Minutes: AIA New England Quarterly Meeting
June 5, 2013, 12:00 pm
Boston Society of Architect, Boston, MA

Present:
Greg Spiess AIA AIANE President (RI)
Glenn Gregg FAIA College of Fellows Liaison (CT)
Lorin Starr Exec. Director, AIAWM
Derek Osterbrook Assoc. AIA RAD (BSA?)
Nicole Martineau AIA YARD (NH)
Mohamad Farzan AIA Regional Director (RI)
Sho-Ping Chin FAIA Regional Director (BSA)
Greg Ames AIA Guest (CT)
Ann Fienman Managing Director, BSA
Diane Harp Jones EVP AIACT
Carolyn Isaak Exec. Director AIANH and AIANE
Mike Davis FAIA BSA President
Martha Montgomery AIA AIANE President-Elect (WMA)
Michael Hoffman AIA Regional Director Elect (VT)
Jen Zolkos Exec. Director, AIARI
Diantha Korzun AIA AIANE Sec-Treasurer (VT)
Chris Walsh AIA President, Central MA
Susan Koch Exec. Director, AIAME
Judy Johnson AIA President, AIAME
Emily Grand Staff-Rice AIA VP, BSA
William Whitlock AIA Small Firm Roundtable
Keith Chenot AIA AIA Central MA
Douglas Kallfelz AIA President, AIARI
Peter Kuttner FAIA COF Liaison (BSA)
Jeremy Toal AIA President, AIA WMA

1. President elect called this meeting to order at 12:12 pm.

2. SMALL FIRM ROUNDTABLE
Bill Whitlock presented the Small Firms Roundtable update. The Small Firm Round Table Architect tool kit as a result of Young Architects Forum and the KLA last year there was a movement to give some help to Emerging Professionals. This is an AIA project, and the Small Firm Round Table is helping out with it. They’ve created an Emerging Professionals Toolkit. This is a collaborative effort with varying groups of emerging professionals. They are pulling together lots of information that already exists, and putting it in one location. Came up with six key elements: Advancement of profession, career advancement, value of design, starting your own firm, value of licensure, economy and change. Information will be on the Knowledge Net. AIA has contributed some finances for this. Bill left the meeting after his presentation.

3. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Greg arrived at 12:30.
Greg is promoting small firm round table and disaster assistance teams. Was glad Bill Whitlock was able to talk about their efforts. Greg brought up the COF effort on mentoring, which has to come from experience professionals so the Fellows are a good group to lead. Disaster assistance
programs are developing in the area including New Hampshire. RI was just last week recognized for what they did in response to Hurricane Sandy.

4. NATIONAL DIRECTOR’S REPORT.
Mohamad and Sho-Ping provided a written report.

Elections:
Board members spoke about their knowledge about the various candidates. First VP, there are four candidates for one position. It is beneficial to members to elect people who have a bigger picture of the AIA and experience on the executive committee.

Resolutions and Amendments:
Amendment 13A to allow Associate and international associate members served as component officers. Greg says there is a lot of support for this. Most components are doing it and their bylaws reflect it. This is a matter of AIA catching up with what is being practiced.

Amendment to all Allied component members to use term, Allied member of AIA Component.

5. ANNUAL MEETING BRIEFING
Keith Chenot informed us that Central MA is hosting the annual meeting Saturday, Oct. 5. Have made a lot of progress. It is mainly a one-day affair in Worcester. Focus will be urban redevelopment and what’s happening in Worcester, a progressive city that has a lot to offer. The day will include educational sessions about building projects in the area, downtown development, college campus development, historical preservation topics, and tours in the afternoon that reflect the themes of the morning. The venue for awards is the DCU Center (The Centrum). There will be an exhibit of awards entry boards. Worcester Polytechnic Institute will have some solar decathlon team members make a presentation during the reception. Keynote is Greg Blais, president of a non-profit business organization that has done a lot of good for the region. He’ll talk about design and public partnership. The jury is from the region, but reflects a more public view. The CFE will be out within a couple of weeks.

6. RAD
Derek: see addendum
   1. Excited about partnership between Henley Wood and Starbucks at the AIA Convention, the EP Town Hall. Please stop by. There will be some celebrity guests.

7. YARD
Nicole Martineau: See addendum.
There was a 2-3 day conference in Kansas City about repositioning…how they want to be viewed within AIA and to the public. The YA’s will have some time at the national Board Meeting.
Another program of interest, the PATH program in Oregon, that works through the process of starting your own firm. She is talking with CT, which is interested in a program like this. There is a YA on the committee working with the Small Firm Roundtable on the tool kit, which is actually called the Architectural Practice Primer.

She is interested to see if there could be a waiver for Associate directors and Young Architect reps to attend AIANE Conference with a waived registration fee. This might be covered by the individual components or the hosting chapter may offer a reduced rate for educational sessions only.
8. COF
Peter Kuttner offered report on COF. See attached. They have a new space on AIA Knowledge Net. Formal program in mentoring and outreach has had some stops and starts.

9. WEB SITE
Laura Briedes has been selected to convert website to Wordpress and update.

10. FINANCIAL REPORT
CI presented financial report, which was accepted.

11. COMPONENT REPORTS:
SEE SEPARATE DOCUMENT WITH COMPONENT REPORTS.

13. ADJOURN
Mohamad moved to adjourn. Nicole seconded. Approved.