

AIANE Regional Quarterly Board Meeting BSA, Boston, MA

April 29, 2015
Noon

Present:

Martha Montgomery AIA	AIANE Past President (WMA)
Judy Johnson AIA	President-Elect, AIANE; President, AIAME
Diantha Korzun AIA	President, AIANE (VT)
Carolyn Isaak, Hon. AIANH	Exec. Director AIANH and AIANE
Vada Seccareccia, Assoc. AIA	Treasurer AIANE (RI)
Jeannette Schram	Exec. Director, AIAME
Jen Zolkos	Exec. Director, AIARI
Katie Wetherbee Assoc. AIA	RAD 2015-2016 (ME)
Michael Hoffmann AIA	NE Regional Director (VT)
Diane Jones	Executive Vice President, IAICT
Elizabeth Cox AIA	YARD (BSA)
Eric White	Executive Director, BSA
Steve Kredell AIA	Small Firm Roundtable NE Rep (VT)
Phil Cerrone AIA	President, IAICT
Lisa Rovner AIA	President, IAIVT

1. President's Report

Diantha K called the meeting to order at 12:08.

Grassroots was eventful. With the snow some meetings with federal reps didn't happen.

Diantha moved acceptance of February minutes. John N seconded. Approved.

Last meeting we had lengthy discussion on AIANE and what our mission is. A new mission statement was created last fall. Diantha and Vada have taken those suggestions from the February meeting and worked on the "value" of AIANE. Diantha asked us to look at language of "Values" and send comments to her. She'd like to present for a vote at the next meeting.

DJ asked if this would be on the website (yes) and questioned if collaborative efforts should be named or left more open.

Discussion moved on to the NE Design Awards. This year CT has slimmed down the conference to a great speaker and the awards banquet vs a full conference. Running a full conference is a financial and volunteer drain. Do we want to change the model for running the design awards? There are maybe several ways to do that.

Diantha asked that we go back to our components and ask about what each thinks about AIANE Design Awards and Conference. Diane said CFE was very little changed from past 7 years. Added small project categories as new category.

Eric suggested a subgroup to study NE Design Awards and Conference. How should AIANE be involved in some way? How should it be standardized and how can that be accomplished?

Phil Cerrone, Eric White, Diantha, Judy, Vada volunteered to look at these issues.

Values in line with the budget? What is best way to accomplish goals and mission of organization and what are the resources needed to do so?

Should also look at bylaws to clean up language to be in line with new National AIA governance. Changes have to be voted on at annual meeting. Vada and Diantha will do that and present at next board meeting.

Judy suggested this should be run through our component boards before making a decision.

Overall, having some continuity year to year is helpful.

National Directors Report:

Rich Connell has started his term due to the resignation of Sho-Ping due to health issues. Rich thanked us for the opportunity. He's leapt in and learned about strategic council and has participated in a couple of phone/web sessions. Next session comes Monday of Convention week.

CONVENTION:

Michael: **Delegate book review.** If you have not done this before, the first thing is to get credentials validated. Go hear the candidate speeches. Then go to the caucus. They are not as rehearsed; that's where elections are won and lost. If you have specific questions you'd like them to address, submit them at the caucus. Then vote, Attend business meeting Sat. am. You have to be there early, as they stop distributing the electronic voting keypads. They do a check at beginning of meeting and after that do not distribute more. If you're not there in time you'll lose your vote. Be sure to return keypad at end of meeting.

Michael noted concern about communication between board and strategic council.

Amendment 15_A Bylaws.

This allows State Chapters to create sub-sections. Chapters have to have 100 members. It addresses some quirkiness of AIA structure. Lorin says she's asked National for written statement of difference between chapters and sections. Michael says sections don't have their own financial entity. Lorin and Diane asked that our regional reps put some pressure on National for definition. If National is asking a chapter to determine if they are a section vs chapter they have to have guidelines for each of those.

John N. also asked for more definition of words "chapter" and "component."

Chapters with less of 100 members are grandfathered in. States can also be a Chapter even if have less than 100 members.

Diane: Member Services Resource Task Force. We are all going to have to provide minimal member services and prove to National that we are doing so. Some very small chapters might have difficulty meeting core services. If they cannot, they may wish to consider becoming a section instead of a chapter.

Resolutions

Equity in Architecture: Architecture as a profession is overwhelmingly white, male, and over 50. CA resolution is saying if diversity matters, let's push it. This is a positive resolution.

Graduate Membership Dues: 15-2

Easing the burden on newly licensed architects by graduating dues. Is asking AIA to pursue this. Conor mentioned that BSA has done this for years and they are trying to actually simplify and remove the graduated dues.

Emeritus Membership: Lower from 70 to 65. But must be fully retired.
Discussion ensued about the back and forth on this....

15-4

Asking for vote counts to be published. Resolutions are shown, but voting for National officers are only announced without actual votes. Asking for publishing of results by component. Downside of this is that this is potentially divisive. You can make amendments, so option might be to strike the word "component."

Minimum standards for membership renewal: 15-5. AIA should check members to make sure they have kept up their license.

15-6

Conspiracy theorist: Daniel Barnum FAIA and 50 members of the institute. AIA does not think this is something it should weigh in on.

Public Sector Architects: our membership is individual, this would create a corporate or institutional category. AIA is working through the issue and find way to make it happen.

Candidates:

Stuart Coppedge, Treasurer, running unopposed.

At Large Directors (3):

All smart and understand AIA. Were on old board.

Jane Frederick, FAIA; view from professional outward; is a big tent thinker. Represents rural state and small practitioners.

Haley a mover and shaker within Associates, strong and effective voice for EPN

Tony Schirripa is a strong voice, is more of a brand protector.

Jerry Eben. Not sure he recommends a NY and a NJ director.

Jennifer Workman is a young architect.

First VP

Don Brown, ran last year. Very good speaker.

Stephen Fiskum from Minneapolis, principal at fairly large firm. Leading Strategic Effort on Council, more of a policy type person.

Tom Vonier, key in establishing international chapter. Brings a global perspective. Is a key in advocacy. Very personable.

Key for leaders to chart a broader, less internalized vision of AIA. Reenergize all of our outreach issues.

Annual Meeting & Design Awards:

CFE is ready. Entry Deadline is September 11. Submission deadline September 25.

Dinner October 30

RAD:

Katie and Elizabeth had a conference call with Emerging Professional directors of New England. Talked about idea of getting together physically to meet. They were all receptive to that. Hopefully will meet this summer in Boston. If local components can fund their travel that would be huge. Please inform your Associate Directors, EPN leaders that this is coming.

YARD:

Looking at leadership programs from each component about what they've done in the past to create database of programs for reference to others. Doing this nationally as well.

Attending the Convention where there will be several YA programs.

Small Firm Roundtable:

The Small Firm Roundtable is the collective voice of small firms throughout the country. 25 architects meet by phone several times a year, once a year in person. Advocacy, local component roundtables, practice, and leadership are their foci. They started Architects APP (architects professional primer) number of years ago and its ready to be launched. Not as cumbersome as the manual of professional practice. Lots of articles about starting a practice or running a small practice. There is an APP, but can also do through the website. The layout is very cool. It's a good prototype for other things AIA could be doing. There is a small firm track at Convention.

52% of AIA members work in firms between 1-5 people; 75% in firms of 20 or less.

Chapter Reports: see separate document

New Business:

MA is not changing licensing procedure.

They are looking for way to come up to speed, but staying the same for now.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Submitted by Carolyn Isaak, Executive Director