



# AIA New England Regional Council

## AIANE Regional Quarterly Board Meeting

August 23, 2017

Noon

Boston Society of Architects

### Present:

Vada Seccareccia, Assoc. AIA	President, AIANE (RI)
Alan Lagocki AIA	President-Elect, AIANE (CT)
Jen Space Assoc. AIA	President, AIARI
Rich Connell AIA	AIA Strategic Council Representative (CT)
George Fellner AIA	President, AIACT
Sheldon Pennoyer AIA	President, AIANH
Steve Lewis AIA	President, AIA C MA
Helen Fantini AIA	President, AIA WMA
Nancy Ludwig FAIA	NE COF Liaison (BSA)
Lorin Starr	Executive Director, AIA WMA
Carolyn Isaak, Hon. AIANH	Exec. Director AIANE
Stephanie Herring Assoc. AIA	NE Regional Associate Director (ME) 2017-2018
Eric White	Executive Director, BSA
Glenn Gregg FAIA	NE COF Liaison (CT)
Jeannette Schram	Executive Director, AIAME
Elizabeth Cox AIA	YA Regional Director (BSA)

By phone:

Judy Johnson AIA	NE AIA Strategic Council Representative (ME)
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### 1. President's report:

President: Meeting opened at 12:10 pm. Vada welcomed everyone and introductions were made. Minutes from the last meeting are not yet together, so will be distributed before the next meeting and approved along with these.

Rich and Vada brainstormed candidates for the 2018 AIANE Board, but ask to have input from the Board. **Sheldon will reach out to Paul Bourbeau from NH. Vada and Rich will follow up with Vermont.** Chris Walsh is unable to fill out his term due to health issues, so we will need to fill the position of President-Elect as well as Secretary-Treasurer.

AIA Committee assignments are now open. We will send out a word document with committee names and ask components to brainstorm possible candidate and also ask members to circle back and let us know if they are applying. There is value of having people on some of these committees, though the degree of value is related to their communication to the New England board and membership. We should focus committees that we might want to advocate for. These are one-year commitments for architect and associate members; the process requires resume, letter of interest,

and any other documents (Letter of support) available. We should be encouraging our members to do this. There will be a notice in next week's Currents. Deadline is October 9.

Link to the Committee Nomination application process: <https://www.aia.org/pages/144281-seeking-member-nominations-for-aia-national>. AIA and Assoc. AIA members must log in to go through the process and to find out about each committee. The committee names are all listed on the landing page, accessible to everyone.

## 2. **National Strategic Council report**

Rich C reports that the Council has been working hard in various study groups to help inform the board. They are looking to elect one individual as an large director the National Board. There are three people in line being considered. Each year SC also adds at large members from the broad community. 13 people are being considered for this position. Requirements included letter of support from at least one councilor.

We could look to bring someone in from New England next year, if we start now. The term is for two years. We should start working on this at the March meeting.

Judy is a convener for the Public Evaluation of Architecture. It's a fairly large group, looking at ways to understand what activities are going on at AIA so that they pursue other ideas and not be redundant. They're focusing on ways to raise awareness with the general public about architects and architecture. For example, going where the people are, and creating a game app in which you visit a city and collect "keys" about buildings, etc. Other ideas: interview program with architect, "Anthony Bourdain" style (meaning popular figure) TV show, more entertainment-like genre like HGTV, National Geographic, etc. Some regions are planning public workshop series leading up to their regional conferences. Lots of interesting ideas. There are seven working groups.

*Footnote: BSA just came out with a new AIA Guide to Boston app.*

Each SC working group has to submit a status update, which is presented to the board of directors by their moderator. This is the time of year that AIA sets up funding for any ideas the board feels should be explored further. Her group is not asking for money this year, as they're still on research. Rich's group has asked for financial support and support from AIA, meaning that lots of critical eyes are looking at what they're doing at this point.

Rich's term on the SC is up at the end of 2018. **BSA will brainstorm ideas for his successor and report to Vada and Carolyn.**

## 3. **CODE OF ETHICS**

During the Northern NE COTE conference in Burlington, they talked about the AIA Code of Ethics in which there is minimal focus on sustainable design in Cannon VI: Obligations to the Environment. The COTE people didn't feel what was written was strong enough. Under the other Cannons, there are also rules associated with them; but none for Cannon VI. NNE COTE came up with six environmental statements; next step: what has been written needs to be reviewed by AIA Council. The plan is to get a ruling from Jay before circulating the Cannon and new language. There will be more information at the Annual Meeting, hopefully an initial read. They also made a couple of small edits to Cannon II: Obligation to the Public. Changes must be approved by AIA Board of Directors.

