpretative or webbased content.

Paul Davidson has developed "How-To" guidelines for operating the laser scanner in the field for use by staff. These guides are a response to the difficulties faced in maintaining competency in the use of the scanner in the field, and to help instruct our summer interns who are exposed to laser scanning. He has received feedback from staff and is hoping to formalize them this year so that they can be available via our website. This is but one step in the goal to create overall guidelines for the use of laser scanning to create documentation to HABS standards. And as also suggested the use of laser scans to create fly-through animations of the sites that we record has become a regular part of our workflow. There is increasing demand for such products to create web content and/or virtual tours. For the first time this year, we wrote into project proposals virtual animations as an incentive to sponsor recording efforts. At Carlsbad Caverns National Park, the historic stairway has enabled generations of park visitors to experience the caverns is now deteriorated to the point where mitigation documentation was needed. In recording the staircase, HABS created a virtual viewing alternative. The Alaska Regional Office has requested a virtual tour of their mile-long trail upon which are situated a series of totem poles first constructed for a 1904 [ 1.

The **HABS** Guidelines for field documentation continues to be used by various university and college programs. We have received some feedback, but little of late so that we can probably consider the current "draft" as final.

HABS staff provided **lectures and/or instruction to students** at: University of Arkansas, Ball State University, College of Charleston, George Washington University, University of Maryland, University of Michigan, and University of Pennsylvania; as well as to the NPS Diversity Internship program students.

## Prizes:

This year's **Charles E. Peterson Prize**'s competition had ten entries totaling 142 sheets of drawings that were added to the collection. The first place award went to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, School of Architecture and Design, Jenny Kenne Kivett, instructor, for drawings of the Alexandre Mouton House in Lafayette, Louisiana. The second place winner was the College of Charleston/Clemson University, Graduate Program in Historic Preservation, Amalia Leifeste and Ashley R. Wilson, AIA, instructors, for drawings of Fenwick Hall in Johns Island, South Carolina. The third place prize went to the University of Illinois, School of Architecture, Paul Hardin Kapp, AIA, instructor for drawings of the Illinois Supreme Court Building in Springfield, Illinois. Honorable Mention went to University of Miami, School of Architecture, Ricardo Lopez, instructor, for their drawings of Gesu Catholic Church.

This was the third year for the **Leicester B. Holland Prize** and HABS was pleased to receive submissions from both students and professional architects, although only seven applications were submitted. The winner was Morgen Fleisig, independent architect, for a drawing of the Turn-of-River Bridge in Stamford, Connecticut, the first HAER winner. Honorable Mention went to Nathaniel 'Doug' Bacon and Ivan Vanchev of the College of Architecture Design & Construction, Auburn University, for their HALS drawing of Main Gate and Auburn Oaks at Toomer's Corner.

## **Staffing:**

The HABS Staff currently consists of 5-1/2 permanent positions and 2 term positions, including Chief, Catherine Lavoie; architects Mark Schara and Robert Azola (permanent), Paul Davidson and Daniel DeSousa; full-time permanent historians Lisa Davidson and Virginia (Gigi) Price, and half-time historian Jamie Jacobs (shared with the National Historic Landmarks program). HABS, HAER, and HALS continues to maintain **six project-funded, term-position architects**, two for each of the programs, although again we continued to share staff and other resources among all the programs as needed. As already indicated, the programs are without a **staff photographer.** 

The postings for the **summer recording program** were finally posted on March 6. We are uncertain as to the number of students that will be hired as we are still waiting for funding for some planned projects. Our summer hiring program has been absorbed by the new NPS **'Pathways'** program for the recruitment of students into permanent employees. The drawback to this approach is that applicants must be currently enrolled and thus recent graduates and rehires may not apply. Rehires have previously served as field supervisors.

## Staff Achievements:

Architect Robert Arzola continues to serve as the Cultural Resources Diversity Change Agent and in various capacities relating to the American Latino initiative. This year he was invited to serve on the Advisory Board of the newly created Historic Documentation Institute at Texas A&M University, Kingsville. His appointment is an outgrowth of his previous participation in their annual symposium on documentation methodology. In an important new initiative, Robert has taken on HABS' social media efforts, specifically the Facebook page, keeping abreast of all the projects and initiatives, etc. and posting them on the site.

