



Communiqué

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Hello APT members,

In recent weeks, I was energized as I spread the word about APT and met many active APT members while barnstorming through the northeast US. The trip evolved around APT Northeast's (APTNE) Annual Symposium in Salem, MA, and Preservation Advocacy Week in Washington, DC, being less than a week apart. As I told the more than 300 people assembled in Salem, APTNE is the chapter to which all should aspire. The gathering was a powerful reminder of the knowledge and collegiality we offer. I enjoyed seeing colleagues from my work in Boston and meeting people I only knew by name. I learned much about current preservation activities and about the history and legacy of APT.

Before APTNE, I caught up with former Boston colleagues and shared our APT activities. These visits reinforced the fact that APT's expertise is insufficiently known to many engaged with historic buildings. The opportunities for our growth are immense.

In my brief visit to Philadelphia, I joined our Ad-Hoc Committee on Archiving, Lonnie Hovey and Justin Spivey, at the Philadelphia Athenaeum, home of APT's archives. We met with Curator Bruce Laverty to reaffirm our relationship and assure the longevity of APT's records. While in Philly, I also spent time with some long-time APT members to learn their perspectives on the past and future of the organization.

Finally, in DC I joined preservation leaders from across the US: SHPOs, advocates of all types, and a variety of preservation policy experts. I also had the chance to talk with the new Chair of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Sara Bronin, about our current work. This annual gathering brings preservationists together to lobby Congress on legislation impacting our field including Historic Preservation Fund reauthorization (which expires this fall) and the Federal Historic Tax Credit Growth and Opportunity Act (which will enhance the credit's impact). It was another effective way to ensure that APT is engaged and front and center among US historic preservation leaders.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'G. Galer'.

Greg Galer
APT Executive Director



APT's Greg Galer and the new Chair of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Sara Bronin.

APT's Mission

APT's mission is to advance appropriate traditional and new technologies to care for, protect, and promote the longevity of the built environment and to cultivate the exchange of knowledge throughout the international community.

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APT 2023 Seattle
Conference Oct. 9-14

APT 2023 Seattle Conference Website



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Committee News

Preservation Engineering Technical Committee (PETC)

2023 Student Design-Build Competition - PETC is looking to get the word out for the Masonry Arch Student Design-Build Competition we will be hosting this fall. The competition is structured in 3 phases and the finals will be held at the APT annual conference from October 9 to 14, 2023, in Seattle, Washington (more details in the graphic at right). This is a great opportunity for students to get hands-on design experience in the growing preservation field as well as networking with industry leaders throughout the design process and at our annual international conference. We have recently released our design specifications for the competition which are posted on [our website](#). If you have any questions about the competition or organization, please don't hesitate to reach out to [PETC](#). Please share this information with any students and professors whom you know.

ASSOCIATION FOR PRESERVATION TECHNOLOGY
Masonry Arch: 8th Annual Student Design-Build Competition

- ✓ Exposure to Historic Masonry
- ✓ Hands-on Application
- ✓ Real Project Experience
- ✓ Industry Networking

Teams of up to 6 Students
Finals in Seattle, WA

PHASE 1
March 10, 2023
• Notice of Participation
• Historic Arch Selection
Home Campus

PHASE 2
June 12, 2023
• Home Campus Masonry Arch Build and Load Testing
• Report (Background Research, Structural Analysis, Conservation Plan)
Home Campus

PHASE 3
October 9 - October 14, 2023
• Poster and Presentation
• Conference Dry-Stack Arch Build
• Preservation Problems
Seattle, WA

2023 Competition Specifications to be released February 13, 2023. More information and link to our mailing list here!
aptpetc@gmail.com
<https://linktr.ee/APTPETC>



2023 David Fischetti Award - Each year, PETC presents the David Fischetti Award for an outstanding article that advances the field of preservation/conservation engineering. Check out [the website](#) for details. **The deadline for nominations is Friday, May 26, 2023.**

PETC Webinars - We are organizing webinars for this year and dates will be finalized soon. Please keep a lookout for our Fischetti Award winner Holly Boyer's presentation on wood-framed steeples in April and a masonry arch analysis by Tom Boothby in May. We are very excited to bring these sessions to the APT community! More information coming soon.

