

August 22, 2012 AIANE Board Meeting

CHAPTER REPORTS

RHODE ISLAND

Had a busy summer. 8 members attended convention. Kathy Gibbs from ne ADA center came down to give an update on ADA standards. Did education expo/corporate affiliate event. Theme was development of land where I 95 has been relocated. Explored interim development.

EP tours and gallery nights continue to be a success. Feel that they are meeting goal of helping to educate the public.

Had coop affiliate event in August. Doodles and drawings in September, plus Art by Architects. Had their 15th golf classic that funds Foundation scholarships. Mike making sure that board presidents attend events.

Upcoming events:

Challenge is combining annual meeting and design awards gala (new). Will highlight all events AIARI has done at the event as well as design awards.

W MA

Last spring program was tour of LEED platinum project. Architects as Leaders course at UMAss supported by AIA WMA and National wrapped up in May. Kerry Dietz may come in November to talk about this. Got gallery space to do an exhibit of their award entries.

Preparing for first facilitated board retreat in November.

NH

The NH Chapter has been very healthy with great monthly activities and events. The average attendance at Chapter meetings has ranged between 50 to 60 with 80+ at our last event in August.

The Chapter's new website is now up and running. We have created pages for our members offering them the opportunity to share their projects in multiple photos along with their organization description.

Our State legislators this spring passed legislation allowing Architects and Engineers among others providing design services to file mechanics liens within 90 days of completion of work. This will allow our design professionals to protect themselves against owners who chose to ignore contractual relationships for design services.

Review of events:

May — joint meeting with the Vermont Chapter AIA, organized this year by the VT Chapter with a wonderful program touring Bennington College Facilities.

June — premiere showing of "Romanza; Structures of California designed by Frank Lloyd Wright," with the director, Michael Miner, who also brought along a reconstruction of the only doghouse FLW ever designed. The presentation was well attended by public and professionals with approximately 70 people.

August — Hampton Beach State Park Facilities is a landmark in the State of NH. And now the park has brand new up-to-date facilities. Our program included a tour of the facilities. We also presented our annual High School Design Competition awards and our Architectural Student Scholarships.

Sept 6 we will spend an evening visiting behind the scenes in a tour preview of the NH Furniture Masters 2012 furniture auction exhibition.

Sept 20 — AIANH is taking the BSA boat tour of Boston Harbor and the Charles.

Oct 10 we will have a discussion between architect and landscape architects working together toward sustainable landscape design. The event will be held at Zorvino Vineyards in Sandown, NH.

October 11 is our Fall Education Day, with seven educational sessions.

In November we'll hold our annual 2-day Board Retreat to socialize, bond as a team, and plan for next year's programs events and challenges.

BSA

The summer months see many BSA committees go on hiatus, but BSA Space has been very active with programs and exhibitions, and increasing numbers of visitors. Planning is also well under way for some flagship events. Some highlights:

Advocacy

-The BSA has begun offering advocacy-focused panel discussions under the banner "Be the Change." The initial program in May highlighted modes of civic engagement from local to international. Another is planned for Sept. 24 on the subject of "Raising the Bar for Sustainability."

-The BSA recently hosted a conversation with MA Creative Economy Director Helena Fruscio. Also, BSA Managing Director Eric White has been appointed by Governor Patrick to the MA Creative Economy Council.

Member Value

-**ArchitectureBoston Expo (ABX)** - The ABX tradeshow is on track to be an outstanding event this year, with more than 150 conference sessions and 400 exhibitors. Watch your mailbox for the conference catalog and be sure to join us for ABX 2012, Nov. 14-16 at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. Registration will be online soon at abexpo.com.

-**BSA Space membership** – This new membership option invites the interested public to participate in cultural programming at the BSA and connect with the professional membership for their mutual benefit.

-**2012 Design Awards Gala** –This celebration of all the 2012 design awards winners will be held on January 31, 2013.

Public Outreach

- **BSA Space** – The summer exhibit, *Let's Talk About Bikes*, has been very successful, drawing both public and press attention. We have seen an increase in weekday foot traffic during the summer months. The next exhibit, *City of Mirages*, will open in early October and focus on modernism in Baghdad. See all the news about happenings at BSA Space at bsaspace.org.

-**cultureNOW** – This New York based "museum without walls" created the "Maps to Apps: Boston Now" exhibition and podcast series in collaboration with many BSA members this summer. It highlights many buildings and sites around Boston with images and stories from architects, artists and others. Learn more at culturenow.org.

-**ArchitectureBoston** – The Fall issue, with the theme Memory, has just been published. Pick up the hardcopy or read the magazine online at architectureboston.com.

AIACT

AIA Connecticut is anticipating a fun and busy autumn. We will host our annual Design Awards jury day on Wednesday, September 19. We wish to express our appreciation to Hillary Brown, AIA, Deborah Berke, FAIA and David Helpert, FAIA who have graciously agreed to serve as our jury this year. The day will conclude with our annual September Chapter meeting at which time we acknowledge and celebrate those who have become newly licensed architects during the last year in Connecticut. Each of the jurors presents a brief overview of their work and the recipients of our 2012 AIA Connecticut Design Awards are announced. The celebratory meeting at which we recognize all recipients of our various awards programs will be held in early December.

