

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING**  
**AIA VERMONT**  
**Thursday, May 7, 2009    Norwich University**

**ATTENDING:** John McLeod, AIA, President; Daniel Johnson, AIA, Vice-President; Guy Teschmacher, AIA, Immediate Past-President; Diantha Korzun, AIA, Maura O’Dea, AIA, Lisa Rovner, AIA and James Sykes, AIA.

Prior to the meeting the Board juried the student’s “Best in Show” exhibition. The Award of \$500 was given to Kevin Dennis for his project on a “Bicycle Oasis”.

Committee Reports

1. Public Policy Committee John
  - a. AIA Convention
    - 1.) John reported that he would have liked to have been better prepared for voting on Resolutions and AIA National Officers. He suggested that a Board meeting be held before the next Convention to discuss National issues.
    - 2.) Resolutions
      - a.) Public members
      - b.) International Member Category
      - c.) Associate Member on National Board of Directors

All these resolutions were defeated.

- 3.) John will write an article on the Convention for the Newsletter.

2. Programming Committee Daniel
  - a. Traveling Design Award Exhibition and Opening reception at The Vermont State House.
    - 1.) Only two AIA Vermont members attended the Opening Reception, however, there were over fifty legislators who really appreciated the hospitality of AIA Vermont
    - 2.) This was really a missed opportunity for architects.
      - a.) John expressed concern about the low attendance at Programs and Board Meetings. Are we asking too much of our volunteer Board? It was suggested that Board Meetings be combined with programs.
  - b. Modern Architecture Round Table Discussion    June 2<sup>nd</sup> , Vermont College of Fine Arts, Montpelier
    - 1.) Diantha showed a draft poster by Ben Allred for this program, which will be mailed two weeks prior to June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
    - 2.) **Hanne** will prepare an application for Learning Units.
    - 3.) Please send John or James questions for the panelists.
  - c. Studio Social    June 4<sup>th</sup> , LineSync Architecture in Wilmington
    - 1.) An announcement will be mailed to all members.
  - d. Certified Wood in Vermont    Presentation by Jonathan Miller
    - 1.) Nothing new on this program, perhaps it could be teamed up with a VGBN or Yestermorrow program.

- e. Final Modern Architecture Event with Glenn Andres September 10<sup>th</sup>, Contois Auditorium
  - 1.) Early promotion is really needed for this program
  - 2.) **Hanne** will ask Lauren Davis about the availability of the Metropolitan Gallery for an exhibition of Modern Architecture.
- 3. Communications Committee Diantha
  - a. The Newsletter should be going out tomorrow.
  - b. Minutes of the Communications Committee meeting will be e-mailed to the Board.
  - c. The Board voted to spend \$1,000 of the Pubic Education/Outreach budget for the promotion of architecture with spots on VPR.
- 4. Long Range Planning Committee Guy
  - a. Guy is working with Marsha Wilmot and Hanne on a sponsor list and benefits for sponsors.
    - 1.) Sponsors are needed for the Calendar, “Canstruction”, The Golf Tournament and the Glenn Andres program which will be combined with Architecture Day House Tours.

#### Budget

- 1. Hanne reported that the AIA has granted AIA Vermont \$1,350 in a matching scholarship grant.
  - a. The Board voted to give two \$1,500 scholarships to Norwich students.

#### Open Issues

- 1. **Lisa** will send Hanne a pre-announcement for the Photography Competition for the Calendar, which she will send to members and non-members.
  - a. The entries will be judged at the Board Meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. prior to the Modern Architecture Lecture at the Contois Auditorium.
- 2. “Art Hop” registration
  - a. **James** will call Lauren about registering the Glenn Andres Lecture for “Art Hop”. **He** will also call Contois Auditorium to confirm the September 10<sup>th</sup> date.
- 3. Learning by Design
  - a. Guy is having a wonderful time teaching sixth grade students at the ST. Johnsbury Elementary School. They have been designing their houses and building models, which will be shown at an exhibition in June
  - b. Daniel is working with his son’s class on a recycling project.

#### New Business

- 1. **Please** send John photos for the Annual Meeting slide show.

**Next Meeting: The Annual Board Retreat. Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at The Lake Champlain Yacht Club beginning at 8:30 a.m.** (Hanne will send the Board the notes from last year’s Retreat).

Respectfully submitted,  
 Hanne N. Williams, Hon. AIA/VT  
 Executive Director