

Minutes: AIA New England Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, August 28, 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
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
Martha Montgomery AIA	President, AIA MA
Pamela Hawkes FAIA	College of Fellows Rep.
Bill Austin AIA	President-Elect, AIA WMA
Lorin Starr	Exec Director, AIA WMA
Diane Georgopolous AIA	President-Elect, BSA
Greg Ames AIA	Past president, AIANE

1. President's Report

Erica Gees opened the meeting at 12:20 pm.
Minutes approved from April meeting.

Set meeting dates for next year: Feb 6, April 30, August 27, November 19, 2008.
AIANE Conference in Maine, Oct 3-5.

2. Nominating Committee

Committee is working on nominations. Need secretary/treasurer and appointment of Assoc. Director Shadow. No Regional Director-elect for this year: will elect next year (from CT). Will complete nominations by email in order to announce before the annual meeting.

3. National Directors Report

Peter Kuttner: handed out a leadership matrix(!) about AIA National with some photos of key leaders.

Board voted to give emeritus status to associates. But cannot apply for Fellowship based on ten years of associate membership; need to a licensed member for 10 years.
Associates growing at 7%, reg members growing at 4%.

Strategic plan is being revised (even though only a year old). They haven't been doing a very good job of keeping it in front of people. Looked at criteria for being a "remarkable organization."

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Convention: 25,000 registered for San Antonio. 20,000 actually showed. Host chapter party was phenomenal. 3,000 attended Gore's speech.

Member value: Architectural Record advisory board will now have 3 AIA members (magazine was getting too focused on large firm projects).

New Management System is tentatively set to launch in August 2008.

New Staff position: Vice President for Integrated Web Strategy & Technology.

Architecture Billings Index (ABI) will now appear in the Wall Street Journal and will be an ongoing monthly coverage.

Soloso Update: Launch is for this fall. Those who have been on it are not very impressed at this point. Visit at soloso.aia.org and see what you think. They are still working out the kinks. Remains to be seen if it just needs to be tweaked or is fundamentally flawed.

Discussion: Soloso was meant to be a member resource, and to add member value. (A big version of asking your friends about something...) Should it be open to everyone? If it's open to the public, what is the benefit to the members? However, anything that encourages conversation between architects and rest of the world is a good thing. The general website is where we share with the public. What about a read-only access? This will be discussed at the Board level.

Sustainability efforts: 2030 Coalition, Advance Building-Core Performance report; Charrette for US Capitol complex greening.

AIA150 fundraising close to 10 million, including 1 million from AIA. Some funds went to AIA150's favorite architecture. Blueprint grants awarded 2 million; 250,000 for documentation of material; 330,000 for Champion meetings. Will get a financial report in September. 20% goes to Architectural Foundation for upgrading the Octagon. Some money goes toward the book: *Celebrating the Past: Designing the Future*, a compilation of history and future of architects. Some funds go toward greening the headquarters as well. Also, Google Earth layer.

It is president's job to set up committee assignments for Board directors. Director can petition for a certain committee. Discussion about committees and ways in which leadership occurs: Is there a way to know when slots are available? Could we increase NE participation on these committees? Easiest way to get involved is via Knowledge Communities.

Capitol Architect: there are 3 nominations, but they are not announced. If a non-architect is selected, can he/she be called the Capitol Architect?

Full directors' report on line at: aianewengland.org/news.shtml

4. Annual Meeting Report

NE Conference is Oct 6-7. Diane handed out registration form.

Return by tomorrow morning at 10:00. Have 100 person limit for Glass House and 72 are registered. They have unblocked rooms; call CT chapter if you need help.

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Have 279 award submissions and 70 plus submissions for People's Choice.

5. AIANE Electronic Newsletter:

We're not going to submit additional news for AIANE news; a bit of duplication. Each chapter can link to AIANE News page with their home page and their events page. Please send link to your calendar page to Carolyn. Online news will include these links, and the Regional Directors, RAD, Fellowship reports. Individual components can link to the AIANE news page from their websites.

6. FAIA Report:

Initiative to double number of Fellows is underway. Tapped about 12 BSA Fellows willing to review portfolios. Have set up a system; memo has gone out. Applicants will get in touch with the reviewers directly. 8 people from Mass and 1 from NH have contacted them. One of the volunteers was on the National Selection Committee.

One of the challenges for Fellowship applicants is for small firms who do not have the resources to produce the portfolio. Applying for design is very difficult. Jury wants to see what value your efforts had for the profession and for the AIA. Your represented work should reinforce your story.

Fellowship Committee is planning a retreat for this fall to look at the role Fellows will have locally and nationally, professionally, and in world in general. Gary Graham is leading the retreat. Will do a follow-up gathering with all Fellows invited to join in. NE is entitled to two reps on National Fellowship committee.