## **YARD**

Had YAF meeting last week, discussing change over. There are quite a few candidates, which is very exciting. Make decision by middle of September. Elizabeth knows two of the candidates. Location might be a selection point, since last two were from BSA. **CI will set up conference call for September 1 to review and make selection.** We reviewed current applicants to date. Everyone seems like a great potential. **Elizabeth will send out a survey to the board to rank before final discussion on the conference call.**

YAF is trying to find some pro bono projects in the region, particularly if you have any that young architects are working on. They will highlight them ... Deadline is end of next week.

## **4. Annual Meeting**

Sheldon reported that the AIANE Annual Conference & Awards is October 20-21 in Portsmouth, NH. The website is up and running. Design awards due by September ?. Speakers are lined up. Topic is Resilient New England. Emily is the moderator. They have planned some great tours: Bridges, Naval shipyard, and Portsmouth Above and Below. Please spread the word so attendance is good. Portsmouth is a great place. If anyone has sponsorship ideas, please let them know. Details and registration at <https://www.aianewenglandconference.org>.

## **5. RAD**

Stephanie: Communications update: Stephanie created a twitter account for NE EPN. Also created an AIANE RAD gmail account, which can be transitioned to next RAD. She's put together a contact list for EP Net chairs. On last call she received an update from all EPN chairs. A few groups are just starting or in need of one-on-one feedback. She's on the mentoring and communications work groups and writing an article on crafting your career. The article will be posted directly onto the main page of [aia.org](http://aia.org). The Mentoring Articles will be under the Featured Member profiles on the main page as well. Once the articles are published Stephanie will send out a link so you can read the article. Also talked about the ARE transition and IDP hours and supervisors. She feels that NCARB is actually listening to emerging professionals.

## **6. COF Report**

Glenn welcomed Nancy Ludwig, who is succeeding Peter Kuttner. They are working on a mentoring program for YAF members on the business aspects of running and managing firms.

Glenn updated transition at CT looking for new Executive Director. Have gathered data and set up profile information. Will take several months.

## **Financial Report**

CI just sent out invoices for expense to date for AIANE, per our MOU agreement. **CI will talk with Eric and Ben about transferring funds to BSA.** We need to determine how and when to distribute reserves. **Ex Com will discuss this and come up with a proposal for the October 20 meeting.**

Alan: Should we use our reserves to give components funds to use for design-related outreach projects? i.e. reaching down into the educational system to develop the next generation of professionals ....

Eric mentioned Learning by Design Programs, which BSA and some other components have (NH). AIA National is providing grants for developing program that other chapters can use as a model.

What opportunities are there to use the reserve funds, how to make the money work for a greater benefit? **Think about this and talk about it at the October meeting .....**

## **7. DISCUSSION**

*Credentialing:* AIA Board agreed to study this, but no one has seen or heard anything about it as yet. General feeling though, is that architects are not generally supportive.

*Equity, Diversity, Inclusion:* very important for the profession, but need to find out how small firms can be supported in the objectives. We might ask Emily to come and discuss this with us. It's important for the sustainability of the profession. Have people read the executive summary? Thoughts? The discussion at CACE (with Dr. Shirley Davis) was more about increasing self-awareness around inclusion and diversity.

*Regional transit Infrastructure and Connectivity:* Eastern CT and RI, discussion on interconnectivity is a huge asset to the region. How do we get a voice into that conversation? How does high speed rail make its way through the corridor...need to think creatively about future of transportation in New England. Need to look at the implications of any ideas that are moving forward. Need to take a look at the regional planning districts in our chapters.

*Other:* Next year chapter accreditations are up for renewal. It's likely the same seven criteria will be included, but there are conversations about adding some additional criteria.

In 2025, National Convention will be back in Boston.  
Greenbuild ABX is Nov. 7-10, 2017.

