



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 AIA National Board came to Providence for their meeting in September. We attended a dinner at the Providence Art Club where we were had the chance to meet with the members of the board and the council.

October brought the AIA Committee on Design to Providence. Members of the AIARI Board worked with their committee chair to identify buildings and sites that would be of interest to the group. In addition they planned a Pechakucha event featuring local architects and designers.

We have partnered with Tremco and RWU to plan several sustainability focused lectures starting with our Summer Expo. The next lecture, Design Earth, is taking place on November 7, 2015 at RWU

The AIARI Call for Entries for the annual design awards went out. Members of AIA Minneapolis will make up the jury. We will be hosting our Annual Meeting and Awards Celebration on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at the Providence Public Library.

AIA Vermont

Golf Tournament

- Had very successful event in Sept – 25 teams, approx. 15K net to add to our scholar's fund
- We added a H.S. scholarship award category this year to seniors accepted into architecture programs – gave out three.

Archistream

- The Archistream made its final stop in Rutland at an Art Festival.
- We're working with a dealer of vintage Airstreams to sell her; Carol brought "for sale" flyers to CACE and though a few Chapters stated interest none followed through

Programs

- We've begun talks re: 2030 programming for 2015-15. Made decision to show the first session of online version of the series on Nov. 11 '15.
- We've begun talks about ACX 2016.

Public Policy

- Our Public Policy Group made the decision not to pursue work on passing a Statute of Repose in Vermont for design professionals. Our members, for the most part, failed to assert that this issue was important to them. The lack of interest, combined with contractors not being licensed in Vermont, were both factors in the decision. We have asked the engineering associations in VT to take a turn at leading the effort.

EPN

- Our EPN design competition, focused on making town hall meeting places more inviting so as to encourage greater voter turnout, received four entries. The winners will be announced at our Design Awards.
- The film series developed by our EPN members has become such a success that it's been moved to a larger venue; film showings have begun. We're drawing about 100 individuals—designers, architects and general public.
- We're committed to offer a "speed-dating" mentoring event in January 2016 and will continue to pick the brains of our fellow chapter about best ways to do this.

Design Awards

- Event on schedule for Dec. 2015. Jury met yesterday, 10/29, in Montreal.
- Added new location for traveling show – Stowe, VT arts center/library

AIA New Hampshire

1. AIANH held its second ARCHtoberfest on October 14 at Throwback Brewery in No. Hampton.
2. Development of MOA with NH Homeland Security is nearly complete. A subgroup of NH AEER TF is working with the State to set up procedures for activation.
3. Our November Chapter meeting is at Portwalk in Portsmouth.
4. We are working on a new Strategic Plan.
5. Our 2016 Design Awards program is underway, culminating with a banquet Jan. 22, 2016 at LaBelle Winery in Amherst, NH.

AIA members from throughout New England are invited to all events,
<http://www.aianh.org/news/aianh-events>

AIA Maine

1. Design:
 - The Design Committee hosted a Tour + Social touring the CMCA in Rockland, ME in September and will host their final 2015 even in Bangor on November 12 touring the recent renovations of the Bangor Public Library.
2. COTE:
 - Our COTE team is currently accepting registrations for our biennial COTE Award program. The deadline is Nov. 20.

3. Emerging Professionals
 - Our EP team hosted an ARCHtoberfest at Maine Beer Company in Freeport, ME.
4. Programs:
 - Our programs team is planning our annual meeting. They have scheduled Toshiko Mori to present a lecture on December 7th in Portland.
 - In September our programs team worked with a local non-profit organization to create an award program to honor the 25th anniversary of ADA.

AIA Western MA

Our fall has featured:

- An SDAT in the City of Northampton focusing on resilience. The City had excellent turn-out at its public events and several WMAIA members volunteered to assist the team in creating visuals for their presentations. We look forward to the team's final report and to coverage of the event in our Winter 2016 newsletter.
- An exhibition of Art by Architects scheduled for early December at the A.P.E. Gallery in Northampton. Exhibition dates are November 30 – December 13 – please stop by if you're in the area. WMAIA is hosting a reception on December 11th , which coincides with Northampton's Arts Night Out.
- Our *Architecture through Film* series (in conjunction with the 5-College Architectural Studies program) resumed last week with a film about tiny houses. It was well attended by members and the public.
- Our Annual Meeting will be held at the Red Barn @ Hampshire College on December 1, in conjunction with the USGBC-MA West Branch – the West Branch will be presenting their Green Giants Awards
- We've started a concerted sponsorship outreach campaign focused on building affiliate membership, program sponsors and advertisers for 2016.

AIA Connecticut

Advocacy

- School Security Guidelines – We continue to work with the Department of Construction Services, Office of School Facilities to enact improvements to the School Security Guidelines endorsed by the Legislature at the end of the Legislative session in 2014. Legislation was adopted to require the appointment of an architect licensed in Connecticut to the task force that has created these Guidelines and we are working with the Governor's office to that end.
- School Building Projects Advisory Council – We continue to work with this working group appointed by the Governor. We are pleased to have had Glenn Gollenberg, AIA who is an AIA Connecticut Board member, appointed to this Council.

- Codes and Standards Committee – We continue to work closely with our State Codes and Standards Committee to maintain a unified code across the State. It is their expectation that they will be recommending the adoption of the 2012 ICC family of codes with Connecticut amendments to the State for the adoption process to begin in late 2015. The adoption process can be somewhat lengthy but is our hope to see this Code adopted and effective in the third quarter of 2016. Following the recommendation to the State of the 2012 Codes, the review and adoption process with Codes and Standards for the 2015 ICC family of codes will begin.

Professional Development

- November 5: The Modern Modular; 1 to 4 pm; 3 HSW hours
- November 17: LED Lighting, the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly; 1 to 5 pm; 4 HSW hours
- December 9 and 10: Procrastinator's Special 9:00 am to 4:00 pm; a total of eleven credits for both days. 6 HSW hours on December 9; 5 HSW hours on December 10

Outreach

- We are looking forward to hearing our keynote speaker, Stephen Chung, AIA, this afternoon at the Wilde Auditorium in the Harry Jack Gray Center at the University. We thank each of you for joining us for this fun region wide event.
We had 250 submissions for this year's AIA New England Design Awards program. You will be entertained and delighted by the wonderful work being exhibited this evening by those projects selected for recognition by our outstanding jury. Joanne Rees, our Program Director, met with the jury in Philadelphia on October 14. We are working to promote the winning firms and their projects and hope to have the 2015 AIA New England Design Awards published in Business Journals across the region.
- We look forward to our annual Holiday Reception which will be hosted at our offices on Monday, December 14. We extend a warm invitation to each of you, should you possibly be available to join us. And, our Emerging Professional will hosted their annual Toy Drive beginning the day following Thanksgiving so look for the great big Santa's toy box at the front door of our offices again this year. We ask that gifts be unwrapped and in new condition.

Upcoming

Please visit us at www.aiaact.org/calendar. All of our extended family within the design and construction industry all across New England are always warmly welcomed at any AIA Connecticut event.

BSA

Big sibs putting together an agreement to help advance issues of sustainability; creating green trails in different communities. Using that as model for NE?

Public engagement: most of big sibs have centers, so looked at how to have exhibitions and smaller pop up store front exhibitions.

Been working around 2030. Ed Mazria on Monday Nov. 9 at BSA. Online registration.

2030 Roundtable: synthesize information as buildings in MA and how our firms are performing. Anonymous. What does reporting entail and what does it mean? Ready in December.