

AIA New England

March 5, 2014 Board Meeting

Chapter Reports

AIA Maine

Our Board of Directors is working with a consultant on board governance and strategic planning which began at a retreat last October. We have had several sessions and have come up with 3 strategic priorities. We have taken a good look at our board governance and have made several changes, with more to come. It is a worthwhile process and has served to re-focus our board and bring about more meaningful discussions. We conducted a comprehensive member survey and are using those results and responses to frame our work.

The Design Awards Committee selected a Montreal based Jury who met last week at McGill University. They are: André Perrotte, Architect, FIRAC, Partner, Saucier-Perrotte Architectes, Pierre Thibault, Architecte, FIRAC, Principal, Atelier Pierre Thibault, Architecte Claude Provencher, Architect, FIRAC, Partner, Provencher, Roy et Associés Architectes, Paul Bernier, Architect, Principal, Paul Bernier Architecte, Annmarie Adams, Director, McGill University School of Architecture. We had a completely electronic submission process and had 46 entries. The awards will be announced and presented at an event in May.

On March 27th COTE is presenting a lecture titled "Architect + Builder = Passivhaus.

The Communications Committee is working on recording future programs to make them available to people who live in more remote regions of the state.

Kim Tuttle, AIA who was our IDP Coordinator, Chair of the Emerging Professionals Committee and board member, has taken a job with NCARB in Washington DC. Kathryn Wetherbee, Assoc AIA will be taking her place in all of those roles.

AIA Rhode Island

AIA RI will kick off its Gallery Night season by showcasing the 2013 Design Awards Winners on March 20th. April Gallery Night will feature the Providence Preservation Society's 10 most endangered properties on April 17th.

We are hoping to screen the documentary film The Human Scale at the end of March and Cool Spaces hosting a Q&A with the series creator Stephen Chung in mid April as part of Architecture Week.

The RI Disaster Assistance Task Force just completed a training session in RI and hopes to host another in the fall. They have also been actively providing training throughout New England.

AIARI will be hosting a chicken cook design competition to be held in the fall. We are partnering up with the South Side Community Land Trust and Cluck, an urban agriculture supply store in Providence. We also hope to partner with the local universities.

Canstruction will take place on Saturday, March 8th at the Providence Place Mall. It will be on display until March 21. Winners will be announced at the Canstruction event on March 20th.

We continue to plan for the AIANE conference and will be sending out a Save the Date in the spring.

AIAVT

Innovation Grant: The Archistream was delivered to Norwich University in Nov. The AIAVT team has met with Norwich University faculty to discuss program details. The students are conducting materials studies. A rough draft of sponsorship opportunities has been prepared; Airstream magazine may be a sponsor. A press release has gone out to major Vermont media.

Continuing Education Programs: In January, we offered a tour of the SOH Wind Engineering Facility. The company's wind tunnel has been used in a wide range of different projects, e.g., wind tunnel tests on many cable supported bridges, determining wind loads on a wide range on onshore as well as offshore structures, wind environment investigations and calibration of anemometers.

We're in the midst of putting together a panel discussion on "Starting a Small Successful Architecture Practice."

Public Policy: Our public policy committee is working on preparing "Issue Briefs" in the following subject areas:

- Independent contractors
- Vermont access rules exceeding ada
- Statute of limitations
- Municipal code requirements exceeding state requirements
- Lack of uniformity in statewide enforcement of building codes
- Residential building codes
- Statewide licensing of construction contractors

BSA

Advocacy/Civic Engagement: Boston-focused advocacy – BSA leaders are laying a foundation for the BSA to be a strong resource for Mayor Walsh's administration, particularly on issues regarding the built environment and public advocacy for design. We have identified a Civic Policy Task Force to help envision and achieve a forward thinking, livable Boston through design excellence. We have also offered specific recommendations for improving the processes and transparency of the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA).

In addition, the spring issue of ArchitectureBoston, Blueprint for a New Mayor, offers recommendations to the new mayoral administration, the first in Boston in 20 years. The issue will be published on March 10. Watch for your copy or read AB online at <http://www.architectureboston.com>.

Professional Service/Member Value: 2014 goals – Under the leadership on President Emily Grandstaff-Rice AIA, BSA focus areas for the year include:

- exploring the future of architectural practice and emerging forms of practice
- nurturing design professionals' early career engagement with the BSA by better leveraging and connecting the member network
- developing greater social media awareness and engagement among firms and members to highlight work and design conversations

AIA Diversity – BSA members and staff met last month with Damon Leverett AIA and Kevin Fitzgerald AIA of the AIA Diversity office to hear about the recent Emerging Professionals Summit and discuss ways to further AIA's diversity and EP engagement issues.

