

# Minutes: AIA New England Quarterly Meeting

May 2, 2012, 12:00 pm  
290 Congress St, Boston

## Present:

Russ Learned AIA	AIANE Treasurer (CT)
Greg Spiess AIA	President-Elect AIANE (RI)
Michael Hoffmann AIA	Treasurer AIANE (VT)
Casey Nicholson AIA	RAD
Nicole Martineau AIA	YAF Liaison (NH)
Mohamad Farzan AIA	AIA Regional Director (RI)
Ann Fienman	Deputy Director, BSA
Diane Harp Jones	EVP AIACT
Carolyn Isaak	Exec. Director, AIANH and AIANE
Laura Wernick AIA	BSA VP
Mike Davis FAIA	President-Elect, BSA
Martha Montgomery AIA	AIAWM, AIAMA
Diantha Korzun AIA	President, AIAVT
Scott Simpson FAIA	College of Fellows Representative
Sho Ping-Chin FAIA	AIA Regional Director Elect (BSA)
Greg Ames AIA	AIA Regional Director (CT)
Richard Connell AIA	President, AIACT
Carol DeTine AIA	AIANE Past President (ME)
John Nunnari Assoc. AIA	Executive Director, AIA Mass
Jen Zolkos	Executive Director, AIARI
Chris Walsh AIA	President, AIA Central MA
Viven Li	AIA National Board Public Director

## **1. President's Report**

Russell welcomed everyone. Scott Simpson moved to accept January minutes, seconded by Chris Walsh. Approved.

## **2. Regional Directors' Report**

GA: Bylaw changes have been discussed in the past.

Review of Emeritus Membership change: those who are working will pay dues throughout working career. If individual has retired and has achieved the age of 70 and has been a member for at least 15 years, he/she can become emeritus. AIANE supports this amendment. It is a question of fairness, that working members should be paying their dues and not putting the burden on younger members.

Second bylaw amendment is to establish an International Chapter.

Awards task force proposal: Committee is reviewing Outstanding Firm Award and Gold Medal and Honor Awards.... want to add sustainability as a requirement for awards. If we support 2030 goal it should be a criteria. Sense was we needed to inform jurors, rather than set up metrics for pre-qualification. The National Board does support this, though talking points sound like they were not in favor.

Resolutions: all are fairly standard. Study of AIA revenue streams is one of them.

## **3. Convention**

Voting: First you have to present your credentials. Bring your delegate card to the Town Hall Thursday and Friday.

Secondly, arrive early for the business meeting to register and pick up your clicker. If you don't get there 15 minutes before, your clicker won't be set up in time to work.  
Caucuses are Thursday morning at 10 am, followed by review by region.  
Voting Thursday afternoon and all day Friday.

At the host chapter party candidates will be available one on one. Also will be at the Emerging Professionals lounge 1-1:30...

Voting:

Get your delegate card from your Executive Director and/or President.

Go to the "Town Hall" to get accredited and vote

Thursday, May 17, 1-4 p.m.

Friday, May 18m 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

You can read candidates positions at: <http://aiacc.org/2012/04/30/seven-members-declare-candidacy-for-aia-national-elected-offices/>

Candidate speeches: Thursday, 10-10:50 am, Convention Center Ballroom

Regional Caucuses: Thursday, 11-12:30, Convention Center, Room 202 A

AIANE will have a quick gathering afterwards.

Business Meeting:

Saturday, 8:15-10 am, Convention Center Ballroom (arrive at least 15 minutes early)

At this meeting we will be voting for amendments, resolutions, etc.

Please be sure to arrive at least 15 minutes early. We found out if you don't, the clicker doesn't get set up in time for you to vote.

We are supporting the Emeritus amendment (see above).

We are supporting International chapter.

Candidates were discussed briefly at the Board meeting. We advise reading the CA Council statements, listening to the speeches, attending the caucus, and talking with the person who attended the AIANE May Board meeting for more information.

#### **4. AIANE Meeting**

Vermont is all set for the October AIANE Annual Meeting. CFE is out. Official event brochure is coming.

#### **5. Regional Associates Director:**

Casey: RAC has been busy planning for convention. Stamp Project: Working with Manna, low-income development project in DC. Expect 20-40 participants. Free event for any emerging professional.

Postcard Project: have created a blank postcard. Prompt: The Future of Architecture Is...

Will be displayed.

Casey is on the Knowledge Community taskforce. Have a bunch of programs starting this fall within the Knowledge Groups.

