

Minutes: AIA New England Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

BSA Offices 12 noon

ATTENDEES:

Dean Bingham, AIA	President AIANE, AIAME
Art Guadano, AIA	President-Elect AIANE, AIANH
Erica Gees AIA	AIA National Board Director, NE Region, AIA WM
Peter Kuttner FAIA	AIA National Board Director, NE Region (BSA)
Richard Fitzgerald	Exec Director, BSA
Carolyn Isaak	Exec Director, AIANH, AIANE
Peg Chambers	President, AIACT
Diane H. Jones	Executive Director, AIACT
Tom House AIA	President, AIANH
Jonathan Taylor Assoc AIA	RAD, AIANE
Ernie Edwards AIA	President, AIA CM
Mark Saccoccio AIA	President, AIARI
Matthew Stewart AIA	NE YAF Liaison
Bruce Hamilton, AIA	President-elect, AIANH
Kelly Caminero, Assoc. AIA	RAD-Elect, AIANE
Carol DeTine AIA	President, AIAME
Michael Abbott AIA	President, AIARI
Jen Zolkos	Executive Director, AIARI
Leslie Thomas AIA	Past Regional Director, AIANH

President's Report

Dean opened the meeting at 12:03 and welcomed new board members. Minutes from the November meeting were approved. Dean stated that one of his goals was to run efficient meetings and to have the updates to the bylaws finalized. He is also focusing on the AIA Annual Meeting, which is in Portland, Maine this year, October 3-5.

Young Architects Forum

Matthew has sent a request to chapters regarding information on their respective YAF groups. He reported on the "150 at 150" podcasts being created by National YAF. These are interviews by Young Architects of AIA Fellows. You can listen to them by going through iTunes. They should be complete by the end of the year. Matthew is looking for YAF contacts in ME, VT, and Central and Western MA. He is also looking for suggestions for his "shadow."

AIANE Annual Meeting

Dean reported that the jury is selected and includes David Salmela, Tim Carl, and Jennifer Yos, all from AIA Minnesota. The Call for Entries will be ready by April.

National Directors Report

- Peter presented an entertaining and informative Powerpoint presentation on the latest issues facing the National Board. All nine leading indicators are better than the projected budget, except for Documents and Knowledge Communities.
- AIA is working on response to AGC Consensus Documents.
- Peter discussed the Board's Discretionary fund. This year it went to the CA wildfires. This money is available for specific needs; it is not for ongoing projects. Requests can

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be submitted by board members at any Board meeting. Peg C. asked for details on the submission parameters and criteria? Peter and Erica will get this information.

- Greening of Headquarters is proceeding. Goals are to transform the work space, optimized space, and practice stewardship.
- There is a motion out to amend the Code of Ethics to include a canon for environmental stewardship. They are also adding a pro-bono services item.
- There is discussion on a new member category for those people on a non-licensure path. The name of this category is not determined yet. The goal is to keep lots of our associate members who don't keep their membership because they are not seeking licensure. Discussion centered on whether or not there are different needs for licensure and non-licensure track and does a different category really satisfy those needs. This member category will be discussed throughout 2008.
- The Architectural Record contract is up for renewal in 2010. They are discussing other options. The revenue stream has not been as big as it should have been. Also Record wants to look like it is an AIA publication, but it's hard to get AIA material into it. AIA's cut on advertising revenue is too low.
- Membership renewal is going digital.
- Sustainability will now be a requirement for Honor Awards.

By Laws

A committee was set up to review the bylaws (Art Guadano, Jonathan Taylor, Greg Ames). Some items under discussion more properly belong in a Procedures Manual. They will report back to the board in April. Carolyn will send them any policies she has.

Convention

The BSA convention site is www.architectsoreg2008. Volunteers are needed (you can go to the host party if you volunteer). Deal was mad with MTA for a \$14 transit pass for convention attendees. Upcoming convention sites are San Francisco, Miami, New Orleans.

Regional Associate Director Report

Jonathan has created a sharepoint site for coordination within AIANE on EP issues: IDP, ARE, NAC and YAF. The IDP State and Educator Coordinators, State Associate Directors, YAF Liaison and Regional Directors have been added.

<https://portal.aia.org/sites/IDPCoordinator/region-newengland>. If you have a sharepoint username/password, and would like to be added let him know. Also, please let him know of any staff/editors etc. you want added, to ensure event communication is received ASAP for local distribution.

