



AIA New England Regional Council

AIANE Regional Quarterly Board Meeting

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Present:

Judy Johnson AIA	President, AIANE
Christen Robbins AIA	President, AIARI
Peter Kuttner FAIA	NE COF liaison (BSA)
Elizabeth Cox AIA	YARD (BSA)
John Robinson AIA	AIA Resilience and Disaster Asst. Committee, NE Rep (WMA)
Gary Corey AIA	President, AIAVT
Alan Lagocki AIA	AIANE Secretary/Treasurer (CT)
Glenn Gregg FAIA	NE COF liaison (CT)
Jeannette Schram	Exec. Director, AIAME
Jen Zolkos	Exec. Director, AIARI
Katie Wetherbee Wise Assoc. AIA	RAD 2015-2016 (ME)
Michael Hoffmann AIA	NE AIA Strategic Council Representative (VT)
Rich Connell AIA	NE AIA Strategic Council Representative (CT)
Diane Jones	Executive, AIACT
Vada Seccareccia, Assoc. AIA	President-Elect AIANE (RI)
Lorin Starr	Executive Director, AIA WMA
Eric White	Executive Director, BSA
Conor MacDonald	BSA
Kristian Whitsett AIA	AIA Western MA
Tim Brewer AIA	President, AIACT
Carolyn Isaak, Hon. AIANH	Exec. Director AIANH and AIANE

1. Call to order:

Judy opened the meeting at 12:06 and thanked CT for hosting the AIANE Awards Program and Annual meeting and the and AIANE Board Meeting on Oct. 30. Introductions were made.

Vada moved to accept the 10/30/15 minutes. Seconded Alan. Approved.

2. President's Report:

Last year the AIANE Board had lengthy discussions about our mission, values, and organizational structure. Judy reviewed our goals and is intent on staying true to the mission and goals as we move forward this year.

In 2016 will look at the ED position, as CI is retiring Dec. 31. As always, we will look our budget closely and try to keep costs down and be effective and responsible with the funds we do have.

We also had a lot of discussion about the structure of the AIA New England Board, and in October 2015 set up a task force to explore options, including Eric, Judy, Diantha, Vada, and Carolyn.

3. NE Structure

Eric presented and reviewed four different options re: structure. The group can operate with any structure it wishes but if it chooses 501(c)6 or UNP there are certain rules we need to follow.

501(c)6: registered with both state and IRS and have non-profit status.

Unincorporated Non-profit organization. Similar but not registered as tax exempt.

Fiscal sponsor/agent: can have another 501c6 be your overseeing organization, and they handle all legal responsibilities.

Partnership/affiliation: no filing at all, work within your own agreement.

Fifth option is also available, but not recommended: verbal agreement only....no written guidelines.

AIANE Could remain as UNP and have a fiscal agent.

From the conversations the committee had, none of these options hinder our standing with AIA National or other components. We know that there is only one other regional group that is either option A or B, that is the Pacific Northwest Region.

Every chapter is part of a region. But the regions are loosely formed. And the regions are determined based on voting at convention. But regional structure is of little to no interest to anyone at AIA. Paula Clements at AIA told Eric that Regional structure is open to what they want to do. The only real interest AIA National has is that we don't violate the antitrust agreement.

Tim asked for motivation for looking at this. Answer: We have struggled for last couple of years with the dues that each component pays. It is based on membership numbers, so the BSA and CT have significant amounts to pay. Were' trying to streamline the organization, the job description of the ED, and decrease overall budget.

One of discussion items was to think about a different ED model. Instead of a single point of contact, it might rotate among the components. As the president rotates, the ED rotates. That should be conversation component EDs have, as well as EDs and and their boards. What work load is manageable in your component?

Lorin noted that the line item amount is for the ED is not that large, and it would not go away all together.

At the next meeting, please be prepared to discuss further...bring ideas about structure and the ED position. We also need look at what the budget would look like with different options. Goal is to discuss at the April meeting, then have the task force make a recommendation, to be voted on at the August meeting. Discussion in April, recommendation and hopefully approval in August meeting.

