



AIA New England Regional Council

AIANE Regional Quarterly Board Meeting

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August 24, 2016

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Present:

Judy Johnson AIA	President, AIANE
Elizabeth Cox AIA	YARD (BSA)
Vada Seccareccia, Assoc. AIA	President-Elect, AIANE (RI)
Christen Robbins AIA	President, AIARI
Diantha Korzun AIA	Past-President, AIANE (VT)
Chris Walsh AIA	AIA Central MA
Diane H. Jones	Exec. Director, IAICT
Elizabeth Cox AIA	YARD (BSA)
John Robinson AIA	AIA Resilience and Disaster Asst. Committee, NE Rep (WMA)
Alan Lagocki AIA	AIANE Secretary/Treasurer (CT)
Glenn Gregg FAIA	NE COF liaison (CT)
Jeannette Schram	Exec. Director, AIAME
Jen Zolkos	Exec. Director, AIARI
Michael Hoffmann AIA	NE AIA Strategic Council Representative (VT)
Rich Connell AIA	NE AIA Strategic Council Representative (CT)
Lorin Starr	Executive Director, AIA WMA
Eric White	Executive Director, BSA
Carolyn Isaak, Hon. AIANH	Exec. Director AIANH and AIANE
Kim Tuttle Assoc. AIA	AIAS

1. **Call to order:**

Judy opened the meeting at 12:07 pm. Attendees introduced themselves.

2. **Presentation**

Kim Tuttle introduced herself. She is a Norwich Grad, a Maine registered architect, and was on the AIA Maine Board. She's worked for NCARB and now works with AIAS. The next AIAS Forum is Dec 29-Jan 1 in Boston, and about 1400 students are expected. Kim asked the Board to consider sponsorship of this event (which runs at \$5,000), suggesting a joint sponsorship with an opportunity to present the plusses of living and working in a New England state.

High School students will also attend part of the conference,, on Friday, Dec. 30. Please forward our contacts to high schools to Kim so they can be invited.

Later in the meeting the Board discussed her proposal. BSA is already a sponsor. Judy suggested that Executive Directors and the Ex Com have a conference all about this. Perhaps NE Chapters

could sponsor together and suggest a lower cost and create some other exposure. We'd have to find people to set this up. We will discuss at the annual meeting.

3. Minutes

Minutes were accepted for the April 27 Meeting. Moved by Vada, seconded by Chris W. Approved.

4. President's report

Judy reported that a lot of behind-the-scenes work has been happening over the summer by the Executive Directors and the Ex Com. Our goal for the future is to resolve all of the organizational restructuring at the September 30 meeting. The plan for future meetings will be to spend the early part of the meeting on reports, and then focus on substantive topics that affect us all in New England, ways to advance our mission and goals, and to promote involvement with AIA National.

5. Nominations

We are still looking for a Secretary/Treasurer for 2017, so nominations will be completed by email. Someone from NH, BSA, or Central MA is preferred.

6. Board Structure, MOU, and new budgeting structure

One of our responsibilities is to ID candidates to serve on the AIA Strategic Council and AIA National Committees.

MOU: How we vote was discussed. Decision was made that most votes will be by acclamation of those at the table. In the case of an issue that elicits different and strong opinions, we would fall back to a structure that gives three votes to each Component, which includes AIANE board members, RAD, YARD, etc. Component must be present to vote. Chris Walsh will work on wording for this.

Quorum will be a simple majority at the table.

We discussed moving to a zero-based budget. Chris W. moved to keep a reserve of one year's operating expense. Seconded by Vada. Michael H. moved to amend to include paying back reserve surplus in the first quarter of 2017. Seconded by Vada. Discussion. Michael withdrew the amendment. Chris then amended his original motion to say that we would hold back one year's operating expense to provide cash flow for 2017 and that reserves would be redistributed to the Components at the discretion of the Board. Vada Seconded. Approved. Diantha moved to accept 2017 proposed budget as amended. CW seconded. Approved.

At the September meeting we will vote to:

Dissolve current bylaws

Adopt the MOU

Vote for Board officers for 2017

Adjust policies to match new MOU

7. Strategic Council

MH: Council is still discussing make up of the council and how many people are on it. They have been discussing marketing and public awareness, studio workplace, better architecture, AIA for all. A Community Committee has been established as well as an Equity Commission. He asks for input

about credentialing. Should AIA get into the business? The IDP Firm Award needs a new name now that IDP has been changed to AXP.

RC: The Strategic Council is a think-tank for the Board. There are nine study groups. He's involved in the "influence" study group, how architects/architecture influence society and economics. We need to make the public aware of the value architecture brings to society. Rich encourages us to bring our concerns to him.

MH will send AIA Strategic Plan for CI to distribute. Take a look with an eye toward how New England interested align with AIA National's interests.

8. Annual Meeting

Maine is gearing up for the Annual Meeting Sept. 30-October 1. Susan Rodriguez is the Keynote Speaker. The Awards banquet is Sept 30, 6-9. The AIA New England Board meeting is September 30 at noon.

9. AIA National Disaster Assistance Committee

John Robinson reported that they are working on a rewrite of the handbook on Disaster Assistance. He asked what we thought of some kind of credentialing for disaster response. Resilience is an area of focus, and they are in hopes of getting colleges and universities involved. Recommends we take a look at SecondNature.org.

10. RAD

There were two nominees for the 2017-2019 RAD position, Stephanie Herring and Nicholas Skwira. The board reviewed their applications. Stephanie has strong outreach and volunteer experience, is already participating and shows a lot of commitment. Nicholas has an impressive letter and resume, but is not as experienced. Alan L moved to ask Stephanie Herring to take the position. CW seconded. Approved. The board felt we should encourage Nicholas to get involved at the State level. Judy and Diantha will reach out to them.

RAD Report: EP Grants were awarded in July and AIA Maine received one.

I had my end of term review meeting with the National Associates Committee leadership as a member who is moving off the board. We will be having another full committee meeting with National that will hopefully involve the new RAD later in the year.

National knowledge committee continues to work on Emerging Professional Rubric for successful programs and working with CACE.

Emerging Professional grants were awarded in July. Maine received one (yay Maine!)

Working with Elizabeth on best practices.

11. YARD

The Joint Future Workforce group launched the "What's the next...architectural practice" Survey. It is helping to lay the groundwork for the YAF's Summit25 in early 2017. The result will also be shared with the Strategic Council's Workforce Group. § Action Item: Meet with each of the components to host a "What's the NEXT Future Workforce" conversation.

Summit25 – will focus on the Future of the Workforce. The conference helps to determine the course of the YAF for the next 5 years.

Firm Award Program – Review of preliminary questions for the Diversity/Equity program for New England

Regional Engagement: looking to promote YAF or Emerging Professional events in the various components.

12. COF:

Peter Kuttner's spot needs to be filled. Glenn and Peter are still looking for someone. They have been talking about creating some events around practice: how to open a firm and/or negotiate through a firm to a management or ownership position.

13. Motion to adjourn by Chris W., seconded by Alan L.; adjourned at 2:55 pm.