



AIA New England Regional Council

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AIA Rhode Island

- Again, we start our year off with the Annual AIARI Open House. This year we've expanded the event, titled "City Talks", to include guest speakers to talk about Providence planning. We've opened it to the public, hoping to engage members and non-members.
- AIARI and our Committee on the Environment will be working with Roger Williams and Tremco again this year to plan the annual summer conference, and two other conferences with the students in the spring and fall. AIARI COTE is also partnering with IIDA for the 2016 GreenRI trade show.
- Our Emerging Professionals are busy planning for several construction tours and managing our ARE learning library to engage the young professionals and help with their licensing.
- In May, we will be moving our location, as Roger Williams (who provided us the space) is also moving.
- AIARI is continuing to evaluate the reimagining of our publication "Premises", as well as revisiting our strategic plan. We are also looking to increase our sponsorships and bring back an event to raise money for scholarships.

AIA Vermont

Programs

- We've proposed a discount deal to AIA National re: 2030 online series programming whereby they would continue to earn considerable revenue, but it would be more affordable to members/chapters
- Our annual AIAVT-CSIVT ACX conference is May 13 and is focused on research, wellness, health and evidence-based design. The e-brochure will soon be ready and we'd appreciate distribution of this throughout NE.

Public Policy

- The Group is getting ready to conduct a survey to the membership to determine areas of interest.
- One potential topic is working to **prevent legislation re: a professional tax**; AIACT is also working on this (according to their ED, Diane) – are others? Can we assist each other in any way?
- Other topics under consideration:
 - Codes and regulations
 - legislation around disposal of contaminated soils
 - Sustainable energy goals and legislative actions
 - Restrictions on solar farms on agricultural properties
 - "Punitive" bill on new carbon emissions tax

EPN

- Our EPN group is working on a portfolio review event with the *board members of the AIGA VT Chapter (American Institute of Graphic Artist; it will be part of the AIGA annual Design Week.*

Communications

- We are questioning whether a quarterly electronic newsletter is the best vehicle for providing news to membership. What are other chapters doing for communications and what is their sense of what's working?

AIA New Hampshire

- AIANH held its 32nd Annual Awards Banquet Jan. 22 with 175 people attending. Thanks to AIA CT for gathering our jury members together. Jack Franzen FAIA attended the banquet and spoke to each project.
- AIANH member Doug Bencks was elected to the College of Fellows.
- NH AEER TF is continuing to work on its internal organization and members are getting criminal checks and signing MOA's with the state to be issue an ID Badge. We are hoping to provide SAP training again soon, perhaps in conjunction with other AIANE chapters.
- February 18 Chapter Meeting at EVO Rock + Fitness in Concord, owned by an architect who is also a climbing enthusiast, with other facilities in Portland, ME and Indianapolis, IN, and soon in CO.
- CI is retiring from AIA New Hampshire at the end of the year and a Transition Committee is in please to seek a replacement. The job will be advertised to all components and to the public.
- We are working on programming for 2016, to include another 2030&Beyond series introduced last year.
- We are working on getting the 2015 suite of building codes passed by the NH Legislature.
- AIANH website now has a blog featuring President and Associate Director columns.
- AIA members from throughout New England are invited to all events, <http://www.aianh.org/news/aianh-events>

AIA Maine

Design:

- The Design Committee hosted a Tour + Social in Bangor on November 12, touring the recent renovations of the Bangor Public Library.
- The Design Committee released their Call for Entries for the 2016 AIA Maine Design Awards

COTE:

- Our COTE team presented awards to the 2015 COTE Award winners at our Annual Meeting. Winners can be found: <http://aiamaine.me/cote2015/winning-entries/>
- Our COTE Team is planning on presented the 2030 video series throughout 2016.

Programs:

- With over 100 people attending, our annual meeting was a great success. Toshiko Mori presented a lecture on how her life in Maine has affected her work as an architect.

