



AIA New England Regional Council

AIANE Regional Quarterly Board Meeting

October 20, 2017

2:00 pm

Hilton Garden Inn, Portsmouth, NH

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
Katelyn Chapin AIA	NE Young Architects Regional Director (CT) 2018-2019
Eric White	Executive Director, BSA
Jeannette Schram	Executive Director, AIAME
Judy Johnson AIA	NE AIA Strategic Council Representative (ME)
Joel Page AIA	President-Elect, AIAVT
Carol Miklos	Executive Director, AIAVT
John Robinson AIA	Rep. to AIA Disaster Assistance Committee
Paul Bourbeau AIA	AIANE President-Elect 2018
Alyssa Murphy AIA	President-Elect, AIANH
Peter Kuttner FAIA	Bursar, AIA COF
Bonnie Kastel	Executive Director, AIANH
Caroline Stevens	Incoming Executive Director, AIARI
Larry Deshler	Guest from AIA New Mexico
Eric Zuena AIA	President-Elect, AIARI

1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Meeting notes from the April and August meetings: Sheldon moved to approve both sets of minutes, seconded by Stephanie. Approved.

Vada: The biggest challenge for us is to effectively fulfill our mission. Goal is to support members and connect with AIA National. She spoke with Emily G-R about the Diversity and Inclusion initiative. This is important for the profession, and she encourages everyone to see the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v8lRH1qVtXg>. Emily may attend one of the spring meetings to discuss with us.

2. MEETING DATES FOR 2018

March 7, June 6, Aug 22 at the BSA; and one at NE Regional Council Conference+Awards, TBD

3. 2018 PROJECTED EXPENSE

Return of reserve funds to the components: Alan, Judy, Vada had a conference call about how to distribute our reserve funds and if there should be restrictions on the use of the funds. They determined they couldn't restrict their use, but rather advise they be used for educational programming.

We reviewed current funds and estimated income and expenses and handed out a proposal for the reserves distribution.

DISCUSSION:

Stephanie Herring: Women in Design group used some excess funds for scholarships for emerging professionals to attend the AIANE Conference either through AIANE or through the components. She would like to see something like that for these funds.

Alan: for first year give one per component off the top of the reimbursement funds. Then fund in our planned expenses for the coming year.

Judy: What do we want our regional conference to be? There are regions that reinvent regional conferences in which it is one that engages the public more. Discussion about how it's run here? By rotating to different components?

Each component has different approach for emerging professionals.

Eric: BSA does scholarships for ABX for young professionals. They don't limit the number. We could also ask host chapter to offer scholarships they year they host. BSA would pass up their year of Awards if people would like, since it is a revenue source for smaller chapters. For BSA it's not critical for the bottom line.

Sheldon: NH Architecture Foundation. He'd like to see the reimbursement come back to the chapter so components could put toward those foundations...ie encourage chapter to use for some outreach beyond members, like students.

VOTE:

Vada called for a motion. Sheldon moved that the funds be sent back to each chapter to use toward an outreach program of their choosing to support young architects or students interested in the profession. Nancy seconded.

Stephanie asked that each component report on how they used the money and suggested amending the motion to ask Chapters to report back to the Board on what they did. The motion was not amended, rather we will just include as an agenda item at one of our meetings next year.... Motion approved unanimously. CI will disburse the funds by the end of the year.

4. SLATE OF OFFICERS and OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Sheldon moved to accept the slate of officers as proposed. Jeannette seconded. Approved. (Alan Lagocki AIA (CT), president; Paul Bourbeau AIA (NH), president-elect; Helen Fantini AIA (West MA), secretary/treasurer; and Vada Seccareccia, Assoc. AIA (RI), past-president)

Alan moved and Sheldon seconded to appoint Hilary Barlow AIA (BSA) as the 2019-2021 representative to the AIA Strategic Council. Approved. She will Shadow Rich in 2018.

Make Lassell AIA (ME) sent a letter of interest to be appointed to the Small Firm Roundtable. Approved by the Board.

Elizabeth Cox was thanked for her service as the YARD 2015-2017.
Katelyn Chapin AIA was welcomed as the new YARD for 2018-2019.

John Robinson AIA was thanked for his work on the AIA Disaster Assistance Committee. AIA National appoints people to these committees. We know of at least one person who has submitted an application from New England and will find out later this year.

