

Component Reports

AIANE Board Meeting, February 22, 2012

AIA Vermont

Response to Irene

- Responded to Hurricane Irene devastation by creating AIA member pro bono services web page
- Collaborated with Preservation Trust of Vermont and Efficiency Vermont to offer seminars about flood-proofing, flood mitigation, and energy efficiency improvements for buildings in flood zones.
- Organized radio call-in participation from Daniel Johnson, AIA immediate past president, on VPR show to discuss rebuilding Vermont after Irene

Public Policy

- Worked with legislators to pass Bill H.287, which requires AIAVT representation on the Building Code Study Group (BCSG). Helping to revise fire/building codes for clarity and use and more uniform application statewide.

Scholar Fund

- Held 4th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the Hanne N. Williams Scholar Fund; raised approx. 10K for scholarships
- Received approx. 5K in gifts in Hanne's memory

VT Design Awards

- Held very well-attended design awards gala in Waterbury, VT. AIACT put together a jury for us.

AIANE Conference Planning

- Key Facts: October 19-21, Hilton Hotel, Burlington
- Theme: "Design for Place"; Keynote: Patricia Patkeau, from Vancouver will be keynote and head juror.
- Save the date postcard to be emailed approx. 3/19 and mailed 4/13
- We'd like approval to pull all NE Chapters' mailing lists from Netforum for this event

Western Massachusetts

We ended the year with our Annual Meeting, Election of Officers and presentation of a student scholarship (partially funded by National). It was a festive event that included a presentation of member firm's work. Our upcoming programs include the restoration of the Lord Jeffery Inn in Amherst (complete renovation with an eye toward energy efficiency) and our film series. We will also be offering a program on Universal Design and on Maintaining LEED credentials. We will be sending two people to Grassroots (our president Jeremy Toal and President Elect, Chris Farley) who are both looking forward to engaging with the AIA New England delegation. One of our goals was to use profits from the AIA New England Conference to help fund a foundation. We are beginning to explore the mechanics of this. We have seen growth in emerging professionals in our area and are looking for ways to support them. We

just approved funding for ARE study materials and hope that this will be a benefit to our associate members (and perhaps encourage others to join!). WMAIA received a matching grant from National to help fund a course entitled "Architects as Leaders" at UMASS/Amherst. The course is being taught by former AIA NE President Kerry Dietz AIA. It's a full semester course geared toward students (for credit) and professionals (who were able to enroll at no cost). The goal is to incorporate it as a requirement in the M.Arch curriculum at UMASS. The pilot program has 12 students and 2 professionals enrolled.

AIA Maine report 2/22/12

Membership: 173 members have renewed to date (both Associate and Architect), 57 more to go to meet our goal.

Design Awards submissions are due this Friday February 24th. We have 71 registered entries. We have designed our own website to upload the entries, provide viewing and judging for the jury and then it will go live on our website for public viewing after the awards celebration. It is intended to provide ease of entry (no boards, no graphic design) and judging. Goal is to get 100 submissions at \$100 each, to mark 100th anniversary.

Recent and upcoming events:

AIA Maine co-sponsored its annual Design & Construction Legislative Breakfast February 14th with an excellent panel discussion on affordable housing. The president of the Maine Senate gave welcoming remarks.

The New England ADA Center is presenting a full day workshop on the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design in Augusta on February 29th.

For the March 1st COTE program, Matthew O'Malia, AIA of G•O LOGIC will give a tour of the The GO Home in Belfast, ME which is the first Passive House Certified Home in Maine and only the 12th in the United States.

Legislative Affairs:

The current legislative session is an "emergency" session with carry over bills and bills from the Governor's office and state agencies. At this time, there are two bills, which the Chapter will oppose. One is the Governor's bill regarding the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. AIA Maine will join other organizations such as the Natural Resources Council of Maine in opposing the bill on the premise that it demotes the importance of MUBEC implementation, moves it into the State Fire Marshal's Office and is part of decreasing support/staff for the Code Board to do its work. AIA Maine will also oppose a repeal of the Bonding authority of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority. If the bill passes, it will eliminate the Authority's ability to issue bonds or negotiable securities.

BSA

The BSA has much to report since our last meeting in Nov. 2011.

BSA Space

We departed our long-time home on Broad Street and moved to the new BSA Space at Atlantic Wharf in early December. The new public gallery is now featuring its inaugural exhibition, IN FORM, curated by the Boston design firm over, under. The gallery opening party on February 9 was a great success, with approximately 500 people in attendance. Learn more about our new home and upcoming exhibits and

programs at www.bsaspace.org.