7: 08 Convention

National is responsible for everything that happens inside the convention hall. Local chapter responsible for outside: Planning 70-80 tours, host party; etc. Tours planned in NH, CT, WMA, RI. VIP party for National Directors (San Antonio pulled in local VIPs as well). The Red Sox have offered to hold 2,500 tickets for us to buy. They will open Fenway for tours (8,000) people. (7-10 am). That weekend is also moveout weekend for colleges! Will promote Boston as a walkable city. Raising \$50,000 to put toward travel for young members to come to the convention. Suggesting that other components put effort into this. Exhibit proposals are still open. As region it would be nice to have a good turnout. Richard will do an email blast about submissions.

Theme of convention is "We the People." Will connect workshops with what's going on with tours and in the city. Tours will be a wonderful panoply of what NE has to offer. People are going to see some extraordinarily new and exciting things. Susan Hartnett and Carol Wedge have done good job of soliciting sponsorships. Andrew Young will be the keynote speaker.

AIA Convention will be back in Boston in 2063!

6. Chapter Reports

BSA: mayor wants to move city hall to the waterfront. AIA is weighing in. Current AB has article about this. BSA went through legislative battle with interior designers. The IDs are not all of one mind.

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MAINE: AIA Maine's COTE (Committee on the Environment) has scheduled a site visit to The Maine General Medical Center's new \$23 million Harold Alfond Center for Cancer Care in Augusta, Maine's first "green" medical center by SMRT Architects.

AIA Maine will host the 2008 AIA New England Conference in Portland, Maine. Co-Chairs are AIA Bingham AIA and John Morris AIA. Committee members have started to develop ideas for speakers and venues.

AIA Maine Program Series 2007 has included marketing professional David Stone, Dr. Joseph Lstiburek on diagnosing moisture, and in October Architect David Salmela from Minnesota.

The Maine Landscape Architect's initiative to upgrade their existing Title Law was somewhat successful during the 2007 Legislative session. Although they were not granted a Practice Law and their law remains Title, the definition of Landscape Architecture was revised to be much more specific.

CENTRAL MA: Jeremiah Eck and Robert Campbell spoke at recent meetings. Building Code seminars in the fall.

CT: CT is providing bus and free access for 40 associates to bring them up for one day to Convention, Thursday, May 15, 2008, same day as Associates meeting and night of AIACT reception.

CT now has state statute that if you build a public school you have to bid your job for "qualified low bidder. They set it up so that there was only 20 minutes to react and explained to legislature that it was a technical correction. AIACT has set up a coalition of architects, engineers, construction managers, etc. all working to actively pursue changing the regulation. Objective is get QBS substituted.

AIACT's annual conference is October 24 at Hartford Culinary Institute.

NH: Design Awards and YA Design Competition CFE went out. Traveling awards will be in Concord, NH for Sept. AIANH is filing paperwork for a NH Architecture Foundation. Licensing Board voted to allow interns to sit for exam before completing IDP. Paperwork being set up. We are participating with NH DES on a task force to review policies for construction debris.

VT: not present

RI: Congratulations to Jennifer for birth of her new son. Introduced new lecture series the "Big Lecture," with nationally known speakers. Had a Corporate Affiliates fair at Roger Williams with a tent and a lobster boil. No charge for affiliate members...(they charge \$360 for their Affiliate membership fee). Had golf tournament in August, raised about \$33,000. Gave out \$20,000 in scholarships this year. Newport Guidebook is now available, by Mohamad Farzan FAIA. DH offered that he sell them at the AIANE conference.

First AIA2008 and beyond board retreat October 19.

WMA: Cosponsoring a symposium with UMass. After many years have a new exec director, Lorin Starr. Erica's Blueprint in Holyoke is coming up. Had a meeting at the new student center at Williams College. Got two spots on local news on their Blueprint project.

Poetry and Privacy: Emily Dickson's house and a few residential homes, and a FLW house is their trip proposal for AIA 2008 Convention.

7. YAF:

Mathew Stewart has talked with people around the region. Each YAF in NE states have

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something established. Asking for suggestions on how to pull people together around the region. YAF National is encouraging more involvement in mentorship.

In RI have an IDP Forum that is well attended. They congratulate new registrants and have a panel discussion about YAF issues. In NH have an Intern/YA Design Competition and regular meetings. Could be model for a regional competition? In CT do CANstruction; VT does one also.

8. RAD:

NCARB voted to change ARE testing rules. Individual state boards are creating own regulations on timing. NH has passed regulation to allow interns to take exam before completion of IDP, paperwork will be done next year for facilitating.

JT recommends By-law changes for RAD Elect and Associate Directors. Diane suggested we establish some sort of procedure for the future nominating. Nomination committee will work on bylaw amendments to handle appointment of YAF rep on AIANE Board and to outline nominating procedures for YAF, RAD, and RAD shadow. Mathew suggested something similar to RAD for YAF, with shadow, etc. Nominating committee will take into consideration balancing the component representation as we do for Regional Directors.

Board agreed to appoint shadow RAD nominated by Jonathan: Kelley Caminero, Arrowstreet. Moved by Ernie, seconded by Art. Board approved, to take effect immediately.

Executive Director's Report:

Carolyn handed out financial reports. Because of time asked that people contact her if there are questions.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 15, 12 noon-3 pm, Build Boston.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Isaak