



# AIA New England Regional Council

## AIANE Regional Council Annual Meeting

May 22, 2019

12:08-2:42 pm

BSA, Boston, MA

### Present:

Paul Bourbeau AIA  
Helen Fantini AIA  
Jonathan Taylor AIA  
Alan Gardocki AIA  
Monica Cunningham  
Lorin Starr  
Katelyn Chapin AIA  
Jeannette Schram  
Jesse Thompson AIA  
George McGoldrick AIA  
Tom Hartmann AIA  
Gina Calabro  
Gail Kubick  
Eric White  
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### Absent:

Nancy Ludwig FAIA  
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Danielle McDonough AIA  
Elizabeth Cox AIA  
Jean Carron AIA  
Ethan Anthony AIA  
Daniel Lewis AIA  
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President, AIA MA  
President, AIA WMA

### 1. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

President Paul Bourbeau opened the meeting at 12:08. Introductions were made around the table and with those on the phone.

Acceptance of meeting minutes. Motion to accept minutes from the February meeting; Glenn moved to accept; seconded by Bart. Minutes approved

## **2. FINANCIAL**

Financial report was distributed and accepted.

Last year a resolution was passed to take a look at regions and determine similarities and differences. There are no guidelines for how regions operate. Should there be some? Or is it okay that they operate differently. A committee is looking at this. Chaired by Peter Kuttner. Have until a year from now for their report at the 2020 convention. CI received a survey to fill out about the NE Region. There is a resolution this year that has an impact on regions

## **3. Annual Meeting**

Lorin: Annual Meeting and Awards Celebration is on Saturday, Oct. 5. Things are set. Will have optional tours in the afternoon, but they are included with registration. Board meeting at 11:30, to allow anyone who wants to participate in the tours at 2:00. Keynote is Charles Lamb at 5, reception 6, awards 7. There is an EP informal gathering in downtown Amherst afterwards.

CFE available June 1; submissions due Aug 1. Jurying in Portland, OR, on Aug. 12. Using CFE from last year. Want's to add a question on firm size (number of employees). Some discussion on this. CT is doing the same thing. Jury needs info on the size of firms, they may factor that in. Mike L. noted this is happening across the country. WMA is reluctant to establish categories, and we should be consistent year to year. If we want to do that, it should be discussion happening now for the future. Graphics and info to chapters by June 1. Jeannette: they have categories. It provides context for jurors, but they aren't required to follow the categories when assigning awards.

## **4. Grassroots Followup**

MA chapter had a handout at Grassroots for legislative reps, in addition to the issues that AIA gave us. Lorin has copies, if you would like to see. It is an interesting document put together well. They felt that a lot of the federal representatives picked it up and seemed interested. Jesse: maybe design a template that we can all build from and there is some consistency from each state.

AIA asked on a followup survey, how components are following up with legislators. The evaluation just got compiled so should be available around time of AIA Conference.

Discussion on scheduling meetings with legislators via Soapbox, which AIA did for components this year. Most components liked it, but it is missing the opportunity to set up a relationship. Alan feels it is a bit counter-productive; AIA should be facilitating us. Gina noted that what AIA State Government provided this year was very good.

SGN will be in Providence in July. July 17-19.

## **5. STRATEGIC COUNCIL:**

- Council is maturing a little, getting more organized. Moderator Bruce Turner is doing a really good job. Board is meeting right now, so there was a flurry of activity getting reports together. Judith sent to AIANE Council members yesterday.
- Been looking at strategic planning; Danielle is on that committee. Judy participated in some of their activities. Council does this every three years.