In the January 2008 AIArchitect there was an NAC article on NAAB accredited degree as requirement for licensure; podcast and blog discussion on topic as well. The February 2008 Newsletter – AssociateNews –addressed Sustainability. Winter 2008 Quarterly Journal – Forward – This edition is on marketing “Mark to Market.” If any Associates are not receiving AssociateNews monthly, and Forward quarterly, notify Jonathan. Both are also available on the NAC website.

The Jason Pettigrew Memorial ARE Scholarship deadline is extended. The purpose of the award is to recognize the significant contributions of interns at an early stage of their career, and to help encourage them to complete their licensure by helping with the cost of the exam. Electronic submissions must be received via email by WEDNESDAY,

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February 27, 2008 at 5PM ET. For more information and to download a copy of the application, visit http://www.aia.org/br_cfe_nac_AREscholarship

IDP News: 6 Month Rule is a resolution set to be voted on by NCARB in June 08. More information forthcoming when NCARB releases it. NAC's March 2008 AIArchitect will further address the proposed rule, and how firms and supervisors will need to understand its implications, as well as step up to the plate in partnering with the interns they employ/supervise.

The voting members of NAC attend Grassroots; the committee intends to finalize the 2008-2010 Strategic Plan at the Friday meeting. A final as approved copy will be emailed when available.

Jonathan will send out a list of Firm Coordinators in the Region via email.

Chapter Reports

CT: CT is moving their offices and hope to be settled by early May and to celebrate at the end of June! They are leaving early today to get back for the opening of the Legislative session. They like to be present to disseminate information and talk with legislators. They are following up on their AIA150 Transportation symposium by acting as a resource for towns and the state. There is a strong move to enable zoning regulations to forward smart growth initiatives and transportation oriented design. This is a long-term endeavor. Their new website will launch within the next three months. (Hint: Tuesday afternoon is best time for email blasts!)

NH: NH is trying to get more members involved. Discussion ensued. RF mentioned that at the BSA ½ of committee members are non-AIA members. Selling membership abstractly is hard. Just get them to your events. Central MA has coffees in different areas for non-members. RI works with young architects not yet members. CT communicates with all architects in the state regularly. NH's Awards Banquet in January had 170 people. Their Education Committee is presenting at a state conference on the Arts, March 11, about NH's Learning By Design program. Educ. Committee is also starting up a high school design competition to begin in the fall, and working on a middle-school curriculum. NH has created a new non-profit, the NH Architecture Foundation. They are starting small, with some book awards to high school junior. Next step will be to establish a small scholarship. The goal is to promote the value of good design and an understanding of architecture.

BSA: The second annual BSA job fair will be at Northeastern. They are setting up a program for travel scholarships to the Convention. Over 225 tours are schedule at the convention covering 70 subjects. One of the most exciting ones is a tour of Fenway Park on Saturday, and Fenway can accommodate 10,000 people in several shifts. BSA and MIT are hsoitng a two-part symposiom on cities and climate change, called Mass Impact: March 28 and June 9.

ME: They are having the Awards Banquet at Bowdoin College June 8. Have formed partnership with Maine Home and Design, and the AIA Awards will be featured in the June issue. The COTE Committee is presenting Education programs, open to everyone, and free. They have a reciprocal agreement with Maine USGBC giving each other member price for events. AIAME is interested in NE COTE Roundtable as part of the

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Convention. COTE is also advocating to "green" the chapter. Keira Gould is the regional rep on the National COTE. They are working to set up an AIAS chapter at Univ. of Maine Augusta. Maine is looking at a redesign of their website.

RI: RI is in good financial health. They have a nice new home, which is a storefront in downtown Providence. It is rent free, gratis of Roger Williams University. Their new website is up and running. They are at full-board strength after many years. There is a RISD rep on the board. State of RI is in a financial crisis, so programs are being cut, including the historic tax credit and a smart growth program. AIARI is trying to save these programs. The Component Partnership Committee of AIA will be in Newport June 23.

Central MA: Central MA is running code seminars this coming year, including ADA. They are planning a program with an attorney on "Dodging the Bullet," how to avoid litigation. Website will be updated soon. Their president elect, Chris Walsh, is nominated for state rep. They want to know of other AIANE members who are in state government. Ernie Edwards proposes a discussion on metrics and trying to push that system. All countries use it except Myanmar, Liberia, and the US!

Western MA: Lorin Starr is the new Executive Director. President Bill Austin will focus on housing and sole proprietors. They are offering training on the new residential code, and have an upcoming program on BIM and different software programs. They are finishing their AIA150 project in Holyoke.

Executive Director's Report:

Carolyn handed out financial reports.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 30, 12 noon-3 pm, BSA.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Isaak