Historian Lisa Davidson authored the HALS report for Flanders Field, an important pilot for the HALS program, laying the groundwork for the documentation of the remaining seven World War cemeteries in Europe, and their nomination as National Historic Landmarks. Lisa also presented papers at three conferences this year. At the annual meeting of the Society of Architectural Historians (SAH) in Buffalo, NY, she presented a paper based upon her dissertation research titled: "Statler Hotels in Buffalo: Pioneering the Modern Commercial Hotel." At the Southeast Regional meeting of SAH, SESAH, Lisa presented, "Astonishing the Natives" in East Tennessee: Federal Patronage and the Beaux Arts Design for the Mountain Branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers. And at the local level, Lisa presented at the Latrobe Chapter SAH Symposium - Campus and Complex in the Nation's Capital, Washington, DC, March 2013, she present a paper that was also an outgrowth of her HABS work to record the CCC Cabins at Prince William Forest titled, "The New Deal's 'Human Crop': Organized Camping for DC's Underprivileged Youths at Chopawamsic RDA.

Architect Paul Davidson remains the HABS expert on laser scanning and other recording technologies and has become an essential part of recording process for all of HDP. In addition to mastering the use of the laser scanner and the complicated post-processing required for the production of measured drawings from scanned data, he is now also highly proficient with panophotography and the development of meta-data for laser scans. This year, Paul pushed the limits of our recording efforts to provide enhanced products for the sponsors, such as the video flythrough animations that he created for this year for the recording of Camp No. 1 at Prince William Park, VA., the photo-texturing for the Chain Forge, and the exhibition content for the Ghazni project. Virtual imaging products may now become standard as part of the HABS project deliverables.

Architect Daniel DeSousa worked on a wide range of complex projects, developing competencies with new technologies well beyond the scope of his current position. He also demonstrated his flexibility, including taking on HAER projects outside his area of expertise. He also assisted with the development of a system of naming, sorting, and archiving our vast collection of CAD, laser scan, 3D, and pano-photo files in response to a request from IT. Daniel has become a crucial part of project development and has also this year presented lectures to university groups on HABS recording, in particular the HABS Guide to Field Recording for which he was a co-author.

**Historian Jamie Jacobs** developed and presented a number of training Webinars in support of the NHL program, and actively participated in professional organizations, including his

nomination this year as the president of the local chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians (SAH), organizing and hosting its annual symposium. His book manuscript titled *Detached American: Building New Houses in Postwar Suburbia* to has been accepted by the University of Virginia Press and thus we anxiously await its publication. Jamie has also taken a lead role in several new initiatives for the NHL program including American Latino Heritage, Women's History, Asia Pacific Islander Heritage, and LGBTQ.

Chief Catherine Lavoie's NHL nomination for the George Nakashima Woodworker Complex was presented before the NHL Board in April, where it was unanimous accepted by that group, and signed by the Secretary of the Interior this past summer. She also published an article in Spring 2013 Journal *Buildings & Landscapes* titled, "Rebuilt, Reunified, Enlarged, or Rehabilitated; Deciphering Friends' Complex Attitudes Towards Their Meeting Houses."

Historian Gigi Price Gigi is currently serving on the board of the Vernacular Architecture Forum (VAF), chairing the Fieldwork Grants Committee. She has also taken on chairmanship for the VAF 2015 conference in Chicago. She is also on the board of the southeast regional chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians (SAH), known as SESAH, serving on the publications awards review committee. Gigi also served a second term as editorial advisor for the journal PER: Preservation Education Research. Also this year, Gigi presented two papers promoting the HABS program. The first, titled "Measuring Preservation: Reconstructing a History of Architectural Practice through the Historic American Buildings Survey" was presented at the October 2012 annual conference of SESAH. She also submitted a lengthier version of this paper for publication in the organization's journal *Arris*.

Architect Mark Schara undertook a heavy load of documentation on our primary project for the Hot Springs Veteran's Hospital Complex. He also create pilot projects for the Alaska Regional Office of the NPS to record the Sitka Totem Poles and the Russian Orthodox Church that will serve as the basis for an ongoing relationship with that office to create HABS documentation of select sites. Mark has also continued to mentor students from the College of Charleston, this year working with them in the field and in the HABS office to create drawings for the Aiken-Rhett House to HABS standards.

