NEW OFFICE

NAOP has moved! Its new quarters are in the Air Rights Building (built over a now defunct single track freight rail line) at 7315 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. The office suite is 504-E and the telephone number is unchanged: 202-362-9511. The office is located conveniently across the street from the Bethesda metro stop on the Red Line, less than fifteen minutes from Metro Center, twenty minutes from Union Station, and thirty minutes from National Airport.

The office is run by our capable administrator, Phyllis Knowles. Phyllis has many skills and many degrees: MBA from American University, BA from George Washington University, as well as graduate work in philosophy at Georgetown University. Aside from raising a family and designing her own garden featured on the 1986 Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage, she has been president of the Women's Committee for the National Symphony and treasurer of the Woman's National Democratic Club.

NEW BOARD

Members newly elected to the board on May 4, 1990, are:
Annette Cravens (Mrs. Duval), civic leader, Buffalo, NY
Don Etter, Denver Parks & Recreation Dept., Denver, CO
Sally Harbaugh (Mrs. Norman), civic leader, Atlanta, GA
Elizabeth Igleheart, architectural historian, Maine Historic Preservation Commission, Augusta, ME
Peter Odel, Management & Development Administrator, Philadelphia, PA
David Schuyler, historian (Olmsted Papers), Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA

Trustees continuing to serve are:
Eleanor G. Ames, Cumberland, ME
William Dunn, Louisville, KY
Richard Groeper, Atlanta, GA
Helen R. Haddick, Dayton, OH
Eloise Hirsch, Pittsburg, PA
Karst Hoogeboom, Pawtucket, RI
Gretchen Hull, Seattle, WA
Catherine Joy Johnson, Seattle, WA
Gary Kesler, Urbana, IL
Caroline Loughlin, St. Louis, MO
Laurie Olin, Philadelphia, PA
Sanford Parisky, Hartford, CT
Marion Pressley, Newton, MA
Nicholas Quennell, New York, NY
Elizabeth B. Rogers, New York, NY
Erm Tranter, Chicago, IL
Ann Satterthwaite, Washington, DC
Sandra Sparks, Baltimore, MD

Trustees whose terms of office expired on April 30 are: Charles Beveridge, Clyde Eller, Don Harris, Arleyn Levee, and Dana White. They will be missed.

The newly elected officers are:
Cochairpersons
Eleanor G. Ames
Nicholas Quennell
Vice-chairpersons
Eloise Hirsch
Gretchen Hull
Catherine Joy Johnson
Marion Pressley
Jerroid Soesbe
Treasurer
Eric O'Brien
Ass't. Treasurer
Ann Satterthwaite
Secretary
Sandra Sparks
Past Chairman
Sanford Parisky
MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSONS

You will note that there are now two co-chairpersons, Noni Ames and Nicholas Quennell. After only a few weeks, it has already become apparent that we do need two people to fill Sandy Parisky's role. The health and energy that have marked NAOP in the last few years are largely due to his efforts.

We have tried to divide the responsibilities in a rational way, and have assigned to each other the job of overseeing (but not chairing!) the various NAOP committees. Noni will take on Nominating, Membership, Public Issues, and OutreachNewsletter committees. Nicholas will take on Development and Special Projects/Conferences.

Our main goals for the coming year are to expand membership and to move ahead with two interrelated programs that will be of immense help to our members. One is a series of workshops dedicated to a wide range of topics, aimed at helping people protect and restore their historic parks. The other is a coordinated program of conferences which, parallel to the workshops, will focus on specific aspects of park restoration. We are beginning now to plan for a major conference on the restoration of forests and woodlands in urban parks—to take place in the spring of 1992.

On the membership front, Eloise Hirsh has been coordinating a major effort to bring in new members. You can help. Make sure that your friends and associates, especially those working with local Olmsted Parks' groups, know of NAOP's work and of the importance of support from regional organizations.

CONFERENCES

BUFFALO CONFERENCE

NAOP's annual and Tenth anniversary conference was held on May 4, 5, 6, 1990, in Buffalo where Olmsted designed his first park system. Cosponsored by the Buffalo Friends of Olmsted Parks with the assistance and cooperation of many Buffalo and New York State public and private organizations, the conference's public sessions drew approximately 300 people. The opening reception and sessions were held at the Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society whose special exhibit for the conference, "Great Expectations: Planning Buffalo, 1800-1990," was especially interesting.

