



## **AIANE Council Meeting**

October 13, 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
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
Bonnie Kastel	Executive Director, AIA NH
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

### **Not attending:**

Catherine Lange AIA	President, AIAVT
Dominique Moore, Assoc. AIA	AIANE RAD (CT)
J. Christian Whittsett AIA	President, AIA WMA
Angela Cahill AIA	President, AIA CT
Katie Wise AIA	President, AIA ME
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 9:07 am. Introductions were made.
- Jeannette moved to accept the meeting notes from the August 25 meeting. Elizabeth seconded. Approved and accepted.
- Elizabeth spoke with Gwen Berlecamp at AIA headquarters. They hope to have all Strategic Councilor names by November 14 so they can attend AIA governance meetings the week of Dec. 7 and a SC orientation on Nov. 17.

- New England components prefer Model C for the rotations. CT already has three people interested. MA is set for the year as Tom completes his term. ME is up for a one-year position, and does have one person “interested.” Danielle and Tom can be contacted for more information on the position. NH has not started to promote the position yet. Board meeting is Nov. 16 and Nomination Committee is working on it. VT put out a call for candidates. RI has started an outreach effort as they also look for board members. Roni knows of one person interested. Board meeting 10/20.

### **AIA NEW ENGLAND region Awards**

- Mariana reported that they had 186 submissions for the awards program. Judging is completed. 26 projects will receive awards, plus 8 best of chapter and 1 People’s favorite from those attending on 10/16. They are finishing up a slide show today to run during reception hour. They will follow COVID protocol. 75 guests have registered, including the three judges. Winners have been notified.

### **COF Report**

- Tom Chung reported that the COF has been busy this year, and there has been a big push to get Fellows to donate. They are working on EP advocacy. 2020 and 2021 investitures will be at the December governance meeting, in person. Fellows are still working on representation by State and how that will work. Some states don’t have any Fellows. They continue to work on mentoring programs for Eps.

### **STRATEGIC COUNCIL**

- Tom and Danielle reported. Danielle indicated there is not much of an update. She participated in study area meetings. She will send the October update to us. Tom reported that they are selecting an at-large candidate and have five people being considered. Tom noted that this is an opportunity for diversity.
- Tom is on the Finance Committee. They are looking at how to fund reimbursable travel, trying to balance dollars and emissions.
- Tom worked with others in a scalable climate action report. They did some really excellent work, interviewed many people, and came up with an important, well-constructed report. He indicated that National is sitting on it, so it’s been frustrating. We discussed acting on this as a group. (Followup: Tom reported the next day that a bootleg copy had been sent to him that is being edited by National and should be posted on aia.org soon. He will send the link when it is.)

### **YARD**

- Carolyn reported for Caitlin who send an email: They have extended the EP Friendly Firm survey deadline as they had only 6 responses. Caitlin also asked how states are coming along with selecting their YAF representative. She is available to help with the process and provide information about the position.

### **SMALL FIRM Exchange**

- Mike is going off this board. MA has 3 applications submitted already. SFX is focused on content. The goal is to get information about methods small firms use every day out to them. They have linked up with Knowledge Committees.

### **Future of AIANE Council**

- Jeannette talked about the “big picture.” EDs are talking about value and about the design awards. Collaborative conversations and sharing of best practices are important. We have made progress over the years meeting as a group. Gina noted that this group might not be the best one to discuss future design awards. But around collaborative conversations, she suggests future meetings focus on specific topics, and that people interested in the topic are the ones to attend. We now have so many representatives with the State model, that all cannot attend at one time.

- Lorin talked about creating an MOU to define what we are about and what we will do; also, to cover the way we'll handle the NE Design Awards. She suggested we proceed with the awards set up as it now stands while we work through ideas. RI is next up to host, then CT. Roni and Gina will discuss possible switching of years.
- AIANE Financials, MOU, meeting notes. Gwen Berlekamp will coordinate archival submissions to store our documents.
- Funds left in our account will return to the components by percentage based on membership. Can do this in December after all 2021 expenses are paid.
- We will have a vote in the next month about our basic structure going forward, create and present an MOU, determine how to handle website costs for 2022, and put together a blurb for EDs to take to their Boards.
- Jeannette will put things in writing, with assistance for George and Mike.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

- TBD

#### **ADJOURN**

- Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.