## 2013 Projects:

- Carlsbad Cavern stairway, National Park Service
- Forty Acres, Caesar Chavez, NHL site, Delano, CA (with California Polytechnic State University students)\*
- Hot Springs Veterans Hospital Complex, Hot Springs, South Dakota
- National Veterans Cemetery Rostrums & Lodges, Context Study and short reports\*
- Sitka Totem Poles and Trail, Sitka, Alaska
- Adam Thoroughgood House, Virginia; research begun towards HABS report
- Washington Canoe Club, C&O Canal National Historical Park\*
- Woodmore Shopping Center & Glenmont Arcade, SKT Fellow history & photography

<sup>\*</sup>carried over from last year or still underway

## HABS Assisted HAER & HALS with the recording of:

- Boston Chain Forge for the Northeast Regional Office (with HALS)
- Flanders' Field World War I Cemetery in Brussels (with HALS)
- Heiau for Pu'uhonau O Honaunau National Historical Park in Hawaii (with HAER Maritime & HALS)
- NASA Space Shutter and test area at Santa Suzanna, California

## **Upcoming Potential Projects:**

- Decatur House, a National Trust property operated by the White House Historical Association, investigation of the kitchen
- Ellis Island, National Park Service, Phase III (buildings to be determined)
- Leavenworth Veterans Hospital Complex, Leavenworth, Kansas
- World War I Cemetery in France, site or sites yet to be determined (with HALS)

## **Potential Future Projects:**

- Mount Vernon, comprehensive documentation of the main house, all outbuildings, and the landscape of George Washington's homestead
- Montpelier Mansion, Laurel, Maryland (NHL home of Snowden family)

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Achieving net-zero energy usage is laudable in any building, but to do it in a nearly century-old building —and one listed on the National Register of Historic Places at that—is exceptional. In Grand Junction, Colo., the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) and a design/build partnership between Westlake Reed Leskosky and The Beck Group aim to do just that.

Named for a longtime Colorado congressman, the <u>Wayne N. Aspinall Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse</u> is a three-story, 42,000-square-foot neoclassical structure that has been in continuous use since its construction. The building was first built as a post office and courthouse, and then was expanded in 1939. In the decades since, however, the building had become cramped and outdated, with some alterations such as dropped ceilings obscuring historic features.

Because the building is listed on the National Register, the project underwent a federally mandated review of its impacts on the building's historic features, as required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The design team assigned a series of "preservation zones" to the building that helped determine which elements should be retained and which could be disturbed. The most public areas, such as the exterior and lobby, were afforded the most protection. The areas that had the least important historic fabric, such as a nonpublic area in the basement, were given more leeway.

New interventions included a roof-canopy-mounted, 123-kilowatt photovoltaic array (which generates enough electricity on site to power 15 average homes); the addition of spray foam and rigid insulation to the building shell; the installation of storm windows with solar control film inside the historic windows, in order to preserve the exterior appearance; a 32-well geothermal exchange system for heating and cooling; fluorescent and LED lighting upgrades; and post-occupancy monitoring capabilities. Because the original fenestration needed to be retained, the design team increased daylighting through other means, two examples being a skylight that was installed over a tenant space on the first floor and perimeter ceiling zones that were kept free of building services on the second and third floors.

In some cases, inefficient features, such as the building's original and outdated plumbing fixtures, were replaced. Previously, the building had toilets that used more than 3.5 gallons of water with each flush. The design team researched methods to retain the existing fixtures with new flush valves, but ultimately decided that the best option would be to install low-flow fixtures such as toilets that used only 1.28 gallons per flush.

Finally, one of the most important features of the newly remodeled building may be those that support "passive survivability" in case of a power outage or major emergency—a concept that has emerged in recent years in response to the threat of terror attacks or natural disasters like Superstorm Sandy. These features include natural daylight in the most regularly occupied spaces, a high level of thermal mass and new wall insulation to stabilize internal temperatures, and the ability to use the basement as a shelter in a crisis.

"This project demonstrated the high value of investment in fairly 'low-tech' measures such as envelope upgrades to dramatically increase energy efficiency," says Paul Westlake Jr., FAIA, managing principal and lead architectural designer for Westlake Reed Leskosky. By choosing durable and efficient materials and fixtures, and respecting the existing structure, the design team has ensured that the Aspinall building could still be around well into another century.