Our continuing education programs and events continue. We invite you to go to our website at www.aiact.org for detailed information on these. All AIA members are welcomed (at the member pricing) and we are always happy to have our neighbors join us. We would like to specifically draw your attention to 'International Policy and Strategies for Sustainable Design', a three hour program hosted on November 8. The program will feature a case study of Hamburg Germany and applications of lessons learned by the City of Boston. Policy makers throughout Connecticut are our invited guests and we hope they will enjoy the program while having the opportunity to interact with our membership.

Our annual conference will be a two, non-consecutive day event again this October. The first day, Wednesday, October 1 begins with a presentation from Nigel Dancey of Foster + Partners, followed by afternoon walking tours featuring significant New Haven architecture and then concludes with a hard hat tour of the Yale School of Management designed by Foster + Partners. The second day, Thursday, October 25 will be filled with continuing education and collegiality. We invite you to share this with your friends and again, extend a personal invitation to each of you to join us for either or both days.

We are working very hard to promote our People's Choice awards this year, using social media as well as the resources we have used in the past. It is our hope to encourage all those whom we reach to forward voting information about the AIA Connecticut People's Choice program to those within their circles. Voting will be open between September 7 and September 28 at <http://www.aiact.org/outreach/peopleschoice.php>. We invite you to vote early and often ☺. We do encourage that you share this fun opinion poll with your friends and colleagues.

We have been attending meetings of the State of Connecticut School Construction Advisory Council. This group was appointed by the Governor and do include an architect. The architect on the Council is not an AIA Connecticut member and in fact, does not practice architecture. The Council is looking at model plans and other ways school construction costs can be controlled and reduced. We do not know when they will conclude their work but are continuing to follow their endeavors.

CENTRAL MA

Central Mass held a successful and well-attended (20 people) program July 11th – Vernon Woodworth conducting an "Introduction to the 6th edition of the Mass State Building code" at the Worcester Library. (thank you as always Vernon).

In June CMAIA gave out 3 scholarships to students totaling \$1,000 based on work submitted.

Finally on June 27th a tour program of Worcester's Main South Neighborhood was conducted and filmed. We are currently working to put that tour up on our website.

The Main South neighborhood has become a model green urban neighborhood, complete with community gardens, sustainable infrastructure, green design, and Worcester's only food coop.

Speakers of the pieces of the tour included :

- Steve Fischer, Executive Director of the Regional Environmental Council of Central Massachusetts;
- Frank Zitomersky, Architect - owner of ZU Architecture and Main South Properties Developer.
- Peggy Middaugh, Director of the Worcester Tree Initiative;
- Steve Patton, Executive Director of Worcester Common Ground;
- Scott Hayman, a consultant for the Massachusetts Housing Investment Corporation.
- Casey Starr, Community Organizer/ Community Development Corporation (CDC)-Main South.

Unfortunately our E.D. Deborah Harris has had to leave the position to concentrate on her full time work. The Board thanks her for her enthusiasm and work during her tenure.

CMAIA, is currently looking to fill the ED position and any referrals would be welcome.

MAINE

We will be kicking off our AIA+2030 Series on September 14th with Bill Reed as the presenter. Times dates and locations are posted on the AIA Maine website <http://www.aiamaine.org/> All AIA New England chapters can register at the member price of \$750 for 10 sessions.

The AIA Maine Design Awards were presented on May 7th. As part of our 100th Anniversary celebration the goal for this year was to receive 100 submissions. We received over 70, which was a significant increase over previous years. The all electronic submission and presentation format was a big success.

The search for a new Communications Director is underway. Resumes are being reviewed and interviews will take place in the next few weeks.

The 100th year celebration will take place at our annual meeting in December. The celebration includes a newly endowed scholarship fund and permanent gallery space at the University of Maine at Augusta. Part of the celebration will include a video "100 Spaces, 100 Voices" celebrating our favorite spaces in Maine.

VERMONT

AIA New England Annual Conference

Program brochures are in the mail and registration is up and ready to go! Please make sure to sign up and book your room at the Hilton early since we only have been able to block out a limited number of rooms. Programs start on Friday and go through Sunday. Friday and Saturday programs have been approved for LUs by AIA National; Sunday tours will be self-report, unstructured learning in accordance with National's instructions

We have received over 225 entrants for the AIA NE awards! Over 80 projects are also entered in the People's Choice Awards; these will be installed off of downtown Burlington's Church Street

for the full month of September. Following voting, the 80 participants will also have images displayed in the Burlington City Arts Gallery for the month of October.

As noted above, the jury is convening at the University of British Columbia on August 22. Jurors include: Patricia Patkau, Mathew Soules, Peter Cardew and Jessyca Poole.

Annual Retreat

The AIAVT board met for an all-day retreat at the Seyon Ranch outside of Montpelier. The retreat was successful in that the next year's theme was selected (the Relevance of Architecture) and initial programs were discussed. The team also discussed next year's budget and goals for the future.

Vermont Building Professionals Summit

The public policy team has resurrected an initiative called the Vermont Building Professionals Summit. The summit will take place in October and includes leaders from all areas within the construction industry. One of the main goals of the group is to agree upon/help shape building codes going forward.

Millwork Tour

AIAVT has teamed with Amoskaeg Woodworking to offer a tour of a local mill and a discussion on fine woodworking. The event will take place on September 6.