

## **AIAVT - BOARD OF DIRECTORS RETREAT MINUTES - UNAPPROVED**

Kingsland Bay, North Ferrisburgh, VT / June 16, 2015

### Attending:

Maura Wygmans (Immediate Past-President); Lisa Rovner (President); Gary Corey (Vice-President); Richard Deane (Secretary); Kevin Racek (Treasurer); Joseph Cincotta, Ward Joyce, Joel Page, Eric Morrow, Megan Nedzinski; Carol Miklos (Executive Director); Guest: Michael Hoffman (Norwich University)

### May Meeting Minutes

- Discussion: Megan asked minutes to be revised to reflect that she was not in attendance at the May meeting.
- No further modifications. Approved.

### AIA convention in Atlanta

- LR reported that she felt empowered as an attendee and had more involvement than she expected.

### Recent ACX conference

- MN asked about the effectiveness of single-day event vs. a multi-day event. No action taken.
- MN asked if there were any post conference evaluations being performed. No action taken.
- MW raised concerns about the level of attendance in the eyes of the sponsors. Do we let the first group of X attendees in free? Friday could be the preferred day. No action taken.
- LR mentioned that the venue could be changed next year.

### D&W social event

- LR mentioned that she was not given the opportunity to review the flier before it went out.

### E+E building tour with Ted Sheraton, July 24

- LR said that Ted asks that people carpool or take a bus down.
- Event is limited to 30 attendees.
- Cost for attendees will be \$10 student, \$20 members, \$30 non-members.
- CM recommends that we meet at a park and ride, school or other.

### NNE AIA COTE Summit

- Board discussed the \$2500 invoice from AIAME for our participation
- CM will call ED of ME and NH to discuss further.

### Golf tournament

- Joel reported that Golf organizers are seeking volunteers for day of event.

### Annual dinner

- Gary reported the Middlebury Inn is the confirmed location
- Marvin will be underwriter.
- Gary asked if there was interest in a band.
- CM reported that solo/ duo artists would be most appropriate, if any.
- It was noted that we might ask Arturo Johnson to play piano.

## AIAVT awards

- Open discussion
- Consensus was that the judges should be located further away than NH/NE.
- EM requested that the judges be from a similar climate zone (ie zones 5,6 or 7)
- Ashville, NC and Montreal were suggested.
- Discussion about portfolio format (digital vs. hard copy).
  - WJ advocated for digital format and thought that it might result in higher participation.
- Use of Drop-Box similar to RI was suggested. Further discussion with DK suggested.
- Motion by WJ for boards to continue to be on display at awards dinner and additional requirement of digital version of binder be required.
  - Clarification: Binders and digital version be the same.
  - Discussion: GC question necessity of boards matching digital media.
  - WJ's motion seconded by MN. Motion passes. (GC opposes).
- WJ proposes instituting a small projects award. MH agrees. Discussion results in topic being tabled.
  - MW questioned "Does Student work need its own category?" MH recommends that all student work be directly overseen by a licensed architect, if this is not already a requirement. Only AIAVT members should be permitted to submit, if this is not already the case, he added.

## Scholarship report

- DS and WJ will be making H.S. scholarship recipient recommendations in the next ten days.

## EPN

- CM said that Adam Lemire is leaving VT to return to Philadelphia.
- Evon Calabrese will be replacing him as director.

## Update on Statute of Repose by LR and CM

- Effort to pass a statute of repose will continue. We are going to reach out to legislators on the Senate Judiciary by asking AIAVT members in their districts to advocate directly with these key legislators. Breakfast with legislators and consultants may be a good way to advance the conversion.
- CM recommended members of the Public Policy committee collaborate with AIA National to optimize effectiveness of time spent.
- CM advised that our alignment with the Association of General Contractors (AGC) may be hampering efforts to pass legislation because contractors are not required to be licensed in VT.
- EM asked if we should ask the AGC to commit to requiring contractors be licensed in VT to improve chances that SOR will be passed.
- JC proposes AIAVT send out a survey to membership via survey Monkey to get more feedback from chapter members as to whether they have been involved in litigation/care about the issue.