- Been working on improving communication. Each board committee has SC on it, acts as liaison between council and the board.
- In the report Judy highlighted the public outreach committee: look at everything they are doing. The game apps they started developing three years ago are still being addressed. Good to see it is being developed.
- SC has check-in points to report more robustly about what they are doing. Inside Bruce's report you'll see a summary of all the activities and workgroups.
- Housing resolution. Judy sent AIA Board's talking points to us.
- Regional survey. Carolyn filled out survey.
- **At large directors:** about a week left to submit application. Would be great if we could get someone from New England. Close on June 3. The At Large position is for two years, but same as SC in regards to time, meetings, etc. Attend Grassroots, Conference, meeting in Denver, Governance week (all face to face); need to participate in workgroups; if on board committee they have face to face meetings. A lot of work done over the phone. (sometimes 8-16 hours in a week; generally at least 4-8 hours a week of time)
- Council votes on the applicants. Elect three to the Council from the applications; if the steering committee deems there is more expertise needed, they can advance two more people.
- Eric will be CACE rep on SC next year, as well.
- **If you have someone to nominate, write letter of interest. Judy says it's a really good experience and that the SC is working well and getting very productive. Meet people around the company and talk about big issues common to all. Great opportunity.**
- Judy asked about Diantha and Martha. People who've been on New England Board.
- Want to get on Board Committees next year. There is some preliminary work to do this. **Judy will talk to Tom about this.**
- Judy on Best Practices Committee, Communications sub committee, Innovations Business Model Group. Will meet frequently in Las Vegas.
- Climate action resolution. Tom sent a couple of thoughts: maybe should define what decarbonization means. Should create measurable objectives. **Judy will forward on to Betsy.** BSA board discussed it, had a few questions, but will support it. AIACT will as well. This resolution is coming from the floor, also the housing resolution.
- CANDIDATES:  
Discussion of candidates.
- Bylaws. 1. Titling of allied members. 2. Longterm stability and flexibility, allowing some reserves to be used for things other than emergencies. Bylaws now are very restrictive in use of the reserves. Treasurer and head of finance are in favor of this. CACE reviewed both of these, and Strategic Advisory Council; both in favor of each. **Has AIA Board come out on these? If they do, she'll send anything they send her. It is still a conservative approach on it.**
- Resolution coming from international regions: formation of sections. Proposing that international areas with members but no chapter to belong to, could be able to be a section for that region. CACE took no position. Primarily because there is a group studying sections right now and there may be unintended consequences. Encourage the region study group to incorporate this into their study. Can have a section that is part of a chapter, but not one that is part of a region.
- Payette (receiving firm of the year) is having party at AIA Conference. At THE SPACE. Friday night, 7-10pm. Offering transportation between Renaissance and the space.
- Gina thanked Carolyn and Lori for setting up the Grassroots dinner.
- **Feedback from members: let Judy and Danielle and Tom know of issues. Would be nice if communications could become more engaging. SC working for transparency and ways to**

**communicate more directly with members. Better feedback loop. If you are SC and on a board committee, you report.**

**6. RAD REPORT:**

*See RAD report following notes.*

*Gail is Knowledge Workgroup of NAC.*

App: Paul asked if AIA is willing to increase resources for that. Discussion is happening, Gail said. Monica asked if there was an outside developer that could do this.

Gina reported on ARE study series on line called Amber Videos by Michael Vernon. You can buy seats for \$142.50 each, per month, minimum of four seats, and can switch people out. Monica asked what the pass rate is for this series. If you take the series, you end up taking all six exams. Bonnie asked if he might make adjustments for smaller chapters; maybe some go in together. **Gina will send this information.**

**7. YARD REPORT:**

*See YARD report following notes.*

*Katelyn:* AIA National Graphics working with them to create templates for their toolkits. Then they will host their content on AIA Knowledge Net.

EP Friendly Firms program: A lot of firms are making some changes after seeing last year's awards and the survey. That's the most exciting thing about the program; that firms are making adjustments. **Let components know so that they can promote it as well.**

Helen: definition of small firm. Seemed to be very large firms. **Katelyn indicated they will look at this.**

Actual definition of EP:

Diverse group of individuals who are recently licensed (10 years or less) or moving along path to licensure.

**8. Small Firm Exchange**

*Report attached*

**9. Discussion**

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. Helen: went to a session on this at Grassroots. There is a guide available, Chapters 1-3 are published, 4-5 out in June. Search Google "guides for inclusion AIA."

It would be interesting to have a seminar to teach you if you are making progress in this area. As soon as you start watching it you try to improve your ratings. JUST Label. By Living Futures out of Seattle. If you do a Living Building challenge you have to have this. Creates self-examination, as does the friendly firm program.

Good to have champions in office for diversity and inclusion.

