



AIA College of Fellows

The American Institute of Architects

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To: John Sullivan, FAIA
Chair, COF Regional Representatives

Re: Annual Report

From: Glenn H Gregg, FAIA

Note: This report reflects my recent assumption of the term of Richard Quinn, FAIA of AIA/RI, who is unable to complete his term, therefore it is written in parallel to that of our other NE Representative, Peter Kuttner, FAIA of the Boston Chapter, and reflects the activities of our Fellows at AIA/CT.

Initiative 1 – Fellowship Advancement

- A dedicated group of COF members meet several times a year to 1) identify potential candidates for Fellowship, 2) make available encouragement and assistance to the candidates and their sponsors in the preparation of their submission.
- We take this opportunity of having Fellows gathered to communicate issues of concern and interest to and from the College.

Initiative 2 – Mentoring

- In Connecticut and, I believe, throughout NE, we have found an interest in learning about firm management from our younger members, particularly the YAF group, who are considering their longer term career plans and goals.
- Because few of us received course training in the legal, business and practical aspects of firm establishment and management in our architectural education, we feel that we can offer a level of expertise and experience to a group who are closer our age and place in our career paths. This is contrasted to past efforts of mentoring interns who have communicated their feelings that the age and experience gap was too great to bridge in many past mentoring efforts.
- Our initiatives in this area have been greeted with considerable enthusiasm by the YAF leadership and we will continue to pursue this initiative, working with other Chapters in NE to make it as inclusive as possible.

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Initiative 3 – Community Outreach

- Our annual dinner, held in October at the Quinnipiac Club in New Haven, is highlighted by a talk by a distinguished Architect or member of an allied profession on a topic of current interest. Our speaker last fall was Cecie Clement, Associate Director of the Center for British Art at Yale. Louis I. Kahn's masterpiece is undergoing an extensive renovation/restoration and is due to reopen this spring. We have opened the event to other Chapters in NY and NE and yearly have as our guests, the Fellows of the ASLA
- We were particularly pleased to introduce and toast our three new Fellows – Kathleen Dorgan, FAIA, Anthony Mosellie, FAIA and Linda Reeder, FAIA.
- The dinner is well attended with close to two-thirds of our 42 Fellows attending. A cocktail hour prior to dinner gives a rare opportunity for our Fellows to visit with one another and to mingle with both our guests and our guest speaker.
- This occasion also provides a forum to solicit volunteers, to announce initiatives and to ask our Fellows for ideas of how we might better serve our Community.
- Harold Roth, FAIA, who has for many years organized our dinner and brought us speakers of great distinction and interest (important, as the event invariably falls on the evening of one of the final World Series games) has turned the event over to the capable hands of Patrick Pinnell, FAIA