For more information on any of the above or to be added to PETC's email list, please [contact us](#) or check out PETC's [webpage](#) for information about PETC's other activities and initiatives!

— Sarah Gray, Rachel Will, and Amy Woods, Co-Chairs, PETC

Committee News

Standing Committee on Professional Recognition

The Standing Committee on [Professional Recognition](#) is excited to announce a general call for applications for the sixth round of Professional Recognition. **The online application process opened on March 1, 2023. Applications will be due April 30, 2023**, with selected applicants to be recognized during the Seattle 2023 APT Conference.

Details will be available online to guide applicants, and submissions will include the following requirements:

1. APTI membership for a period of at least five years.
2. A detailed, but concise, compilation of information that demonstrates professional accomplishment consisting of education, experience, and mentorship.
3. A one-time application fee of \$100.
4. Three letters of reference from preservation or heritage professionals.
5. Commitment to abide by APTI's Code of Ethics.

Past experience has shown that some members signed up but did not complete an application, which shut out other members. Therefore, we are asking people to pay the \$100 application fee up front, to show commitment to the process.

If you are interested in applying, visit the [submission site](#), enter your information, and pay the application fee. **Applications will be capped at 24.**

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at lyles.mcbratney@christmanco.com.

— Lyles McBratney, Chair, SConPR

Technical Committee for Materials

January's Materials Talk, "Purified Linseed Oil: Considerations for Use on Historic Wood," was presented by Erin Gibbs (Program Manager, Brick Earth Stone and Timber Preservation Workshops, Historic Preservation Training Center) of the National Park Service. Erin's presentation was the 15th of the series to date, and was attended by an impressive 294 participants worldwide.



For information on new initiatives and upcoming event announcements - including their bimonthly Materials Talks and Materials Discussions - please refer to the committee webpage [here](#).

Technical Committee on Documentation

The Technical Committee on Documentation is pleased to announce the inaugural [student documentation competition](#).

The competition will be open to individuals or small groups of students, and will highlight projects that explore heritage sites under threat through documentation. Short-listed entrants will be provided support to attend the Seattle conference where awards will be presented.

Membership Stories: Why I Belong to APT

*APT's Membership Committee invites all members to share their own personal stories about the intangible value of APT membership. Please send your stories, up to 300 words in length, to the [Membership Committee](#), and we will publish them in subsequent issues of *Communiqué*. You can also use the collection of recent [Membership Stories](#) to encourage others to join.*

Although I had always been interested in the historic preservation field, when I graduated with a degree in civil engineering from Penn State University, I took the first opportunity that came my way and ended up going to work for a construction company in the oil and gas industry. At that time, the world of preservation was far from my mind; however, when I joined the building enclosure team at Simpson Gumpertz & Heger's DC office in 2016, I was introduced to APT which rekindled my interest in historic preservation. As someone who has not always been involved in the industry, I was nervous that my lack of experience would be detrimental to my contributions at APT; however, the APT community welcomed me and, in the end, I took a perceived weakness and turned it into an asset as I was able to contribute a different and fresh perspective.



Since then, I have been involved at all levels of the APT Washington, DC Chapter. From a casual member to Chapter President, I am proof that there are opportunities in the APT community for people of all backgrounds, experience levels, and interests. The work I have performed at APT and the connections I have made with other members have been valuable contributions to both my personal and professional growth.