Women in Architecture committee in CT, supporting Diversity Intercultural Competence.

Series of conversations....Seattle had six discussion points they used as a model from one of the Chapters of above book.

Jeannette: how to you find moderators.

BSA EP group is streaming their events through Facebook. Just have to invest in the camera and the sound.

BSA put together a group to make recommendations. Everything from how we operate, to recommendations for firms. Been following what the national publication has. Thought the aspect of pay equity and leadership was the paramount topic. But as they looked at data, it's a very complicated challenge, more cultural than a policy or practice challenge. Generally there is pay equity, but work place culture is more important (progression is based on hours, availability. How is that impacting families, etc.?). What policies could encourage people to think about progression in firms differently. This is the challenge to tackle. If there is paid family leave, more men would take it, would help level things. Tom mentioned that in order to keep good employees you need to address these matters.

Next meeting: Could we have some people from BSA at next meeting and continue this topic?

**10. Are there people who we want to nominate for the AIA Board? Emily is done next year; need to think of someone. Candidates have to declare before Grassroots. Encourage people to declare by Dec or January at the latest.**

**11.** Alan motioned to adjourn. Katelyn seconded Meeting adjourned at 2:42 pm.

***Continue on to following pages for Strategic Council Report, RAD Report, YARD Report, Western MA report, and College of Fellows Report.***

#### **Upcoming Council Meetings**

August 21, 12-3 pm, at the BSA

October 5 at the AIA NE Annual Awards + Annual Meeting hosted by AIA Western Massachusetts. 11:30 am.

#### **Upcoming AIA Events**

AIA Grassroots: March 6-8, Washington, DC

AIA Conference on Architecture: June 6-8, 2019, Las Vegas

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AIA New England YAF Report

May Council Meeting

Report by: Katelyn Chapin, AIA, YARD

Instagram: @aianewengland

Twitter: @YAFnewengland

- YAF Updates
  - Community focus group
    - Working with AIA graphics team to create a template for toolkits
    - Current initiative: updating the toolkit for the EP Friendly Firms Program. Involves case study interviews with other regions/states that have offered this program and compiling data into a toolkit to share with all AIA members. Reviewing options of hosting documents on the AIA Knowledge Net
  - A'19
    - MiniMBA Mastering the Business for Emerging Professionals
      - Collaboration between the YAF and Large Firm RoundTable
      - Wednesday June 5, 2019 8 am – noon
    - EP Booth on the expo floor
      - Will be featuring the new Archiprep program
    - Practice Innovation Lab (PIL) workshop series at A19
  - Connection Magazine – Q2 magazine will be published prior to A19. When the link is available, I will share it with everyone
  - YAF group
    - Working on templates for A20
- YARD / RAD Collaboration
  - AIA New England Emerging Professional Friendly Firm Program
    - 2019 survey – Late Summer / Early Fall 2019 to align with regional awards and AIA New England Conference
  - Social Media
    - Instagram: @aianewengland
    - Spotlights – highlight regional representatives – YARD, RAD, Strategic Council, COF rep
    - Twitter: @YAFnewengland / @AIANERAD
- EP Groups in New England
  - Conference call held May 10th
  - New England EP Initiatives
    - Group leaders will also share social media accounts so groups can see what events are occurring
  - State updates:
    - No update from Central Mass, Maine or Western Mass
    - Vermont
      - EP group leader: Lealoni Coathup.

