



AIA New England
June 4, 2014 Board Meeting
Chapter Reports

AIA MAINE

Design Awards: On May 12th, we presented our Design Awards program. All winners and submissions can be found at <http://aiamaine.org/2014design/> . In addition, we presented two people's choice awards as well as a 100 year award to Albert Kahn's Bates Mill No. 5 in Lewiston, Maine. Our Design Awards Program kicked off with a tour of Bates Mill No. 5 which received coverage in *The Lewiston Sun Journal*.

Executive Director Change: May 12th was Susan Koch's last day as Executive Director. Jeannette Schram will now be taking on all responsibilities. Jeannette can be reached at jeannette@aiamaine.org or 207.200.5987.

Fellows: In April, we met with a small group of members who are interested in pursuing Fellowship in the next 1-3 years. We are enthusiastic about helping Maine architects pursue a path to Fellowship and hope to have a group of members apply in the next 1-3 years.

Strategic Planning: We have completed work on our strategic plan and have identified the following mission: AIA Maine supports architects and architecture through leadership, advocacy, fellowship, and design excellence.

In addition we have identified these strategic priorities for the next 18 months:

- a. Deepen relationships with current members
- b. Demonstrate to the public, potential partners, and clients the value of AIA architects
- c. Strengthen our legislative knowledge, voice, and clout
- d. Promote design excellence

COTE Lecture: On June 16th COTE will present, *The Living Building Challenge: Understanding and Responding to the Living Building Challenge* with Bruce Coldham, FAIA of Coldham & Hartman Architects. Mr. Coldham will discuss his work on the recently completed Bechtel Environmental Classroom at Smith College, the fifth building in the world to meet the Living Building Challenge.

The Living Building Challenge is the world's most demanding design and performance-based environmental building standard. The Challenge is comprised of seven performance categories called Petals: Place, Water, Energy, Health & Happiness, Materials, Equity and Beauty.

BSA

Advocacy / Civic Engagement

Overhaul Transportation series: Since 2013, BSA Space has played host to lectures, exhibitions and other programs focused on regional transportation concerns and solutions for the 21st century. Most recently, Ignazio Marino, Mayor of Rome, spoke about his initiatives to improve Rome's transport system by pedestrianizing the most historic archaeological sites in the city. Videos and recaps of his presentation and others can be found online at www.architects.org/overhaul. The Overhaul series is organized by the BSA, the Boston Foundation for Architecture, Boston's Green Ribbon Commission, and the Barr Foundation.

The summer issue of *ArchitectureBoston, Summer Reading*, will be published on June 15. Watch for your copy or read AB online at www.architectureboston.com.

Professional Service/Member value

Business of Architecture: Under the leadership of President Emily Grandstaff-Rice, the BSA this year is offering a series of programs exploring challenges and opportunities in the changing landscape of practice. The *RE:Architect* workshop in March, supported by Autodesk, engaged architects to imagine, design and create new models for their roles and profession. Last week featured a panel entitled *More than 140 Characters: architecture + social media*. Also, ABX 2014 will include a track focused on the Future of Practice. Thanks to Payette for their support of the Business of Architecture initiative.

Public Outreach

BSA/FFA collaboration: The boards of the BSA and its affiliated charitable organization, the Boston Foundation for Architecture, are developing a framework for more integrated operations, enabling the two organizations to more effectively meet their complementary missions.

BSA Space exhibitions: *Rights of Way: Mobility and the City* had a successful run this spring, and attracted web and other media attention. Next up is *Urban Timber*, opening on June 26. Learn more about BSA Space exhibitions and other programs at www.bsaspace.org.

Upcoming

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

ABX 2014

Don't forget that ABX will be held a few weeks earlier than usual this year – October 28-30. Registration will be open soon at www.abexpo.com.

