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The nineteenth Annual Meeting of the National Fire Protection Association was held in the north ballroom of the Hotel Astor in New York in May 1915. Among the presentations at the meeting were brief updates on fire prevention-related activities of some of the various Active Members of the organization. One of the active members reporting on their activities was the American Institute of Architects (AIA). The following is the text of the AIA report:

***“REPORTS FROM ACTIVE MEMBERS ON WORK
IN FIRE PREVENTION.***

The President: We now come to a series of brief reports from active members on their individual work in fire prevention, and I call first on the Chairman of the Committee on Fire Prevention of the American Institute of Architects, Mr. Julius Franke, of New York.

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Mr. Franke: The members of the American Institute of Architects are taking a very active interest in the work of the N.F.P.A., and the reports of the American Institute delegates to these conventions, who are also acting as the Fire Prevention Committee, are received with enthusiasm at the annual conventions of the Institute. Members of the American Institute are active in the committee work of the N.F.P.A., and from all accounts they appear to enjoy the work.

The Fire Prevention Committee of the Institute has been quite active during the last two years. It has been consulted in many ways by those seeking information on fire prevention standards, on laws and on regulations, and has distributed, to the architects, literature from the N.F.P.A. and from other sources on the subject of fire prevention.

The various State Chapters of the Institute have recently been appointing fire prevention committees who are beginning to take active part in the enactment of laws on fire prevention and kindred subjects in the different states and cities.

There are signs of interest in this work at the different schools of architecture, of which one, namely, the College of Texas, has a course in fire prevention engineering under Professor R. Adelsperger.”

It is quite interesting to see the active role that the American Institute of Architects played in the early days of the NFPA.

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