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**MICHIGAN ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES SECOND ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED VOLUNTEER LEADER AWARD**

May 26, 2016 – Detroit, Michigan – The Michigan Architectural Foundation (MAF) will honor Leslie Tincknell, FAIA, with the second annual Distinguished Volunteer Leader Award at the Celebration of Architecture on June 10 at The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, MI. This award represents a selfless commitment to advancing the mission of the MAF.

Les Tincknell, FAIA, graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Architecture. He moved to Saginaw and joined the firm of Frederick E. Wigen, Architect in 1958 and served the firm as Director of Design, 1959 to 1993, and as President from 1976 to 1993.

Over his 56 years with the firm, he worked on educational, religious, medical, governmental, housing and historic preservation projects. The firm's building designs have received design awards from the American Institute of Architects (AIA), AIA Michigan, AIA Saginaw and other allied organizations. Some of his most notable projects and contributions to architecture include the Kempton Elementary School (recipient of AIA Michigan design award and 25-year award), Michigan State Capitol Restoration, Jerome T. Hart State Office Building, Andersen Enrichment Center, the Montague Inn and the Children's Zoo at Celebration Square..

Les started his AIA career in 1960 on the AIA Saginaw Board of Directors and continued to serve throughout the years as AIA Michigan board member, 1969-1976, and as president in 1974. He has served on many AIA Michigan committees, and directed AIA Michigan's involvement in the Construction Expo from 1993 to 1995.

Les has served the Michigan Architectural Foundation Board for 26 years. He was President and is currently Treasurer, a position he has held the last 18 years. Under his financial stewardship, the MAF endowment started with \$300,000 and is now \$1.4 million. He has served on the Evans Graham Grant Committee, the Scholarship Committee, the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee.

Les has been active in the community as President of the Optimist Club of Saginaw, Chairman of the Saginaw County Chapter American Red Cross, Chairman of the Saginaw Arts and Enrichment Commission, Chairman of the Saginaw Riverfront Development Commission., President of Golfside Community, Inc., President of the First Congregational Church, Chairman of the U of M Architecture and Urban Planning Alumni Board, board member of the Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra, Saginaw Art Museum, PRIDE, Inc., and the Japanese Cultural Center & Tea House.

In 2010, he was awarded the Robert Alpert Lifetime Community Service award by the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce. In 2014 he was named Child Advocate of the Year by the Child and Abuse Saginaw Bay Council for his pro bono work for the Council building program

Les and his wife Marion live in Saginaw in the home they designed in 1964. They have four children with spouses and 13 grandchildren who are scattered across the United States.

Founded in 1957 by the Michigan Society of Architects (now AIA Michigan), MAF is dedicated to the promotion, perpetuation and preservation of architecture as a fine art. By serving as a visible resource for funding, information and educational programs, we increase the public's appreciation for architecture, which encourages cohesive, sustainable communities, increasing economic value, enriching experiences and adding beauty. .

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