- Initiatives:
  - Social meet up in Burlington
  - Upcoming charette at the AIA/CSI Architecture & Construction Expo
  - Looking at applying for the COF EP grant – when is it available?
  - EP group received funding from allied professional group
- New Hampshire:
  - EP group co-led by Maggie Robidoux and Kyle Wheeler.
  - Initiatives
    - Bowling event - upcoming
    - Site tours / brewery tours
    - Kyle is a recent graduate and is looking to bridge the gap with the local AIAS chapter.
- BSA
  - Chris Moyer and Gabriela Baierle-Atwood co-lead the group
  - Initiatives:
    - BSA EP group has started to live stream events on facebook so others can join in remotely. Events are published in the newsletter – individuals can subscribe to newsletter for current events.
    - Mentorship
      - Just started a 5 month mentorship program, “Feedback”
      - Cohort of 30 members – each has 5 mentors and 5 mentees
- Connecticut
  - Adrienne Nelson is co-leading with Aiden Migani.
  - Initiatives:
    - Firm tours around Connecticut. Events have been successful and are scheduled monthly.
    - Summer social event – at a local brewery. Inviting members of other groups: interior designers, lawyers, construction
    - CT group sees limited turnout at EP meeting and educational events. In the fall, group will change schedule and frequency of EP meetings.
- Rhode Island
  - EP group led by: Kaitlin DeGregorio.
  - Initiatives:
    - Construction tours: 1 per month. Attendees range from 20-25 individuals and program has been a huge success.
    - Summer social (upcoming) and a holiday social (end of year)
    - ARE study group: trying to determine what study materials can be used from ARE 4.0
    - Spoke about how she reaches out to her networks to encourage participation: AIA RI newsletter, social media (facebook and instagram), contact lists, DesignxRI, student design/build group
- Upcoming Events / Regional items
  - AIA New England Conference: EP scholarships to attend the conference in October? EP track programming?
  - COF EP grant – when does that open?

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## **New England RAD Report**

Gail Kubik, Assoc. AIA  
Regional Associate Director (2019-2020)

### **National Update**

- NAC Knowledge Work Group
  - o Goal for the year is to investigate the resources firm leaders use to provide professional guidance and how those resources are being distributed to assist EP's in becoming future leaders.
  - o Conducted an assessment of the resources currently available on AIA's Center for Emerging Professionals website.
    - Currently analyzing these resources based upon topical relevance and the soft skills they attempt to impart on the reader. "Soft skills" examples include communication, creative thinking, work ethic, decision making, time management, motivation, problem-solving, critical thinking and conflict resolution just to name a few.
  - o Looking to analyze the AIA Kinetic app, a past resource created to digitally share career guidance and best business practices through short articles published by members.
    - Connecting with the Small Firm Round Table (SFRT).
  - o Looking to better understand the challenges regional EPNet groups are facing for professional development outside the office environment.
    - Currently creating a survey to evaluate their experiences with EP member engagement and the use of digital resources.
- Archiprep
  - o The AIA has created a new ARE study platform to support EP's in the licensing process. The program will offer each person the ability to create their customized study plan and will offer the ability to report tracked progress (ie. average time you spend on answering a question). The official launch with Components was at Grassroots in March and it's expected to roll out nationally around the time of the AIA Convention in June (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>).
- NDSA Bill
  - o The NAC's Advocacy Task Force is supporting the National Design Services Act currently in Congress. This bill introduces student loan forgiveness for architecture students and recent grads by creating a program to allow EP's to work with HUD community design centers in exchange for assistance paying off student loans. For each year of service, HUD will repay a certain percentage of the loan until it is paid off.

### **Regional Update**

- EP Leader Spotlights on AIA New England's Instagram account (@aianewengland)
- Professional Development Webinar Series
  - o Collaborating with Andrew Kollar, AIA, Co-Chair of the BSA's Codes Committee, to create a webinar series that promotes professional development skills EP's might not be getting exposed to on projects.
    - Currently planning first webinar which will focus on how to perform a code analysis on an example project. Webinar expected to occur in July.
  - o Future webinars in the series will focus on how to perform a zoning analysis and a resilience study on a site.
  - o Goal is to record the webinars and to share them as a resource available for all EPN groups in AIA New England.

### **Local Update**

- Conference call with EPN Chairs – May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, from 2-3pm
  - o Attendees: RAD, YARD, BSA, CT, NH, RI, & VT.

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

- EPN Chairs are Gabriela Baierle and Chris Moyer
- "Hear From Hiring Managers" session in March.
- First EP Mentorship Pilot Program "FeedBack" launched April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - o Currently have 5 mentors, where each mentor is connected with 5 mentees, for a total of 30 participants. The mentors/mentees will have one meeting per month over five months with the goal of having organic relationships begin to form.
- "EPNet Grad Party" networking event



- “Summer Leadership” Lunch Series to begin soon.
- EPN Chairs have begun to livestream their events and post the videos on facebook so they can be shared as resources with the EPN groups within AIA New England.

