

Minutes: AIA New England Quarterly Meeting

August 21, 2013, 12:00 pm

Boston Society of Architect, Boston, MA

Present:

Greg Spiess AIA	AIANE President (RI)
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)
Ann Fienman	Managing Director, BSA
Diane Harp Jones	EVP AIACT
Carolyn Isaak	Exec. Director AIANH and AIANE
Martha Montgomery AIA	AIANE President-Elect (WMA)
Michael Hoffman AIA	Regional Director Elect (VT)
Diantha Korzun AIA	AIANE Sec-Treasurer (VT)
Chris Walsh AIA	President, Central MA
Susan Koch	Exec. Director, AIAME
Karolina Burttt AIA	President, AIANH
Judy Johnson AIA	President, AIAME
Emily Grand Staff-Rice AIA	VP, BSA
Peter Kuttner FAIA	COF Liaison (BSA)
Jen Zolkos	Executive Director, RI
Russ Learned AIA	AIANE Past President (CT)
Carol Miklos	Executive Director, AIAVT
Stephanie Degen Monroe AIA	President, AIACT

1. President elect called this meeting to order at 12:15 pm.
2. Minutes moved and accepted, MH moved, CW seconded. Approved.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greg reported on Disaster Assistance in RI and efforts to help other NE components set up task forces. They created a "train the trainer" event and now have about 8 trainers. NH and MA are now forming committees. Program is a second responder program. Greg also has special interest in Small Firm Roundtable and Emerging Professionals and their collaboration.

Next year's meeting dates:

Grassroots 3/30-3/22

Convention 6/25-6/28

ABX 10/28-10/30

AIANE Board Meetings (To be confirmed by BSA):

March 5

June 4

Aug. 20

Oct. 29.

RI will host AIANE annual meeting in 2014.

3. NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Greg asked if any candidates came to mind for secretary/treasurer for 2014. Nice to have someone from Maine, CT, or NH. Should send Greg, Mohamad, and Sho-Ping any suggestions. Judy Johnson expressed and interest.

4. NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

See separate report

There was a lot of positive feed back from convention.

The AIA Board had a relatively short meeting. There is a desire to see action from the repositioning research. Kotter International was hired to help AIA implement actions (change consultants) from the revisioning research that took place. They are looking at restructuring the board. Nothing major really changes at the board meetings, so 50+ people is unwieldy and maybe not necessary. There may be too much micromanagement and board should focus more on issues at hand.

Elizabeth Kakainen is an ambassador for the Repositioning effort. She dropped by and was introduced. She works at Payette. The ambassadors are another group to evaluate the repositioning effort and help make it a positive effort. She is the New England representative. We will invite Elizabeth to future meetings.

Ambassadors met in Atlanta (about 35 ambassadors). They looked at innovation fund applications. There were 65 applications covering many different areas. They went through them and awarded \$169,000 of the \$250,000 in the fund.

5. ANNUAL MEETING BRIEFING

The AIA New England 2013 Conference, Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner hosted by AIA Central Massachusetts is scheduled for Saturday, October 5th in Worcester, Massachusetts. The program flyer and registration form will be electronically emailed to all components and members soon.

Saturday morning workshops, lunchtime plenary speaker, and afternoon architectural tours will be headquartered at the downtown Hilton Garden Inn with the evening reception, annual meeting and awards dinner at the DCU Center next door. A block of 30 rooms is reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn for both Friday and Saturday nights. A great lineup of programs with LU's will primarily focus on the progressive changes Worcester is making to transform this former mill town into a true gateway city. There is a reception on Friday and on Sunday a "diner crawl" in the morning.

235 awards entries will be juried on August 27 by a distinguished, mixed-background jury composed of Steve Schreiber, FAIA, UMass Amherst; Allen Fletcher, Worcester Publisher; Matthias Waschek, Director of the Worcester Art Museum; and Chris Lydon of Radio Open Source. Award entries brought in \$35,800.

