

# Minutes: AIA New England Quarterly Meeting

## Thursday, November 18, 2010 Build Boston

### Attendees:

Peter Kuttner, FAIA	AIANE Regional Director, BSA
Art Guadano, AIA	AIANE Past-President, (NH)
Michael Hoffman, AIA	AIANE President, (VT)
Mohamad Farzan, AIA	AIANE Regional Director
Tom Haskell, AIA	President, AIACT
T. Whit Iglehart, AIA	President-Elect, AIACT
Diane H. Jones	Executive Director, AIACT
E. Russell Learned, AIA	AIANE Treasurer, (CT)
Bruce Bockstael, FAIA	NE College of Fellows Rep (CT)
Greg Ames, AIA	AIANE Regional Director (CT)
Cindy Gerlach, AIA	President, AIARI
Jen Zolkos	Executive Director, AIARI
Greg Spiess, AIA	AIARI
Lorin Starr	Executive Director, AIA WMA
Martha Montgomery, AIA	Sec/Treasurer AIAMA
Kelley Caminero, Assoc AIA	RAD, AIANE
Scott Simpson, FAIA	NE Fellows Liaison (BSA)
Eric White	Interim Executive Co-Director, BSA
Casey Nicholson	RAD-Elect, AIANE
Dan Lewis AIA	President AIAMA
Daniel Johnson, AIA	President AIAVT
Erica Rioux Gees, AIA	Managing Director, AIA Legacy (WMA)
Mo Gagnon, AIA	YAF Liaison (VT)

### 1. President's Report

Michael Hoffman opened the meeting at 12:10 pm. Introductions made.  
Scott made a motion to accept the August meeting minutes; Tom seconded the motion.  
The motion was approved.

Scott made a motion to accept the 2011 Meeting dates; Art seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

January 27, 2011 – Noon to 3 (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)  
April 21, 2011 – Noon to 3 (5<sup>th</sup> floor)  
August 24, 2011 – noon to 3 (5<sup>th</sup> floor)  
October 14-16, 2011 – Annual meeting, Northampton, MA (Host: AIA WMA)  
November 16, 2011 – noon to 3, (at Build Boston)

### 2. Annual Meeting-Eric White:

Eric welcomed everyone to Build Boston and the AIA NE Annual conference. He noted that overall attendance to the conference is down this year and that several events had to be

canceled, including the harbor cruise later that evening. He said it was an experiment to hold the event at the same time as Build Boston, but they would do it differently next time. They had 30 people for the breakfast and 150 for the awards dinner.

The Western Mass chapter announced that the 2011 Annual Conference will be held October 14<sup>th</sup> thru 16<sup>th</sup> in Northampton, Mass. A 'Save the Date' card was circulated. Laura asked the group for input as they plan the event. She also requested suggestions on what they should charge for the weekend.

### **3. National Directors Report-Greg Ames:**

Greg Ames highlighted items in his report:

- National is about to close on a 15 year refinance of their outstanding debt (\$6-8 million range)
- Dues payment plans are being discussed by the National Board for 2012
- CES Discovery is up & running and seems to be successful so far.
- The new AIA website has been launched.
- The new AIA CEO should be appointed by December; no word on who the candidates are.
- The new 2011-2012 Public Director is Futurist David Zach of Milwaukee.
- There is a push to change the way voting is done at the National Business meeting at convention. The current by-laws require a 2/3rds vote, for a by-law change, of all delegates whether they are at the meeting or not. The proposal is that the 2/3rds be only of those delegates in the room.
- Lastly, Erica was introduced as the new Director of AIA Legacy. She resigned her National Director Board position on September 1<sup>st</sup> in order to officially begin the position. A vote was called by Michael Hoffman (seconded by Tom Haskell) to have Mohamad began his directorship early, retroactively to September 1st. The vote was unanimous.

### **4. RAD- Kelley Caminero:**

Kelley summarized her report:

- Several mentoring and licensure articles by Paul Welch, Interim AIA CEO, were posted on the AIA Forum website this past fall.
- NAC presented several proposals to the National Board this past August
  - Proposed forming a council for emerging professionals; this measure was approved by the AIA Board
  - Renewed support of emerging professionals; this initiative was adopted for 2011 National Board.
- A joint mentoring committee between the NAC and YAF recently had its first meeting. A number of great ideas were discussed.
- There are several upcoming deadlines for scholarships and awards.
- A YouTube video called 'Student to Architect: The Path to Licensure' by NCARB was recently released.

- IDP Coordinators Conference Updates
  - Focus was on educator coordinators.
  - NCARB & AIA are producing resources for coordinators, including PowerPoint presentations.
  - NCARB released new Guidelines in July.
  - IDP enrollment changes took effect October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.
- RAD Transition
  - Kelley noted that this is her last meeting as the NE RAD representative. She formally introduced Casey Nicholson, AIA as her replacement. The Board thanked Kelley for her wonderful service and wished her well.

