

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
AIA VERMONT
Tuesday, February 10, 2009 **Barre**

Attending: John McLeod, AIA, President; Guy Teschmacher, AIA, Immediate Past-President; Lauren Davis, Assoc. AIA, Michael Hoffman, AIA, Stephen Kredell, AIA. Maura O’Dea, AIA, Lisa Rovner, AIA and James Sykes, AIA.

Committee Reports

1. Program
 - a. Michael will be making a presentation on “Modern Architecture” at the Contois Auditorium in Burlington’s City Hall on March 19th at 7:00 p.m. This will be the kick-off for the series on modern architecture followed by a panel discussion in May-June and a lecture by Glenn Andres in September.
 - b. **Michael** will have all the information on his presentation by next Monday.
 - 1) It was suggested that announcements of all programs be made to the AIA Vermont members a month before the event, followed up by reminders.
 - 2) Announcements should be sent to Steven Clark so that he can post them on the Web Site as soon as possible.
2. Communications
 - a. Harry Hunt e-mailed the minutes of the Communication Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 27, 2009.
3. Public Policy
 - a. Key issue at this time is The Economic Recovery Act. The Senate has removed all funding for K-12 educational facilities, higher education and the Greening of Federal Buildings.
 - 1) John proposed meetings with elected Officials and working with the Building Professionals Group.
 - 2) Members should be encouraged to e-mail Vermont Senators and Congressman.
 - a) **Michael** will compose an announcement to the AIA Vermont members on the Economic Recovery Act with links for their e-mails.
 - b. It was suggested that a person be appointed by the Board to be in full pursuit of legislative affairs
 - c. Public Officials should be invited to the R/UDAT in Newport
 - d. There will be a Public Hearing on the Fire Safety Codes on February 25th at The Fire Marshall’s Office; there will be a follow-up meeting in March for public comments.
 - 1) It was suggested that AIA Vermont schedule a meeting of the Professional Building Group prior to the March meeting.
 - a) Michael suggested that the Governor should be involved with code issues and that Tayt Brooks be contacted for strategies.
 - b) **Stephen** will get the original letter of the ICC codes for the meeting.
 - c) **John** will let Hanne know what date the meeting should be held.
4. Long Range Planning
 - a. Guy is preparing a Manual for new Board Members. This manual should be a multi-use tool for organizing what AIA Vermont does and wants to do.
 - 1) **Guy** will send a draft to the Board for comments and input.

Grassroots Report

1. Overview: Hill Visits
 - a. John reported that the Economic Recovery Act was the focus of the AIA Vermont group's meetings with Congressional Staff people. The staffs were encouraged to consider "Shovel Worthy" rather than "Shovel Ready" projects.
2. John, Daniel and Harry met with the AIA representative of R/UDAT, Joel Mills, to discuss the plans for the Newport, VT R/UDAT.
 - a. Harry sent the Board an e-mail with the facts about this R/UDAT.
 - b. AIA Vermont members should be encouraged to attend some of the R/UDAT events scheduled for March 18th-23rd.

Upcoming Events

1. Better Buildings by Design – February 11th-12th
2. R/UDAT – Newport – March 18th-23rd
3. Modern Architecture Program – March 19th
4. Winter Studio Social
 - a. **John** will ask Yestermorrow if they would be willing to host a Studio Social in early April.

Open Issues

1. Calendars
 - a. The Board would like to continue this program and **Lisa** will explore new options.
 - b. It was suggested that sponsors be found for the calendars and that the calendars be available earlier than they were this year.
 - c. This issue will be discussed further at the next meeting.
2. "Canstruction"
 - a. Guy reported that a survey would be going out to the membership to ascertain interest in having a "Canstruction" team.
3. The joint meeting with AIA New Hampshire will be held in September at the AVA Gallery & Art Center in Lebanon, NH.
4. Emerging Professionals: Stephen has a list of potential sites for building tours.
 - a. Mo Gagnon, AIA is the YAF (Young Architects Forum) Regional Liaison and will be invited to a Board meeting to discuss an Emerging Professionals program.
5. Stephen reported that there wasn't enough time to develop a Design Competition for Lake Champlain's 400th Anniversary.
6. Lauren thought that an Opening Reception for the AIA Vermont Travelling Design Awards Exhibition at Burlington's City Hall next year would not be necessary.

New Business

1. Michael asked if there would be any funds from AIA Vermont to aid the AIAS Chapter at Norwich travelling scholarships. It was moved and seconded that \$500.00 be awarded to this program from the budget of "Outreach and Public Education".
 - a. The Board would like to have more student involvement with AIA Vermont.
2. Please send John any photographs you have or will have so that he can include them in his Annual report.

3. The second event for “Modern Architecture will be taking place in late May- early June. A potential site would be College Hall at Vermont College in Montpelier. The cost for room rental is \$300.00 and we would have to formalize a contract a week before the event.
 - a. The Board thanked James for the great work he has done of this series.
4. A priority for AIA Vermont should be providing more continuing education for members.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at Truex Cullins Offices at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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