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

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DESIGN & PEOPLE'S CHOICE 2014 AWARDS

Entry Deadline, both programs: July 31 (entry form not yet available)

People's Choice Submission Deadline: August 22

People's Choice Online Voting: September 8-30

Design Awards Submission Deadline: September 8

Jury Day: September 17

Design Award Jurors

Peter Gluck, FAIA

Sheila Kennedy, AIA

Andrea Leers, AIA

AIA CONNECTICUT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Day One – Details to be Announced

Day Two – October 22, 2014, Oakdale Theatre, 95 South Turnpike Road, Wallingford, CT

AIA Connecticut is pleased to announce that William B. Rose, Senior Research Architect, Illinois Sustainable Technology Center, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, will present an all-day program at the 2014 Annual Conference. Mr. Rose is a distinguished and sought after expert speaker on a range of topics from water and moisture to energy and historic preservation. He has worked on the Solomon Guggenheim Museum in New York City, for which he received the 2009 New York Landmarks Preservation Award for restoration work; Angkor Wat, Cambodia; the Louvre, Paris; and the National Gallery in Washington, DC.

The recipient of numerous awards, including the 2003 ASHRAE Annual Technical Achievement Award, the only architect ever to have been so honored, he is widely published and has been the featured speaker at the Getty Conservation Institute, the Harvard University Graduate School of Design, the Winterthur Museum, the International Conference on Research in Building Physics, and the University of Virginia.

Watch for more information and registration materials for the conference!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS OF INTEREST

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| June 17 | <i>Storm Water III: Regulations and voluntary Rating Systems</i>
1:00 - 4:00 pm |
| June 20 | <i>Thin Film Intumescent Coating Fire Protection</i>
12:30 – 2:00 pm |
| June 26 | <i>Challenges of Historic Preservation</i>
1:00 – 4:00 pm |
| July 18 | <i>Kitchen Ventilation by Design</i>
12:30 pm |
| July 22 | <i>New Models of Practice for the 21st Century</i>
8:00 am – 12:30 pm |

AIA Western Massachusetts

Our spring films series was very well attended – we had standing room only for our final film! We look forward to continuing this series in the fall.

Our final program for the spring is a tour and dinner at UMASS/Amherst featuring recent green building projects. This program includes tours of and presentations on three UMASS buildings built to LEED certification standards: the Integrated Learning Center Building and the Commonwealth Honors College Residential Complex (both facilities are targeting LEED silver) and the Hampshire Dining Commons, which is targeting LEED gold. While sampling the healthy

menu, visitors will also learn about the UMASS Permaculture Garden and sustainable dining practices. This program will take place June 25th.

Our EP group has been quite busy. They have presented two spring programs. In May, Kerry Dietz AIA, President of Dietz & Company Architects in Springfield, led a discussion about construction cost & cost estimates. Following the conversation, the group worked together on a core activity from the EPC, which earned 8 hours of core (aka: office equivalent) experience in the Construction Cost category. In April the EP group hosted a Mentor Night and Drawing Exercise with Bruce Coldham FAIA.

We have been working with AIA Massachusetts on the casino proposals under consideration by the Mass. Gaming Commission. On May 25th we facilitated a gathering of local architects to provide public comments on the Springfield Mass. proposal.

We were glad to attend a very helpful workshop on non-dues revenue at Grassroots and have committed ourselves to a sponsorship outreach campaign to launch this fall.

AIANH

AIANH has a Chapter Meeting tomorrow night, June 5, at the **Historic Castle in the Clouds** in Moultonborough, NH. This is a 1913-14 Arts and Crafts home that has been restored over the past few years. The tour will include some behind-the-scenes aspects and a presentation by John Merkle AIA of TMS Architects and Steve Bedard of Bedard Preservation & Restoration.

AIANH has held three Sessions of its **AIA+2030 Professional Series** and they are all going very well. It is an exciting program and we have great participation both in sponsorship and course participation.

SB209, the Good Sam law in NH, did not pass the House. We are disappointed but gearing up to do more advocacy and education before the 2015 legislative session when we hope to have it reintroduced and move through the process successfully.

A **Box City program** was held at Little Harbour School in Portsmouth.

We held a **joint meeting with the Keene State College Architecture Dept** on May 1. Our High School Design competition submissions were on view, awards distributed, and students and their families attended. This is a good opportunity for NH high school students to see the architecture studios at KSC and learn about the program, as well as talk with faculty and students currently enrolled.