Communications:

- Our Communications Committee launched a new website and blog.

Fellows:

- AIA Maine member, Scott Simons received Fellowship by AIA National.

AIA Western MA

- An exhibition of Art by Architects entitled *NINETEEN: Architects Making Art* was on exhibit November 30 - December 13 at the A.P.E. Gallery in Northampton. WMAIA is hosted a reception on December 11th, which coincided with Northampton's Arts Night Out. It was extremely well attended.
- Our Annual Meeting was held at the Red Barn @ Hampshire College on December 1, in conjunction with the USGBC-MA West Branch – the West Branch presented their Green Giants Awards. We had almost 100 people attend. The evening included a tour of the Kern Center – a Living Building Challenge project nearing completion at Hampshire College.
- A DART (funded by National) will take place in Belchertown, MA in February.
- Our *Architecture through Film* series (in conjunction with the 5-College Architectural Studies program) resumes in March.
- We are planning a program focused on the Living Building Challenge – there are four projects completed or nearly completion in our region.
- Our sponsorship outreach campaign focused on building affiliate membership, program sponsors and advertisers for 2016 has been successful with several new corporate members and advertisers signing up!

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.
- Codes and Standards Committee – We continue to work closely with our State Codes and Standards Committee to maintain a unified code across the State. They have completed their review of the ICC family of Codes, making those modification required within Connecticut and have recommending the adoption of the 2012 ICC family of codes with Connecticut amendments to the State for the adoption process. 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.
- We continue to monitor proposed legislation being considered during the 2016 Legislative Session.

Professional Development

- February 10: High Performance Building Products; 1 to 5 pm; 4 HSW hours
- February 23: Advanced Fenestration Mitigation – Florida Building Code, 9 to11 am; 2 Advanced FBC hours
- March 16, Wood Construction, 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm; 3 HSW hours
- April 1, Lunchtime Learning, 12:30-1:30.
- April 6. Daylighting, 3 HSW hours
- April 19, Nailing the Landing: A New Neighborhood Forged from an Old Industrial District, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, 3 HSW hours

Outreach

- Annual Appreciation Breakfast, February 12, 8:00 – 9:30 am.
- Third annual Bowling Social, February 23, 5:30 to 8:30, Wallingford, CT. Hosted by Emerging Architects Committee. All are invited and welcomed.
- Joint Design and Construction Industry Dinner, March 3, 5:30 Reception, 6:30 Dinner. The Honorable Luke Bronin, Mayor of Hartford, will be the Keynote Presenter.
- Business Awards Entry deadline, March 4.
- Business Architecture Awards Submissions deadline, April 1.
- Alice Washburn Awards Entry deadline, April 8.
- Connecticut Architecture Foundation Annual Gala, April 18, honoring Brigitte Shim and Howard Sutcliffe of Shim – Sutcliffe Architects, Ontario, Canada, Lecture followed by reception, 7:15 to 9:30 pm.
- We are looking forward to hosting CANstruction at the new facility designed by one of our members for the Connecticut Food Bank. The build date for CANstruction will be May 12.
- We look forward to our annual Golf/Tennis/Croquet Outing on May 10.

Upcoming

Please visit us at www.aiact.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

- Currents is distributed to all AIANE, new section for AIA News. Get news to them by Friday, to be published the next week.
- Exhibits at BSA: some of them travel; if you're interested contact Eric. They are trying to get some funding from AIA to get exhibits sent to different places. Next exhibit at BSA: Moshe Safdie
- Big sibs: 16-city group. Talked about national green trail, identifying 10 buildings in the region of outstanding green buildings....might want to also do as a region, AIANE Green Trail!
- ABX workshop deadline is March 31
- Looking at redoing some dues structure: to increase number of young people, encourage licensure, look at diversifying. Will take effect 2017. Anyone going for licensure, the BSA will sponsor their BSA membership for up to five years. Any students will be free. They have simplified the levels of membership.