



AIANE Council Meeting

August 25, 2021

9 – 11:18 am, Conference Call

Present:

Elizabeth Cox AIA	AIANE President (BSA)
Mike Lassel AIA	AIANE President Elect/Small Firm Exchange (ME)
George Fellner AIA	AIANE Secretary/Treasurer (CT)
Helen Fantini AIA	AIANE Past President (AIA WMA)
Sarah O Donnell	Executive Director, AIA VT
Catherine Lange AIA	President, AIAVT
Jeannette Schram	Executive Director, AIAME
Carolyn Isaak Hon. AIANH	AIANE Executive Director
Lorin Starr	Executive Director, AIA WMA
Danielle McDonough AIA	AIA Strategic Councilor (BSA)
Eric White	Executive Director, BSA
Gina Calabro	Executive Director, AIA CT
Caitlin Osepchuk AIA	NE Young Architects Regional Director (BSA) 2020-2021
Mariana O'Brien, PhD, Assoc. AIA	President, AIA Central MA
Angela Cahill AIA	President, AIA CT
Emily Grandstaff-Rice FAIA	AIA 2023 President-elect (BSA)
Katie Wise AIA	President, AIA ME
Nick Koulbanis AIA	Vice President, AIA RI

Not attending:

Dominique Moore, Assoc. AIA	AIANE RAD (CT)
Bonnie Kastel	Executive Director, AIA NH
J. Christian Whittsett AIA	President, AIA WMA
Tom Chung FAIA	College of Fellows Representative (BSA)
Cris Salomon AIA	President, AIANH
Tom Hartman AIA	AIA Strategic Councilor (AIA WMA)
Paul Hauser AIA	President, AIA RI
Roni Phipps	Executive Director, AIA RI
John Nunnari Assoc. AIA	Executive Director, AIA MA
Gregory Minott AIA	President, BSA
Jim LaPosta FAIA	College of Fellows Representative (CT)
Russ Feldman AIA	President, AIA MA (BSA)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Elizabeth opened the meeting at 9:05 am. Introductions were made. A few notes from components were shared. Catherine reported that AIA VT held its Golf Tourney, and it was the best one ever. Mike noted that AIA Maine was processing an MOU with the State of Maine for disaster responders after four years of work.

- Gina moved to accept the meeting notes from the June 21 meeting. Mariana seconded. Approved and accepted.
- Elizabeth met with work groups about the dissolution of regions that put together some thoughts for ED's on the impact of this change. Though regions are officially dissolved, they are working out what that looks like for states and components. There is a call this afternoon. Elizabeth is the point of contact with AIA National for this group.

AIA NEW ENGLAND region Awards

- Mariana reported that the CFE went out in mid-June. She thanked the ED's of New England components for their help. The Awards program will be Oct. 16. They are still weighing idea of having an in-person dinner. They are offering two tours and a keynote speaker (Janet Marie Smith, with HSW's).
- Five judges have been selected from different AIA Components: Philly, DC, Westchester Hudson Valley, AIA Grand Rapids, and AIA Delaware.
- 196 Submissions have been received. Judging will also include an award for the Best of each chapter, and a Best of Show.
- They are looking for sponsors. At this point only the lecture will be virtual. They are considering other virtual components to the event.
- Lorin noted that AIA Central MA has had a lot of changes recently and could use some help from other NE components to make this happen. They are understaffed and this is a challenging year. Jeannette questioned whether firms would let their employees travel to an in-person event. Gina suggested asking winning firms if they would allow this, to get a sense if an in-person event is possible. Jeannette: there are many attractive options available for digital conference.

RESULTS OF BY LAW AMENDMENTS

- Since AIANE already dissolved as 501(c)6 a few years back, we don't have to dissolve any bylaws. But each component needs to remove anything in their bylaws that says "regional" or refers to the region, and submit these changes to Terry Ono, AIA's new legal counsel. It takes about 3 weeks to get them back.
- How does this effect each state, and other state reps (SC, YAF, NAC, COF, SFX.) Each state will now have a representative vs the region as a whole, 30 or so reps! Time table to transition is 1-3 years. Working on how to stagger positions and how to make selections, and determine deadlines for filling positions. AIA requires fulfillment by Q1, 2022.
- Strategic Council. 3-year terms staggered. Tom will fill out his current term, now as rep from MA. Will selection be by open call or by election?
- We can still meet as a region, but we will not be recognized as one. But still can have meetings, awards, etc.
(Q from Carolyn. So, can we say something like "New England Region AIA Design Awards," or "New England AIA Design Awards" instead of "AIA New England Design Awards"? New England IS an actual recognizable region in the US. I take it we just can't use the word region or put AIA in front of New England. Is this Council now a New England Council (or committee) of AIA Components?)
- What will we look like and how will we work together. Who will populate the committee? This group can determine what it wants to be.
- Financials are already set up for us operating as a committee, so okay there. BSA holds our funds.
- Questions: can regions still have a website? Will small states be able to fill all of the positions? What happens if someone has a 2-3 term and they resign? Diversification of ages, backgrounds, etc. is important in filling positions.
- Elizabeth: goal is that in October we will vote on a new MOU for 2022 and going forward. She will be in contact with us before then.

