## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING AIA VERMONT

Tuesday, November 10, 2009 Montpelier

**ATTENDING:** John McLeod, AIA, President; Daniel Johnson, AIA, Vice-President; Harry Hunt, AIA, Secretary-Treasurer; Guy Teschmacher, AIA, Immediate Past-President; Lauren Davis, Assoc. AIA, Michael Hoffman, AIA, Diantha Korzun, AIA, MauraWygmans, AIA, Lisa Rovner, AIA and James Sykes, AIA.

#### **Committee Reports**

- 1. Public Policy John
  - a. John received a complaint from a New York Architect regarding State Contracts.
    - 1.) It was suggested that an article in the Newsletter could inform the membership about these concerns. Maura's Firm has had dealings with State Contracts and she will consult with Shawn Brennan about an article.
- 2. Programs Maura
  - a. VGBN will sponsor another work-shop on "Deep Energy Retrofits" at Marlboro College in Brattleboro on December 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Robert Howe of the DFS will be doing programs on The Life Safety Code and told Maura that these programs would qualify for HSW learning units. Members will be able to self-report these credits.
- 3. Long Range Planning Guy
  - a. Guy distributed draft copies of the "AIA Vermont Board of Directors Driver's Manual" and an excel spread sheet of "AIA Vermont Program and Sponsor Information", the latter to be up-dated as needed by the Immediate Past-President and Vice President.
    - 1.) Guy would like input and editing on the Board Manual and will have up-dates for the Annual Board Retreat
    - 2.) **PLEASE** read the Manual carefully and get back to Guy with comments.
    - 3.) The Board gave Guy a heart –felt round of applause for the wonderful job he did on the Manual.

#### Budget

Harry reported that the Executive Committee worked on a proposed budget for 2010 prior to the Board Meeting and the new budget represents a reduction of 20% from last year's budget. Copies of the proposed budget will be sent to all Board members.

## Open Issues

- 1. Calendar Lisa
  - a. Lisa reported that Katherine Coffey would like acknowledgment on the calendar for her graphic design work.
  - b. The sponsor Lisa had been talking to has bowed out.
    - 1.) **Guy** will work on another sponsor.
- 2. Design Awards Michael
  - a. Michael took the entries for the 2009 AIA Vermont Design Awards to a Jury from the AIA Westchester/Mid-Hudson Chapter on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

- b. The Jury selected two Honor Awards, four Merit Awards and five Honorable Mentions.
- c. Erik Kaeyer, a member of the Jury will give Jury comments at the Design Awards Presentation at the Annual Meeting
- 3. Annual Meeting

Daniel

- a. Daniel reported that all arrangements with Yestermorrow are in place.
- 4. Member Survey
  - a. **Stephen Kredell** will e-mail Hanne a draft of a member survey which she will forward to the Board for comments.
- 5. "Canstruction"

Guv

- a. The new date for the "Canstruction" event will be April 10, 2010. **Guy** will make the announcement at the Annual Meeting.
- 6. Theme for 2010

Danie

- a. Daniel led a lively discussion of a Theme for 2010. Daniel will continue working on the Theme with the suggestions made by the Board and send his thoughts to all for additional comments.
- b. Suggestions
  - 1.) "Creating a New Tradition"
  - 2.) "Innovation & Tradition"
  - 3.) Three Events
    - a.) Two "sexy" events
    - b.) One professional practice event
    - c.) All events to offer HSW and SD credits

#### **New Business**

- 1. Executive Committee for 2010
  - a. The Executive Committee nominated Diantha for the position of Secretary-Treasurer. The nomination was passed unanimously with a round of applause for Diantha!
  - b. Thomas Bachman was nominated to be a Board Member and **John** will call him.
  - c. Current Board Member status
    - 1.) Please call John for any changes.
    - 2.) Michael felt that he wouldn't have the time to be a full-time Board member; however, he will continue to be the AIA Vermont representative to the SGN and will show up at Board meetings when he is able to.
    - 3.) Guy is wavering about staying on the Board; however, John said that his expertise is needed.

# NEXT MEETING; Tuesday, January 14, 2010 at Norwich University, Chaplin Hall, 6:00 p.m.

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