



AIA New England

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Component Reports

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AIANE Board Meeting

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Our new Emerging Professionals Group has been gaining steam. They group had an informal social gathering in conjunction with our film series and organized a very good program on licensure entitled "To License or Not to License." The Licensure program was a panel discussion where several of our seasoned members (one an NCARB board member) related their experiences and answered questions from the audience. We had a good showing of EPs in addition to some more seasoned members. It was a lively discussion that seemed heavily favored toward licensure.

Our spring film series ended well with attendance on the rise. We will present another series of documentaries in the fall. This is a joint project with the Five College Architecture program. Spring 2013 films were:

MODERN TIDE: Midcentury Architecture on Long Island DILLER SCOFIDIO + RENFRO: Reimagining Lincoln Center & The Highline ROBERT AM STERN: 15 Central Park West and the History of the NY Apartment House VINCENT SCULLY: An Art Historian Among Architects

Recent chapter meetings have included a tour and dinner at the Farm Table, an elegant restaurant in Bernardston, Mass, designed by Kuhn Riddle Architects. The event was sponsored by Pella Windows and included a presentation on replacing historic windows.

We are in the midst of a spring professional development series. Our first program was presented by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development and was structure to qualify small firms for Local Housing Authority projects in the state. The second program, which will take place June 12th, is on state and federal lead paint regulations.

We continue to reach out to our local planning agency to coordinate efforts regarding casino development in our area.

Plans are in the works for having a combined meeting in December (our holiday gathering and annual meeting) with our local USGBC chapter.

AIA Maine

Two of our members (President Judy Johnson and Vice President Rob Tillotson) attended Grass Roots and successfully meet with our entire delegation or their representatives.

Our membership renewal rate is ahead of last year at this time and our treasury is in great shape.

We are beginning to focus on how our chapter can help and support our members in becoming fellows. At our March board meeting we voted to form a Fellows Committee, which will be chaired by vice president Robert Tillotson and will include several of our recent past presidents.

COTE:

On June 14th we will wrap up the AIA+2030 Professional series with the 10th and final session. The series was a great educational benefit to our members and a financially profitable program for our chapter. We

surveyed our members and based on those results have decided to wait a year before offering it again. The biggest obstacle for people appears to be the time commitment.

Program Committee:

In addition to the +2030 series we helped sponsor 4 ARCHITALX lectures offered every Thursday in April. This year's line up was, Brian Phillips, Florian Idenburg, Janna Levitt, and Matthias Hollwich. We had a program at the Center For Maine Craftmanship with a school and workshop tour and visited the gallery where there was a display of benches included in a design competition for the Farnsworth Art Museum. We also partnered with Maine Indoor Air Quality Council to bring Joe Lstiburek for a "Building Envelope" program.

Legislative Committee:

Continued working toward and provided testimony for 1) a Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code 2) An act to raise the school construction bond cap. 3) to eliminate a proposal for a sales tax on architectural services.

Design Committee:

Began planning for Design Awards 2014. Call for entries will be this fall with an awards event in late spring 2014

We are also beginning to plan a board retreat in October.

AIA Connecticut

AIA Connecticut invites all AIA New England members to join us at our events and programming for member pricing. Please check our website for programs of interest. www.aiact.org

ANNUAL OUTING

May 21, 2013, The Farms Country Club, Wallingford, CT

This year's event had some new activities that really added to the success of the day. In addition to golf, we offered croquet and tennis. We found that this drew in a group of people who would not have otherwise participated. We hired Bob Kroeger, a "professional croquet tournament director", who provided all the equipment and offered instruction. All attendees gathered at the end of playing time for an awards reception.

AIA CONNECTICUT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

October 2, 2013, Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT

- ♦ Earn up to five continuing education credits.

October 16, 2013, Arena at Harbor Yards, Bridgeport, CT

- ♦ Features informational sessions and educational programs.
- ♦ Earn up to six continuing education credits.

NEW BUILDING CODE IN CONNECTICUT

AIA Connecticut has planned a program on September 17. If you conduct business in Connecticut we urge you to attend. Member pricing will apply to AIA New England members.

The 2009 International Residential Code (IRC) is scheduled for fall adoption and implementation. Architects with residential projects that will be underway in the second half of the year are advised to consult this code as they begin their design work.

At this program, Tim York, Building Inspector for the Town of Colchester, will review some of the essential changes in the new code and in the draft supplement. Tim is past president of the Connecticut Building Officials Association (CBOA) and has presented programs on the 2009 IRC to many audiences.

Among the topics that Tim will cover are changes from the 2003 IRC in the areas of Energy Efficiency; Building Planning; Foundations and Floors; Wall Construction and Wall Coverings; Roof Assemblies; Vents; Exhaust; and Duct Systems.

Central MA

In September, they are planning visit to Higgins Armory Building, a very early curtain wall building. The Armory is transferring collection to Worcester art museum and building becoming vacant and so they will meet and try to brainstorm future of the building. Annual meeting update in the Board Meeting minutes.

AIA MA

Working with survivors of Marathon bombing in providing pro bono services. Have to work through liability issues, etc.

Has been proactive in gaming commission planning to get best design possible for the casinos in the State. Gaming commission is following through with most of their guidelines. Also looking at Building Code issues. In MA have developed certifications that puts too much onus on the architect. They are in discussion with the state on the wording. They are pushing to have higher energy building codes adopted in communities than are required. The ADA MA codes are different, so talking about adopting ADA codes and adding amendments.

BSA

Under the leadership of President Mike Davis FAIA, the BSA has been very active on the advocacy front. We are also evaluating and revising strategic goals to make more effective use of our opportunities at BSA Space.

