

AIA/NE – AUGUST BOARD MTG: 8/24/11

AIA/CT CHAPTER REPORT:

1. Membership / renewals is roughly on track for the year. We are at 90% retention which is exactly where we were at this time period in 2010.
2. Successful Golf Tournament in May. Some reduction in sponsorships from previous year, but great number of overall participants.
3. Annual Conference planned for Oct. 4, 26th. Split in two days this year (2nd day free). Offers up to 11.5 hrs of CE credits. All are welcomed at the member pricing level.
 - a. Day One: Waterbury- focus on Historic Preservation / sustainability
 - b. Day Two: New Haven – Programs by Underwriters and Sponsors
4. Government Affairs:
 - a. Governor's Budget Bill included consolidation of DPW, DEP, and portion of OSFM into a new Dept of Construction Services. Implementation is now underway – the jury is still out on whether this will be a positive change and whether any money will be saved.
 - b. State employee unions have now re-voted, and approved accepting concessions.
5. Membership Categories:
 - a. AIA/CT Board discussed at July meeting a change to our Bylaws to create two levels of emeritus status: 1. Active (continuing in practice); 2. Retired (no longer in practice)
 - b. Plan to vote on this at Sept Board Mtg delayed. Diane discussed with Jay Stevens at National, and was told that Chapters cannot change bylaws for such a change until National has determined what changes will be made at National level (Resolution for 2012 Convention?).
 - c. Working with Greg Ames to encourage understanding this dues change has on AIA Connecticut

AIA Maine Report 8/24/11

Architect and Associate membership is currently at 220, which is 96% compared to last year. The chapter is planning a fall membership drive to recruit architects who are registered and live in Maine who have not yet been AIA members.

The bill to repeal The Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) did not make it through committee. A bill to amend the implementation of the code was passed. MUBEC will not apply in a municipality that has 4,000 (increased from 2,000) residents or less. Municipalities with a population over 4,000 that did not previously have a building code will have until July 2012 to begin enforcement of MUBEC.

Communications Director Judith Harvie will step down as newsletter editor at the end of 2011 but will continue with her Legislative Affairs responsibilities. AIA Maine has advertised for a media consultant to assist with managing newsletter and website content.

Upcoming Events:

Haystack: Vision and Legacy Conference September 19-20 at Haystack Mountain School of Crafts. This is collaboration between AIA Maine and Haystack. The two-day conference will examine the heritage and influence of Edward Larrabee Barnes' design and talk about directions and trends in architecture.

CanStruction October 1-7 to benefit Friends of Community Action Food Pantry in Biddeford, ME.

**Report for AIA New England
August 24, 2011**

BSA professional membership has held steady during 2011. Affiliate membership, which dropped nearly 40% from 2008 to 2010, has begun to grow again. BSA does not anticipate increasing chapter dues for 2012, the fourth year with no increase. Selected BSA activities are highlighted below.

New BSA HQ

Construction is under way on the new BSA Space at Atlantic Wharf. Our new home will include office, conference and gallery space. We anticipate moving in late November. The sale of The Architects Building at 52 Broad Street is expected to be completed prior to the move.

Residential Design and Construction (RDC) merges with Build Boston in 2012

After seven years, the RDC conference and tradeshow will be joined with Build Boston beginning in November 2012, making the Northeast's largest building-industry convention even more comprehensive. The joint tradeshow will feature residential conference tracks and dedicated exhibition space that will continue to foster the network for which RDC is known, while enabling the entire architecture and building industry community to come together for one flagship event.

Architecture boat tours

This summer the BSA is offering boat tours in conjunction with the Charles Riverboat Company and Boston By Foot. The tours highlight historic and contemporary architecture as seen from the Charles River or Boston Harbor, and are attracting both design professionals and public audiences. Monday evening cruises from the World Trade Center will end next week, while weekend departures from the CambridgeSide Galleria will continue through October. Next year, tours will depart from the BSA dock at Atlantic Wharf.

Common Boston

This citywide festival of architecture and design took place June 15-26 and featured dozens of events, including tours, lectures, receptions, even a participatory building project. This year's theme was Live + Learn and focused on the major institutions that shape Boston's neighborhoods. Now in its fifth year, Common Boston 2011 was larger and better-attended than ever.

