

AIAVT - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES - APPROVED

Sept. 16, 2015 /GBA offices / Montpelier, VT

Attendees: Lisa Rovner (President), Carol Miklos, Ward Joyce, Diantha Korzun, Kevin Racek (Treasurer), Dan Goltzman

Gary Corey (Vice-President), Megan Nedzinski, Eric Morrow, Evon Calabrese

Called to order: 5:00 pm

Minutes: June 2015 minutes were approved, and August 5 approved with a brief edit.

Committee Reports:

Executive & Long-Range Planning (Lisa and Diantha)

- AIA New England: Diantha related that the committee is looking to fill two positions:
 - “Shadow” Regional Director, to shadow Michael Hoffman
 - AIA N.E. Executive Committee Secretary -Treasurer

No one stepped forward from Vermont.

The discussion about whether AIA N.E. would consider doing meetings closer to Vermont didn't yield much, except it was noted that the next meeting on October 30 will take place in Harford, Connecticut instead of Boston, and folks were invited to attend.

There was also a quick discussion of AIA meetings next summer in Detroit and D.C.

Public Policy (Dan G.)

- There was a discussion of the merit of the “Good Samaritan Law”, which is not on the books in Vermont. Dan was asked to look into other states that do have them and to report back. The board appeared to support the value of the law, and Megan was interested to know more regarding involvement should action be taken to make this a priority.
- There was also a discussion of interns and what they should call themselves; NCARB has issued a statement that “intern architects” is not to be used by firms as a title. Daniel Sagan offered several meetings ago to investigate the issue and has not returned to the board with a summary of his findings.
- The Statute of Repose effort is being dropped, as the inclusion of building contractors in the negotiations, who are unlicensed in Vermont, is complicating efforts. The committee is hoping that the engineers might take up the cause.

Programs

- **AIA +2030 Update (Eric)**
 - Eric presented new information that the AIA 2030 Series is now offering online courses with the same content we've been discussing offering “live.” It was the board's general feeling that this approach would be a lot easier than presenting the conference/materials ourselves. Eric will investigate further and ask what flexibility we might have in creating an event/salon at every third class or so, for the sake of conversation and discussion. Megan suggested checking into “screening” options and how CEUs might be handled for that format and what associated pricing requirements might be.
- **AIA Social (Lisa)**
 - To take place on November 11, with AIAVT Board Meeting at 3 or 3:30 at Dore & Wittier Architects & the Social with LU to follow at 5:00 P.M.
 - A Panel Discussion was discussed by Lisa that would have invited a variety of providers of solar energy services to present their packages/services. It was noted that solar companies already

do quite a lot of educational programs, and that were we to offer a panel discussion it would need to be unique in its content. Dan suggested that it be for architects rather than for lay people. The idea is on hold for now (Lisa).

- **Airstream** (Maura was absent)
 - Still for sale, Diana is filling in 'til it goes to bed. There was some interest in buying it from the California state chapter.
- **Annual Meeting and Design Awards**
 - It was reported by Diantha that the 2015 Jury is from Montreal and that the jury will be held October 29th at McGill University. Jurors include:
The jury chair is Professor David Covo <http://www.mcgill.ca/architecture/faculty/covo/>
And the jury members are Claude Provencher of Provencher Roy <http://provencherroy.ca/en/>
And Stéphane Rasselet of Nature_humaine <http://naturehumaine.com/about/>
 - Gilles Saucier is not available
 - Diantha will facilitate.
- **ACX16**
 - We will discuss the conference at our next board meeting. Location tbd in Burlington. Megan suggested we explore partnering with Passive House Vermont or VGBN or other relevant professional organizations.

Communications (Carol)

- Carol reported that she will report back to the board on how she intends to comply with National's new graphics and procedure standards after her Sept. 22 meeting with other E.D.'s

Emerging Professionals

- Our chapter currently does little in terms of mentoring associates
 - We had a discussion about options for taking this on, and came up with the idea of a "Speed Dating" event. This would involve older architects offering themselves for quick introductions to non-licensed professionals. This could lead to relationships of benefit to associates. It sounded like a fun idea and Evon offered to get the ball rolling. Carol was going to send out an email to members asking if they'd like to be mentors.
 - Other events discussed: Film series which is upon us, Portfolio Review event, Emerging Professionals Design Competition (deadline extended to October 4)
 - On the Professionals Design Competition, Evon was going to send the board the invitation for the competition as there as concern over entries from California and the board wanted to read the terms for entering in order to advise the committee on how to proceed with that issue.

Golf Tournament (Joel)

- All in place for the following weekend

Executive Director's Report (Carol)

- Carol reported that she got her new Dell office computer & software for around \$700.

Next Meeting: October 14, 6 pm at Dore & Whittier

Adjourn: 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Ward Joyce