5. INCOME EXPENSE FOR 2018

Project income and expense for 2018 is the same as for 2017. Jen Space asked if we put in scholarship for emerging professionals to attend the AIANE Conference and other events such as ABX. Vada thinks we should discuss that through the year and add in when appropriate. Eric said they will give scholarships for next year.

6. NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND COTE CONFERENCE

Sheldon: Believes there should be a year off, then NH would do it next year, in 2019.

Helen pointed out that much of our discussion has been around the difficulty of having conferences. Are we competing against each other? We should really keep communication open about our event planning to avoid duplication or competing dates.

7. STRATEGIC COUNCIL

Rich and Judy: reviewed the Council Update; link is on the AIA New England website:
<http://aianewengland.org/members/board-meetings/>

This was presented to the Board in September. The Board has the charge of reviewing the information, meeting on it as they see fit, and responding back to SC in early November. They are continuing to work toward the Dec. Governance Week, which will hopefully incorporate the Board's comments. Some items may be funded for staff to work on, or continue research, or other advisement.

As the Council matures, process is moving more smoothly. Communication between SC and Board has been improving over the past few years. SC working very hard to be in sync with the Board. Issues that still exist: regional representation at the Board level. SC members are not directors and don't have same connectivity as Regional Directors in the past had. Lucky we have Emily moving forward as a direct connection to the Board.

Other regions are trying to get more people on the Council via at-large members. There may be seven spots next year.

8. RAD

Stephanie: established gmail account and Gdrive, so RAD info can move easily year to year. They also have Twitter account. Feb 8-10 NAC YAC conference. Have had two conference calls with EPN Chairs and will have a third in November. See RAD Report

9. YARD

Katelyn: Trying to schedule meeting with Elizabeth. She will take over position Jan. 1.

10. COF

Peter and Nancy: They have a new head of regional COF reps, jumping in quickly due to a resignation. They are using the Weave categories and restructuring the organization to one that parallels NAC and YAF. There will be more connectivity among those groups. Overview: they have three goals; recruiting fellows, research, and supporting EPs. They give out Latrobe Fellowship each year. Peter is liaison of COF to YAF. They created and juried the Young Architects Awards. They also give money for Component Grants for things they are doing to promote EPs. Trying to do more mentoring; have been sponsoring Leadership Institute.

11. DISASTER ASSISTANCE

John Robinson: Focus of Resilience Disaster Assistance group is looking to establish more robust regional structure (based on FEMA regions) and how regions react. They are working with MA to get committee going. RI having trouble: the MOU with state has been terminated and will need to be restructured. Judy asked about all the events that have happened. They had two conference calls discussing how committee can support the states and Puerto Rico. FL had only 50 people available to go in for assessments. How do you create a streamlined way to support municipalities?

12. OTHER:

Eric: reminder that next year we go through accreditation again. If you have feed back on that process please share with Eric.

Meeting dates for next year (above) confirmed at BSA.

Big Sibs: There was a lot of talk about regions and representation on SC, should we also have small and large chapters, universities, etc. They want to do some sort of assessment.

ABX Greenbuild. President Clinton is speaking....

13. THANK YOUS AND ADJOURN

Alan commended Vada for transition from board to a Council, and Vada also thanked Judy. Sheldon moved to adjourn, Judy seconded. Meeting adjourned: 4:16 pm.

Important Dates – 2018

Grassroots, March 12-14, San Diego

AIA Conference on Architecture, June 21-23, NYC

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AIA Connecticut Report for AIA New England

October 20, 2017

1. AIA CT recently held its AIA Connecticut 2017 Conference in Trumbull, CT. The keynote address was presented by George Knight, AIA about his firm's work with the renovations of the Yale Center for British Art.
2. Final preparations are in progress for AIA CT's role with the 2017 AIA QUAD Conference (collaboration of AIA Connecticut, AIA New Jersey, AIA New York State, and AIA Pennsylvania), set for Nov 9-11 in Albany, NY. The QUAD State Design Awards Presentation has been organized, implemented, and will be presented by AIA CT on the evening of November 9. Our program director, Joanne Rees, coordinated the jurying process in Washington, DC.
3. The AIA CT Transition Committee, led by Chairman and President-Elect Art Sanders, AIA continues its work in the search for our new Executive Director, and have scheduled the upcoming interviewing of candidates for later this month.
4. On another note, AIA CT is in the process of adding a custom website development for a new "Find an Architect" feature for its website. In essence, this new feature will provide opportunities for our members to have their architectural firm portfolios of sample projects available on the AIA CT website. This concept is based upon a similar idea that is presently utilized by AIA Seattle.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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It is our vision to continually enhance and effectively communicate the Value of Architects' services