UPCOMING

Build Boston – November 16-18 – www.buildboston.com

This year's convention will be the hub location for a distributed conference presented by the Technology in Architecture Practice (TAP) Knowledge Community. The international Open Building conference will also take place in conjunction with Build Boston.

AIARI

Spring and summer gallery nights have been very successful. We have had exhibitions of small firms work, architectural renderings and upcoming exhibits include art by architects and in September it will feature the 30th anniversary of the Capital Center Commission in conjunction with a symposium September 16-17th we are co sponsoring with the Providence Preservation Society entitled Make No Little Plans: Visions for the City of Providence. This will focus on past development in the city as well as the future of the land opened by the I 195 highway project. <http://providencesymposium.com/>

We hosted our annual Summer Conference and Expo on the campus of RWU at the end of July. The focus of the conference was waterfront building and we had a great group of presenters ranging from code officials, engineers, architects and the leader of Save the Bay. The expo featured the wares of our corporate affiliate members and of course lobster. Despite the somewhat dreary weather it was a great night. The annual AIARI golf outing took place on Monday and was incredibly successful despite the climate of the economy. We will also be co sponsoring a lecture by Larry Speck as part of the RI AIAS conference that will be held on September 30.

AIANH

AIANH's 2012 awards program is underway...AIA Seattle is jurying.

Recent chapter meetings include one with the Furniture Masters Aug. 18 and our Annual House Tour in June.

AIANH and the NH Architecture Foundation gave three scholarships in May.

The Learning by Design High School Design Comp completed in May, and we awarded nine prizes. Both the scholarships and design comp presentations were distributed at chapter meetings.

The 2009 Building Code adoption was tabled, could revert to 2006 in Dec...stay tuned.

We are designing a whole new website with expanded member profiles and are very excited. We hope to go online by the end of the year!

WMAIA REPORT FOR AIA NE

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The spring ended nicely for our chapter with a program on the DOER Pilot program for energy rating underway in Western Massachusetts. We were able to combine this program with a tour of a mixed-used mill in Holyoke (owned and renovated by one of our members) that includes its own hydro-electric turbine!

Most of our time and energy has been focused on the AIA New England Conference, Livable Communities in the American Landscape, which will take place October 14-16, 2011. The conference program is at the printer and will be mailed by the end of the month. We received 184 submissions for the awards program. I met with the jury in Philadelphia earlier this month. I would like to thank the jurors, Frank Grauman FAIA, Alan Metcalfe AIA, and Cathrine Veikos AIA for their careful review of all the submissions. It was a long but productive day! The award winners have been notified. We are requesting that no public announcement of winners be made until after October 15th. I'd also like to thank our colleagues in Philadelphia, John Claypool and David Bender for graciously allowing me to use their (lovely) facility for the jury and for helping everything run so smoothly.

In terms of the conference itself, we are pleased with the variety of programs. Attendees have the potential to earn 10 HSW/SD credit over two days; the additional Disaster Assistance Training carries 6 HSW. The keynote speaker is James Russell FAIA, architecture critic for Bloomberg news and author of the recent book *The Agile City*. The Livable Communities exhibition we are organizing in conjunction with the conference will exhibit 30+ projects in a Main Street Gallery. This will provide good public exposure for the firms and the AIA. The gallery will be the venue for a Friday evening reception. Finally, I'd like to thank our sponsors: Pella Products, R & R Window (with AW Hastings), Daniel O'Connell's Sons, Wright Builders, The Conway School of Landscape Design and the University of Massachusetts Architecture + Design.

REPORT FROM CENTRAL MASS AIA

From Ellen Sturgis: I was hired to be the "first" executive director independent of other affiliates in January. I'm on at 5 hours/week to try to build membership and programming. After six months, we're not getting increased attendance, so we will turn our attention to partnering with other groups to increase our own visibility and see if we can find a good mix of networking opportunities. We are also starting actively to outreach to the bigger firms in our region (we are predominantly single practitioner and small offices) to open up their lunch & learns to AIA-CM members.

I'm planning on attending the conference in October and now pushing that information to our members. I also want to thank John Nunnari for organizing the lien law workshop in Springfield for WMass and CMass members.