

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MEDIA PHOTOGRAPHERS (ASMP) AND THE
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS (AIA) SIGN
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

*AIA releases revised copyright permission form governing how photographs
are used for AIA awards and education*

WASHINGTON DC, AUGUST 26, 2003 – The American Society of Media Photographers (ASMP) and The American Institute of Architects (AIA) announce today the joint signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding use of photographs created by ASMP members submitted in connection with AIA award programs. The MOU is a result of several meetings between the two organizations to reach an amicable solution to concerns previously raised by ASMP and its members regarding the AIA’s 2003 revised photo release form.

In addition to signing the MOU, the AIA released a newly-revised copyright permission form based on input from ASMP and its members on how photographs are used in conjunction with AIA awards programs and efforts to provide continuing education, a fundamental aspect of the AIA mission.

“ASMP looks forward to expanding our mutually profitable relationship with the AIA,” says Eugene Mopsik, executive director, ASMP. “We will engage in ongoing discussions in an effort to discover new ways to benefit our combined memberships.”

“A true spirit of collaboration led to development of the best approach to ensuring copyright protection,” says Jim Dinegar, chief operating officer of the AIA. “Architects and photographers both respect the appropriate use of copyrighted materials and this agreement demonstrates that commitment.”

In addition, the AIA hopes to collaborate with ASMP to create a “Best Practices Guide” to assist architects in effectively working with photographers.

Editor’s note: For a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding and/or the newly-revised copyright release form and photography agreement, please contact Tricia Chamberlain, Director of Media Relations, at 202-626-7467 or tchamberlain@aia.org.