- George F: this shift puts significant burden on each state, while increasing representation. And this group has been bogged down with organizational stuff. It would be good to get it back to place to discuss issues common to us all. The new set up should be a platform for dialogue.

STRATEGIC COUNCIL

- Danielle will share the August AIA SC briefing (sent separately).
- Also, this link from The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS): [Request for Information \(RFI\) on Climate Change and Human Health \(NOT-ES-21-009\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-ES-21-009.html) <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-ES-21-009.html>

YARD

- See YAF report, at end of meeting notes.
- Caitlin will continue to send out these reports.
- Connection is out and Q3 submissions are not being accepted.
- It was difficult getting EPs together this summer, so there was not conference call. She did received summaries from each component.
- Caitlin's term is ending at the end of the year; not sure yet about YAF restructuring. So Regional Director will be gone and she's not sure what YAF positions will now be called. A call for applicants needs to go out, and they need to be for staggered terms.
- Firm Awards: they are moving forward. Dominique and she are adding a few questions, including J.E.D.I. questions. They will open the survey asap, and they'll advertise more than last year. (Update: survey is released and can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LJ6XHZN>)

SMALL FIRM Exchange

- Next year, will have a rep from MA on the Board. Then 1 from each state on the strategic councils. For New England, that means all new reps.

J.E.D.I Discussion

- All together we are talking about something like 25 NEW reps from New England states in various AIA groups. This is an opportunity for more diversity. How do we reach out to underrepresented people?
- Gina: ED's will be receiving an email regarding and EDI task force. Noted that applications are one method, but personal invitation is a good way to find people.
- Note that component accreditation is due next year. What will be required regarding state reps and J.E.D.I?

NEXT MEETING

- October 13, 2021, 9:00 am. We will vote on MOU.

AIANE FINANCIAL UPDATE

- Carolyn shared current expenditures. Typically components are billed in December, based on Aug 1 membership counts, for actual expenses of this group. The new MOU will determine whatever financial arrangement this group has going forward. Then we will determine if that billing happens or not.

ADJOURN

- Meeting adjourned at 11:18 am.

Upcoming 2021 Meeting Dates

New England region AIA Design Awards & Conference: Oct. 16

<https://www.aiacm.org/page-203489>



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AIA New England YAF Report

August Council Meeting

Report by: Caitlin Osepchuk, AIA, YARD

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- YAF Updates
 - Knowledge focus group
 - Working with AIA knowledge communities to showcase young architects/ emerging professionals within various communities
 - YAF is working to help Eps during Covid-19
 - “Now Ya Know” Newsletter
 - A’22
 - Knowledge Group will review any YAF programming
 - Regions Transition for the YAF
 - 2 year plan to transition from regions to states
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 - Connection Magazine – Q2 magazine published: [Connection](#)
- YARD / RAD Collaboration
 - Sharing regional events
 - Social Media
 - Instagram: @aianewengland
 - Twitter: @YAFnewengland / @AIANERAD
- EP Groups in New England
 - Western MA:
 - Monthly EP Hour via Zoom (on-going)
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 - Panel discussion with 3 EPs 5+/- years out with ties to our area but working in three distinct cities (this past Spring)
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 - Surveys to EPs and Firms regarding programming and support (last Fall)
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 - Celebration of Licensure at our Annual Meetings (this December will be our 3rd)
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 - Attendance at NCARB events (as recently as earlier this month at the Licensing Advisors Summit)
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 - Upcoming: Fall Construction Programming - working with a local builder, we plan to have periodic site visits to a construction job with EPs, so that they can gain experience, ask questions, learn how to document, and track the progress of a real time project. Details are still in the works.
 - We have lots of programming ideas in the works, but these are the concrete ones
 - Maine
 - monthly Maine Architecture Map competition, one month for each county
 - geo-tagged database of noteworthy architecture, designed landscapes, and built spaces throughout Maine
 - The map is composed of paired photographs and descriptions submitted by local architects and designers
 - sharing it with the architecture community and public to promote the diversity of design in our state



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- It has been slow to start but we are hoping the interest picks up as we go and post more
- Next call: mid September

NOW YA KNOW

Issue 2, July 2021

Now YA Know:

A bi-monthly newsletter from the AIA Young Architects Forum (YAF). Look out for important news, AIA updates, and ways to engage, no biggie.



Rap Recap:
Listen to this issue's juicy highlights

National Call for YAF and NAC Volunteers!

Apply for advisory committee positions on the Young Architects Forum and National Associates Committee.

Applications due August 8, 2021

Connection Issue Q2

It was all a dream, if you didn't read Connection magazine's Quarter Two issue: mentorship, citizen architect, community/civic engagement and celebrating 2021 award winners

Apply for the 2022 Young Architects Award

If your contributions went from negative to positive, then it's all good. And you should apply for the YA Award.

Submissions due Sept. 14, 2021

Upcoming Webinars and Events Near You:

AIA Cleveland Coffee with the Fellows Volume 2 Session 4

Friday, August 13th / 12-1pm EST

YAF Advocacy Series: So You Want to Design For All

Friday, August 13th / 2:30 - 4pm EST

A'21 Conference (Final Day)

Thursday, August 19th

In the Limelight ('cause I rhyme tight):

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