APT is an industry leader for technical information related to the historic preservation field and one key resource the organization uses to compile and communicate that information is the *APT Bulletin*. As an enclosure engineer and DC resident, a few of my favorite past *Bulletin* articles include:

- "Combating Condensation at the National Air and Space Museum"
- "Assessment of Earthquake Damage at the Washington National Cathedral"

— Thomas F. Chmill, PE, Senior Consulting Engineer, Simpson Gumpertz & Heger

APT Grand Tour Restauero 2023

For the third time, APT's Italian partner, Assoreastauro, is planning a unique educational tour designed specifically for APT and the interests and educational needs of our members. Past APT travelers rave about the professional and personal growth from the experience.

To reserve your spot on the tour, please complete the [form](#) below by April 28th. The trip is limited to 40 people. Priority registration is for APTI and APT Chapter Members themselves, but a limited number of spouses, partners, significant others, and traveling companions will be allowed experience is open to APTI and APT chapter members only.



Learn More and Register

Member News

The **Hoffmann Architects + Engineers**' project at the 69th Regiment Armory in Manhattan has been selected for the Lucy G. Moses Preservation Award, the New York Landmarks Conservancy's highest honor. Hoffmann is an APT member firm with offices in New York, New Haven, and Alexandria, VA.



Premier Building Restoration is excited to announce their relocation to the Historic Wheel Pump Inn in Erdenheim, PA. The Inn, built in 1735, operated for more than 260 years. Four years prior to moving in, **Premier** completed an extensive exterior restoration (including the restoration of two historic stone wells) and is proud to now call this local landmark home.



Meghan Elliott, PE, Associate AIA, was awarded the Preservation Advocate of the Year Award by Preservation Action, the national grassroots lobby organization for historic preservation. Meghan was recognized for her leadership at New History, a consulting practice making historic buildings socially, physically, and financially relevant and viable. After nearly 300 projects, she is a leading advocate for building reuse.



ERA Architects' Tower Renewal initiative recently won the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Excellence in Conservation. We founded Tower Renewal over 15 years ago as a private-public partnership impacting over 2,000 mid-century modern residential towers in Toronto's uniquely dense suburbs and throughout Canada. Revitalizing these buildings harmonizes sustainability, social equity, housing affordability, and heritage conservation at a broad scale.

K. Kennedy Whitters, AIA, Owner + Principal Architect of wrkSHäp | kiloWatt in Queens, NY, announces the Inaugural Black in Historic Preservation Grant Fund. Consider contributing to the fund. Black in Historic Preservation is a program of wrkSHäp | kiloWatt. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

Member News

Alan White is pleased to welcome **Sam Malnati** to the Los Angeles-based AQYER team. Sam is an Urban Planning & Heritage Conservation Master's Student (Class of '24) at USC. As an intern, she will gain hands-on experience in the world of preservation documentation, working with laser scanning, photogrammetry, virtual tours, non-destructive evaluation, and more. Welcome Sam!



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As part of Heritage Week celebrations, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Elizabeth Dowdeswell, awarded to APT members **Christopher Borgal** and **Carlos Morell** and the GBCA team of heritage consultants, the Ontario Heritage Trust's prestigious Award of Excellence in Conservation for the Massey Hall revitalization project. The award is "to recognize remarkable achievements in heritage conservation. These inspirational achievements signal the important role that heritage conservation plays in Ontario's communities."

To see which APT members have recently joined, [click here](#).

APT Bulletin News



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The *APT Bulletin* is always interested in new papers and topics. Please let us know if you have an idea for an article, suggestions for a special issue, or recommendations of presentations from conferences and symposiums, as long as they have not been published previously. Guidelines for authors, guidelines for guest editors, and information about what is considered to have been previously published are available on the [APT website](#), and any other suggestions or inquiries can be submitted to the *Bulletin's* editorial office.

If you are interested in serving as a peer reviewer for the *APT Bulletin: The Journal of Preservation Technology*, please complete and return the [peer-review response form](#) via email to publications@apti.org. Please send along a brief résumé or statement outlining your areas of expertise.

