

Minutes: AIA New England Quarterly Meeting

Nov. 20, 2013, 12:00 pm

ABX, Boston, MA

Present:

Greg Spiess AIA	AIANE President (RI)
Lorin Starr	Exec. Director, AIAWM
Derek Osterman Assoc. AIA	RAD (BSA?)
Mohamad Farzan AIA	Regional Director (RI)
Ann Fienman	Managing Director, BSA
Diane Harp Jones	EVP AIACT
Carolyn Isaak	Exec. Director AIANH and AIANE
Martha Montgomery AIA	AIANE President-Elect (WMA)
Judy Johnson AIA	President, AIAME
Emily Grand Staff-Rice AIA	VP, BSA
Peter Kuttner FAIA	COF Liaison (BSA)
Jen Zolkos	Executive Director, RI
Emily Grand Staff-Rice AIA	VP, BSA
Alan Lagocki	President Elecct, CT
Stephanie Degen Monroe AIA	President, AIACT
Chris Walsh, AIA	President, AIA Central MA
Jeremy Toal AIA	President, AIA WMA
Glenn Gregg FAIA	COF Liaison (CT)
Doug Kallfelz AIA	President, AIARI

1. President called this meeting to order at 12:19 pm.
2. Minutes moved by MM, seconded by Doug, approved

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greg congratulated Judy for her election to the AIANE Board of Directors as treasurer. The AIANE Conference went well, hosted by Central MA. Next year it will be in Providence, RI. Greg will continue to promote the Disaster Response groups throughout New England. We are also addressing small practices more; sees that growing nationally and in New England. Enjoyed his tenure on the Board and feeling that we are all working together.

Greg welcomed Martha as the 2014 president and Diantha as president-elect.

Greg thanked retiring National Director Mohamad Farzan, and said, "It feels so good to know we had a voice of reason and thoughtfulness" representing us on the National Board.

3. POLICY REVIEW AND REVISIONS

Reviewed policy reimbursement procedures and voted in favor of several changes/updates. The policies and procedures will be included in the 2014 Board Manual.

4. NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

See separate report

National Board governance changes are being mapped out. It is all happening in a smooth way.

How much lead time will we have on new board structure will be discussed at the next meeting. Mohamad says they changes are very logical and reflect how the board actually runs. The Executive Board will make major decisions.

Diane commented that there will be at least one region that has a major objection to this. The sooner we have an opportunity to read and understand the changes, the better.

Contract Documents planning is on track. They are testing the new version; should be released in the new year.

Peter Kuttner showed a slide show regarding the AIA Advancement Team talking points. He is chair of the Communication Sub-team. Part of the changes is actually catch-up. They realized we needed some people dedicated to advancing the profession to be out there talking about the re-envisioning. Sort of “touching base” with people. As the ripples grow out, membership will understand what’s going out.

Main groups:

Advancement Team

Ambassadors

Key Leadership

AIA Chapter Leadership

The Board is using the phrase Advancing Through Architecture, to represent the way we will shape our future and become a more valued, relevant organization. Priorities are: Public awareness, advocacy for the profession, and creating, expanding, and sharing knowledge.

They are starting to put this system in place. Since they did this a “scorecard” has been made to monitor progress. This is a new level of bold, visionary leadership on inspire architects t work together to build a better world for all people — through architecture.

They are trying to get some time at Grassroots to address the Advancing the Profession side of re-envisioning.

Big Sibs report on re-envisioning is posted at www.architects.org/biglibs.

5. ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

See item one above

6. 2014 Annual Meeting

Should have some concepts sketched out soon. They are looking at dates in September (last two weekends), and the conference will be held in Providence. The group is meeting frequently.

6. RAD

Derek has not yet put together the RAD shadow application as there are so many changes in NAC, he’s waiting for them to be finalized. They are restructuring similarly to the National Board. So Regional Director shadow would be voted on at the March meeting.

Derek was elected to the Executive Committee of NAC in charge of advocacy. He is going to EP Summit in January in Albuquerque, funded by AIA. He had opportunity to talk with Adam Melis of AIA Government Affairs on National priorities and the NDSA, National Design Services Act,

providing debt relief for service after graduation. It could get tagged on to another bill; currently has no sponsors.

At their last meeting unpaid internships were discussed. He found out that in NY a letter went out to everyone about that. There is option of sending a similar letter to all of NE.

Licensure: the large states put together a paper about how licensure should be changed. It was leaked, which is unfortunate. But there is a push to look at problems and challenges of current system. The letter body is a little incendiary and could be read as anti-NCARB. So NAC will be looking at this.

Greg said that at some schools work study will allow people to work outside the university, and use work study toward payment of an internship while in school. Find out more from Jen, Lorin... It is quirky, and you might need someone to help get it worked through. Some effort needed on the university side to make it happen.

We discussed communications between NCARB, AIA components, EPNs.

7. YARD

Not present

8. COF

Glenn Gregg has concentrated on mentoring. Ways vary from one-on-one to speed mentoring, to just socializing. Mentoring also includes things such as Habitat for Humanity events. Using social media is important. Construction in CT in 2014. Trying to connect with younger engineers and LAs. Many young practitioners don't get exposure to management. Glenn is going off board, and Dick Quinn AIA will be filling his shoes. Peter K. remains as the second COF liaison.

They also assist in Fellowship applications and are available to help people. Peter mentioned that recruitment problem is more difficult in smaller chapters.

11. WEB SITE

Carolyn reported that work on the updated website is mostly completed. She is still looking through it to find things that need to be updated. Please take a look through and let her know of any corrections.

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:20.