

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

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2007      Build Boston      12 noon

## **ATTENDEES:**

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| Erica Gees AIA             | AIANE President, AIA WM                      |
| Dean Bingham, AIA          | President-Elect AIANE, AIAME                 |
| Art Guadano, AIA           | Treasurer AIANE, AIANH                       |
| Carolyn Isaak              | Exec Director, AIANH, AIANE                  |
| Steve Fleshman, AIA        | President, AIA Mass.                         |
| Richard Fitzgerald         | Exec Director, BSA                           |
| Daniel Weston AIA          | President, AIACT                             |
| Peter Kuttner FAIA         | AIA National Board Director, NE Region (BSA) |
| Diane H. Jones             | Executive Director, AIACT                    |
| Sonya Misiaszek AIA        | President, AIANH                             |
| Jonathan Taylor Assoc AIA  | RAD, AIANE                                   |
| Ernie Edwards              | President-Elect, AIA CM                      |
| Mark Saccoccio AIA         | President, AIARI                             |
| Matthew Stewart AIA        | NE YAF Liaison                               |
| Martha Montgomery AIA      | President, AIA West. MA                      |
| Lorin Starr                | Exec Director, AIA WMA                       |
| Greg Ames AIA              | Past president, AIANE                        |
| Tom House, AIA             | President-elect, AIANH                       |
| Kelly Caminero, Assoc. AIA | RAD-Elect, AIANE                             |
| Michael Hoffman, AIA       | AIAVT                                        |
| Lauren Davis, Assoc. AIA   | President, AIAVT                             |

## **President's Report**

Erica Gees opened the meeting at 12:10 pm

Mathew Stewart moved to accept minutes, seconded by Erica Gees. Minutes approved from August meeting.

Erica thanked everyone for a very successful AIANE Conference, especially Diane H. Jones and her staff. Art G. encouraged people to have their components promote the Annual Conference. Michael H. suggested an effort be made to keep costs down to help attendance. This year was a particularly hard in that regard due to the cost of visiting the Glass House.

Next year's Annual Conference will be in Portland, ME.

Erica visited NH, CT, and Maine this year and was impressed with the range of program offerings. The needs and challenges of components differ.

Erica reported that Pat Mylar, past-president of AIACT passed away suddenly.

Jonathan handed out suggested changes for the bylaws (5.5.2.1). By email, or at the next meeting, we will settle on language for changes with the intent to alternate representation between BSA/CT, and from among the other components for RAD and YAF Liaison, as we do with National Directors. Erica will make wording changes and send to Carolyn for distribution to components.

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Erica thanked Greg Ames for his years of service. Leslie Thomas was not present, but will be thanked and a certificate sent.

Dean Bingham thanked Erica for her years of service.

### **Annual Meeting**

Diane Reprinted that the meeting went well. The People's Choice aspect of the awards went very well and suggests considering that if you can find a good place for the exhibit.

Diane will email information on the display system they used.

They did make money on the conference.

Maine is finding jurors for next year's awards program, possibly David Somola as lead juror, from Deluth, MN.

### **Convention**

BSA will issue call for exhibit proposals for the convention soon.

### **National Directors Report**

There have been some changes to the code of ethics, and discussion of effort toward sustainability as an ethic. They are putting new standards into Honor Awards so that sustainability is incorporated.

AIA National is revising the AIA Competition Gidebook.

The Strategic Plan is being updated.

The Board is looking at Associate level membership, AIA track vs. non-AIA track.

The Website is being upgraded. There is some debate about Soloso and whether it should be a member benefit or open to the public. It has cost 2+ million to develop and will be 1 million to maintain for a year.

AIA National is now "greening" AIA headquarters. They are looking at opening up offices, improving daylighting, a new roof, natural ventilation, recladding.

New Contract Documents are now released. (1/3 of documents are sold to contractors).

David Thurm is the new Public Director. He is Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer at the New York Times.

### **Associate Director Report**

IDP exists to help people become architects. It should be accessible. There was a discussion of the process. It is not hard if it is done on a regular basis, but difficult if you let it build up.

Kelly Caminero, a designer from Arrowstreet, is the new RAD-elect.