6. RAD

Have taken hard look at what they do. Had elections for executive committee at Convention. Derek will be working with advocacy portfolio. They have a retreat in October for the executive committee. Trying to focus on licensure. DHJ asked about licensing across the country. Great progress has been made in regards to concurrency and what people will do to help make it happen. It is becoming more positive.

There are a lot of “design” firms setting up, not architecture firms. So many are not pursuing licensure. Because licensing is not time-tabled, people put it off and don’t have a clear and immediate path toward licensure. But he thinks there are not as many roadblocks as there used to be. Look at *NCARB by the Numbers* report. NAC did a publication as well. They are also looking at titling. Applications for females have gone up for a few years but testing has gone down. They think some people have not met five-year rule. There was a lengthy discussion on titling, motivation or lack of motivation for licensure, etc.

Firms get better projects the more registered architects on staff. Liability insurance goes down if everyone touching the project is licensed. Licensure is about HSW, not aesthetics. Architects need to promote the value they create.

Ethics committee of NAC is very clear that there should not be any unpaid interns. It is a breach of AIA ethics. But it still happens way too often.

7. YARD

Nicole Martineau: See addendum.

July 25-28 she attended IDP conference in Miami. Some similar issues Derek spoke of came up. They have created an intern think tank. If you know anyone who would like to be involved, please let her know. NCARB has required that each school have an IDP coordinator. Some schools require graduates to have an NCARB number. So things are changing, but question is about those people who are already out of school. Construction work now qualifies for IDP hours. They are talking about eliminating 8 week, 15-hour week rule. IDP people are trying to keep it open and accessible.

At Convention YAF met with COF to talk about what programs are available. There are four programs out there that could be used here in NE components.

Jim Kimball from BAC has a 90-minute class for emerging professionals. They have requested to have him speak at next year’s convention.

SMFRT met in Atlanta in July.

Regional Conference: She’d like to see state reps supported for the regional conference. Asks that hosts consider waivers and/or emerging professional rates. It might encourage people to get more involved. Sho-Ping also recommends that firms pitch in. Bring this message back to your component boards.

There is an EP summit November 1-2. The Women in Leadership Summit is October 24-26 in Phoenix. Nicole requested permission to attend the NE Regional Conference and the Women’s Leadership Conference.

Ex Com will look at funding requests for YARD.

They will look at current policies and dictate going forward what events can be used for YARD budget line item in the future. Should keep option of Board approving other appropriate activities.

8. COF

Peter reported that they had a business meeting at convention. NE was reasonably well-represented. In their strategic plan: mentoring, retention of Fellows, getting new Fellows. Trying to encourage a more diverse group.

9. VERMONT INNOVATION GRANT

Vermont's application for an Innovation Grant was approved and they are receiving \$42,00. They are just in the beginning stages of planning. They are putting together a moving trailer exhibit of architectural work....moving to towns, fairs, etc. They have to purchase a vehicle, etc. They are looking at paneled trucks, a chassis to build on, etc. Partnering with Norwich University design studio. By November they hope to have a vehicle, strip it down, and turn over to Norwich to put together for them. They hope to be on road by next spring. EGR recommends they also write a blog about the process...it will tell the story.

10. DUES

Diantha moved to not raise dues for AIANE this year. Seconded by CW. Approved.

11. WEB SITE

Carolyn reported that work on the updated website has begun. She gave a link for people to review site for organization. Styles and formatting and final design have not been set yet. She reminded everyone that this is a basic redo of current site to move from old program to Wordpress. It is not a completely new site.

12. FINANCIAL REPORT

CI presented financial report, which was accepted.

13. COMPONENT REPORTS:

SEE SEPARATE DOCUMENT WITH COMPONENT REPORTS.

14. OTHER

DHJ has asked we consider their cookbook...nice gift for speakers.

13. ADJOURN

Mohamad moved to adjourn at 2:38. Nicole seconded. Approved.