### **Connecticut**

- The EPC Co Chairs are Adrienne Nelson and Aiden Migani.
- Developing an ARE lecture series that will focus on the specific divisions on the exam.
- Planning a “Revit Roundtable” event.
- Found their most successful programs are their firm tours and networking events.
- Will be holding another networking event in June and are reaching out to AEC allied partners to make the networking opportunities more diverse.
- Will begin to offer firm tours year round.

### **New Hampshire**

- The EPN Chairs are Kyle Wheeler and Maggie Robidoux.
- Increasing outreach to AIAS and planning “NCARB” discussions.
- Planning “Site Tours” series of events.
- Currently trying to identify EP’s pursuing licensure to create a licensure support group.
- Speaking with local high schools to develop a program that can help educate future Architecture students about the profession, what qualities to look for when choosing where to get your Architectural education and to introduce them to the value of pursuing a license to practice.

### **Rhode Island**

- The EPN Chair for 2018 of Rhode Island is Kaitlin DeGregorio.
- Found their most successful programs are their construction tours and are currently planning more for the year.
- “Summer Social” event to begin soon.
- Are seeing increased attendance at their EP meetings.
- Currently organizing an “ARE Study Group” series that can meet regularly throughout the year.
- Building a partnership with Design x RI, a non-profit organization creating an opportunity-driven environment for RI’s design sector to thrive.
  - o Organizing design/build events for AIAS.
  - o Expanding talks and gallery events for EP’s currently in practice.

### **Vermont**

- The EPN Chair for Vermont is Lealoni Coathup.
- Been preparing “EP Mini-Series” events for the “Architecture in Construction Expo” on May 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - o Holding a community design charrette and have received a lot of interest from volunteers.
- Looking to expand their outreach to EP’s through social media and are creating an Instagram account.
- Interested in learning more about EP Grants offered by the College of Fellows.

### **Western Massachusetts**

- The EPN Chair and licensing advisor is Garrison Gamble.
- Planning a “Firm Tour” program available to Architecture students.
- Planning a “Celebrating Licensure” program to spotlight those recently licensed.
- Creating a licensure support group and recently purchased new ARE 5.0 study materials.

### **Goals and Next steps**

- Keep communication to and from NAC level to NE Region EPN Chair level
- Continue to develop Professional Development webinar series.
- Plan to create Instagram EP Spotlights for AIA New England EPN Chairs and component leadership.

## **AIA NE Report - Connecticut**

### **The Connecticut Architecture Conference and Expo (CACX) September 12 & 13<sup>th</sup>**

The Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects will host the 2019 Connecticut Architecture Conference and Expo (CACX) on September 12th and 13th at Mohegan Sun Convention Center in Uncasville, CT. Added features this year include our official Conference app, a Maker Space, and a Networking Cocktail Reception.

#### **CALL FOR PROGRAM PROPOSALS – DEADLINE JUNE 14<sup>th</sup>**

This year's conference will offer approximately 36 two-hour programs and 12 one-hour programs.

Programs should address one of the following topics:

- Business
- Technology
- Sustainability
- Materials and Building Performance
- Urban Planning and Development/New Urbanism
- Energy
- Design

Professionals at all stages of their careers are encouraged to develop and submit a program for consideration. Topics exploring the architecture of Connecticut and the New England Region are encouraged.

#### **Keynote Speaker – Thursday, September 12th**

*Vishaan Chakrabarti, FAIA*

Vishaan Chakrabarti, FAIA is the founder of Practice for Architecture and Urbanism | PAU, a New York architecture firm working globally. Simultaneously he teaches design and urban theory at Columbia University. His book, "A Country of Cities", argues that a well-designed urban world would result in more prosperity, sustainability, equity and joy.

Chakrabarti and his team are designing distinctive architecture projects that reflect and rethink global urban life in the 21st century including the Domino site in New York, the beginnings of a new downtown for Philadelphia, and a remarkable urban village and cultural centre in Ulanbator Mongolia. Chakrabarti holds a Master of Architecture from the University of California at Berkeley, a Master of City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and dual bachelor's degrees in Art History and Engineering from Cornell University. Chakrabarti has appeared on Charlie Rose, PBS, NPR, MSNBC, the main stage of TED, and the pages of the New York Times and the Financial Times.

