

AAINE May 1, 2012 Board Meeting

Component Reports

BSA

Advocacy

The BSA is bringing increased focus to advocacy and civic engagement, both as a chapter and in conjunction with AIA Massachusetts.

- Priority issues include casino development in Massachusetts, MBTA and multi-modal transit, energy codes and other aspects of environmental sustainability.
- We are working to involve more members in civic activities through both peer-to-peer and open call outreach. A roundtable discussion is planned for May 30.

Member Value

- We are seeing increased attendance at committee meetings as members take advantage of the new location.
- The BSA Membership Committee is undertaking a "listening tour" of area firms to assess current needs and improve service to members.
- The 2012 edition of the Homeowners Project Handbook, a directory of firms doing residential work, will be published later this month, with 10K copies distributed to subscribers of Boston Home magazine.
- The Architecture +2030 professional development series is underway, and the sessions thus far have sold out. Register for upcoming sessions at architects.org/programs.

Public Outreach

- **BSA Space** - We have gotten off to a good start in our new home at Atlantic Wharf. Gallery talks related to the IN FORM exhibit have been well-received, especially among the design community. A new exhibit, *Let's Talk About Bikes*, will be opening later this spring, along with a photography exhibit.
- **Architectural Boat Tours** - Regularly-scheduled tours from the Atlantic Wharf dock will begin on weekends in May, daily in June. Private charters are also available.
- **Common Boston** - This city-wide festival of architecture, design and neighborhoods, organized by BSA volunteers, will take place June 14-24. Learn more at commonboston.org.

Annual BSA Fellows Dinner

This is taking place on May 10 at the Tavern Club in Boston. All New England Fellows invited. Please reply by May 7. Contact Ann Fienman at afienman@architects.org for registration information.

2012 Design Awards programs

Calls for entry for the 2012 programs are available at architects.org/awards.

AIA Connecticut Chapter Report

AIA New England members are welcome to attend all AIA Connecticut events at member pricing.

Chapter Meeting

Avon Old Farms - June 12, 2012

500 Old Farms Road

Avon, Connecticut

2:00 Registration

2:30 Information session and tour

2.5 CES hours

Rich Connell, AIA, of the S/L/A/M Collaborative, will present *The Architecture of Theodate Pope Riddle and the Architecture of Avon Old Farms*. Rich is an alumnus of the school and a distant relative of Riddle. Mrs. Riddle became the first registered woman architect in Connecticut in 1910. Avon Old Farms was her last and most significant work. You will not want to miss this opportunity to experience her work firsthand. Learn about her fascinating life and enjoy a tour of the campus to see her work and the school's newer buildings. Rich's expertise and insight will make for an informative and interesting event.

Hard Hat Tours

AIA Connecticut is planning hard hat tours that, while being open to our entire membership, will be marketed to interns who are involved in the IDP process.

Long Wharf Theater - August (date TBA)

222 Sargent Drive

New Haven

Long Wharf Theater has established itself as one of the preeminent theaters in the country. Gregg, Wies & Gardner Architects of New Haven, has designed a plan for a \$3.8 million renovation of the theater. A hard hat tour is being planned for August. Further details will be posted on AIA Connecticut's website.

AIA Connecticut Annual Meeting

October (Dates TBA)

This two-day event will feature educational programming and a hard hat tour of the new Yale University School of Management designed by Sir Norman Foster. A walking tour in New Haven is also being planned. The AIA Connecticut website will be updated as details become available.

The Architect's Cookbook

A cookbook with a unique, architectural twist. It was designed to mimic a spec book and contains over 250 delicious recipes submitted by our members and colleagues. The member price of \$21.95 will be extended to members of other chapters.

AIA VT:

There are two upcoming programs we would like to inform the AIA NE Board about: *AIA VT/NH/WM Regional Meeting*. This will take place May 24 at Bennington College. We'll be touring the Center for the Advancement of Public Action by Todd Williams and Billie Stein, the Visual and Performing Arts Center by Robertson Ward, and dormitories by both KY Sung Woo and Edward Latrobe Barnes. We'll also be hearing from Campus Planner and Landscape Architect Doug Reed as well as Donald Sherefkin, Professor of Architecture at Bennington College. There will be plentiful hors d' oeuvres, a cash bar, and ample time to socialize with peers.

