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ver 200 SIA members converged on Minneapolis-St. Paul for the SIA's 42nd Annual Conference, May 30 to June 2. This was the SIA’s second visit to the Twin Cities, the first being at the 12th Annual Conference in 1983. Conference participants received a friendly welcome from the local host committee and volunteers who organized a full slate of tours and paper sessions. The conference headquarters was the historic St. Paul Hotel, which opened in 1910 and was restored to elegance in 1982.

At the Thursday evening opening reception, Stephen Elliott, Director of the Minnesota Historical Society, welcomed the SIA, and Larry Millett, author and historian, offered a presentation on the industrial heritage of the Twin Cities. This heritage is closely tied to the Mississippi River. St. Paul was an active riverboat landing well before the first steam locomotive arrived in 1861, while the St. Anthony Falls, straddled by Minneapolis, powered sawmills and flour mills, giving rise to industry giants Pillsbury and General Mills. Railroads, particularly James J. Hill’s Great Northern Ry., linked the Twin Cities to farm communities across the northern tier of the U.S. from Minnesota to Montana, spurring the cities’ rapid growth. Fittingly, the SIA reception was held at the Minnesota Club, where Hill and other leaders of business and industry often met to socialize and eat when they were in the city.

The schedule of this year’s conference followed the traditional format of pre-conference tours on Thursday, tours on Friday, paper sessions and the Annual Business Meeting on Saturday, and post-conference tours on Sunday. Nearly a dozen members graciously volunteered to report for SIAN, resulting in the following tour summaries and photographs.

Thursday Tour 1: Summit Avenue and James J. Hill House. Beginning in the 1880s, Summit Ave., located high above (continued on page 2)

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May 15-18: SIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, PORTLAND, ME. Please note the new date, occurring a week earlier than previously announced. Info: www.sia-web.org.