#### **Keynote Speaker – Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

*Rosa Sheng, FAIA*

Rosa T. Sheng, FAIA is a principal at SmithGroupJJR, AIA SF president in 2018, and founder of Equity by Design, an AIA SF committee. As a licensed architect with 24 years' experience in architecture and design, Rosa has led a variety of award-winning and internationally acclaimed projects from the aesthetically minimal, highly technical development of the glass structures for Apple's original high-



profile retail stores, to the innovative and sustainable LEED NC Gold-certified Lorry I. Lokey Graduate School of Business at Mills College in Oakland, California.

As the Founding Chair of Equity by Design, a national movement created by the American Institute of Architects San Francisco Chapter to advocate for equitable practices and pay in architecture, she has continued to speak up regarding professional issues that move her. The Equity in Architecture movement has inspired many and created new connections around the world. Her work has launched a national movement catalyzed by the findings from two pivotal surveys and through provoking discussions in cities such as Boston, New York, Lisbon, Atlanta, Seattle and Philadelphia. Press coverage of her work with Equity by Design includes Architect Magazine, Architectural Record, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, TEDxPhiladelphia and KQED/NPR. Sheng received her B.Arch degree in 1994 from Syracuse University and is also a member of the AIA National Equity in Architecture Commission and the AIA Public Outreach Committee.

### **Other Updates:**

#### **Existing Buildings in the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code**

Tuesday, June 18, 2019  
3:00pm-6:00pm  
AIA Connecticut  
370 James Street, Suite 402  
New Haven, CT 06513

#### **Stony Creek Quarry Corporation Tour**

Wednesday, June 26, 2019  
2:45pm-4:30pm  
99 Quarry Rd  
Branford, CT 06405  
Title of Presentation: Stony Creek Quarry; History, Geology, Process, Techniques, and Environmental Leadership

#### **Wood Series (registration will be up shortly with HSW credit)**

##### October 2, 2019 3 Hour Program

Outcomes of ICC Tall Wood Ad Hoc Committee: Mass Timber Provisions in the 2021 I-Codes with Matthew Hunter of the American Wood Council 1.5 HSW

Sustainability of the U.S. Hardwood Resource

with Mary Hull of Hull Forest Products & Hull Forest Lands 1.5 HSW

##### October 9, 2019 3 Hour Program

Wood Science and Wood Construction with Jim DeStefano, AIA of DeStefano & Chamberlain, Structural and Architectural Engineering 3 HSW

##### October 15, 2019 3 Hour Program

Architectural Millwork with Greg St. John of St. John's Bridge 3 HSW

##### October 23, 2019 3 Hour Program

Tour of Hull Sawmill 3 HSW

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Highlights of our spring programs were:

March 13: We had a tour of the Amherst College Science Center (Payette) winner of one of this year's COTE Top Ten Awards.

April 2: Women in Architecture committee hosted a program – "In Conversation with Emily Grandstaff-Rice" focusing on equity and inclusion. It was a lively conversation!

April 25: Code Program – a review of the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition Energy Code and a look at expected changes in the new code revision.

We are continuing to work on the AIANE Awards and Conference. We anticipate opening the awards in early June with a closing date of August 1. The awards will be juried in Portland, OR. Jurors are: Thomas Robinson, Amy Donohue, Heidi Beebe, and Tim Eddy. The conference will be held on Saturday October 5, 2019. The keynote speaker is Charles Mann.



# AIA Maine

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AIA New England Board Meeting

AIA Maine Component Report

AIA Maine is working on the following:

- Design Awards
  - AIA Maine has wrapped up our 2019 Design Awards Program
    - The jury was based in Iceland.
    - The celebration took place on May 8 in Brunswick, ME.
    - We had 57 entries and 13 awards
    - The award submissions will tour throughout the state for the remainder of the year.
- COTE
  - COTE presented a Demystifying the Top Ten Toolkit seminar
  - COTE is planning a 1/2 day seminar on tracking EUI for June.
- Program Committee
  - The group recently hosted a full-day training on: 2015 IBC Accessibility and Usability for Commercial Buildings
  - The group participated in a STEM summit to showcase the work of architects to the state's school STEM teachers.