Public Outreach: Boston Design Week - The BSA is a partner and program sponsor for Boston Design Week, March 20-30. More than twenty design, arts and cultural organizations are collaborating on this citywide design festival. See the schedule of events at www.bostondesignweek.com.

UPCOMING: See upcoming BSA Space events, including lectures, film screenings, professional and public programs at www.architects.org/calendar.

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

AIA CONNECTICUT ANNUAL OUTING: May 20, 2014, The Farms Country Club, Wallingford, CT
Please join us for this fun day of outdoor activities including Golf, Tennis and Croquet. There is something for everyone! Croquet will be overseen by Bob Kroger, a professional croquet tournament director. The 2013 event was great fun and we are anticipating an even bigger turnout this year. You may register at: <http://aiact.org/event-registration/?ee=214>. Golfers and tennis and croquet players all gather at the end of the day for a very nice reception at which prizes are awarded.

Business Architecture Award: This award honors architects for solving business problems for Connecticut clients, thereby demonstrating the power of architecture to shape business performance, to improve peoples' lives and provide a value added service to clients in a business setting that far exceeds the costs of that service. Projects may include non-profit businesses. The award acknowledges architects and their clients whose projects enhance the built environment and achieve business goals.

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Entry deadline: March 14, 2014 (Entry form)

Submission deadline: April 4, 2014

Jury Day: April 16, 2014

Jurors: Gary Annino, Director, Global Operations-Facility Solutions, Pfizer, New London, CT

Bruce Beinfield, FAIA, Beinfield Architecture, PC, Norwalk, CT

Michael Bingham, Editor, Business New Haven, New Haven, CT

Nullum Tempus: We continue to work with our Legislature to try to educate them on the changes created by the State of Connecticut v Lombardo Bros. Supreme Court decision. We are hopeful that we will have a bill(s) raised at the Judiciary Committee level and that Public testimony will be possible within the next few weeks. We are working collaboratively with engineers, landscape architects, contractors, construction managers and the bonding agents. We will keep you informed as we continue our efforts.

AIA Western Massachusetts

Our Annual Meeting took place on December 4th. It was a joint meeting with our local USGBC chapter and featured presentations of member work. The USGBC-MA West Branch awarded their first Green Giant Awards and WMAIA awarded two student scholarships (with matching funds from AIA National).

Our winter programs are underway. We offered a program on Energy Modeling presented by two UMASS/Amherst PhD students who explored the efficiency of various modeling programs using a dormitory undergoing an envelope upgrade for the study. Their results will be checked against post occupancy data collected over the next year. This program was organized in conjunction with the USGBC-MA West Branch and provided both AIA LUs and GBCI credit.

We supported a program provided by the Massachusetts DCR/Department of Agriculture's Commonwealth Quality Program that connected architects with sources for locally grown sustainable lumber. The program filled quickly and was well received. We also offered a series of programs provided by 475 High Performance Building Supply: Foam Free High Performance Building Enclosures; High Performance Masonry Retrofits; and Decentralized High Efficiency Ventilation. This was a very good series and I would recommend the programs to other chapters. Our WMAIA/Five College Architecture's Architecture Through Film series continues this spring

with excerpts from the documentary series ARCHITECTURES that explores an eclectic mix of some of the world's most renowned buildings.

Our Emerging Professionals group continues to coalesce nicely. We were able to procure a regular meeting space for the group (in downtown Northampton). The group is working on establishing a schedule of events for the spring.

WMAIA's board retreat was held on February 1st and we took the opportunity to evaluate our priorities for the coming year, which includes working toward a significant increase in non-dues revenue (so it seems particularly timely that there will be a session on this topic at Grassroots).

AIA New Hampshire

AIANH begins its AIA+2030 Professional Series on March 27 with Bill Reed AIA, LEED AP and Gunnar Hubbard AIA, LEED Fellow. The ten sessions run through Feb. 2015, omitting July and December 2014. We have had a very good response both with sponsorship and registration.

Our Design Awards Gala was January 10 at LaBelle Winery in Amherst, NH. Awards at:
<http://www.aianh.org/content/aianh-design-awards>

Our sixth annual High School Design competition is underway. Projects are due in April and will be exhibited at our annual Chapter meeting with the Keene State College Architecture Department, May 1. Students win cash awards. Many go on to architecture programs and return to us for scholarships.

40 or so people took the AEER SAP training we held in Concord NH in January. Trainers were Jeff Hatcher AIA, Robert Leach AIA, and Dave Grandpre from Rhode Island. We are working hard to get legislation passed adding architects and engineers to the State Good Samaritan Law, SB 209. It passed the Senaute Judiciary Committee. Our group continues to be enthusiastic and is working on its organizational structure and an MOA with the State.