The conference topics spanned a wide range. In the opening session NAOP's founder and Erie County legislator, Joan Bozer, and Betsy Shure Gross, a national co-chairperson, examined the ten years of the Olmsted Parks' movement. Buffalo leaders discussed Buffalo's park system and the opportunities for expanding the park system along the waterfront and into the metropolitan region, as well as capitalizing on the existing system. Charles Beveridge, editor of the Olmsted Papers, and Frank Kowsky, art historian at the State University College at Buffalo, described Olmsted's work in Buffalo, which the conference attenedants saw first hand during a bus tour complete with a discussion of neighborhood issues at Parkside, an Olmsted-planned community near Delaware Park. Tony Hiss, a staff writer for The New Yorker, gave the keynote luncheon address on the broadening of environmental awareness. Ann Satterthwaite, environmental planning consultant, chaired a summary session with Suzanne Brendel-Pandich, Administrator of Lyndhurst, Ronald Lee Fleming, The Townscape Institute, and Nancy Schanberg Willis, Director of Government Affairs with the American Planning Association. They provided provocative ideas for expanding the perspectives, defining the mission, and carrying out effective programs.

As always, NAOP conference attendants enjoyed good food and company at interesting places such as the conservatory restored by the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens Society at South Park and, of course,
fascinating bus tours. There were tours of Buffalo architecture, the Niagara Reservation, and Buffalo River and Industrial Heritage, where the Harbor Inn welcomed NAOP with this sign:

![Image of Harbor Inn sign]

**Yosemite, October 1990**

NAOP’s next program will be at Yosemite to celebrate Olmsted’s role as chairman of the first Yosemite Commission, Yosemite’s 100th anniversary, and the publication of Volume V of the Olmsted Papers, The California Frontier, 1863-1865. The article in our Spring Newsletter brought a sell-out response for the NAOP-sponsored tours of Olmsted’s Mariposa and Yosemite for the weekend of October 19-21. Reservations are closed, but if you wish to be placed on a waiting list, write or call:

Gretchen Hull
236 40th Ave East
Seattle, WA 98112
206-325-2812

Preceding NAOP’s weekend tours will be a Yosemite Centennial Symposium at Yosemite and Concord, CA, from October 15-19. Aside from NAOP’s participation by Charles Beveridge, Nicholas Quennell, Victoria Ranney and others, there will be many sessions led by well-known experts on a variety of conservation, ecology, and park management issues. All NAOP members will receive the program for this conference.

**Boston, May 3 & 4, 1991**

Historic Massachusetts and NAOP are organizing a major conference, the Sixth Annual Massachusetts Preservation Conference, for the first weekend in May. This conference, chaired by Betsy Shure Gross, will highlight: (1) the centennials of the Trustees of Reservations and the Metropolitan District Commission, (2) the 165th anniversary of the Mount Auburn Cemetery, and (3) the tenth anniversary of NAOP’s meeting in Boston which led to the founding of the Massachusetts Association for Olmsted Parks. Technical seminars are planned for Friday. Conference workshops will be held on Saturday morning, and tours of public and private spaces, coordinated with the work-

shops, are planned for the afternoon. More information will appear in the Fall Newsletter. Any suggestions, comments, or indications of interest should be sent to Betsy Shure Gross, 25 Edgehill Rd, Brookline, MA 02146.

**VOLUME V IS OUT!**

The long awaited volume on Olmsted’s life in California has been published. This volume of the Olmsted Papers, The California Frontier, 1863-1865, was edited by Victoria Post Ranney, Gerard J. Rauluk, and Carolyn F. Hoffman. The volume is required reading for the Yosemite trip! Order forms are on the back of this Newsletter.

**Calendar**

**September 2-5**
Course in Conservation Methods for Historical Landscape sponsored by APT International and Heritage Montreal, led by Robert Harvey of Iowa State--in English. $395 for all but meals. For information: Isabelle Leblanc, 406 Notre-Dame St. East, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H2Y 1C8—tel 514/842-8676.

**September 11**
9 p.m. on Public Channels nationwide: "Frederick Law Olmsted and The American Park"—funded by the Andrew Mellon Foundation, New York's Metropolitan Museum, and Boston's WGBH, produced by Theodore Tineck, assisted by Charles E. Beveridge and Charles C. McLaughlin, historical consultants. Call your local television stations and urge them to carry this wonderful drama!

**October 12-16**
NRPA’s Annual Congress, Phoenix, Arizona.

**October 19-21**
NAOP’s Yosemite Tour. Refer to article.

**October 27-30**
ASLA Meeting, San Diego, California.

**May 3 and 4, 1991**
NAOP’s Annual Conference in Boston. Note article above.

Regional news, awards, and local events will be covered in the fall issue of the Newsletter.