

# **AIANE Regional Quarterly Board Meeting**

## **BSA**

**June 4, 2014**

### **Present:**

Martha Montgomery AIA	AIANE President (WMA)
Judy Johnson AIA	Treasurer, AIANE; President, AIAME
Diantha Korzun AIA	President Elect, AIANE (VT)
Derek Osterman Assoc. AIA	RAD (BSA)
Peter Kuttner FAIA	COF Liaison (BSA)
Richard Quinn FAIA	COF Liaison (CT)
Lorin Starr	Exec. Director, AIAWM
Ann Fienman	Managing Director, BSA
Diane Harp Jones	EVP AIACT
Carolyn Isaak	Exec. Director AIANH and AIANE
Alan Lagocki	President, AIACT
Vada Seccareccia, Assoc. AIA	President, AIARI
Michael Hoffman AIA	Regional Director
Elise Woodward AIA	President, AIA MA
Emily Grandstaff-Rice AIA	President, BSA
Nicole Martineau AIA	YARD (NH)

1. President called the meeting to order at 12:02. Martha introduced herself, and others made introductions.
2. Minutes from the last meeting will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

### **3. President's Report**

Martha commented on results of her survey about our mission from last time. Some people want to maintain in-person meetings and others want remote meetings. Some want to keep connection with architecture schools, others don't. People indicated that the RAD should spend more time with state reps. and that a once-a-year in-person meeting of NE component associate directors is advisable.

Michael doesn't think it falls under our purview to connect with architecture schools, it should be done by state and local components.

Meetings: maybe have option of either attending in person or by remote. There is value in seeing colleagues personally. Vote to keep face-to-face meetings, but provide option to call in if needed.

Elise asked about missions from other regions. And, are elements in the mission prioritized?

Diane and Martha will take a look at the mission and rewriting it. Lorin made the point that AIANE is a filter (Michaels says amplifier) through which information passes from components to and from National.

We need to always strive to reduce redundancy.

#### **4. National Directors Report**

Michael Hoffman: the main issue at the 2014 convention is the governance-restructuring proposal. Lots of energy of the Board has gone into this. New structure calls for 10-16 Board members and 30-60 Strategic Council members. The smaller board is responsible for the business of the Institute and has fiduciary authority. The Strategic Council will work on vision and strategy and focus on members. The Council is made up of regional representation. It will also elect three members on rotating basis to go to the Board. (so one a year).

Board:

President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, sec, treas, Assoc, AIAS, CACE

3 at large from convention

3 at large from Council

2 appointed by President

The Executive Committee goes away.

They still need to establish working relationship between the BOD and the Strategic Council.

What is the structure of the Council? There is nothing in writing about how it is governed, it is an operational decision. How it works will be determined by the Council itself.

There will be bumps along the way. MH says it's pretty amazing we have gotten this far. Biggest concern is the size of Council and related costs.

Regional representation will remain the same for the time being. We may need to build alliances and strategic with other regions if we want to have at-large members elected through the at large vote. We need to be proactive.

Face to face meetings only 2x a year. Expense for travel, probably about the same. Not sure how staff will be effected. MH thinks it will be cost neutral in the end.

Candidates:

MH not familiar with a number of the people running.

Secretary: John Padilla AIA and Jerome Eben AIA. This is John's second run for VP. Started the shadowing campaign for YAs and associates at convention. Has been involved with repositioning. Jerry is from NJ. Very competent; has not been as involved as John.

VP: Bill Bates AIA from Pittsburgh; Frank Pitts AIA, From AIA Eastern NY, and Ed Vantz AIA from AIA Las Vegas. Ed had a large firm and has restructured it; has been very involved with AIA. Frank really works hard to be effective and to the best interests of AIA; has his heart in it. Very methodical. Is vocal at board meetings. Bill is quiet, but thoughtful.

1<sup>st</sup> 2015 VP/2016 President-Elect: Don Brown FAIA (AIA Montgomery), Russ Davidson FAIA (AIA Westchester + Hudson), Gabriel Durand-Hollis FAIA (AIA San Antonio). Gabe is very conservative, by the book sort of person. Was a good treasurer, but didn't communicate what was happening very well. Don Brown and Russ Davidson both came up through Advocacy. Russ has done a lot of innovative things and is a bit of a powerhouse. Both ran against each other as

VP. Don was better known, but Russ was very impressive at the Caucuses. Russ maybe has more of a connection with New England and is very smart. Wants to get things done.