From the Archives

This column is based on information in the APT Archives, which are stored at the Athenaeum of Philadelphia. If you are interested in working on the APT Legacy Project, which is collecting biographical data on preservation leaders who had important roles within APT, please contact a member of the working committee: Susan Bronson, Natalie Bull, Julia Gersovitz, Lonnie Hovey, François LeBlanc, Hugh Miller, or Michael Tomlan.

**This content is re-printed in full, as the version in the January/February issue of the Communiqué was incomplete.*

APT's Eleventh President: Harry J. Hunderman, 1995–1999

Harry J. Hunderman, FAIA, FAPT, joined APT in 1975. He served four years as vice president under APT president Michael Lynch from 1991 to 1995, and was elected APT's eleventh president in 1995. Before joining the APT Board of Directors in 1990, he chaired the local planning committee that organized the 1989 APT Chicago conference. While on the Board for his first term, he chaired the Conferences Committee.

As incoming president, Hunderman was aware that APT's finances were tenuous. As vice president he served on APT's Executive Committee, which had made the difficult decision to close APT's Fredericksburg, Virginia, office, and lay off the staff in March 1995, to reduce APT's expenses. The Executive Committee's goal was to keep the organization in business and continue providing member benefits such as the *Bulletin*, the *Communiqué*, and annual conferences.



During his four years as president, Hunderman structured the Executive Committee to meet every other week, initially including vice presidents Thomas Taylor Jr. and Susan Bronson, treasurer David Hart, and past president Michael Lynch, and later also including David Woodcock. Hunderman assumed responsibility for the membership database, adding and updating member information and sending out renewal notifications to maintain member dues income. Taylor, with the help of long-time APT member and supporter Dennis Rude, helped to take and fulfill publication orders, another important revenue stream; Taylor also monitored APT's mailbox and distributed correspondence to other committee members. Bronson captured meeting minutes of the bi-weekly committee conference calls, circulated them to the board, and coordinated correspondence. As treasurer, Hart studied APT's finances in depth to control expenses and dedicate funds to allow Mt. Ida Press to regularly publish the *Bulletin* and *Communiqué* for the members.

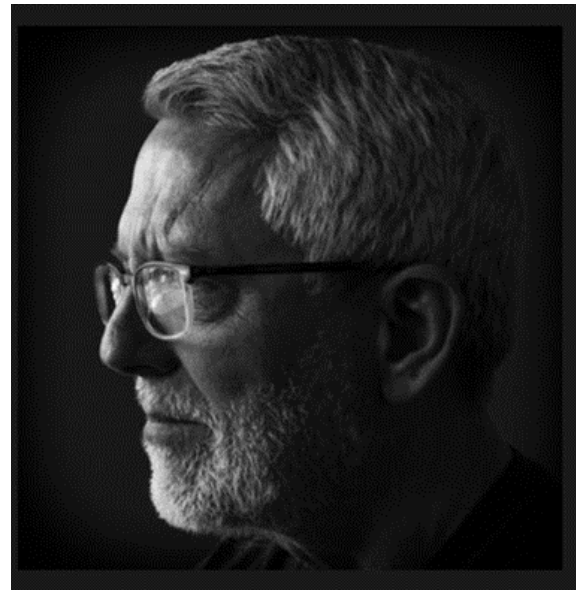
During Hunderman's presidency, the Executive Committee closely monitored the annual conference budgets to manage costs, provide for successful programs, and achieve some financial profit to help fund the organization and provide resources for the following conference. Convening the 1997 and 1998 conferences in Chicago and Williamsburg, respectively, where Executive Committee members were located, was done in part an effort to control both programming and costs.

As financial reserves were restored, loans to the endowment repaid, and expenses aligned with incoming funds, Hunderman and the Executive Committee began to think about how to reengage staff support for the organization. They issued a request for proposals and interviewed several companies specializing in management of membership associations. In 1999, they selected Associations Solutions, located in Springfield, Illinois. As APT returned to a staff-supported organization, David G. Woodcock, FAIA, RIBA, FSA, became APT's twelfth president in the fall of 1999.

