



AIA New England

A Regional Council of The American Institute of Architects

AIANE Regional Quarterly Board Meeting

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August 20, 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)
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
Elise Woodward AIA	President, AIA MA
Emily Grandstaff-Rice AIA	President, BSA
Shannon Alther AIA	President, AIANH
Jeannette Schram	Exec. Director, AIAME
Sho-Ping Chin FAIA	Regional Director
John Nunnari Assoc. AIA	Exec. Director, AIAMA
Jeremy Toal AIA	AIAWM rep. to the AIANE Board
Jen Zolkos	Exec. Director, AIARI

1. President called the meeting to order at 12:02. Introductions.
2. Minutes June 4 meeting were reviewed. Moved to accept by Emily, seconded by Vada. Approved.

3. President's Report

Next year's meeting dates were set and will be confirmed by Ann.

Wednesday, February 18

Wednesday, April 29

Wednesday, August 19

Wednesday, November 18 at ABX

Annual Conference TBD (host AIACT)

Martha has researched other region's mission statements. Most don't have one and several just reiterate the AIA national mission statement. The Board reviewed several of the statements. She will continue to research.

Diane suggests that we are careful not to conflict with other regional mission statements.
Ann: makes most sense to compare to other multi-state regionals, not sole-state regions like NY, CA.
There are 11 multi-state regions.
We need to determine what our mission should be within the new AIA structure.
Elise: how does region differentiate its mission from the components involved?
A Mission statement subcommittee was formed to include: Diantha, Martha, Diane, and Jeremy
Peter suggested looking at the Weave page on the AIA website where several components have posted their Weave exercise to create strategic and operational plans:
<http://www.aia.org/about/initiatives/strategicplan/AIAB086438>. There are mission statements there.

4. Nominating Committee

Emily nominated a slate of officers, to be voted on at the Annual Conference. They are:

President: Diantha Korzun AIA

VP-Pres.-Elect: Judy Johnson AIA

Treasurer: Vada Seccareccia Assoc. AIA

The most recent AIANE bylaws stated that officers need to be licensed architects. This conflicts with the AIA bylaws, which allows Associate members to hold Board offices (Section 2.233).

AIANE Bylaws allow the AIANE board to make amendments to the bylaws without action by a meeting of AIANE when necessary for conformity with Institute bylaws (Section 910.2.1).

Therefore, Derek moved we change the bylaws to allow Associates to be officers, in accordance with the Institute bylaws. Emily seconded. Discussion. Unanimously approved.

CT will send in their nomination for Regional Director next week. (AIACT has nominated Richard T. Connell, AIA as the 2015-2017 representative to the National Strategic Council from AIA New England). This position is voted on a year prior to the beginning of the term to allow time to confer with current Directors.

CI will send out notice of elections and annual meetings to the NE Components.

4. National Directors Report

Sho-Ping reiterated Michal Hoffman's email comments: "Regional representation within the Council will continue on as currently organized within the Board. The actual distribution of representatives may change due to architectural demographic shifts in the future but for now there is enough on the plate so we should go ahead with the election of a director-in-waiting (or whatever the term should be).

Sho-Ping discussed the currently proposed structure and roles, but it won't be until the Sept Board meeting where working groups are scheduled to lay out various options on Rules and Structure that more detail will be available on how the governance and director roles will play out. There should be a strong emphasis on strategic thinking and planning and the Strategic Council will be part of evolving the next iteration of AIA governance and leadership.

There was some discussion of the Culture Collective and a somewhat changing structure. Sho-Ping noted that during this transitional period there are a lot of complex issues to figure out and some confusion will occur along the way. She feels it will all come together at the Sept. meeting.

Discussion ensued on how BSA is represented on the National level during the time that CT fills that Regional Directorship. A fact-finding group may be established depending on how the Strategic Council shakes out. This will also be part of our discussion in determining the role of AIA New England.

5. Annual meeting

Vada reported on the upcoming Regional Conference and Awards. Registration is open and RI has put together some excellent programming. Go to: <http://www.aia-ri.org/>
She asked that we all put this on our calendars.
They received 223 Design Awards entries. The jury is September 6.

6. RAD

Derek asked if it would be possible to set aside space for a meeting of Associate Directors from the NE states at the Regional Conference. Vada and Jennifer will make that happen.
Derek reported that a lot of the NAC initiatives are delayed a bit. They were looking at a merger of RAD and YAF, but he believes it will not happen soon. Derek encourages AIA New England to think about how we pick people to represent these groups and is not sure that a rotation from among our components is necessary.

The Board reviewed the RAD applications (Matt Lawton and Katie Wetherbee). Both candidates have been very active and have a strong understanding of the benefits of AIA membership and the responsibility this role has toward Associate members. A hand vote was taken and Katie Wetherbee was selected to be the 2015-2016 RAD. Martha will contact both candidates.

7. YARD

There were two candidates for the YARD position: Elizabeth Cox and Nathan Stolarz. Again, they were both strong candidates. A hand vote was taken and Elizabeth Cox was selected. Martha will contact both candidates.

8. COF

Peter did not have any major updates. There is a movement to have state representatives vs. regional reps. He referred us to his and Dick's June report.

9. Small Firm Roundtable

Two applications were reviewed for the Small Firm Roundtable representative's position: Stephen Kredell and Kristian Whitsett. A hand voted elected Stephen Kredell. Martha will contact both candidates.

10. Budget Committee

Ann, Martha, and Judy revisited Michael Hoffman's spreadsheets from 2012 looking at future budget options for AIANE. Some of the assumptions made in 2012 did not occur. For instance, the estimate of increased membership of 3-5.85% is more around 0-1%. So none of the 2012 proposals work.

The committee's recommendations are to emphasize Grassroots over Convention and to increase the fee given to AIA New England from the hosting component of the Regional Conference. They handed out several scenarios as well.

To get through the coming year the Board voted to raise dues for 2015 to \$3.00 for AIA members and \$1.50 for Associate and International members. Moved by Martha, seconded by Elise. Unanimously approved.

There was also some discussion on the format of the Regional Conference, its goal, and whether or not we could produce it in a more communal way. The Mission Statement work should help in making these decisions.

Diantha and Carolyn will also participate in future Budget Committee Discussions. The committee will work on the 2015 budget to present at the October meeting at ABX. Derek indicated that the line item for the RAD Shadow could be dropped.

It was also suggested that the October meeting should give the bulk of time to discussion of the AIANE Mission, Conference Goals and production.

11. Financial report.

The August Financial Report was accepted.

12. Component reports

See separate report.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Next meeting, October 29, 2014, noon, at ABX