



AIA New England

A Regional Council of The American Institute of Architects

AIA NEW ENGLAND COMPONENT REPORTS

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AIA Rhode Island

The main focus over the last several months has been planning the AIA New England Conference. The committee has been working hard to put together an exciting program with topics that speak to the evolution of architecture in New England. Transformation is the conference theme featuring an architectural pub crawl, reception at TRAC builders' net-zero facility, tours of the downtown Providence and Newport, and keynote speaker, Bryan Bell Director of Design Corps. The Design Awards Program will be held in the Grand Portrait Gallery of the RISD Museum on Saturday night followed by Waterfire.

In addition to the AIANE Conference planning. The chapter continues its programming with AIA Rhode Island Emerging Professionals Committee and its ARE Seminar Series, Lunch and Learns and monthly Gallery Night exhibitions.

On September 18 AIARI will be participating once again in PARK(ing) Day. For one day city parking spaces are transformed into green spaces. AIARI and many of its firms will be creating some of these spaces so if you are in the city come and take a look!

Lastly we will begin planning our AIARI chapter Design Awards program that will take place on December 4, 2014.

AIA New Hampshire

1. AIANH continues its AIA+2030 Series with Session V on August 21. Response has been excellent and attendees remain enthusiastic.
2. AIANH is working on its 2014-2015 Learning by Design Programs. The Education Committee is nearing completion of a new logo for the program and has picked up a couple of new members.
3. We will hold a joint meeting with the Granite State Architects on September 4 at The Fells in Newbury, NH. This is the estate of John Milton Hay who was the private secretary to Abraham Lincoln.
4. Our NH AEER Task Force is preparing a presentation for the NH Municipal Association fall conference on community preparedness and resiliency. The group has developed talking points for the Good Sam legislation, which failed last year, and we are working hard to get it back on the docket and passed in 2015. They are also finding key

legislators and planning to try to meet with them. We are near completion of an MOA with the state Homeland Security and Emergency Management system.

5. AIANH and the NH Architecture Foundation awarded three scholarships at our June Chapter meeting to students from Wentworth Institute of Technology and Virginia Tech.
6. Our 2015 Awards program is underway.
7. Our October meeting will be at Smuttynose Brewery in Hampton.

AIA Vermont

AIA Vermont's Airstream is moving around and will be at ABX in October.

AIA Maine

Maine Boats Homes & Harbors Show: We created an interactive video display booth for our AIA Maine members at the August 8-10, Maine Boats Homes & Harbors Show. The booth allowed for participating members to display their work on an interactive touch screen television screen.

Strategic Planning: We are continuing our strategic planning efforts by having the President and the Executive Director meet with the Chairs of each of our Committees to help them define their goals for the next year as they relate to our strategic plan. In this effort, we are creating a master calendar for all AIA Maine Events for 2016.

Executive Committee: Our Executive Committee will be meeting on September 3rd to develop the budget for 2016.

Nominating Committee: Our Nominating Committee will meet on September 3rd to discuss new potential board and committee members for 2016.

Fellows: We have one member who will be pursuing Fellowship this year. We will vote as a board to recommend this member at our September Board Meeting.

COTE Lecture: On June 16th COTE presented, *The Living Building Challenge: Understanding and Responding to the Living Building Challenge* with Bruce Coldham, FAIA of Coldham & Hartman Architects.

AIA Western MA

Our final program for the spring was 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. It was an impressive look at the sustainability efforts at many levels at the University's flagship campus...and the dinner in the dining commons was delicious!

Our EP group has been quite busy. They have organized several programs and have an ambitious fall scheduled that is somewhat dependent on a College of Fellows grant we submitted. In the meantime, they recently had a social event with EPs from southern Vermont. We are very

pleased to announce that Jason Newman Associate AIA, one of our IDP coordinators, was awarded one of the Jason Pettigrew Scholarships for the ARE exams.

This summer our executive director Lorin Starr and president Chris Farley AIA, took a road trip to visit with new, old and prospective members in Berkshire County. It was a very good trip and a wonderful opportunity to meet with people in small groups (they made three stops throughout the county). We highly recommend this type of member outreach!

Looking ahead to the fall...in September we are offering a tour of the new addition/renovation to the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown. This project has been getting a lot of press and we are excited to be able to offer our members a special tour of the project. In October we will be offering a full-day workshop on LED and daylighting. This should be a great program and we are happy to open it up to members of the other New England chapters...more info in early September. Our film series resumes with four screenings in October and November. Our annual meeting in December will be the presentation of our Design Awards. This year we are teaming up with the Western Massachusetts Chapter of the Boston Society of Landscape Architects. We are working with AIANH – thanks to Carolyn! – to assemble a jury in New Hampshire.

