# AIA Vermont A Chapter of The American Institute of Architects

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# AIA VT - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES - APPROVED

Norwich University, Northfield, VT / Thursday, May 13, 2015 (5:00 -8:30pm)

#### Attending:



Guest: Michael Hoffman (Norwich University)

#### Items Discussed:

- Best in Show Award. Norwich University Thesis projects were reviewed by Lisa Rovner, Diantha Korzun, Larry Dean and Carol Miklos for the annual AIAVT Best in Show award. Michael Hoffman introduced each project. The AIAVT Best is Show for 2015 was awarded to Brendan Brogan for his 'Self Sufficient Design Project in Albany, NY'.
- 2. **Meeting Minutes.** The April 2015 AIAVT Meeting Minutes were approved. (Lisa Rovner made the motion, Danny Sagan made the second, unanimous approval, no discussion)
- 3. Executive/Long Range Planning. Lisa Rovner led the discussion
  - a. AIA New England Meeting Update. Lisa discussed voting procedures for candidates, policy changes and resolutions. She will be the only delegate voting this year and will cast all votes at the National Convention in Atlanta May 14-May16.
  - b. The AIA New England Awards and Annual Meeting will be held October 30<sup>th</sup> at the University of Hartford in West Hartford, CT. Entry Deadline for Awards is September 11. Keynote Speaker: Stephen Chung, AIA, host of PBS's Cool Spaces series.
  - c. AIA National Published an AIA Member Service Plan Tool Kit. This is a new accreditation process. It requires chapters to assess and document their current member services for national to review. Michael Hoffman (AIA National Board Member), described the intentions of having the toolkit, which is a response to the AIA National Repositioning effort. The AIA Construction Document funding is being reallocated based on member services provided. AIA Vermont would need to comply by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Gary Corey volunteered to help review the requirements. This will be discussed at the June Annual Retreat.
- 4. **Programs.** Lisa Rovner led the discussion.

- a. **Annual Retreat.** The annual retreat will be held on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Location to be decided. Suggestions included Lake Dunmore, the Rovner household and Lake Wiligus.
- b. **Studio Social.** Dore and Whittier will be hosting the July 9<sup>th</sup> Studio Social. Comfortline Windows is the sponsor. 30 people max.
- c. **Building Tour.** Ted Sheridan's Guilford Studio project will be the focus of the building tour in July. No official date or sponsor yet.
- d. AIA 2030 Training sessions. Discussion led by Eric Morrow. Applications are due soon. A portion of the proceeds of the event go back to AIA National. This is a 10 day event if done in ½ days, or 5 full days. It was suggested 5 full days was preferred. Danny Sagan suggested Norwich University host the event. The event will begin in 2016.
- e. **May ACX Conference.** Only 35 paid people are registered. This is enough to break even, but it is desired to have more people since there are many sponsors for the event. It was suggested advertising focus on the free socializing event and individual speakers.
- f. Annual Meeting. December 10<sup>th</sup>. Gary looked into three options: Woodstock Inn, Lilac Inn in Brandon, and Hotel Coolidge in White River. Woodstock Inn is the preferred option. Capacity is up to 300 people. There is a full av set up option. It would cost more per plate, but AIA could absorb the cost. Awards can be hung there. There will be a reduced rate for those that want to stay the night.
- g. **Archistream.** The archistream is for sale. There is still interest from AIA Illinois, but most chapters are not interested and it will likely be open for sale to the public.
- 5. Communications. Adam led the discussion. The 'like' option is popular for the AIAVT website, but adding AIAVT as a group would be more successful but is not as popular. Emerging Professional website works well. The goal is to get more hits on the AIAVT webpage. It was suggested the page gets sent to the membership since this has not happened to date.
- 6. **Emerging Professionals.** Adam led the discussion. The EPN design competition has been launched. It is on a couple of national competition websites and has been sent to all AIANE chapters. August 1 is the deadline. The topic is for a town meeting hall and the purpose is to use architecture to reinforce local politics. Award winner will be announced at the AIA Annual Meeting. It will also be announced at the AIA Golf Tournament.
- 7. Public Policy. Carol gave an update.
  - a. Statue of Repose was rejected this legislative session. Public Policy would like to work on other issues this year including opposing taxes on professional services. Public Policy is open to bringing the statue of repose up again next year, but it will need much more support from the members.

## 8. Development/ Funding.

a. **Golf Tournament.** Conversation led by Carol. There are new people on the committee this year, and it was decided the tournament will be held in Williston followed by a barbeque.

## 9. New Business:

a. The AIA Fellow program was discussed by Carol. Suggestions for new fellows should be sent to Carol. AIA Connecticut has volunteered to help guide candidates. Carol will forward more information.

MEETING ADJOURNED. (8:30 pm)

Respectfully Submitted,

Diantha Korzun