

# **Minutes: AIA New England Quarterly Meeting**

Tuesday, April 26, 2007 BSA 12 noon

## **ATTENDEES:**

Erica Gees AIA	AIANE President, AIA WM
Carolyn Isaak	Exec Director, AIANH, AIANE
Richard Fitzgerald	Exec Director, BSA
Daniel Weston AIA	President, AIACT
Peter Kuttner FAIA	AIA National Board Director, NE Region (BSA)
Dean Bingham, AIA	President-Elect AIANE, AIAME
Diane H. Jones	Executive Director, AIACT
Tom House AIA	President-Elect, AIANH
Sonya Misiaszek AIA	President, AIANH
Leslie Thomas AIA	AIA National Board Director, NE Region (AIANH)
Jonathan Taylor Assoc AIA	RAD, AIANE
Ernie Edwards	President-Elect, AIA CM
Jennifer Zolkos	Executive Director, AIARI
Mark Saccoccio AIA	President, AIARI
Matthew Stewart AIA	NE YAF Liaison
Nancy Jenner	Dept Director, BSA; Exec. Director, Central MA AIA
Martha Montgomery AIA	President, AIA WMA
Pamela Hawkes FAIA	College of Fellows Rep.
Steve Fleshman AIA	President, AIA CMA and AIA MA

Dean Bingham opened the meeting at 12:15 pm. Introductions.

## **1. AIANE Annual Meeting**

DJ reported on the 2007 AIANE Annual Meeting, Oct. 5-7. It will open with their AIA150 event, a symposium on transit-oriented design, in Southport, CT. They have invited town officials and planners from CT. There will also be some walking tours available and firm open houses. The AIANE reception will be that evening. On Saturday there will be tours throughout the day around New Canaan, including one of Philip Johnson's glass house, opening to the public for the first time this summer. Number of visitors is limited, so register early to be included. There will also be four CE programs focusing on modern design and the Harvard 5 that lived and worked in that area in the 1950s. Sunday will include tours of 1950's private residences. Rooms are reserved at several B&B's in the area. All info will be on their website in a week or so.

DJ asked how we could explain to our members that the Annual meeting is a great opportunity, as good as the National Convention on a local level.

NJ suggested that each component should have the flexibility to handle the Annual meeting and Awards program as they wish. The trend is to hold a conference for design professionals, but she encouraged people to think about doing something out of the box.

2008 Annual Meeting will be hosted by Maine; NH hosts 2009.

## **2. President's Report**

Erica Gees took over the meeting. Minutes from 1/30/07 corrected to include SM on the attendee list and update PK's status. With motion from MS, seconded by DB, board voted to approve.

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### **3. Financial Report**

There was a brief discussion of the budget. MS questioned the recommended amount to have in reserve. RF suggests the standard is an amount equal to your operating budget. PK said that the standard is normally 40%.

### **4. Fellowship**

PH gave a report on the College of Fellows and NE activity. Since the group has not been active, they started by determining what the committee should do. They have communicated with Fellows in the NE.

There was a 20% increase in successful Fellow nominations this year. PH handed out a report indicating the accomplishments of NE Fellows. The BSA Fellows committee has proposed to initiatives for the year: doubling the number of NE Fellows in honor of next year's Convention in Boston and convening a visioning session in the fall to consider ways for their group to be a resource for Fellow nominees and other advocacy and mentoring activities.

PH asked for the board to send any ideas to her.

DJ said that CT has a dedicated group of Fellows that meet monthly from the time of identifying nominees to the end of the application process. They'd be delighted to be a resource.

### **5. Convention**

PK opened a discussion on the candidates. Marvin Malecha and Michael Broshar, running for senior Vice President, are both good candidates. Clark Manus, David Brotman, and Peter Arsenault are candidates for Vice President (2 positions open). All three are very vocal on the board.

PK suggests reading each candidate's platform online and listening to his talk at the Convention.

### **6. AIA Convention Resolutions**

Brief discussion of Resolution 07.1. Kuttner and Jenner described the substance and intent of the BSA/AIANE-sponsored resolution to be considered in San Antonio. It is an effort to reinforce AIA CEO/EVP Chris McEntee's initiative to enrich collaboration among building industry associations over the long term and to do so by committing funds necessary to commit a staff person to this effort for at least three years.

### **7. Ethics**

Former Boston architectural ethicist Victoria Beach, Assoc. AIA made a special presentation to the AIA board recently focusing on professional ethics and urged them to strengthen institutional commitment to more ambitious ethical standards and to a clearer articulation of those standards.

### **8. Sponsorship development**

AIA has retained a consulting firm to overhaul the AIA's approach to program and other financial sponsorships; the consultant's report is due soon.

### **9. Honors**

MS solicited others' opinions of the value of conferring honorary membership and similar honors at the local chapter level. The ensuing discussion underscored the value of such initiatives to broaden awareness of the profession and to recognize individuals and organizations whose work reflects a commitment to design and our profession's values.

### **6. Chapter Reports**

CI emailed Chapter reports to the board prior to the meeting. If you have not received them please contact her.

There being no further business, upon a motion by Fleshman, seconded by House, it was VOTED to adjourn at 2:45 pm; unanimous.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, August 28, 12 noon-3 pm, BSA offices.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Isaak

*Thanks to Richard Fitzgerald for taking over the minutes after the Candidate's discussion as CI had to leave early.*