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#### BY THE NUMBERS

**Project completion date:** February 2013 **Building gross floor area:** 41,562 square feet

Estimated percent of occupants using public transit, cycling, or walking: 20 Daylighting at levels that allow lights to be off during daylight hours: 50

Lighting power density (watts per square foot): 0.33

Percent of views to the outdoors: 92

Percent of spaces within 15 feet of an operable window: 0

Percent reduction of regulated potable water: 40

Potable water used for irrigation: No

Total EUI (kBtu per square foot per year): 14 Net EUI (kBtu per square foot per year): 0

Percent reduction from national median EUI for building type:  $78\,$ 

Third-party rating: LEED Platinum

Total project cost as time of completion (land excluded): \$15 million

#### **GREEN TEAM**

**Client, owner:** U. S. General Services Administration Rocky Mountain Region—Susan Damour, Rocky Mountain regional administrator; Jason S. Sielcken, project manager; Kenya Freeman, contracting officer—qsa.qov/r8

Design architect, building engineers of record, interior designer/specifications, integrated engineering, mechanical engineer, structural engineer, electrical engineer, technology designer, lighting designer, sustainable designer, and historic preservation consultant: Westlake Reed Leskosky—Paul E. Westlake, Jr., FAIA, managing principal, principal-in-charge, lead architectural designer, and historic preservation expert; Roger Chang, Assoc. AIA, principal, director of sustainability, lead mechanical engineer, high performance green building consultant; Stephanie Banfield, associate, structural design engineer, lead structural designer; Fonda Hosta, associate principal, interior designer; Ruth Albertelli, associate principal, director of specifications, specification writer; Christopher Wilson, mechanical engineer, sustainable design; Carmen J. Mazzant, associate, electrical engineer; Raymond E. Heintel, associate, information technology, technology—www.wrldesign.com

**Design-builder, architect of record:** The Beck Group—Todd A. Berry, project executive; Michael Murray, AIA, principal-in-charge, Louis Sierra, AIA, project leader—beckgroup.com

Civil engineer: Del-Mont Consultants—James Roberts, vice president—delmont.com

Blast consultant: Weidlinger Associates — Timothy J. Beach — wai.com

**Fire protection:** Protection Engineering Group—Thomas W. Gardner, principal—pegrouppc.com **Construction manager:** Jacobs Technology—Janet Goodman, project executive; Michael Hogan, AIA,

design project manager; Dana Squires, construction manager—jacobs.com

Commissioning agent: ME Group—Ravi Maniktala, principal; Carrie Nordby, project manager—

megroup.com

#### **MATERIALS**

Adhesives, coatings and sealants: Tandus, tandus.com; Shaw Contract Group,

shawcontractgroup.com; Forbo, forboflooringna.com; VPI, vpicorp.com; Mohawk, mohawkgroup.com Building management systems and services: Honeywell, honeywell.co;m Siemens, siemens.com Carpet: Shaw Contract Group, shawcontractgroup.com; Tandus, tandus.com; Lees, leescarpet.com

Ceilings: Armstrong, armstong.com Cladding: Dal-Tile, daltile.com Fabrics: Phifer Inc., phifer.com

Flooring: Forbo, forboflooringna.com; VPI, vpicorp.com; Mannington, mannington.com; Roppe,

roppe.com; Johnsonite, johnsonite.com; Design Surface Distributers, designsurfacedist.com; Stone Peak,

stonepeakceramics.com

Glass: 3M, 3m.com; Oldcastle Building Envelope, oldcastlebe.com

**HVAC:** Mitsubishi, mitsubishipro.com; Addison, addison-hvac.com; Armstrong, armstrongpumps.com; United Metal Products, unitedmetal.com; Recold, spxcooling.com; Rittling, rittling.com; Williams, williamsapplied.com; Nailor, nailor.com

Insulation: Lapolla, lapolla.com; Knauf, knaufinsulation.com; Johns Manville, jm.com; Certaintted,

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**Interior walls:** American Gypsum, americangypsum.com; Cemco, cemcosteel.com; Pacific Bulletproof, pacificbulletproof.com

Lighting control systems: EnOcean, enocean.com; NLight, nlight.net

Lighting: Focal Point, focalpointlights.com; Lithonia Lighting, lithonia.com; Sun Valley, usaltg.com; G

Lighting, glighting.com

Masonry, concrete and stone: Whitewater Building Material, acsol.net/~whiteh2o; Holcim Cement, holcim.us