Advocacy - Boston Mayoral forum, June 5 – The first candidate forum of the 2013 race featured eight of the candidates vying to replace Mayor Tom Menino, who will be departing soon after twenty years in office. Nearly 200 people attended, including members of the press.

Successful advocacy Boston's building energy disclosure ordinance- This new ordinance was passed by the City Council in May.

Fit City Boston Summit – This summit, co-hosted with the City of Boston, brought together more than 100 architects, planners, health professionals, city officials and community advocates to kickstart the conversation on the health impacts of the built environment.

Member Value - Defining the BSA value proposition – Like AIA, the BSA sees the need to clarify our message. The Membership Committee is working with staff on this issue, and plans to bring recommendations to the Board later in the year.

Leadership Lunches, hosted by local firms for small groups of emerging professionals, are intended to help develop future leaders for the profession and the BSA/AIA.

Public Outreach – Renovate for Recovery – This BSA volunteer initiative will bring pro bono design services to people whose mobility has been impacted by the Boston Marathon bombing. Learn more at www.architects.org/committees/renovate-recovery.

Common Boston – This public festival of architecture and design, organized by BSA volunteers, runs this year from May 30 thru June 9. See the schedule of events at www.commonboston.org.

- The spring issue of *ArchitectureBoston*, *American Gropius*, focusing on the years Walter Gropius spent in Cambridge, is now available. Pick up a copy or read the magazine online at www.architectureboston.com.

UPCOMING

Reprogramming the City: Opportunities for Urban Infrastructure

new exhibition opening June 25, 2013. Learn more at www.bsaspace.org.

AIARI

AIARI's Architects and Engineers Disaster Assistance Task Force was recognized by AIA at Grassroots in March with an excellence award. The group will be leading a train the trainer event in the fall supported by the chapter. This training session is open to all in the region. More details as they unfold.

Three AIARI members were honored for their designs at the Providence Carbon Challenge. This was a design competition for low impact and sustainable design to be built as a Habitat for Humanity home.

AIARI has collaborated with the local chapter of AIGA to run a film series at a local arts collaborative AS220. The films focus on architecture and design.

The chapter has been offering a BIM series led by one of our members as well as an ARE Study Session Series supported by the EP Committee. The Committee is working on the annual Emerging Professionals Forum where they will recognize newly registered architects.

AIARI hosted a memorial tribute for chapter member Michael Diaz Warner, FAIA on May 31st. The event was attended by 100 or so made up of chapter members, academia, legislators, planners, landscape architects and the public. The purpose of the event was to pay tribute to the transformation of the capitol city by Mr. Warner and associates. The event culminated in a special Waterfire led by its creator Barnaby Evans. In addition to the tribute AIARI has begun a campaign to raise funds for a scholarship in William Warner's honor and retrospective of his work will be on display at the September Gallery Night.

We are planning for our Summer Education Conference and Expo to be held at Roger Williams University at the end of July.

AIARI will be participating in PARKING DAY this September. We have a committee comprised of architects and landscape architects working to scope out suitable parking spots to transform for the day. One of the spots to be transformed will be in front of the AIARI windows on architecture.

AIA New Hampshire

2030 Series. We are in beginning stages of putting together and got a lot of information from Judy during Grassroots.

NH had a Chapter meeting at **KSC** in April with over 100 people attending. Peter Hedlund ASLA, LEED AP BD+C from Sasaki Associates was the keynote and spoke about campus planning. The event included an exhibit of the entries to our High School Design Competition, and prizes were awarded. The students in the architecture program at KSC showed year-end projects and also entries to a Marvin Competition created for the school. The college is considering moving forward on the accreditation process and AIANH supports this effort.

We are having a joint meeting tomorrow night with **PlanNH**, our sister organization in NH that AIANH created in 1989. Both groups will be awarding scholarships and the students will bring portfolios and boards to display. Three architects will speak about the role of the professional on a planning/design project and what difference it makes to the outcome; the importance of giving, or volunteering, and what impact that has on the individual, the firm, and the community. One of the case studies is Whitcomb Hall in Swanzey, an historical building that a PlanNH charrette recommended by transitioned into a performance center. The AIANH Emerging Professionals Design Competition used this building for its 2013 Design Competition. Awards were presented in January, but the boards will be on display at this event.

We had a successful meeting on May 6 of people who showed an interest several years ago in forming a **Disaster Assistance Team**. 14 people attended, and there are others who have since joined. We will be announcing to the wider membership for the next meeting. Members of AIARI's team were gracious enough to join with us via phone conferencing. They had lots of words of wisdom have sent a view valuable documents to us. We are awaiting more documents and a list of upcoming training in New England. Is there training at ABX? Thanks to RI.

Over the summer we will have a **joint meeting with NH/VT/MA ABC**, a sunset boat cruise of Portsmouth Harbor. You are all invited, info on our website. The date is August 15.

Our joint **AIANH/AIAVT meeting will be held October 2** at the new Black Family Visual Arts Center at Dartmouth by Machado and Silveti Associates.

This year AIANH is transitioning to **electronic submissions** for its awards program. We are negotiating with AIA Chesapeake Bay for a jury "swap," as we did last year with RI.

We just completed a survey about our print newsletter, the **NH Forum**. Results were very interesting, but not conclusive in regards to moving to an electronic-only format. So we'll be continuing the paper version for a while as we ponder a number of options. We were pleased with the number of responses: 73, and that over 50% of them read every issue of the paper. Our President's Perspective is the most widely read feature.

We are working with NH Housing and PlanNH on the second call for projects, both old and new, for the visualizing density in New Hampshire program. We are seeking for and awarding **good examples of density** that will then be posted to a database to be available for everyone. At the awards distribution on June 26, Julie Campoli, co-author of Visualizing Density, will be the featured speaker. Last December five projects were recognized.