AIA NE Conference and Awards event. This year the event will be held October 19, 20, and 21 in Burlington, Vermont. The theme for the event is Design of Place. Planning is in full swing. Attached is the Save the Date and Call for Entries marketing materials, which were

recently distributed. The program will be finalized in the next couple of weeks. Please see aiavt.org to register.

In addition, our board annual retreat is occurring on June 13, 2012.

AIANH

Up turn for some in NH, others none...it is varied.

We have had good attendance and maintained membership.

Good news on Senate Bill 407, the Board consolidation Bill.

The Senate Finance Committee struck (deleted) the entire bill and replaced it with an amendment relative to IT expenditures and transfers of federal grant dollars. The portion of the Bill about Board consolidation has been removed. The amended bill regarding IT purchases will go to the Senate floor next Wednesday and if successful there, onto the House. Information provided indicates that the original version of SB 407 is not expected to reemerge.

We are holding a day long series of educational sessions on May 15

Had over 90 people at our annual meeting with KSC. We toured the new Technology Design Safety building that we heard about last year. It is due for completion in August. Andrew Wells FAIA from MO spoke.

In March we toured the new Windham High School.

We have completed one Learning by Design Program (Little Harbor School) and are now working on the second program at Windham Middle School. A third is also underway in Dover, NH.

On May 24 AIAVT/AIANH/AIA WMA are holding a joint event in Bennington, VT.

We are planning an AIANH event on the BSA boat 26!!

We are showing Michael Miner's film Romania, the California Structures Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, June 28 at the Currier Gallery of Art in Manchester.

And in August we go to the beach, touring the new Hampton Beach Pavilion designed by Sammy Delia Architects

WMAIA Report for AIANE

WMAIA was able to send two people to Grassroots this year with some help from National (President Jeremy Toil AIA and President Elect Chris Farley); they were both particularly glad to make contact with fellow AIA New England members.

Elizabeth Morgan AIA, the newest member of our board, attended the YAF Summit in Washington just prior to Grassroots.

Last month we mentioned a course entitled "Architects as Leaders" that Kerry Dietz AIA is offering through the UMASS Architecture Program (it's partially funded by AIA National). The

course wraps up this month and we will be submitting our final report. Perhaps we can report to AIANE at the August meeting?

Our winter/spring programs have included a tour of the newly renovated Lord Jeffrey Inn in Amherst. Our film series wrapped up with three documentaries: "Citizen Architect" about Samuel Mockbee and the Rural Studio; a film about environmental artists Christo and Jeanne Claude; and finally a showing of "An Inconvenient Truth." The last two tied in with local events sponsored by other groups: Christo spoke at Smith College (many of our members/filmgoers attended) and Al Gore spoke at the induction of Hampshire College's president (that was harder to get a ticket for!). We recently offered a program on Universal Design presented by Chris Palmas, local disability advocate and George Basely AIA, a member who specializes in design for the deaf. It was an excellent program that looked at Universal Design from the perspective of potential rather than regulation. Later this month we have a program on acquiring and maintaining LEED certification.

We were pleased to be included in AIA Vermont and New Hampshire's joint meeting coming up at Bennington College later this month. We look forward to this (and other) collaborations!

AIA Maine

2012 is AIA Maine's 100th anniversary. A celebration and video are planned for the fall.

The theme for our 2012 Design Awards Call for Entries was 100 years, 100 entries, 100 dollars. Entries were submitted electronically, to a new section on our website where submissions could be entered directly to the webpage, and entrants could see how their project would appear to the jury.

We had 64 entries, short of our goal but a very high number for us. We think that as people learn how much easier (and less expensive) it was to enter, our number of entries next time will be higher again.

The jury had a webpage where they could rank entries as they reviewed them and remove projects from view as they were eliminated from judging.

Feedback was very positive from entrants and the jury.

Our Awards Celebration is Monday, May 7th.

AIA RI:

Had a CANstruction. Raised 22,800 lbs.

Had their gallery night aligned with art walk in Providence. Featured LAs this month.

Concluded RI historic preservation conference.

Roger Williams has work-study options to offer.

Working on joint effort with Providence Preservation Society focusing on getting out message to neighborhoods on architecture and preservation.

Annual golf tournament coming up.

Jen is working on task force on disaster response.