AIAVT

Innovation Grant

- The Archistream fabrication was completed in May. The vehicle was towed up to Burlington where it made an appearance at our AIAVT/CSIVT "Design & Technology" conference on June 6. That evening it was towed to the Leahy ECHO Science Center where it will live as part of the KEVA Blocks exhibit through Labor Day. The project has been featured in the state's major weekly, *Seven Days*, on WCAX TV, and several minor print publications. Several underwriters have been secured.

Continuing Education Programs

- In the spring, we offered a well-attended panel discussion titled “Starting a Small Successful Architecture Practice.” An attorney, insurance specialist and several principals comprised the panel.
- Our AIAVT/CSIVT “Design & Technology” conference was offered on June 6. Nearly 120 individuals attended. Sessions topics included digital fabrication, 3-D printing, BIM technology, and designing for northern climates.

Public Policy

- We have developed a position paper advocating for a Statute of Repose in Vermont for design professionals. We’re in the process of drafting proposed legislation on the same subject.

Annual Retreat

- Our annual retreat was held mid-June. Much of the day was devoted to next steps for the Archistream—including developing a calendar of visits for the fall, ideas for a visible “resting place” for the winter (e.g., Montshire Museum), additional program ideas, how to transport the Airstream, additional insurance issues, etc., hiring of a coordinator.
- Other ideas that were discussed: discontinue newsletter and replace with blog, discontinue golf tournament and replace with disc golf, restructure executive committee/board.

EPN

- Our EPN design competition, focused on making libraries relevant in the future, enjoyed increased entrants as compared with last year and was completed in June.



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REPORT to AIANE

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AIA MA focuses on legislative and regulatory advocacy in Massachusetts for issues that have direct impact on the architectural profession.

The Government Affairs Committee meets monthly to track legislation.

Legislative Advocacy

The General Courts 2013 - 2014 legislative session is coming to an end.

Formal sessions will conclude on July 31.

AIA MA legislative priorities include::

- SB 795 - An Act protecting engineers, architects, environmental professionals, landscape architects, planners, land surveyors, licensed site professionals, and contractors who render voluntary services at the scene of a disaster or catastrophe (Good Samaritan) – **Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Judiciary**
- HB1859 - An Act promoting the planning and development of sustainable communities (Zoning Reform) - **Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government**
- SB883 - An Act relative to fair retainage payments in private construction - **Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development carrying HB1751**

There has been no change in status in any of the 140 bills being tracked or the six which are considered either “top tier” or “second tier” bills for AIA MA. The six bills are as follows:

- HB 2805 - An Act relative to the definition of fraud in public construction bid laws
- HB 2832 - An Act recognizing the profession of interior designers to bid on state contracts
- HB 3918 - An Act modernizing licensing operations at the Division of Professional Licensure
- HB 3811 - An Act relative to the State House architect
- SB 293 - An Act promoting the development of small house nursing homes in Massachusetts
- SB 1869 - An Act relative to the Architectural Access Board

Regulatory Action

AIA MA has been asked to participate on a number of state commissions/task forces each tasked with solving a particular problem related to the built environment.

1. **Commonwealth of Massachusetts Accelerated Energy Program** - Commissioner Carol Cornelison, *Chair*.

Purpose: The Accelerated Energy Program (AEP) was established in December 2011 to accelerate the implementation of energy and water projects across the Commonwealth and help the Commonwealth comply with Executive Order 484, Clean Energy and Efficient Buildings, signed by Governor Patrick in April 2007. The Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) is working with the



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Department of Energy Resources (DOER) and other partners to retrofit 700 sites encompassing more than 4,800 buildings throughout the Commonwealth in 700 days.

Progress to Date: No new progress to report.

2. Commonwealth Construction Law Working Group – Sec. Joann Goldstein and Commissioner Carol Cornelison, *Co-chairs*.

Purpose: Building on the Construction Reform Laws of 2004 the Construction Law Working Group of 2011 has the following shared goals: improve efficiency of administrative processes for entry into public construction; improve exclusion of “bad actors” from public construction projects; increase access and opportunities for small, minority, and women-owned businesses\workers; and tighten the gap between contract (bid) amounts and actual costs of public projects.

Progress: The last meeting of CLWG was November 2014. The agreed upon legislative package was never filed by DCAMM. This item will be removed from the next ED report.