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## Chapter Report to Region

22 May 2019

AIA Rhode Island provides this report as a synopsis of activity since the Chapter's last report to AIA New England at the February 2019 meeting.

### Chapter Governance

- Late February: President Dan Kwasniewski, AIA unexpectedly passed away.
- April Board meeting:
  - Jonathan M. Taylor, AIA elected President for remainder of year (will continue as President in 2020 as initially elected by members).
  - Paul Hauser, AIA, elected Vice-President for remainder of year.
  - Caroline Stevens provided notice to Board on intent to depart from organization, effective end of 1st week in June. (She would like to spend more time on her nonprofit [Doors Open RI](#), and would like to focus more on programming, potentially in coordination with AIA-RI, but not as E.D.)
- May:
  - Interim E.D. - Bethany Rochefort hired as interim E.D.; Bethany provided coverage as E.D. in 2018 while Caroline was on maternity leave. Bethany will be trained by Caroline in the coming weeks, to assist with the transition in early June.
  - Permanent ED - The Chapter is actively seeking candidates to apply to be the next E.D. The position notice is posted [online at indeed.com](#) and will be share with the CACE listserv.
- June 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Strategic Planning Event scheduled for members to discuss draft mission, vision, and goals with Board members. Discussion will inform the Board in identifying objectives for implementation and key quantifiable metrics for assessing success.



### **Chapter Events**

Significant chapter events are addressed below:

- Monthly – Construction site tours by E.P. committee; 4 sites visits already this year.
- March – Chapter hosted a member breakfast and conversation with Carl Elefante, FAIA the morning after his lecture, “Architecture’s Relevance Reimagined” at Roger Williams University.
- April – Chapter hosted its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Billiards Night, a social/networking event for members.
- May – Green RI Sustainable Showcase (trade show held with IIDA NE Providence City Center and RI-ASLA).
- July 17-19 – SGN Annual meeting, Providence – Event is free for all members.
  - The Chapter will set-up a la-carte registration for chapter members interested in only attending a portion of the conference.
  - Those interested in attending the full conference should use the National web site to register: <https://www.aia.org/events/6148085-2019-state-and-local-government-network-co>
- August (date TBD) – Chapter Summer Conference
- September (date TBD) – 2019 AIA-RI Golf Classic, fundraiser for architecture scholarships.

### **Legislative Agenda:**

The chapter has testified at the Rhode Island Statehouse on several bills:

- Transparent Business/Computer verification of hours – Written and in-person testimony in opposition provided to House Corporations and Senate Finance committees.
- “RI architectural firms” – Written testimony with neutral commentary provided to House Finance Committee on proposed definition and application towards incentive points on state projects.
- Sales tax – Governor has proposed sales tax on interior design services. AIA-RI anticipates engaging State House on this issue. Note: architectural and engineering services are currently not taxed in RI, and that is not included in the proposal.

AIA CM has had a very busy start to 2019.

**Scholarships:**

AIACM received a grant to establish a Richard Lamoureux Scholarship. In addition in December Of 2018 AIA CM gave the first scholarship in some years and applied for matching scholarship grant from AIA Foundation.

**Outreach:**

Continuing last year's success AIACM had its first film night jointly sponsored with Preservation Worcester. One of two annual Film Nights AIACM featured the PBS documentary on the Rise and Fall of Penn Station followed by a panel discussion on Worcester's Union Station and its impact on the city.

**Governance:**

As part of Accreditation the Executive Committee of AIACM completed a redrafting of the Component By-Laws, updating of all policies and formulation of Board Orientation and Continuity Procedures.

**Executive Director:**

New in 2019 AIACM has completed an agreement with Monica Cunningham for her to provide Executive Director Services for the component. Monica has been working with AIACM to provide Website and publishing services and will be adding ED services to her portfolio.

**Continuing Education:**

AIACM has completed scheduling at least one in-person component generated, continuing education event per month for the ten months from September through June.

**Chapter Recognition:**

Planning is well under way for the annual awards competition and Annual Dinner. The venue has been selected secured and notification of the annual awards schedule is planned to go out within the next two weeks.