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 CONFERENCE - a two day event. Register online at aiact.org

October 8, 2014

Bijou Theatre

275 Fairfield Avenue

Bridgeport, CT

Earn 5 CEU

Our keynote speaker is a distinguished expert in the field of Building Performance. William Rose, Senior Research Architect at the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center, University of Illinois, is a renowned expert on historic preservation, energy, moisture and water. He has consulted on projects such as the Guggenheim Museum, Angkor Wat, the Louvre, and the National Gallery in Washington DC.

October 22, 2014

Oakdale Theatre

95 South Turnpike Road

Wallingford, CT

Earn 6 CEU

Visit with over 45 sponsors, many of whom will be participating for the first time. Attendees will visit the sponsors' booths and then choose from a wide variety of continuing education programs. Enjoy a light breakfast, lunch and gelato!

AIA New England Conference: AIA Connecticut is publicizing the AIA New England Conference.

BSA

Advocacy/Civic Engagement

Sustainability Public Policy Forum – In June, the BSA Committee for the Advancement of Sustainability, along with AIA MA and USGBC MA, hosted this half-day event showcasing community strategies for sustainably development around the Commonwealth.

Charrettes – Several design workshops and charrettes issues of public interest are currently in the works. September will see a multi-day urban design workshop focused on the Beacon Yards area in Boston’s Allston/Brighton neighborhoods. At ABX in October, we’ll host a “Living with Water” charrette addressing sea level rise, in collaboration with The Boston Harbor Association.

The next issue of **ArchitectureBoston**, *The Body*, will be available mid-September. Watch for your copy or read AB online at www.architectureboston.com.

Professional Service/Member Value

Codes Workshops – We recently hosted a series of codes workshops to keep members up-to-date and help them earn continuing education credits in time for state license renewals.

Working Abroad workshop – AIA national staff brought this workshop to BSA with assistance from our Global Practice Network. The program included designers with overseas experience, as well as resource speakers from the U.S. Dept. of Commerce and the Small Business Administration.

Public Outreach

BSA Space – The current exhibition, *Urban Timber*, will be on display through September, with related gallery tours and public and professional programs ongoing. It has also received media attention in the Boston Globe and elsewhere.

Learn more about BSA Space exhibitions and programs at www.bsaspace.org.

UPCOMING

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

College Fair – The annual Architecture and Design College Fair will take place on October 4 at Wentworth Institute of Technology. Learn more and register at www.architects.org/collegefair.

ABX 2014 – ABX is coming soon - October 28-30. The attendee brochure will be in mailboxes right after Labor Day, and registration is now open at www.abexpo.com.



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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 formal legislative session ended on July 31, 2014.

Informal sessions will continue through December.

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) – **The Good Samaritan bill was approved and signed. AIA MA will contact Under Secretary Schwartz to determine a process for contacting architects during disasters.**
- HB1859 - An Act promoting the planning and development of sustainable communities (Zoning Reform) – **The Zoning Reform bill did not pass, in part due to objection from the Greater Boston Real Estate Board and the MA Association of Realtors. The Smart Growth Alliance will hold a policy meeting in September to prepare for the next legislative session when a similar bill is expected to be filed.**
- SB883 - An Act relative to fair retainage payments in private construction – **August 10, the deadline for the Governor to sign or amend this bill, passed without action.**
- HB 2832 - An Act recognizing the profession of interior designers to bid on state contracts – **was enacted in the House on August 5. The Senate may act on it in informal session.**
- HB 3811 - An Act relative to the State House architect – **No action this session.**
- SB 2157 / 2215 – An Act to regulate smoke detectors and sprinklers – **No action this session.**

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.

Casino Building and Site Design Update

Update:

AIA MA met in June with the MGC and organized a professional response for the Everett and Revere proposals. A group of design professional who live and work in the Springfield area gathered, reviewed and submitted comments on the Springfield proposal in May. The press picked up the AIA MA response and interviewed John Nunnari, Executive Director of AIA MA, recently as noted in the attached link:

<http://boston.cbslocal.com/2014/08/11/keller-large-architects-grade-boston-area-casino-proposals/>



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A member of AIA MA, Russ Feldman, commented “...I think our role here is something we should be proud of....It might also stimulate a useful discussion at our next AIA MA meeting about managing media and the public nature of our work when we’re involved in potentially controversial development issues.”

Election Season

AIA MA hosted candidates for State Treasurer at several Government Affairs (GAC) meetings: Barry Finegold, Deb Goldberg, and Tom Conroy.

In July, Charlie Baker, Republican candidate for Governor, visited the BSA Space to discuss construction reform regulatory restructuring, and sustainability and resiliency, and transportation with members of the GAC. Tax Reduction for energy efficiency in buildings D179 was also discussed.

The GAC offered to be a resource on issues important to the architectural profession and building industry to each of these candidates as they prepare for the September primary and the November general election.