## 2030 mandates

- Members from the E+E committee and the Public Policy committee will meet with Sanders office re: 2030 mandates being removed from federal legislation.

- CM to schedule.

#### Staffing of AIAVT office

- CM informed the board that she will need additional staffing assistance to meet the upcoming work load. She is maxed out. Upcoming work includes new Member Service requirements from National, 2030 educational programming. Board recognizes the need for assistance and commits to providing the support to continue top-quality operations.
- JC recommends having a column in the upcoming news letter to communicate both the need and benefit of adding additional overhead to the budget.
- CM reminded the board that a lap top and ipad still needs to be purchased for use by an admin asst. and for entering credits.
- RD motion to approve increasing dues \$20 for full members and \$10 for associates to cover additional expenses. EM seconded.
- Board notes that dues have not increased in several years.
- CM notes that our dues are lower than NH and ME.
- Extensive discussion results in the motion passing (KR opposed).

#### -----LUNCH BREAK-----

#### New AIA core service requirements

- CM shared info about requirements being mandated by National.
- Concerns were raised about meeting the requirement so provide LU's as required. ACX Conference and 2030 trainings might cover that need.
- GC recommends CM draft response to the requirements to be circulated to key board members for collaboration.

#### President's Theme for 2016.

- Gary said he'd like to promote the relevancy of Architects
- Continue use of Archistream
- Promote effort to increase FAIA members in VT
- Support Public Policy efforts.
- Promote 2030 educational programming

#### -----Board broke into groups to discuss 2030, Archistream and Public Policy -----

#### Notes from 2030 break-out group discussion

- We are interested in learning about what went right and lessons learned from ME and NH delivering their 2030 programming
- MN asked if the programming is intended to be high level, intermediate or basic?  
Discussion: Members agreed that training sessions should be high level.
- JC proposed that AIAVT web site could have a portal to access green design tools similar to AIA 50/50 initiative with a local flair
- EM asks how AIAVT awards could do a better job at recognizing energy performance. Should firms not participating in the 2030 commitment be able to seek awards?
- RD – Progress in banking and lending sectors is needed to help craft more favorable lending structures

- MN – Boulder, CO just adopted new 2030 energy targets as part of local energy requirements
- Collaboration with local chamber of commerce could help create a 2030 district in Burlington

#### Notes from Archistream break-out session

- Maura Wygmans, Gary Corey and Michael Hoffman met to discuss the next steps of the Archistream. Maura provided an update of the schedule for the Archistream for the summer, and the work of the hired program coordinator. Maura reported that the Archistream only had one scheduled date for early October in Rutland, organized by a local architecture firm. Other than that, the program coordinator had lent out the Archistream to Frog Hollow for a one month trial period. Frog Hollow planned to use the Archistream to promote their own programs, unrelated to the mission of the archistream. Maura also reported that it was unclear what the program coordinator had been doing for the last few months. The Archistream had spent the month of July in residency at the Southern Arts Center. It was decided that Maura should follow up with the program coordinator to push action on several items as follows:
  1. Schedule Archistream for intended purpose at several venues in September
  2. Promote Archistream for sale via flyer to be used at CACE
- In addition, Maura was to ask for an accurate accounting of time spent on the Archistream from the Program Coordinator. (Note: Archistream coordinator submitted his resignation shortly after the retreat).
- In addition to discussing the work of the program coordinator, there was a discussion about the usefulness of the Archistream as a learning tool. Both Michael and Gary felt that the Archistream could be reprogrammed to become a learning tool, possibly about sustainability, resilience, or other topics. The group discussed Michael bringing the Archistream back to Norwich for a possible "revamping" of the program within the structure, through an independent study or studio course. Gary also mentioned knowing of an education specialist who might be a good source for possible curriculum ideas. Both felt that the Archistream belonged in the field of education, and could be used by schools or other educational programs.
- During the meeting, it was decided that Michael and Gary would both pursue possible opportunities for the Archistream, and that the AIAVT board could revisit the idea of keeping the Archistream for another year, based on their findings. It was decided that the idea of selling the Archistream should be tabled until the fall.

MEETING ADJOURNED (4:00 pm)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Eric Morrow