



AIA New England Regional Council

AIA NEW ENGLAND COMPONENT REPORTS

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AIA Maine is working on the following:

- Our 2016 Design Award Celebration will take place on May 11th.
 - We had over 60 project entries.
- We will host a Southern Maine Regional Gathering on Thursday May 26 at David's Restaurant in Kennebunkport by Scott Simons Architects
 - Tour of building followed by cocktails/hors d'ouvres on the deck
- We will host a Midcoast Regional Gathering on Thursday June 23. The tour will be of A-TEK Building by 44North Architects on Lincoln Academy Campus in Damariscotta.

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AIARI partnered with IIDA NE to host a Green RI showcase at the Roger Williams Park Botanical Gardens. The event had 50 vendors and close to 100 attendees. In addition to the showcase there was a green classroom series that included 3 CEU sessions and a tour of the gardens and building.

We are in the planning stages of our annual summer conference to be held on July 21 at Roger Williams University. This event will focus on green preservation and will be a day-long symposium followed by our annual lobster boil and Allied Member expo.

We are moving our headquarters to the new RWU building a few blocks away from our current location. We will be having a grand opening sometime in the summer in conjunction with RWU's open house and 40 year anniversary of their historic preservation department.

Upcoming Events:

We will be partnering with Anderson Windows to host a paint night at the Providence Art Club in June.

We are working with Gilbane to host a three- part seminar entitled: Enhancing Collaboration-A Focus on Architects. This series would offer a forum for architects to discuss current barriers or roadblocks to effective collaboration in construction, and would conduct training on various topics.

We are setting up a networking night/tour and demonstration at a local glass blowing studio in Pawtucket.

AIA New Hampshire

AIA New Hampshire put out a call for applicants for the Executive Director Position. 17 people have applied for the position. The Transition team is reviewing resumes and preparing to set up interviews.

AIANH has had two Chapter Meetings thus far this year, in February at EVO Rock Climbing Center in Concord where Amy Seif Hattan from Thornton Tomasetti spoke about Creating a Sustainable Culture within an Architectural Organization. Amy oversees efforts to reduce the carbon footprint of Thornton Tomasetti's business operations worldwide and works to integrate sustainability practices into all services. Her role is to facilitate corporate social responsibility programs that take care of employees and give back to the community.

In March we met at 3S Artspace in Portsmouth, a winning project in our 2016 Design Awards Program.

We are planning three more 2030 & Beyond educational programs, a continuation of last year's series, which were a followup to the AIA+2030 Professional Series. The first is on June 9 with Marc Rosenbaum PE.

On June 16 we are holding a meeting of the NH AEER TF at NH Homeland Security. We will review activation procedures and give a presentation to potential new members. Portsmouth Fire Chief will give a presentation on being in the field following a disaster.

We are reviving our House Tour that went on hiatus in 2011. It will be June 30 with four homes in the Peterborough, NH.

Our Environmental Guild is working on a film on Net Zero Buildings in NH, mainly through the efforts of John Hession, an affiliate member and photographer/film maker with a special interest in building science.

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AIA Western MA

A DART (funded by National) will take place in Belchertown, MA in February. It was very successful and we had wonderful volunteer participation from UMASS students in architecture & landscape architecture. We anticipate another program in the Hilltowns surrounding Northampton in the fall and a related exhibition spearheaded by the City of Northampton that will focus on the most recent SDAT programs in our region.

- Our *Architecture through Film* series (in conjunction with the 5-College Architectural Studies program) concluded in early April – all films were well attended.
- We offered a very well attended program in April on the Design Building (under construction) at UMASS/Amherst. This building is the largest installation of wood-concrete composite floors in North America and one of the first university buildings in the United States to employ Cross Laminated Timber. Mass timber represents an emerging and rapidly advancing technology that can be utilized as an alternative to steel and concrete to frame a variety of mid- and high-rise building types. This presentation provided an overview of mass timber systems available, with an emphasis on their advantages and unique design considerations. The program concluded with a tour of the

project site.

- We are planning a program focused on the Living Building Challenge for June at Williams College. – there are four projects completed or nearly completion in our region.