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The Third Time Is The Charm!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

By Charles R. Heuer, FAIA, Esq.
The Heuer Law Group

The Jefferson Society, Inc. has just passed through its second full year of existence and is poised for a charmed third year.

Craig Williams, AIA, Esq. did a superb job as President last year carrying on the high standard established by Bill Quatman, FAIA, Esq. as our first president. I hope to be able to do the same in the coming year.

Serving with me this year as officers are Tim Twomey, FAIA, Esq., as Secretary/President-elect, and Suzanne Harness, AIA, Esq. as Treasurer. I know we are all open to receiving ideas from all members if they can make membership more enjoyable and meaningful and the Society more productive or effective.

Just before leaving for the Annual Meeting, I received notice from the IRS that the Society has been approved as exempt from Federal taxation under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. That also means that contributions to the Society are tax deductible under section 170 of the Revenue Code. Finally, we are classified as a Public

Charity under section 509(a) (2). All of this is retroactive to our founding on July 4, 2012. Someone who knows should advise whether or not that makes our "dues" deductible. My eyes tend to glaze over on these topics, but I would appreciate ideas from those knowledgeable in this area as to how we can maximize the benefit of our new status.

Last year in his President's Message, Craig noted that our feet are now under us and we should be moving to promote and participate in activities that support architects and attorneys and the legal issues we deal with. There are many forms that can take. We now have more than 90 members. A "speaker's bureau" has been mentioned. At the Annual Meeting in Chicago we discussed offering to draft a monthly article for *Architectural Record* on legal / practice topics. By sharing the load, we could easily supply them with articles for years. Also, NCARB is now looking to push the licensing process further down into the schools with the hope of allowing for licensing upon, or shortly after, graduation. (See article on page 10). They will be soliciting proposals

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