

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
AIA VERMONT
Tuesday April 14, 2009 White River Junction

ATTENDING: John McLeod, AIA, President; Daniel Johnson, AIA, Vice-President; Harry Hunt, AIA, Secretary-Treasurer; Guy Teschmacher, AIA, Immediate Past-President; Caitlin Davis, AIA, Diantha Korzun, AIA, Stephen Kredell, AIA, Maura O’Dea, AIA and Lisa Rovner, AIA.

Committee Reports

Public Policy Committee

John

1. A letter from the Vermont Building Professionals Alliance regarding the 2008 Vermont Fire and Building Safety Code was sent to Tom Tremblay, Commissioner of Public Safety.
2. John reported that the Building Professionals’ Day at The Vermont State House on March 25th was a huge success with over 100 participants; 19 AIA Vermont members attended.
 - a. Tom Evslin, Chair of Vermont’s Recovery Stimulus Program, briefed the building professionals on the recovery stimulus plan; information on this can be had at: recovery.vt.gov.us
 - b. Participants met with Governor Douglas and attended Committee hearings. David Epstein, AIA testified before the House Natural Resources and Energy Committee and urged them not to adopt the NFPA 2000 codes.
3. John, on behalf of AIA Vermont, sent letters in support of ACEC/VT’s position on State Contracts and the ASLA/VT’s position on licensure for Landscape Architects.

Program Committee

Daniel

1. Michael Hoffman’s lecture on Modern Architecture at Burlington’s City Hall was well attended and well received.
 - a. It was suggested that a response form be available at future events to assess public concerns and interests.
2. Harry reported that the R/UDAT in Newport was for the most part a great success. He would have liked to have had more participation by students and fellow architects.
 - a. There was a lot of positive energy at the opening reception which was very well attended.
 - b. Harry spent four days in Newport working on the R/UDAT workshops.
 - c. The Newport Renaissance Corporation published a brochure on the accomplishments of the R/UDAT and **Harry** will let the Board know how to obtain this brochure.
 - d. Harry suggested that AIA Vermont sponsor events similar to R/UDAT’s at different locations in Vermont. John asked Harry to develop ideas for Board approval.
3. VGBN workshop on “Deep Energy Retrofits was held on March 27th at the Middlebury Inn. Maura reported that the VGBN thought it a moderate success and will probably go ahead with similar workshops in Montpelier and Brattleboro.
4. A Studio Social was held at Yestermorrow School in Warren on April 9th. Daniel would have liked to see more architects at this event, but was happy that several architects from Southern Vermont made the trip.

Communications Committee

Harry

1. The Committee will meet each month two weeks after the Board Meeting.
2. Political Advocacy will be transferred to the Public Policy Committee
3. **Shawn** will do articles for the Newsletter on the Newport R/UDAT and The Building Professionals' Day at the State House.
4. Diantha reported that Ben Allred did the announcement for Michael Hoffman's lecture and he will be asked to do future event announcements. Susan Weeks will be asked to do the announcement for the Annual Meeting, which she has done for many years.
5. **John** will look into costs for advertising AIA Vermont events on VPR.
6. Lisa is still working on a calendar for 2010 and has decided to look into digital production by a local firm.

Long Range Planning Committee

Guy

1. Guy is working on a list of Sponsors and would like to have the list of programs for potential Sponsors.
 - a. Please send Guy ideas for potential sponsors and what the conceived benefits to them would be.
2. Guy is still working on a Board Manual and hopes to have it ready for the next new Board Members.

Upcoming Events

1. John will be attending the AIA National Convention, April 29th-May 2nd.
2. "Modern Architecture" panel discussion - June 2nd or 3rd
 - a. John is working on panel participants and would like suggestions of good builders to be a part of the panel.
3. The next Studio Social will be at LineSync Architecture in Wilmington on June 4th.

Open Issues

1. Calendar
 - a. The Board has committed \$2,000 for the 2010 calendar. The balance of expenses should be paid by Sponsors.
 - b. **Lisa** will have an e-mail ready in early May calling for photographs.
2. Architecture Day
 - a. Lauren is looking into a connection to "Art Hop".
 - b. John will see what Glenn Andres schedule is.
 - c. The Board would like to offer "Open House" tours of local residences.
3. "Canstruction"
 - a. Guy reported that 9 teams have signed up for "Canstruction" and the Committee is still working on getting more teams.
4. Golf Tournament September 16, 2009
 - a. Guy reported that a "Save the Date" flyer has been sent to last year's players and sponsors.
 - b. An entry call for players will be sent out in August.
5. Design Awards Competition
 - a. Daniel and Hanne will work on the "Call for Entries" and a Jury for the 2009 Design Awards Competition.
6. Learning by Design

- a. Guy is truly enjoying his teaching experiences on Design to Sixth Grade students in ST. Johnsbury. He is teaching twice a week for six weeks.
7. The Traveling Design Awards Exhibition will be at The Vermont State House in May, with an Opening Reception on Tuesday, May 5th from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. The Exhibition will then move to the Guilford Welcome Center in June and in September will be at the Hooker-Dunham Theater & Gallery in Brattleboro.

New Business

1. Jonathan Miller, AIA has offered to conduct a CEU program on “Certified Wood” at no charge to AIA Vermont members. He gave a similar program in January which was attended by 29 AIA Vermont members. The Board thought space on the Web Site and a Newsletter article would suffice at this time; perhaps another program could be held in the fall.
2. New England Young Architects Forum.
 - a. Stephen is working with Mo Gagnon, the YAF Regional Liaison, on Associate programs.
 - 1.) **Hanne** will send Stephen the list of Associate Members.
 - 2.) Studio Socials should be promoted to young architects.
3. Diantha has done a great job in compiling a list of primary contacts for AIA Vermont Events; any additions would be welcome. Harry is trying to get all this information into a useable format.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 7th at Norwich University. PLEASE plan to be there at 5:00 p.m. to Jury the student “Best in Show”.

Respectfully submitted,
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Executive Director