

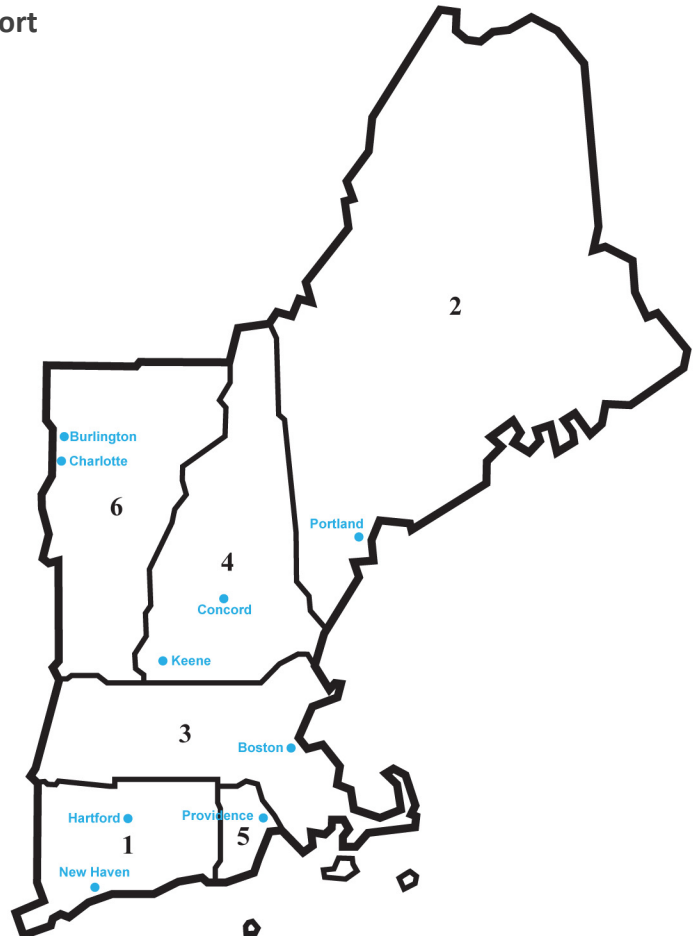
## Young Architects Forum Regional Director Report

### New England Region: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2014

Date: June 4, 2014

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## Top six issues from Summit 20:

- Advancement of the Profession
- Value of Licensure
- Career Advancement\*
- Starting Your Own Firm
- Economy and Change
- Value of Design

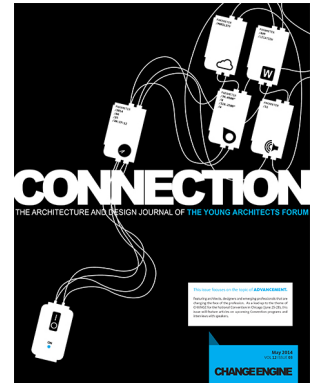
## Actions + Activities

### Events last quarter:

- March: Volume 12 Issue 02 YAF CONNECTION released (WE THE PEOPLE)
- March 10: BSA Leadership Lunch Kickoff
- March 12: Tweet Chat – joint conversation with Construction Leadership Council (CLC) and Associated General Contractors of America (AGC)
  - Q1. In what ways can our industry better increase efficiency in order to better control project destiny?
  - Q2. How can we better deal with a climate of risk-aversion and still improve collaboration?
  - Q3. In what areas would architects/contractors be well served to better understand each other's professions?
  - Q4. How do you think contractors and architects should expand cross discipline knowledge sharing?
  - Q5. In what essential areas should architect/contractor collaborations promote more rigorous research?
  - Q6. What areas do you see as major strengths/weaknesses of the millennial generation entering our industry?
  - Q7. Has the trend toward subcontracting the majority of work impacted the quality of GC performance?
  - Q8. How has specialization in architecture firms impacted quality of services and creative problem-solving?
  - Q9. How can we promote competition-driven searches not just for lowest costs, but also for highest value?
  - Q10. In what area does the lack of timely collaborative decision-making cost projects the most?
- March 19 – 21: Attend AIA Grassroots 2014
  - YAF lead workshop: Leadership Programs that Enhance Career Advancement: heard from three components that have established leadership programs to help emerging professionals gain skills to advance to higher levels within the architecture profession and the greater community.
- March 22: Attend meeting about the Architects' Practice Primer in Washington D.C.
  - Schedule
  - Sponsorships
  - Budget
  - Content Review
- March 26: BSA Portfolio Review Evening
- April 4: YAF National Conference Call
  - Tweet Chat
  - National Convention
  - Architects' Practice Primer



- May: Volume 12 Issue 03 YAF CONNECTION released (CHANGE ENGINE)
- May 1-3: YAF National Conference in St. Louis, MO
  - AIA Repositioning Recap, Update and YAF 2013 Response
  - EP Summit Recap, Updates and Next Steps
  - Breakout Session:
    1. Path to Practice
    2. Work-Life Issues
    3. Career Advancement
  - College of Fellows Update – John Sorrenti
  - National Associates Committee Update – Greg Spon
  - What does the future of the YAF look like
  - Strategic Plan for 2014-2015 year
  - Breakout Session:
    1. Community
    2. Knowledge
    3. Public Relations
    4. Advocacy
    5. Communications



## Upcoming Events:

- 2014 AIA Convention in Chicago: YAF sponsored events
  - Wednesday
    - **WE308 Mini MBA for Emerging Professionals**
  - Thursday
    - **TH106 Volunteering with AIA:**  
Opportunities to advance your career and the profession
    - Award celebration – expo floor 2227
    - **TH207 Emerging Professionals Leadership:**  
A presentation and discussion with influential voices
    - **TH219 2+2:**  
A forum of two AIA College of Fellows recognized for design and two 2014 AIA Young Architects Award recipients
    - **TH315 Starting your own Architecture Firm:**  
The Young Architect Perspective
  - Friday
    - **FR216 Career Advancement in Design Firms:**  
Ownership Transition and Succession Planning
    - **FR109 Building Identity:**  
Utilizing the web and social media to position yourself and your firm as thought leaders

- College of Fellow Emerging Professionals Grant Application, due in early July  
The College of Fellows has established a small grants fund to assist AIA components in the development of programs which foster the mission of Young Architects and Associates. These funds may be used to enhance the activities of an existing Emerging Professionals group or as seed money to help start a new one. Because one of the goals of the component grants program is to make Emerging Professionals groups a vital component activity, an explanation or demonstration of component commitment and support is essential. Please check back for information on the 2014 Emerging Professionals Component Grant.
- New England YARD replacement
  - Two year term
  - At National level it is allowed to renew once (total of 4 years maximum served as YARD)
  - Suggest rotating a YARD from the six states for diversification
- Regional Conference
  - Stress the importance of the future of the AIA to attend
  - Encourage a reduced rate for Emerging Professionals
  - Include programming of Emerging Professionals including a meeting for the state Emerging Professionals Committee members

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