

AIA CHICAGO Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 29, 2020, 5:00pm – 7:30PM

AIA Chicago, 35 East Wacker Drive, Suite 250

Attendees

■ April Hughes (President)	■ Chey-Wen Taylor (Director)	■ Jeremy Gentile (Assoc. Dir.)	■ Zurich Esposito (Exec VP)
□ Jessica Figenholtz (Pres-Elect)	■ Manuel Hernandez (Director)	■ Jose Rodriguez (Int'l Assoc. Dir.)	
■ Mindy Viamontes (Sponsorship)	■ Oswaldo Ortega (Director)	□ Ryan Biziorek (Affiliate Dir.)	
■ Jennifer Park (Honors/ Awards)	■ Jason Golub (Director)	■ Chris Carpenter (Affiliate Dir.)	
■ Drew Deering (Advocacy)	P Natalie Hicks (Director)	■ Andrew Jiang (Student Dir.)	<u>Key</u>
■ Laura Garcia (Secretary)	■ Tim Tracey (Director)	P Jeff Jenó (IL Delegate)	P Phoned in
■ Patricia Saldana Natke (Treasurer)	■ Lynda Dossey (Director)	■ Joseph Lai (IL Delegate)	■ Present
■ Robert Forest (Past President)		■ Terran Wilson (IL Delegate)	□ Not Present

Meeting Minutes

1. **Welcome** by April Hughes.

2. Approve December 2019 Meeting Minutes

ACTION: The December 2019 minutes were reviewed. Mindy Viamontes motioned to approve the minutes, Jose Rodriguez seconded the motion.

3. President Report

SUMMARY: April Hughes reviewed the 2020 Board of Directors schedule, and reviewed 2020 Board committee assignments. All committees have co-chairs this year, and all Board members are assigned to a committee. Documents related to Board meetings are available in a Dropbox folder, and Board committee assignments can be found in the distributed packet. April also updated the Board on the status of Transform 3.0.

ACTION: All Board members are to please review their 2020 Board committee assignments in their packets.

4. President Elect Report

SUMMARY: Zurich Esposito updated the Board on this year's Strategic Planning initiative and committee. Jessica Figenholtz is chairing the Strategic Planning committee along with April Hughes. A consultant will be hired to develop AIA Chicago's strategic plan, working with the Board over the course of this year. The consultant will be selected in March and the final report will be issued before the end of the year.

5. Executive Vice President Report

SUMMARY: Zurich Esposito reported on news, developments and ongoing initiatives. This year will be the first year for the new Roberta Feldman Social Justice Design Award. The call for entries will be going out with the Designight award call for entries. Additional new initiatives include the LGBTQI Alliance which has taken off, the Architects in Schools program which is growing, City Grassroots which is new this year and will align with Earth Day, and the Diversity Scholarship (for which the foundation has already raised 170K).

6. Committee Report - Advocacy

SUMMARY: Drew Deering reviewed the various committees and KC's related to advocacy and discussed City Grassroots which is a new initiative this year. It is being planned as a first round of climate action advocacy around Earth Day. The goal is to develop a platform of asks related to taking action on climate change with our SME's (Subject Matter Experts,) schedule meetings with around 10 key Alderman to review and discuss the prepared materials, possibly introduce (or support) a resolution to city council, and hold a rally on Earth Day.

7. Committee Report – Finance

SUMMARY: The 2020 Budget, which was approved in December of 2019, was reviewed. 2019 end of year numbers were reviewed, along with 2020 goals.

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8. Committee Report - Sponsorship

SUMMARY: Mindy Viamontes reported on the 2020 sponsorship goals. Sponsorship is currently ahead of schedule relative to this time last year.

9. Committee Report – Membership

SUMMARY: Laura Garcia reported that overall membership is up in comparison to this time last year, in all categories. 2020 membership goals are to continue to grow our membership, and look at ways to boost retention in anticipation of possible future economic downturns.

10. Committee Report – Honors and Awards

SUMMARY: Jennifer Park reported that the Small Project Awards jury has been selected, and Linda Dossey reported that the committee is now working on the Designight jury.

11. EDI Committee Report

SUMMARY: Jennifer Park talked about the status of the EDI initiative and committee, and would like to grow the committee and Advisory Board. She said that the EDI report will be given by Natalie Hicks at future meetings.

12. DOB Working Group

SUMMARY: Laura Garcia reported on the January working group meeting, which included updates on the new modernized building code rollout, Self Certification program updates, Health Department/Food Services Reviews, the anticipated new draft Zoning and Building Code Ordinance (related to ADU's), and Phase 3 (MEP) code modernization.

13. IL Delegate Report

SUMMARY: Terran Wilson reported on AIA Illinois activities and updates.

New Business: none

15. Meeting adjourned

16: Next Meetings

Board Meeting – 3/25/20 @ AIA Chicago Office (12pm – 1:30pm)

ExCom Meeting – 3/18/20 @ AIA Chicago Office (8am – 9:30am)

17. Documents Distributed

- See January 2020 Dropbox for all documents.

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