**Metal:** Western Slope Iron, wsiron.com; Brown & Strauss Steel, brown-strauss.com; TrussBilt, trussbilt.com; Kane Sterling, kanesterling.com; Berridge Metal Roofing, berridge.com

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 $\textbf{Photovoltaics:} \ \textbf{Sunpower, sunpowercorp.com; DPW Solar, dpwsolar.com; Silverback Solar,} \\$ 

silverbacksolar.com; Eaton, eaton.com

**Plumbing and water systems:** Kohler, kohler.com; Sloan, sloanvalve.com; Zurn, zurn.com; Chicago Faucets, chicagofaucets.com; Halsey Taylor, halseytaylor.com; EEmax, eemaxinc.com; Acorn Engineering, acorneng.com

Renewable energy systems (excluding photovoltaics): Armstrong, armstrongpumps.com; Recold, spxcooling.com; Centennial Plastics, centennialplastics.com

Roofing: Carlisle Roofing, carlisle.com Structural systems:Boise Cascade, bc.com

Windows and doors: Schlage, schlage.com; LCN, Icn.com; Von Duprin, vonduprin.com; Oregon Door,

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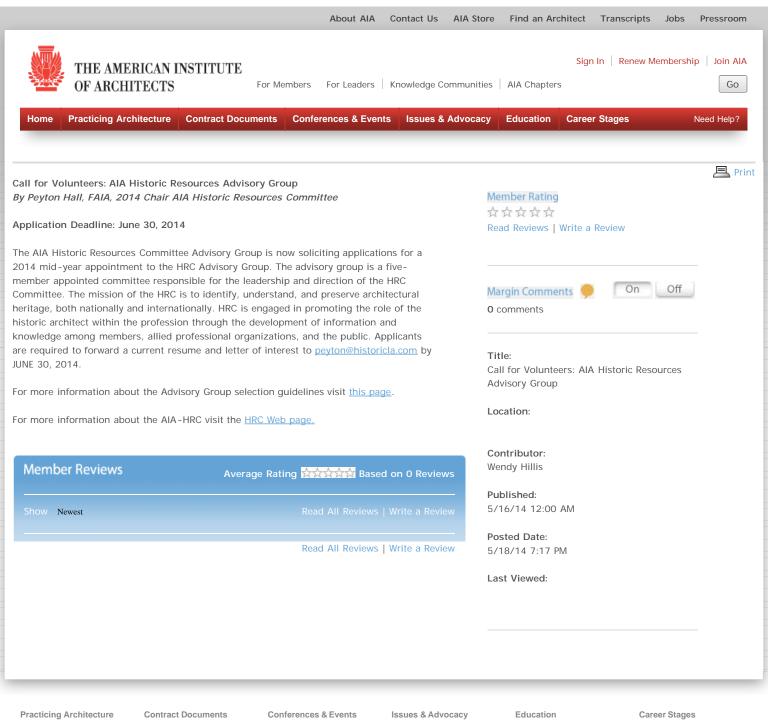
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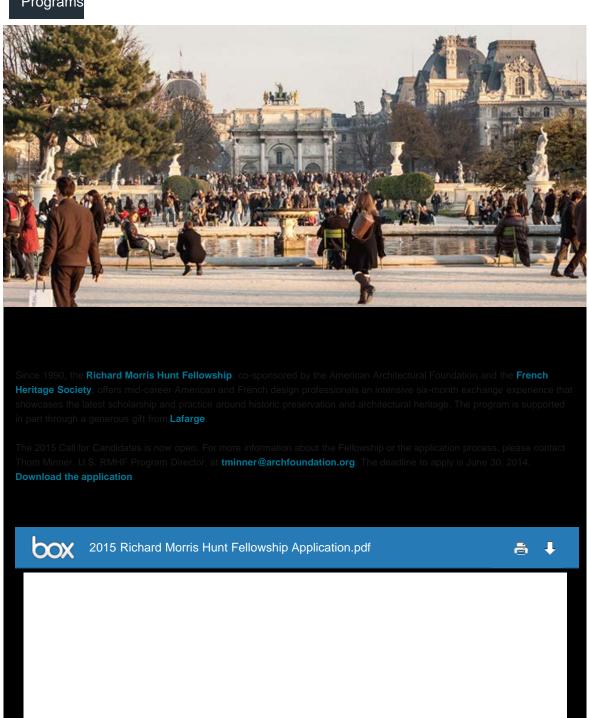
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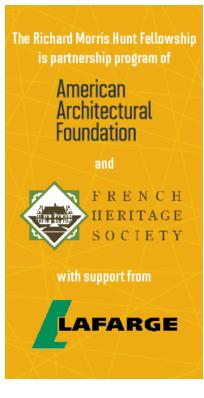
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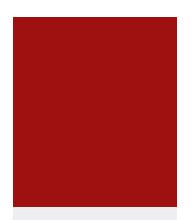
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Preservation Action, Legislative Update Volume 17, Number 21, May 23, 2014 → The House Passed the Defense Authorization with Military LAND Act Included The House of Representative voted 325-98 to pass H.R. 4435, the FY 2015 Defense Authorization Act, which includes the Military LAND Act in Section 2816. The Military LAND Act provision was tucked ...