Towards the end of Hunderman's presidency, Tom Taylor provided this insider's perspective for APT's 30th Anniversary history insert in the *Bulletin*:

Harry Hunderman turned the Executive Committee into a highly effective management team that has directed the day-to-day affairs of the organization primarily through bi-weekly conference calls, usually one hour but often longer. I believe the phrase "less is more," the motto of APT's 1997 conference in Chicago, perfectly characterizes Harry's term as president. Under Harry's leadership the organization returned to a sound financial position with safeguards to help avoid the financial pitfalls of the past.

—Lonnie J. Hovey, AIA, FAPT



Dean Koga Outreach and Education Prize

APT is honored to introduce the Dean Koga Outreach and Education Prize in recognition of Dean Koga, APT's 20th President (2015–2017).

Dean was a founding member of the Building Technology Heritage Library (BTHL). In 2006, as APT webmaster, Dean had the aspiration to add technical content to the APT website. Mike Jackson volunteered his personal trade catalog collection for scanning, which was the inception of the APT BTHL. The initial scanning of 30 documents uploaded to the APT website has grown to become a comprehensive and international collection of trade catalogs, magazines, and books in an online platform.

This prize combines Dean Koga's interest in supporting research as well as emerging professionals, and his goal of disseminating APT's technical expertise to the preservation community at large. Interested applicants can learn more and find the application process [here](#). **The deadline to apply is May 8, 2023.**



Arthur J. Femenella Sr. Award for Distinguished Mentorship

APT is seeking nominations for the 2023 inaugural Arthur J. Femenella Sr. Award for Distinguished Mentorship. Art Femenella Sr., a leader in historic window and stained glass restoration for over fifty years, had an impactful presence in APT and the preservation community and passed away in 2022. To honor Art's legacy, and to honor the mentorship that APT considers so important in the development of our students, emerging professionals, and all members, APT has developed this award to recognize outstanding mentorship in the preservation field.



Nomination Criteria and Process:

- Candidates shall be nominated by an APT member in good standing.
- Nomination letters shall be a minimum of 250 words, and shall be signed by a minimum of five (5) professionals, not all of whom need to be APT members, preferably from different phases and/or workplaces in the nominee's career.
- Nomination letters shall describe longstanding mentorship of multiple individuals and the impact the nominee has had on those individuals' careers in preservation.
- Nominees need not be members of APT, but they should work in a preservation-related field and/or support or collaborate with APT members.
- Nominees may not currently be serving on the APT Board of Directors. There are no prohibitions on the nomination of a past member of the APT Board.

The Femenella Award will be given every three years, and will be presented at the annual awards banquet during the APT annual conference. To learn more about the award and process for application, please email Robert Hotes at rjhotes@jkoa.net.

— Robert J. Hotes, AIA, NCARB, APT RP, LEED AP BD+C

Upcoming Courses



Lichens, Biofilms, and Stone

Eagle Hill Institute
Steuben, Maine
August 6—12, 2023

Maine's rocky shorelines and inland outcroppings are rich with diverse lichen and biofilm covers. Grave markers of local granite, and marble, slate, and sandstone from other New England states and foreign countries host lichens and biofilms. In this seminar, we will study the physical, chemical, and ecological relationships between lichens, biofilms, and stone. APT members receive a 10% discount.

APT Opportunities

Job Board

The APT Job Board is a resource that offers organizations direct access to top talent in the preservation technology industry, and likewise, professionals have a place to seek out relevant job opportunities.

If you would like to browse more available postings or publish a job on the APT Job Board, click [here](#).



Volunteer Opportunities

APT has many committees and chapters that function thanks to the help of various volunteers across the globe.

If you or one of your colleagues is interested in volunteering for the APT, please fill out [this form](#) and staff will reach out to you.

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