Management changes

Executive Director Margaret Wigglesworth resigned her role at the BSA in late January to return to the commercial real estate sector. Ann Fienman and Eric White are now serving as Managing Directors, assisted by Robert Hoye FAIA in a consulting role.

Design Awards Gala

The BSA Design Awards Gala on January 26 was a sell-out, attended by 400 architects, clients, and professional collaborations to honor all the winners of 2011 BSA design awards. Top winners in each category received an award object, the Hobson, designed by Sarah Ingham of Shepley Bulfinch. See all the winners at awards.architects.org/2011.

ArchitectureBoston Expo (ABX)

We have a new name and a new larger location for annual conference and trade show. After 27 great years, the BuildBoston brand has been retired, but the BSA's annual trade show will continue as ABX, and will be held at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. This year's conference will be November 14-16. New Name, New Venue, same great experience.

Thanks to AIA RI

AIA Rhode Island played host to BSA board members on January 19, kicking their visit to Providence for a BSA board retreat. Everyone enjoyed seeing the AIA RI's storefront gallery, and discussing possibilities for future visits and collaborations.

UPCOMING

AIA+2030 workshop series

Beginning March 16, the BSA will offer this ten-part series of professional development courses which provides specific ways to make our built environment energy-efficient. Learn more and register at architects.org.

2012 Design Awards programs

Calls for entry for the 2012 programs are now available at architects.org/awards.

AIA Central MA:

Gave out three scholarships this year. Will now take a break for a few reasons. Thanks to National AIA for matching scholarship funds. Ellen Sturgis has taken a new job, and Central MA has now hired Deborah Harris as Programming Director.

Scheduled to work with Preservation Worcester to save the Clock Tower.

Had an annual meeting that was well attended. John Nunnari was the main speaker.

AIANH

AIANH had a good year with programs focused on sustainability and some on BIM, which were very well received. Also Had great program at Dartmouth with AIA Vermont in October.

First meeting this year was on Passivhaus and we oversold the venue.

Worked hard to keep membership active. For the second year holding dues down, running at a managed deficit for second year.

AIANH is getting close to releasing totally new website, more user friendly for those looking for architects and also for members.

Legislative: We are working on changing current law that took effect in December to require electrically monitored fire extinguisher cabinets.

State is re-evaluating registration boards trying to unite under one Director.

Continuing to work with our in-school education programs around the state. Trying to bump up volunteers.

AIACT:

AIA Connecticut continues to offer a broad selection of continuing education programs. All AIA members are welcome to attend at member pricing.

AIA Rhode Island members may be interested in attending our April 4 chapter meeting at the Slater Museum at Norwich Free Academy. Craig Saunders, AIA of Tecton Architects (formerly of DuBose Associates) will discuss the new entryway that bridges the Slater Museum and the school gymnasium. This project addressed multiple accessibility issues and dealt with challenges concerning maintaining the aesthetics of the original museum structure. In addition to a discussion about the design and construction of the new space, there will be a tour of the museum, which houses a wonderful collection of Americana as well as an extensive sculpture collection.

<http://aiact.org/membersite/events.php?Date=20120404>

The AIA Connecticut Golf / Tennis Outing is scheduled for May 22 at The Farms Country Club in Wallingford. The addition of tennis promises to add another dimension to this fun event. Please feel free to join us! <http://aiact.org/membersite/events.php?Date=20120522>

Next wed AIACT, with collaborators in the industry, will host 17th annual design and construction industry dinner. Getting ready to do a survey of member firms to look at what people are saying about current economic climate. If you've done something similar, please let them know.

If you have resume services for your firms how do you successively get info from those seeking employment. When people are not currently employed they are losing connection with AIACT and they are having trouble getting resumes. Still lots of unemployment in CT, but not hearing from those seeking work.

One April 30 CT architecture Foundation will hold joint fundraiser with Univ. of Hartford. Lecture and benefit dinner following. Proceeds will go between Foundation and U. of Hartford. David LeBoe Scholarship.

CT is changing their Golf Tournament to a golf and tennis outing.

AIA MA

Legislation: not anything particularly important. Right now stretch energy code became basis of 2012 ICC. By July have to have a new stretch energy code, and they are behind in developing. Thinking about ideas to approach fire marshal.

AIARI

AIARI is starting up gallery night again, March 15 exhibit is of their award winners.

Partnering with Pres. Society of Newport for lecture on March 3.

Partnering with Grow Smart.

Lending library is growing thanks to James Evrard; they are open on second Wednesday.

Have been working with USGBC and doing some things in their space. Also working with Roger Williams U, which is helping them archive materials.

Greg Spiess found their chapter annual yearbook from 1911, which is providing a lot of interesting information.