#### **5. YAF- Mo Gagnon:**

Mo noted the following items as part of his report:

- There is a new YAF group in Vermont, made up of 30 individuals and growing. The group received a \$2,000 grant from National to help start programming.
- A pilot program for a New England YAF-FAIA mentoring group is under way. There are 15 people participating so far.
- Mo is working on nominating an individual as his replacement, as his term is ending soon.

#### **6. College of Fellows-Bruce Bockstael:**

- Spoke about the New England YAF-FAIA program.
- The CT Fellows just held a combined FAIA/FASLA dinner with Michael Van Valkenburgh as the speaker; it was a well attended affair.
- Bruce noted that his term ends at the end of 2010; Scott and Bruce nominated Glenn Greg as his replacement. The board agreed Glenn was an excellent choice and looks forward to seeing him at the January meeting.
- Bruce was thanked for his service to New England.

#### **7. Executive Director:**

No report.

#### **8. Chapter Reports**

##### **CT Chapter Report-Tom Haskell**

- Annual Meeting was held this past Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>
- The 2010 budget has held up; we have retained most of our members.
- The Strategic Plan was officially adopted by the CT Board.
- A committee has been formed to develop a communication plan, as directed by the Strategic Plan; CT would welcome any communication plans the New England chapters would be willing to share.

- The Board has redeveloped a relationship with the CAF (Connecticut Architecture Foundation); three members of our board will sit on their board and one member of their board will join the AIA board.
- The Chapter has held two Governor Meet & Greets prior to the election.
- The Architects Cookbook is now available for sale.
- Bridgeport was the site for a SDSTAT (sp?) event in October.

#### **RI Chapter Report- Jen Zolkos**

- Held an Emerging Professionals Forum at Roger Williams College in October; the theme was 'Young Guns'; income from the event helped fund the emerging professionals library.
- Public Art & Public Spaces Event held recently to bring attention to the importance of public art.
- Gallery night, a great networking opportunity, was planned with a Focus on Photos.
- A sustainable product showcase was sponsored by AIA RI & USGBC RI
- Annual meeting focused on young architects.
- AIA RI Awards are scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Budget and member retention are in good shape.

#### **Central Mass Chapter Report- Daniel Lewis**

- Chris Wallace, AIA was elected a state representative in the election.
- The chapter is in a search for an executive director.

#### **Massachusetts Chapter Report- Daniel Lewis/Eric White**

- Daniel reported that now that the election is over the group can once again focus on legislative affairs.
- Eric noted that a Lien Law is pending which extends to architects.
- Massachusetts has been chosen as one of three states to review the IECC.
- Mentioned DIGMA (Design Industry Group of MA); the group shows the impact the designers have on business.

#### **Vermont Chapter Report- Daniel Johnson**

- Carol Miklos is the new executive director; Carol did attend the CACE meetings this past summer.
- Vermont's annual meeting is coming up in December.
- The 2011 Golf Tournament is being planned.
- The board size has been increased to add academia positions.
- The annual budget has been increased to allow for upgrades to the chapter's business practices.
- The chapter is hard at work developing sponsorships.

#### **New Hampshire Chapter Report- Art Guadano**

- A joint event, an ADA/ANSI seminar, was recently held with AIA VT.

### **Maine Chapter Report**

- No report

### **BSA Report-Eric White**

- 200 applications have been received for the executive director position.
- The BSA lecture series is going strong; the online attendance has been great. It cost the chapter about \$500 to post a lecture online; it is similar to 'Ted Talks'.
- A sustainability seminar, discussing all the 'green' programs available is being planned.
- A new BSA website is planned to be launched in January.
- The lease for the new 'digs' at Russia Wharf have been completed; the architect selection is underway, it is down to four firms.

### **Western Mass Chapter Report- Lorin Starr**

- A program was held on the new Mass building code.
- The film series, held with local colleges, has been very successful.
- They held a passive house program this past fall.
- A spring program in Greenfield, MA on renovations is being planned.
- The budget is in good shape.

### **7. Financial Report-Russell**

- The financial report was presented and accepted.
- The 2011 annual budget was proposed and approved unanimously (Motion by Scott; seconded by Tom).

### **8. Recognitions-Russell**

- The Board recognized Erica Gees for her outstanding work as the NE Regional Director on the National Board and wished her well in her new endeavor as Managing Director of AIA Legacy.
- The Board recognized Michael Hoffman for his wonderful leadership as the 2010 AIA New England president. A commemorative plaque was presented to Michael.

### **9. Next Meeting**

- The next meeting of the Board will be held on **Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011** in the third floor conference room of BSA.

### **10. Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 2 pm.

Respectively submitted by

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2010 AIA NE Secretary/Treasurer