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Preservation Action, Legislative Update Volume 17, Number 20, May 16, 2014  $\rightarrow$  The House will consider the Defense Authorization which includes the Military LAND Act The Military LAND Act is included as Section 2816 of the HR 4435 Defense Authorization bill. The bill is scheduled to go to the full House of Representatives next week. ...

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Preservation Action, Legislative Update Volume 17, Number 18, May 9, 2014

→ Senate Bill to Increase Historic Tax Credit in Disaster Areas Senators

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Preservation Action, Legislative Update Volume 17, Number 15, April 11, 2014 → FY 2015 Appropriations − Preservationists Testify on the Hill The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies heard from public witnesses during hearings on appropriations for the Department of Interior's FY 2015 budget. Preservationists were joined by community activists and heads ...

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Preservation Action, Legislative Update Volume 17, Number 14, April 4, 2014 → Rep. David Camp (R-MI) will not seek Re-election More Retirements in the Michigan Congressional Delegation Another senior member is stepping down from Congress and not seeking re-election, House and Means Committee Chairman Rep. Dave Camp (R-MI). Camp was first elected in 1990, the same

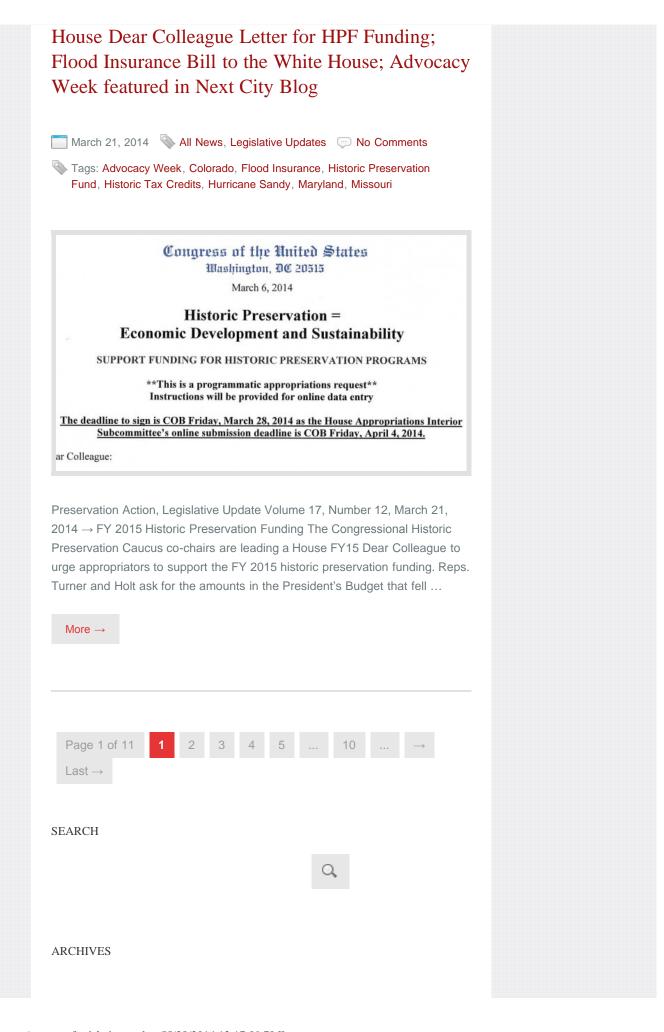
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