

AIANE Regional Quarterly Board Meeting S/L/A/M, Glastonbury, CT

October 30, 2015
Noon

Present:

Judy Johnson AIA	President-Elect, AIANE; President, AIAME
Diantha Korzun AIA	President, AIANE (VT)
Carolyn Isaak, Hon. AIANH	Exec. Director AIANH and AIANE
Jeannette Schram	Exec. Director, AIAME
Jen Zolkos	Exec. Director, AIARI
Katie Wetherbee Assoc. AIA	RAD 2015-2016 (ME)
Michael Hoffmann AIA	NE Regional Representative (VT)
Diane Jones	Executive, AIACT
Vada Seccareccia, Assoc. AIA	Treasurer AIANE (RI)
Martha Montgomery AIA	Past President, AIANE (WMA)
Lorin Starr	Executive Director, AIA WMA
Phil Cerrone AIA	President, AIACT
Rich Connell AIA	NE Regional Representative (CT)
Lisa Rovner AIA	President, AIAVT
Eric White	Executive Director, BSA
Conor MacDonald	BSA
Kritish Whitsett	AIA Western MA
Tim Brewer AIA	President-Elect, AIACT

1. President's Report

Diantha K called the meeting to order at 12:06 PM. Introductions.

Approval of minutes. Michael H moved. Phil seconded. Approved.

Diantha thanked everyone for a good year. We revisited who we are as AIA New England. It has been helpful, but has taken up a lot of time. She commended everyone for their patience. As we go into next year with Judy's leadership, we'll be working on role of ED, as Carolyn is stepping down Dec. 31, 2016.

Ex Com met on the side to discuss budget, etc. The ED's met in September. Talked about role of Ed, etc.

Financials:

2016 Budget review. 10-year projection. Assuming 1% a year membership increase. Also assume budget needs to increase 1% a year. Shows \$3 dues in perpetuity on bottom of the form. Eric poses question if a ½ year operating expense for reserve is necessary. We should review again. Diane asked if 1% membership growth is accounting for future off years. That is one reason for reserves.

Diantha talked to RAD and YARD. We did cut those areas due to fact that National sometimes contributes, though it is hard to know what will happen year to year.

Martha moved. Rob seconded. 2016 Budget approved.

We continue to look at AIANE structure. Will put together search committee for ED after we define that role.

National Directors Report

Rich: Strategic Council meets periodically, but most is done by webinar. Since September push has been on the strategic plan. Dec. governance week is when new members go through orientation.

Phil: the Strategic Plan is aiming up to 2030. Review of mission and goals.

Michael will send copy to Carolyn to distribute.

Big push on workforce and prosperity. Need to look at next generation of architects, those in school and emerging professionals.

Rich: we continue to struggle between board and strategic council about what is discussed on the board level.

Strategic Council needs to know more about where the budget is. As council goes forward there will be more active engagement by the council with the numbers.

Strategic plan has been adopted by the Board.

Not clear how active component level and strategic plan fit together. Michael sees a lack of accountability happening. Job of Strategic Council is to be voice of the membership to push on the board for transparency.

MH served on Board and on Council. As board member he's sure they are happy with the new arrangement. They are not as tied to a constituency. As a council member, communications are now more difficult; there is another level between board and membership. Looking forward, would should be a strategic goal of AIANE to get a member on the Board. This is a political situation, and requires advance planning; should we create a committee to work on this? There will be one election per year from the strategic council. One person coming up a year. Council elects their own person (doesn't even have to be on the strategic council). So council members have to network. At large members voted on at convention, you have to build alliances with large states. Board can be more insular. Great bulk of Council are former regional directors from previous board. Will next group coming from strategic council be influenced by what committees they've been involved in. Strategic plan is constantly on their plate. Committees help inform that, but it's still a little ungainly.

AIANE structure.....

Does board want to keep current status or become a caucus? Do we set up a work group?

Vada: if we dissolve, it would be a big job to come back.

Only two regions have this set up....NW and New England.

Do need to revisit responsibilities of ED.

Early next year we should determine future roles and responsibilities of ED.

Caucus is not 501 c status. Meets annually couple of times a year. No officers. No fess, no reimbursements. If we moved to caucus structure would have a moderator, host would solicit

interest for agenda items, minutes not required. A little looser. AIANE has no voting power at the National level as far as National is concerned we are a caucus.

Would we foresee any issue if we were not 501 c 6.

Vada, we should look at other regions and see how they operate. People want to take a moment to think about it so not vote today.

Huge transition at National right now that is impacting our communications and we should be aware of that when thinking about the role of this group.

Advocacy? Would we be giving up something we might want to do in the future?

Should we let AIA National governance settle before looking at our structure?

What are benefits and risks on both sides. Eric will lead small committee to investigate.

Oversight?

\$1000-2500 for DO.

Go ahead and get the DO. Dianthan moved. Lisa seconded. Approved.

Eric head committee to look at caucus structure vs 501 c 6: Judy, Diantha, Vada, Carolyn.

AIANE Regional Associate Director Report

Katie has been reviewing her position. She's learning as she's going. One of goals is to develop a binder/transition plan for next RAD. Also reaching out to other associate directors in the region who are doing good work. One of hard things in NE is that many components can support both AD and YA, but have one EPN director.

College of Fellows:

Peter. Fellows dinner for both CT and BSA. Thinking about public outreach. Also want to promote Fellows to be active in BSA and state chapters. On National level three initiatives: Fellows college is reorganizing and rebranding. They are thinking about making board larger. They are working on redefining Fellowship away from an award for a long career. Trying to get more diversity and Fellows for current work, not just waiting for end of career. Also under discussion: Mentoring, Fellows Advancement, Community Leadership

Chapter Reports: see separate documents

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Submitted by Carolyn Isaak, Executive Director

We then moved onto the AIANE Annual Meeting. *See below*

Annual Meeting & Design Awards:

Introductions

Bylaw changes: Mission statement

We starting reviewing in 2014 and finalized statement in 2015.

Peter moved. Judy seconded to accept new missions statement. Phil moved to approve with with the change of deleted "local chapters in the six New England states," and replacing it with "state and local components. Peter seconded.

Approved.

It now reads:

1.2.1 AIA New England, a regional component of the American Institute of Architects, provides effective engagement with the National organization, enables regional leadership development, and supports shared interests and benefits among the state and local components.

Voting:

Voted for officer slate. Rob moved. Phil seconded. Approved.

Slate of Officers:

President: Judy Johnson AIA (ME)

President Elect: Vada Seccareccia Assoc. AIA (RI)

Sec/Treasurer: Alan Logocki AIA (RI)

Immediate Past President: Diantha Korzun AIA (VT)

Strategic Council:

Rob moved. Vada seconded. Approved

Strategic Council Representative

2017-2019: Judy Johnson AIA (ME)