



AIA New England

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AIA Rhode Island

The AIA Committee on Design will be holding its annual conference in Oslo Norway and Providence, RI in fall of 2015.

Current President Vada Seccareccia, President-Elect Stephanie Zurek , Jen Zolkos and AIARI Board Member and RISD faculty member James Barnes met with Jim Childress who heads the committee to begin identifying speakers, venues and tours of local architecture. They are looking at the end of September as a target date.

The AIARI Design Awards call for entries has gone out and planning has begun for our Annual Design Awards Celebration. This year the event will be held at Hope& Main, RI's first food business incubator. The building was designed by AIARI member Greg Spiess and built by Allied Member TRAC Builders. The event will honor the winners, newly registered architects and the 2014 Scholarship winners.

AIA New Hampshire

1. AIANH continues its AIA2030 Series with Session 8 coming up on November 20,2014.
2. Response has been very positive and continues to be a well-attended series.
3. AIANH Board Retreat in October was very successful and a large amount of the discussions were centered on maintaining AIA2030 quality events in 2015.
4. Joint meeting with AIAVT was a great event at King Arthur Flour.
5. 2015 Awards program is in process and submission deadline was October 16th. Jury tomorrow at BSA with architects and teachers from BAC. Awards Banquet Jan. 23.
6. Upcoming event on November 6th at St. Mary's bank in Manchester NH.
7. We are jurying AIA WMA awards, Nov. 6
8. November 13 the NH AEER Task force has a meeting in Manchester NH to review the roles
9. architects and engineers play in disaster assistance and how these groups can work toward getting proper legislation passed.
10. HS Design Comp has been distributed. Now see earlier winners going to architecture school coming back for scholarships, etc.

AIA Vermont

AIAVT is grateful to have their Airstream at ABX. They held their golf tournament in September. It has been going very well, and they are earning money for their scholarship program. Now offering scholarships to HS students as well.

AIA Maine

Maine is working on their 2015 budget and holding an IDP program on November 6. Rob Tillitson will be the 2015 president.

AIA Western MA

In September we are offered a tour of the new addition/renovation to the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown. The program filled very quickly – it's a fantastic building – visit if you can! In October we offered a full-day workshop on LED and daylighting with speakers Naomi Miller and Bruce Coldham FAIA. Our film series resumed a few weeks ago with four screenings in October and November. The first two films have been well attended. Our annual meeting in December will be the presentation of our Design Awards, scholarships and honorary memberships. This year we are teaming up with the Western Massachusetts Chapter of the Boston Society of Landscape Architects. The submissions are in and we meet with our New Hampshire jury next week. The annual meeting will be held at the Unitarian Meetinghouse in Amherst – a recent renovation/addition by Kuhn Riddle Architects.

We are pleased to report that we were the recipients of a College of Fellows EP Grant in the amount of \$3600 to fund "Connecting to Craft," a series of four workshops for architecture professionals to engage with skilled subcontractors in specific trades. The workshops are designed to help drafting and field architects establish greater understanding of materials, assembly details and standards assemblies by placing them in direct conversation with the people who build and install on the job site. The workshops will cover window and curtain wall assemblies, steel fabrication, framing and finish carpentry, and custom architectural woodwork. All workshops will be held in trade shop settings or on job sites in the Pioneer Valley. Workshop 1 is: Principles and Processes of Window and Curtain Wall Assemblies. Credit for the grant goes to our EP Coordinator Dorrie Brooks, Associate AIA.

Looking ahead, we are working with our local regional planning commission on a Smart Growth awards program for 2015.

Finally, we are continuing to develop a sponsor/affiliate outreach program that we hope to launch by the beginning of November.

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AIA Connecticut

AIAC experienced the loss of a very active and well-loved member so were unable to be present at the meeting today.

BSA

ABX is happening! CanStruction is happening at the BSA Space. Tom Love will be their next board president. The BSA is engaging in more civic activities and involved in Boston development issues.