Maine asked about lists of associates in your area at the last meeting. By convention there will be instructions. Right now AIA is offering free membership to recent grads. They aren't telling the chapters who those people are...

See separate RAD report.

## **6. YAF Liaison**

Nicole: proposed an amendment to the bylaws to make the YAF Liaison a voting member of AIANE Board. She explained the proposal. About 40% of licensed architects are 10 years or less licensed. YAF has been trying to get each region to be responsible for their YAF Director. There are 18 regions across the country; about half of the YARDs are sponsored by their Region. Many ways to go about this. She has made recommendations on how to elect the YAF Liaison, application process, suggested budget, etc. Trying to become more integrated into the board.  
Held for consideration during financial discussion (see below).

Nicole has been working with Casey and Glenn and the NH rep on a mentorship program. In NH working on a 3-part series on mentorship targeting people out of work or parallel movement. There is a lot going on at the BSA....

## **7. Finances/Reserve Policy:**

Need to address reserve policy.

Need to address YAF: Position on board and if it is funded.

Reimbursement request from MF for Grassroots, who went in lieu of Greg Spiess.

Gregg Spiess is requesting funding for the Convention, since he didn't go to Grassroots.

Bill Whitlock, Small Firm Roundtable is requesting matching funds for meeting in Seattle.

Russ proposed to reimburse Michael Hoffman \$900 for Grassroots and reallocate \$1,000 to convention budget for Greg Spiess. It is a moving of funds and does not change the budget, nor is this a change in policy, but just for one year. Moved by Mohamad, Chris seconded. Unanimously approved.

Small Firm Roundtable: Bill will go anyway and has some money from AIA, but he is requesting some money to help. We asked him to assume this position, though not directly to attend the meeting. It is good to support Knowledge Communities, but this is not a regional appointment like RAD or YARD.

If we are asked to appoint someone to a position, we should establish early on any potential costs etc. AIANE Board notes that by funding for the Small Firm Roundtable rep this year, we are not setting a precedent.

Motion by Gregg Spiess to cover the expenses for the Small Firm Roundtable meeting to the amount of \$450 for 2012 and ask Bill Whitlock to attend the August meeting with report. In the future If we establish this is an ongoing thing, it would be made a line item. John Nunnari seconded. Approved.

Nicole proposed to add the YAF position on the board as a voting member. Amendment needs to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. Funding would cover attendance at Grassroots and/or Convention, which are great ways to Network, build relationships, find out issues people have about the region. YARD is a two-year term that can be upped to a second term.

MH put together a spreadsheet about our reserves. If we spend our budget as laid out for 2012 we should have reserve of \$40,000. The three scenarios look at ways to draw down the reserves. We have actually been doing a version of this for three years by lowering dues. There was discussion around continuing to keep dues low and draw down excess reserves vs. a one-time refund to components... Decision was made to continue lower dues for a few years to draw down reserves.

MH moved to create a policy that our reserve fund contains 50% of our operating expenses. Seconded by Casey. Approved.

The board made a resolution to continue development of bylaws to add the YARD as voting board member. Chris moved. Casey seconded. Approved. Nicole will prepare for the August meeting, and it can be brought before the membership at the October AIANE Regional Conference and Annual Meeting

Viven suggested a policy to make sure that people who are funded for various conferences do attend the appropriate events and meeting. CI will prepare policy to vote on for next meeting.

### **8. College of Fellows:**

Scott Simpson: not much of report. No shortage of Fellows. Haven't been able to make a good connection with the Young Architects. Are there suggestions from around the table? Everyone wants a mentorship program and distance is the problem. The hubs like Boston have more successful programs.

Suggestion: send a poll with key questions for answers...via email network already established. Nicole is hearing mixed messages of what people want.

Scott is looking for ideas, please email him...  
Laura Wernick suggested forums vs. one on one....

There is a cultural divide between younger and older architects.  
JN: not everyone who is going to get a license is going to practice in the traditional sense. One of the barriers is that the Fellows represent the epitome of what the architectural profession was as opposed what it is going to be in the future. Fellows need to make it clear that they are not just one model, but have varying models.

*Talent is Overrated* (recommended book)

### **9. Chapter Reports:**

Please see separated Chapter Reports document

### **10. Other**

Working on organizing a NE reception at the Convention. Ann will email everyone.

Diane suggested a meeting of New England ED's to talk about electronic submissions, juries, etc. She will email everyone about this.

### **Adjourned at 3:00 pm.**

Moved by John Nunnari, Seconded by Carol DeTine to adjourn.

