Talking Points

Treasurer's Report  
The Board authorized the segregation of net assets for the Knowledge Community carry-over funds, in the total amount of $293,493.00, as of December 31, 2011.

Proposed Bylaws Amendments  
The Board reviewed two proposed amendments to the Institute Bylaws – one on changing the eligibility requirements for Emeritus membership, and the other on the formation of an international region. Feedback will be solicited at the Member Congress at Grassroots, prior to final Board action being requested on March 13. (At its meeting on March 13, the Board voted to sponsor each of the Bylaws amendments (revised to reflect comments at Grassroots) to the delegates at the AIA 2012 National Convention.)

Awards Task Force Proposals  
A report was provided on the work of the task force, with particular focus on sustainability considerations. The Board thanked the Awards Task Force for its efforts and encouraged the task force to incorporate comments and discussion offered by the AIA Board of Directors at this meeting in its continued deliberations.

Blue Sky Discussion: “The Secrets of Generation Flux”  
The Board engaged in an open discussion on envisioning the future of the profession, and the AIA.

Emerging Professionals and the Future of the Profession  
The Board endorsed the four Emerging Professionals strategic issues of: licensure, professional development, membership, and mentorship, and their related concepts, as presented by the Council of Emerging Professionals (CEP) and Senior Associate Director William Turner, Assoc. AIA. The Board directed the CEP to work with staff and AIA volunteer leaders to further determine next steps including conceptual implementation plans, a draft timetable, and possible budget implications, for discussion at the Board meeting in May 2012.
IgCC Update

A report was made on the status of the International Green Construction Code (IgCC), including publication of guidelines for AIA members.

AIA Repositioning Architects Initiative - Update

A report was made on a new initiative to reposition the AIA for the future. Input will be sought from component leaders at the upcoming Grassroots conference, as well as at the summer CACE Annual Meeting and Knowledge Leadership Assembly (KLA). There are many touch points for members and others to provide input throughout the year, and updates will be made at each Board meeting.

Guest Speaker:


Mr. Cesal reported on his architectural education and the path he has taken (he is now the interim director of Architecture for Humanity).