4. Strategic Council Representatives Report:

Michael explained the Strategic Council to new AIANE Board members. If there are region wide issues, they bring them before the Strategic Council, so there is value in AIA New England getting together to talk about issues. If you see things coming: IDP, NCARB, business practices, etc. Council

members want to hear about them to get ahead of things. Council's task is to think visionary and get the AIA board to operate proactively rather than reactively. Flow of info going to the Board is pretty good, but info coming from Board to Council is not very good.

This led to a lengthy discussion about Core Member Service reporting.

Rich reported that the Council has had lots of discussion about the new Grassroots format. 2 meetings will happen for a year or two at least, and participation may effect future decisions about this. Advocacy Grassroots is in July. Make appointments now if you can, as it will be the last week of session.

5. Grassroots in Detroit

For those going to Detroit, there will be an AIANE informal dinner on Wednesday, 7 pm. CI will send list of those going to Diane so she can inform them of details.

6. COF:

- Names came out this week for COF. This year 15 people from five NE components were elected to the COF.
COF has hired IMRE a branding and pr firm to do some surveys about Fellows in the AIA. "A passion for doing more." COF is more than having had a good career, and process is beginning to recognize extraordinary levels of accomplishment.
- Part of the NE COF reps duty is to identify potential fellows. There is NE dinner every year for COF, in October.
- Mentoring: trying to set up successful mentoring situations. Working with RAD and YARD.
- Peter is running for Chancellor of the college of Fellows.
- Demystifying Fellowship is in May at BSA; in September they have a review session with those applying.
- For most components, the Honors and Awards committee suggests people who might become Fellows.
- Kathy Delieda at National is also very helpful with all of this.

7. RAD:

See separate report.

If any EPs in your components are going to Detroit, email Katie.

8. YARD:

See separate report.

9. National Disaster Committee:

- Annual meeting last October in DC. There will be an executive summary, which John will send.
- They've added word "resilience" to the title of the committee: Resilience and Disaster Assistance Committee. There will be another meeting in April in Portland, OR.
- They are investigating holding a fall SAP training at the AIANE meeting in Maine. AIA National will help line up trainer.
- There is also a 1 ½ hour refresher course on line for those whose certification is expiring.
- The Committee is still figuring out its role.

10. AIANE Liaisons 2017

COF reps, RAD, and YARD will all be changing for 2017. Carolyn will send Katie, Elizabeth, Peter and Glenn the various letters and procedures used last time to find new liaisons to update and prepare for distribution. Goal: Send out over the early summer and hopefully have candidates approved at the August meeting so they could attend the conference in Portland and have a little time to work with current reps.

11. Vermont AIA+2030 proposal

Vermont has a heavy concentration in Burlington and Montpelier, so they are trying to get other architects more involved. They are using the AIA+2030 program, a video series that allows them to set up groups throughout the state. They are in the process of trying to get a group cost to do that.

12. AIANE Design Awards and Annual meeting:

CT was very pleased with the 2015 awards program.

2016 in Maine: Sept 30-Oct 1. Awards program will be the highlight, but some programming will also occur. There will be a pub crawl...

13. Finances

Carolyn reviewed the current budget report. D&O quotes have been received and she will obtain insurance and update 2016 budget.

14. ABX

Deadline for ABX presentations is March 31, maybe a little bit of an extension. Get word out to your members. Also, if AIANE components would like to put together a track of workshops tailored to us, ...a one-day track, that is possible. They have to have minimum numbers to run, and a percentage of all registrants would come to us as revenue share.

Judy will set up a phone conference call for Friday, Feb. 12 at noon to discuss. Anyone interested in helping identify topics and speakers, please call in. If it's a program that has been presented in the last two years, presenter must repackage it so that it's different.

15. Motion to adjourn by Michael, seconded by Rich. Adjourned: 2:43 pm.