AIA National has created a new position, the Firm Auxiliary IDP Coordinator. They are asking each firm to have an in-house IDP coordinator to ease the workload of the IDP

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State Coordinators and the IDP Educator Coordinators at schools. You can email [idp@aia.org](mailto:idp@aia.org) to let them know of your firm's coordinator. Jonathan asked that each chapter distribute this request.

NAC Annual Meeting was Oct. 25-31. New officers were elected. NAC Excom will have a retreat Nov. 30-Dec. 1 in Dallas, TX. The 2008 NAC agenda will include sustainability, diversity, integrated design.

New online record application and transfer record request forms are now available online at NCARB.

Jonathan asked that components support the Jason Pettigrew Memorial ARE Scholarship: [www.aia.org/nac\\_AREscholarship](http://www.aia.org/nac_AREscholarship). They are looking for funding from chapters.

There is now a calendar of programs planned for IDP, mentoring, ARE etc. at [www.aia.org/ep](http://www.aia.org/ep). Mail your events to [emergingprofessionals@aia.org](mailto:emergingprofessionals@aia.org).

### **YAF Report**

Mathew Stewart send website contacts for EP sites. Would like links put on the AIANE site. He is connecting with states to keep up on what's happening and needs contacts for Vermont, ME, AIA Central and West. MA.

## **6. Chapter Reports**

**CT:** Facing challenges with state bidding for architectural services for school work. Held their AIA150 event on transportation-oriented design; very successful and served as a model for decision makers in CT.

**NH:** Held their annual retreat, reviewing mission, and establishing 2008 goal of getting the members more involved in committee work. Gearing up for Awards banquet in January, to also include Intern/Young Architect competition. Working on AIA150 project and fundraising for it. Have lots on the table with AIA150, Learning by Design programs, increased continuing education events.

**VT:** Held their board retreat also. They are holding fewer events in 2008 putting more focus on them. Annual CANstruction was very successful with 10 teams. They will need a bigger space in the future. Awards banquet is coming up in December, at which they are doing their first People's Choice Awards. In Vermont they are facing a problem with the state wide energy codes in that there is not agency to certify that they are being followed. Working on this again for 2008. They are launching their 2<sup>nd</sup> biannual design competition for Young Architects.

**BSA:** There will be four conventions in Boston next year relating to building and design: NESEA's Building Energy 08, March 11-13; BSA's Residential Design and Construction, April 2-3; National AIA Convention, May 15-17; BSA's Build Boston, Nov. 15-17; and USGBC's Greenbuild International Conference and Expo, Nov. 19-21.

AIA Convention: will have 70-80 tours run by BSA and others. Tours will be published in mid-December. Chapter Host Party will be at the Boston Public Library. They are investing 50-100,000 to bring young professionals to the convention. Application will be online. National will waive registration fee, BSA will pay travel. CT and NH thinking about bringing busloads.

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NOMA is spearheading a shadow program on the convention floor, introducing high school students to the profession and the industry. All inner-city Boston high schools will be invited.

**ME:** Their COTE is very active with monthly meetings. David Somola came to Maine to lecture; he has been approached to be on the jury for the AIANE Awards Program. They have held walking tours of Portland. Their 2008 Design Awards celebration will be at Colby College. They are doing more communication online and less printing.

**RI:** They had the unusual situation of having four people vying for one spot on their Board of Directors! They held a strategic planning session using a consultant and a full-day board retreat. A lunch and learn program has been launched. Hot issues are sustainable design, building codes, and technology. Design Awards banquet is Dec. 6

**Central MA:** Design Awards program coming in the spring of 2008. Jeremiah Eck was a lecturer at a recent program. Members volunteered in schools in Worcester. They toured the Worcester District Court house. Four COTE seminars are coming up.

**Western MA:** They are getting a fourth community to apply for an SDAT grant in 2008. Held their first members reception, which was successful. New Executive Director Lorin Starr recently attended the Institute Resource Training in DC. Chapter is working on building membership, AIA150 programs. Martha Montgomery is headed to So. Africa this coming summer and looking for suggestions on ways to involve AIA.

**Executive Director's Report:**

Carolyn handed out financial reports. Michael Hoffman moved to accept 2008 Budget. Seconded by Sonya. Budget approved with no changes.

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

**Next meeting: Wednesday, February 6, 12 noon-3 pm, BSA.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Isaak