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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
- Created a contact list for EPN Chairs – google doc spreadsheet shared with all chairs
- Created a twitter account for NE RAD position @AIANERAD

National Update

The NAC – Mentoring+Diversity 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 and booklet of all interviews will be released at AIA Conference 2018
- I conducted an interview with Nancy Ludwig, the new NE COF Regional Director, on September 14
- Next year we will be diving into the topic of diversity more as it relates to mentorship

The YAF and NAC - Communications Work Group Update

- consists of 6 RAD/YARDs that write articles and critique incoming articles from other Work Groups, from RADs and YARDs - articles are published on aia.org
- My article Shape Your Career by Sharpening Your Skills is live online, <https://www.aia.org/articles/147281-shape-your-career-by-sharpening-your-skills:26>

Regional Update

- AIA NE –Emerging Professionals Network Conference Call #3 will be held after ABX, to wrap up the year
- 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 the EPN Chair from CT will be a panelist for one of the EP sessions

Local Update

Boston Society of Architects

- The Boston Society of Architects EPN Chairs for 2017 are Derrick Nickerson, Dan Ricardeli, and Sara Kudra.
- October – regular monthly 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 – 2nd 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
- Women in Design and Construction event was very successful
- 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.
- One on One call with NH EPN Chairs – August 30 – went over strategies/plans for EP programs and organization – Catherine Lange from Vermont was also on the call and gave great suggestions/feedback

- AIANH Survey – its been really helpful gaining insight into what EPs are looking for
- Archtoberfest scheduled for the fall
- Released new EPiC website this week – AIANE Emerging Professionals Community
- 2017/2018 AIANH Design Competition is online! – topic is Affordable Housing & Disaster Resilience – topic was chosen due to the recent natural disasters – deadline December 18 – open to all NE architectural interns, architects within five years of registration and planners.

Rhode Island

- The EPN Chair for 2017 of Rhode Island is Mallory Demty.
- 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.

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
- AIA Golf Tournament – in the fall will support EPs
- December – Charette Design Competition – three hour bring your trace/models – sponsors from local firms

Western Massachusetts

- The EPN Chair for 2017 of Western Massachusetts is Jason Newman.
- 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
- Good news we have a person that is interested in taking on the role of EPN Chair for Central Massachusetts, Meghan Lacoche! I had a call with Meghan to go over the duties and responsibilities of the EPN Chair.
- Steve mentioned on Conf Call #2 there is a Design Award Competition in the Fall – entry fee is free – hoping to attract many more young professionals

Goals and Next steps

- NH EPN Chairs and I are meeting for coffee at the AIA NE Conference on Saturday October 21
- Conference Call #3 with all EPN Chairs mid to late November
- Continue to share/research/learn NCARB and ARE updates with NE EPNs
- Keep communication to and from NAC level to NE Region EPN Chair level
- Utilize social media connections
- Work with the outgoing YARD Elizabeth Cox and the incoming YARD Katelyn Chapin to gain momentum with YAF in New England!



AIA College of Fellows

The American Institute of Architects

25 September 2017

To: AIA/NE Board of Directors

Re: Interim Report

From: Glenn H Gregg, FAIA, COF Rep to AIA/NE

Initiative 1 – Fellowship Advancement

- A dedicated group of COF members meet every 6 to 8 weeks each 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

- We are continuing our initiative, working with the YAF group, to offer seminars, mentoring sessions to consider their longer term career plans and goals.
- These initiatives include sharing experience in the establishment of a firm and in firm management.

Initiative 3 – Community Outreach

- Our annual dinner, held in October is highlighted by a talk by a distinguished Architect or member of an allied profession on a topic of current interest. We have opened the event to other Chapters in NY and NE and yearly have as our guests, the Fellows of the ASLA.
- 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.

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