3. MSBA/AIA Working Group to discuss Newtown shooting

Purpose: In April 2013 AIA MA was contacted by Matt Donovan, Chief Operating Officer of MSBA. MSBA was interested in convening a small group discussion on the topic of the Newtown shooting. The question was what, if any, response should MSBA have to this issue.

Progress: The Speaker’s gun-control bill was reviewed by MSBA and also sent to the BSA Educational Facilities Committee for their review. No impacts were identified that would affect the current processes used by MSBA. The Governor’s Task Force has meet approximately once a month since March, and looks to wrap up its work and file a final report in June. BSA Educational Facilities co-chairs Dave Finney and Tim Stanislawski presented to the Task Force in April.

4. Boston Survivors Accessibility Alliance – Dept. of Public Safety Commissioner Thomas Gatzunis

Purpose: DPS has established the Boston Survivors Accessibility Alliance (BSAA) to assist those who may need assistance with renovations to help transition to a new lifestyle. The focus of these services will be on home modifications; however, consideration may be given to modifications to businesses owned by the individual. These requests will be reviewed on a case by case basis. DPS is partnering with private and public individuals and groups in the building and construction industry to serve as the single point of contact, and a resource clearing house for services and goods which will be necessary to make these modifications. Modifications may include construction of ramps, widening doorways to accommodate wheelchairs, reconfiguring bathroom or kitchen space or other appropriate renovations.

The group will focus on assisting individuals in obtaining suitable design and construction services, sorting through permitting and approvals processes, and general guidance through what may otherwise be a daunting task. The hope is that these services will be donated and all fees waived.

Progress: Both design work and construction of home modifications continue. The BSA has reached out to designers in an attempt to try and get more general contractors and material suppliers to both participate and offer pro-bono service.

5. Base/Stretch Energy Code

Stakeholder meeting was held on April 30th. DOER has not formalized any proposals but shared some thoughts and public comments about what the next edition might contain:

Residential

- What will be the appropriate HERS level (IECC 2012 is 65, IECC 2015 will be 55)



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- IAQ – base requires mech. ventilation
- Stretch could also require outside air for heating ventilation

Public comments on Residential

- Avoid multiple update – maybe stretch should be on a 6-year cycle
- Coordinate with Energy Star
- Trade-offs for solar p.v. with HERS rating
- Improve IAQ – clear ventilation standards and sealed combine heating equipment
- Provide training

Commercial

- IECC 2012 – based almost entirely on stretch code prescriptive path for commercial buildings under 100,000 s.f.
- IECC 2012 – ASHRAE/LEED modeling is optional & compares design to 90.1/2010
- Stretch (2009) – ASHRAE/LEED modeling required above 100,000 s.f. or supermarkets, labs, over 400,000 s.f. – Based on older 90.1/2007

Public Comments on Commercial

- Align IECC 2015 with ASHRAE 90.1/2013
- Lower the 20% above baseline to 10/15% to reflect a higher base code
- Support combine heat and power (CHP)
- Support renewable energy integration
- Align with latest ASHRAE lighting standards

6. Casino Building and Site Design Update

Update: The Commission hired one firm to help with the review of the Building and Site Design Review portion of the application. Since that time, the MGC has narrowed the applicants down to one casino in Region “B” and two in Region “A”. In late April the MGC posted a request for public comments on the design proposals for Springfield, Everett and Revere.

AIA MA has met with the MGC and will organize a professional response for the Everett and Revere proposals. Due to time constraints AIA MA was not able to submit formal comments on the Springfield project, but was successful in organizing a group of design professional who live and work in the Springfield area to gather, review and submit comments.

7. Blended Building Code

Goal: Work with the Building Board of Regulations and Standards (BBRS) to ensure that instead of the current practice of taking the ICC’s base building code and adding Massachusetts “front-end” amendments to it, AIA MA will work to ensure that the upcoming 9th edition of the state building code is “blended”, meaning that all MA amendments are “blended” into ICC’s base IBC/IRC language.

Progress: The AIA MA lead coalition support letter was placed before the BBRS at their May 2014 meeting. The BBRS voted unanimously to support the letter. AIA MA will now begin working through the details of how the state can meet this “blended” outcome.