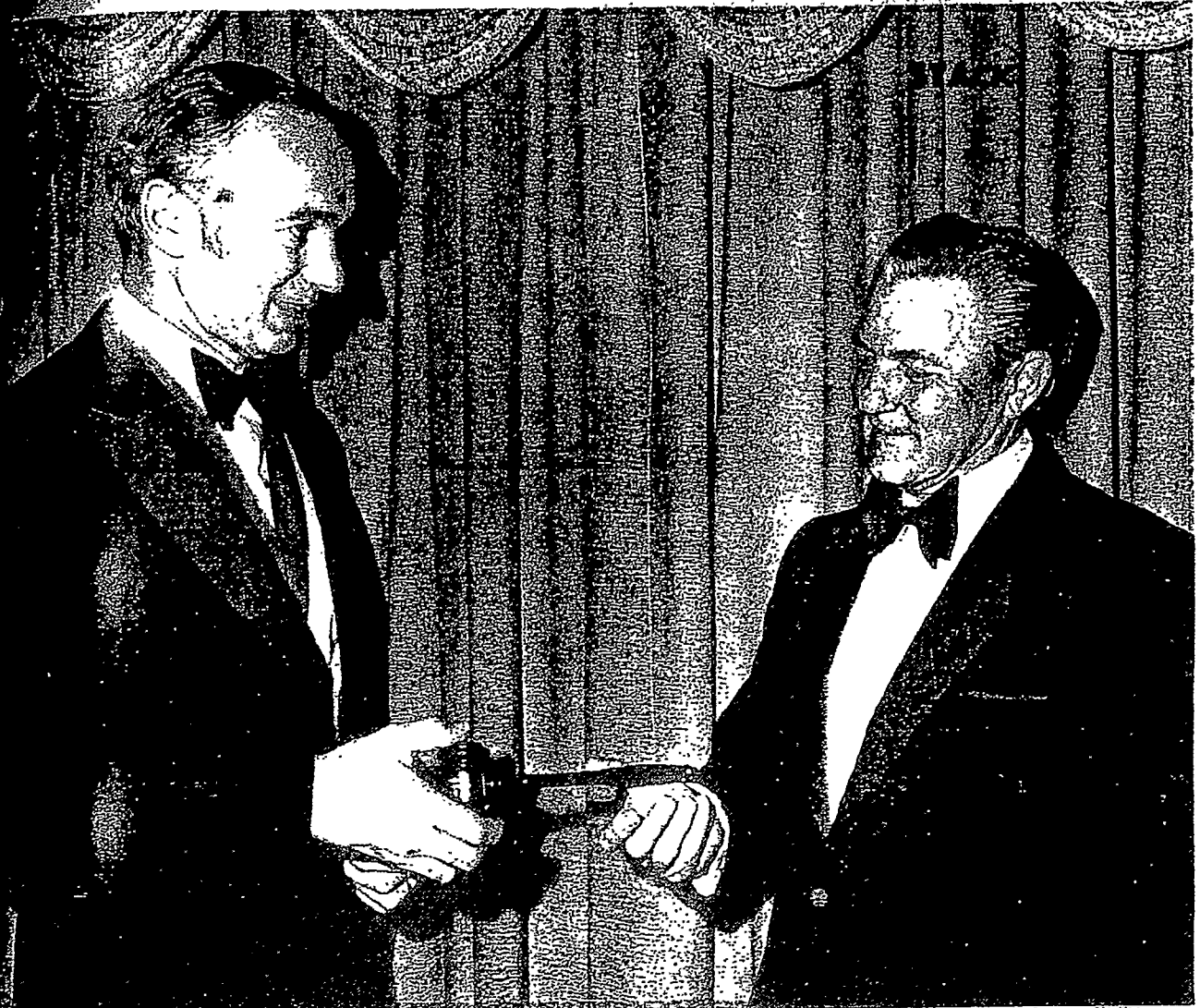


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National Bureaus Plan Merger

A meeting between the International Council for Lathing and Plastering and the Associated Institutes for Lath and Plaster, Inc., has resulted in a merger of the two promotional organizations into the "International Institute for Lath and Plaster, Inc."

Representatives of the two national organizations as well as many local and regional institutes and bureaus throughout the industry met in Florida during the IaWCC Convention, and resolved the merging principle to take effect at a meeting to be called in early May.

Highlights of the merger agreement:

1. A Board of Managers composed of one bureau representative from each participating bureau will formulate plans and augment them. (Where the local or regional group has a paid manager or representative he will represent his bureau.)
2. A Review Board composed of one management and one labor representative from each participating bureau, until the total membership reaches 20 bureaus, will review and approve the operation and budget annually.
3. The central mailing address and bank account will be in Washington, D.C.
4. Clay Johnston, current manager

of the Associated Institutes, will serve as interim administrator.

5. New articles of incorporation and by-laws will be developed.

6. A general meeting will be held once a year in a geographical central location.

7. A Managers' meeting will be set for an early date in May to formulate an income-generating plan, a budget and a promotional program.

8. Funding will be on the basis of 25% of the budget on an equal basis for each participating bureau to contribute. The remaining 75% of the budget will be paid on the basis of the prior year's reported income for each bureau. Each participant will be asked to commit his portion of the budget at the beginning of the year, and, if paying quarterly, pay the first quarter's dues in advance.

Thus, a long series of meetings on promotional matters which dated some years ago in the formation of the two national levels may now resolve itself to a constructive and orderly program of industry promotion.

All known Bureaus and Institutes will shortly be advised of the details of the plan and the mailing quarters of the new organization. Interim information may be obtained from Clay M. Johnston, W. 8th, Los Angeles, Calif. 90007.

Asbestos Ban

The addition of asbestos to a plaster mix on the job is prohibited under the "National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants," issued by the Environmental Protection Agency April 6, 1973.

A California enforcement engineer of the EPA states that anyone who adds asbestos on the job is considered a manufacturer, and a manufacturer who produces a product containing asbestos as an ingredient must apply for a source permit. Further, a source permit will not be issued for use of asbestos in an open area.

How far this may go is anyone's guess, but it is well to know the facts and be prepared.

Salvatore A. Granatelli, 39, superintendent for Chicago's Galie Plastering Company and secretary of the executive board of Lathers' Local 74, died January 14.

New Bureau Director

Frank Marion, ex-plasterer, has been named executive director of the Pittsburgh Area Bureau of Lathing and Plastering and assumes his new duties last month.

The office had been without a full-time managing director for several months and is one of the progressive promotional organizations in the nation.

Felber Sells Interest

M. Earle Felber, Felber Steel Ltd., Horsham, Pennsylvania mental plaster firm, has sold his interest to Herbert I. Harris.

The business will continue with an enlarged staff at 470 Easton Rd., Horsham, Pennsylvania 19044, under the same name.

Felber, although retiring, will continue to act as a consultant for an indefinite period. Harris will assume presidency of the organization.

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