## **8. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

### **Remaining Meeting dates for 2017:**

*AIANE Board Meeting:*

October 20 in Portsmouth, NH (AIANE Awards and Annual Meeting)

### **Important Dates – 2018**

Grassroots, March 12-14, San Diego

AIA Conference on Architecture, June 21-23, NYC

## AIA Central MA report:

### Programs (Summer/Fall):

- CEU Night at Lamoureux Pagano & Associates
- Building Code and Access Code Seminar at WPI
- Virtual Reality Program and Demonstration at Consigli Construction.
- Design Film Night at Preservation Worcester.
- The ever-popular Annual Architectural Scavenger Hunt with Worcester CSI.
- Planning underway for Legislators Night Program.
- Looking for program partnership with **AIA RI!**

### Outreach:

- Planning underway for architectural program with Worcester 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.
  - Planning underway for 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade Architectural Club.
  - We are reactivating our Student Scholarship Program this year.
  - Design Awards now in progress (with esteemed jurors from **AIA WM!**).
- Annual Award Dinner slated for Nov 18<sup>th</sup>.

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## **New England RAD Report**

Stephanie Herring, Assoc. AIA  
Regional Associate Director (2017-2018)

### **Communications Update**

- Created gmail for RAD position – will keep information organized and will allow for an easier transition every two years [aianewenglandrad@gmail.com](mailto:aianewenglandrad@gmail.com)
- Created a contact list for EPN Chairs – google doc spreadsheet shared with all chairs
- Created a twitter account for NE RAD position @AIA\_NE\_RAD

### **National Update**

During the month of July, all NAC RADs had one on one calls with the NAC Chair and Vice Chair. This one on one call allowed for individuals to give feedback and express any ideas/thoughts on the position so far.

The National Associates Committee - Mentoring Work Group Update

- Group of seven RADs conducting interviews of professionals that are mentors/mentees that fall into four categories - early career, mid-late career, academia, or someone that has conducted a successful mentor-mentee program.
- Selected interviews will be published on aia.org.
- The group mission is to dive deep into the topic of Mentoring and

The YAF and NAC - Communications Work Group Update

- consists of 6 people that write articles and critiques incoming articles from other Work Groups, RADs and YARDS
- Published articles on aia.org
- be on the lookout of an article I wrote! – published in September on aia.org.

### **Regional Update**

- AIA New England –Emerging Professionals Network Conference Call #2 was held on August 1, 2017 12:00-1:00pm
- On Conf Call #2 Maggie from NH and Katie from Maine spoke about their visit to Chicago for the Architecture Licensing Advisors summit that they attended in June – they gave an update on the ARE 4.0-5.0 transition and IDP-AXP transition as well as Supervisors roles
- AIA QUAD Conference – Albany, New York November 9-11 – there is an Emerging Professionals track with some exciting sessions – I will be one of the Moderators/Facilitators of the Women in Architecture Panel – Mike Pereira from CT will be a panelist for one of the EP sessions

### **Local Update**

- EPN Chairs gave an update on their events/programming and plans for the year thus far on Conf Call #2.

#### **Boston Society of Architects**

- The Boston Society of Architects EPN Chairs for 2017 are Derrick Nickerson, Dan Ricardeli, and Sara Kudra.
- Recap of events - Boot camp series in the spring was successful - topic this year was Session 1 - How to get things built in Boston? Session 2 – a case study example of how to get things built in Boston.
- Summer Leadership Lunch Series – just wrapped – successful debriefing group/listed pros and cons after it ended
- September a photography workshop at the BSA by Peter Vanderwalker
- October – meeting for EPs with a marketing focus
- November at ABX will offer EP pricing – spread the word to EPs! This is for EPs that are not yet licensed and who don't need CEs, but would like to attend ABX – 2<sup>nd</sup> year doing this EP pricing to attract attendance.

#### **Connecticut**

- The EPN Chair for 2017 of Connecticut is Michael Pereira.
- October feast event – local building material suppliers
- Continuing to provide seminars for the licensing exams
- In early December – Toy drive – community outreach – event held in conjunction with AIA Connecticut Holiday Party

### **Maine**

- The EPN Chair for 2017 of Maine is Kathryn Wetherbee Wise.
- Archtoberfest in the fall
- NCARB talk in the fall – bi-annual event
- Katie attended the Architecture Licensing Advisors summit in Chicago in June – discussed change in licensure process
- Women in Design and Construction event
- This year Maine received the AIA EP grant and will be updating the ARE Study Library materials to 5.0.