Each year AIA California Council has each of the candidates respond to a questionnaire. This year the questions center around AIA's Repositioning efforts. You can access their responses at <http://www.aiacc.org/2014/06/03/aia-2015-candidate-for-office/>  
Read this and look at the Office Delegate Information Book, then g hear the candidates talk at Convention and attend the regional caucuses.

## **5. Annual meeting**

AIARI has new website. The Annual meeting is in Providence, September 26-27. On the 28<sup>th</sup> they will have a Disaster Assistance Training. Friday pm: Architectural pub-crawl. Saturday: educational programs and awards banquet at the RISDI Museum, and water fires will be across the street. Block of rooms are reserved at the Biltmore. Sunday: AEER Training and tours. CFE ready early next week. Due mid-August. Jury is the first weekend of September. Keynote speaker backed out, so they are setting up panel of architects. Looking for sponsors for the conference.

## **6. RAD**

Derek: He is member of National Boards' Committee on Advocacy. They have started to release information about new branding, ideas like banner presentations at sports events, airports, stations, etc. Push to get people talking about architects and architecture and to see how architecture touches their lives. Looking for "Earned media". LIFE, designed by architects...(new tag line)

NAC: starting to do more with YAF and EPN together. Hope will eventually get rid of some of the redundancy. More to come...

Derek said he is behind in getting the call for applicants out for the RAD, but it will be ready soon. We should be able to vote on replacement at August meeting.

How to beef up contact with local associate directors, IDP coordinators, emerging professionals reps. Yearly face-to-face meeting? At ABX or Regional Conference. Or something separate? There is value to interaction. Start with one and see how that goes. They are planning time at Annual Conference for EPNs to be together.

Derek shared his personal statement developed at a leadership retreat.

## **7. YAF**

May 1-3 National Meeting: Talked about redundancy and trying to tame that monster.  
Upcoming events: YAF has several sponsored events at Convention. There is a COF-EP Grant application due soon. Nicole encourages components to apply for it.  
Nicole also calling for replacement. Will develop call for nominations. Her term is done at the end of the year.  
See separate report on AIANE website.

Martha thanked Derek and Nicole for their energy and sharing of information.

## **8. COF**

Peter and Dick..... Dick mentioned NCARB's proposal to allow internship and education to happen simultaneously. Discussion of this ensued. Main pushback from some state boards is that internship should follow education, so some states not allowing it. NCARB, within the IDP program, has done what it can to make the accumulation of hours possible.

Peter: mentoring, advancement of fellows, community leadership were their initiatives last year. This year: outreach and engagement of Fellows. There are a lot of different mentoring set ups. They are trying to set up data base of best practices, such as speed mentoring; leadership lunches (not one on one, but small groups)...

They are discussing how CT and BSA can support smaller chapters.

AIA is sponsoring Demystifying Fellowship as a webinar. Ann will let us know when it is available.

## **9. Revenue Sharing**

Revenue stream from docs ends at the end of 2015. 40% of National revenue budget is from Contract Documents. Each chapter receives reimbursement based on sales within their chapter. Document sales are 9% of AIACT's budget. We need to keep on the agenda....as 2016 is coming up soon. Michael will find out which committee has oversight on that piece?

## **10. Financial report.**

Discussed AIA NE reserves intentionally being decreased by our deficit budgets. At some point we will need to raise dues to fund our regular expense items. Judy, Martha, and Ann will be on a working committee to review the budget and the spreadsheet Michael put together showing scenarios of using reserve funds and when dues need to be increased.

## **11. Small Firm Roundtable**

Bill Whitlock is finishing his term. He has submitted a job description for his position. CI will send this, along with YARD and RAD replacement requests, to NE components and ask for nominations by the August Board meeting.

## **12. Component reports**

See separate report.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

**Next meeting, August 20, 2014, noon, at BSA.**