### **New Hampshire**

- The EPN Chairs are Jon Allard and Maggie Robidoux.
- Increasing outreach
- Survey – it's been really helpful gaining insight into what EPs are looking for
- Bowling Event in May was successful
- Archtoberfest in the fall

### **Rhode Island**

- The EPN Chair for 2017 of Rhode Island is Mallory Demty.
- The Emerging Professionals Committee has not been very active for the past year. Mallory will be reaching out to the AIARI Board to discuss re-vamping strategies for this year. The EPC will be updating their library with ARE 5.0 study materials. No schedule of events to report.

### **Vermont**

- The EPN Chair for 2017 of Vermont is Catherine Lange.
- NCARB Licensing Meet up event – way for EPs to learn more and ask questions one on one
- Studio Socials – an Architecture firm in the state opens up their doors after hours – they offer an LU - half happy hour and half learning opportunity
- AIA Golf Tournament – in the fall will support EPs
- December –Charette Competition – three hour bring your trace/models – sponsors from local firms

### **Western Massachusetts**

- The EPN Chair for 2017 of Western Massachusetts is Jason Newman.
- Western Mass Day of Service project in May
- In May - Women in Architecture Mentoring Group with our FAIA Members – connect aspiring young architects with FAIA
- Recently formed a Committee on the Environment
- Fall – EP Panel discussion involved with the local AIA Chapter – What I learned in Five Years
- Currently mentoring the incoming 2018 EP Director, Garrison Gamble.

### **Central Massachusetts**

- AIA Central Massachusetts President Steve Lewis participated in Conf Call #2
- Looking for an EPN Chair in Central Massachusetts
- Design Award Competition in the Fall – entry fee is free – hoping to attract many more young professionals

### **Goals and Next steps**

- Conference Call #3 with all EPN Chairs in the fall
- Keep communication to and from NAC level to NE Region EPN Chair level
- Utilize social media connections
- Scheduled One on One call with NH EPN Chairs – August 30 – to go over strategies/plans for EP programs and organization



# AIA Maine

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AIA Maine Component Report

AIA Maine is working on the following:

- AIA Maine is touring our 2016 Design Awards projects across the state. The goal of this tour is to engage the public in the work of Maine architects. We had opening ceremonies and displays at:
  - Waterfall Arts in Belfast
  - Engine Studios in Biddeford
  - UMA Richmond Gallery in Augusta
  - Portland – location tbd
- We have hosted two Women in Design and Construction events.
  - The events have received a lot of interest from members and not-members alike.
- Our COTE team worked with VT for the Northern New England AIA COTE Summit.
- Our Design Committee is planning to launch its first Unbuilt Design Award Program in September.
- Our Design Committee is planning our 2018 Design Award Program.
- AIA Maine is partnering with the Portland Society for Architecture to host a social to engage our members in a mapping Portland exercise.





## AIA Connecticut Report for AIA New England

August 15, 2017

1. AIA Connecticut is presently in an Interim Period as we are functioning without an Executive Director. In the meantime, the staff is efficiently operating and assisted by the integrated efforts of an Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.
2. A Transition Committee has been appointed to facilitate the search for a new Executive Director. A search consultant: Third Sector New England has been hired to help the TC with this process. The strategy and time-frame is set to hopefully hire a new Executive Director by the end of this year.
3. The AIA CT 2017 Design Awards program is set for a submission deadline of September 8 with jury day of September 19. The jury consists of: Deborah Gans, FAIA, GANS Studio, Brooklyn, New York; Michael N. Lykoudis, AIA, Dean, University of Notre Dame School of Architecture, South Bend, Indiana; and Robert Miklos, FAIA, DesignLAB Architects, Boston, Massachusetts.
4. The AIA CT 2017 Conference is set for October 6 in Trumbull, CT. The keynote address will be: *Conserving Kahn: an Illustration of the Cogitation, Consternation and Revelation of the Recent Conservation of the Yale Center for British Art* presented by George Knight, AIA of Knight Architecture, New Haven.
5. The 2017 AIA QUAD Conference (Quality Unites Architectural Design) is the result of the collaboration of AIA Connecticut, AIA New Jersey, AIA New York State, and AIA Pennsylvania. It will encompass an expo, continuing education seminars, networking events, as well as a QUAD State Design Awards Presentation. It will be held in Albany, New York, November 9-11, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'George Fellner', written over a horizontal line.

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