AIA CHICAGO Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 26, 2020, 12:00pm – 1:30pm
AIA Chicago, 35 East Wacker Drive, Suite 250

Attendees

- April Hughes (President)
- Jessica Figenholtz (Pres-Elect)
- Mindy Viamontes (Sponsorship)
- Jennifer Park (Honors/ Awards)
- Drew Deering (Advocacy)
- Laura Garcia (Secretary)
- Patricia Saldana Natke (Treasurer)
- Robert Forest (Past President)
- Chey-Wen Taylor (Director)
- Manuel Hernandez (Director)
- Oswaldo Ortega (Director)
- Jason Golub (Director)
- Natalie Hicks (Director)
- Tim Tracey (Director)
- Lynda Dossey (Director)
- Jeremy Gentile (Assoc. Dir.)
- Jose Rodriguez (Int’l Assoc. Dir.)
- Ryan Biziorek (Affiliate Dir.)
- Chris Carpenter (Affiliate Dir.)
- Andrew Jiang (Student Dir.)
- Jeff Jeno (IL Delegate)
- Joseph Lai (IL Delegate)
- Terran Wilson (IL Delegate)
- Zurich Esposito (Exec VP)
- Mark Schwamel, AIA
- Peter Exley, FAIA

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome by April Hughes. All Board members

2. Approve January 2020 Meeting Minutes

ACTION: The January 2020 minutes were reviewed. Drew Deering motioned to approve the minutes, Jason Golub seconded the motion.

3. President Report

SUMMARY: April Hughes introduced Peter Exley, AIA President Elect, who spoke about Grassroots and AIA climate changes initiatives. A first draft of the AIA Climate Imperative has been written, and the Executive Summary provided to the Board. He also spoke about the new national Strategic Plan which will be implemented in Dec of 2020 when Peter’s term begins. Mark Schwamel spoke about the Strategic Council which is forward-focused, planting the seeds for future generations. April reviewed local initiatives including City Grassroots. The training day for city grassroots is scheduled to be March 9th at 5:30 and all Board members are encouraged to participate.

ACTION: AIA Chicago Board of Directors should consider who we would like to nominate to replace Mike Elliot on the National Strategic Council when his term is up at the end of this year.

ACTION: AIA Chicago Board of Directors are requested to participate in the City Grassroots training day on March 9th.

4. President Elect Report

SUMMARY: Zurich Esposito reported on Grassroots and the candidates for national Board positions. A call for delegates at convention this year has gone out- delegates must be at the conference a day early and plan to stay for until the end. The executive committee attended the national grassroots conference. He also reported on upcoming events this month.

ACTION: If anyone is interested in being a delegate at the convention this year, please let Zurich know.

5. Executive Vice President Report

SUMMARY: Jessica Figenholtz reported on the status of strategic planning. They are interviewing the 2 finalist consultants today and next week. The committee is reviewing the national strategic plan so that plans can be coordinated and AIA Chicago’s plan will address both local and national goals.

6. Committee Report - Advocacy

SUMMARY: Drew Deering reported on ongoing advocacy initiatives. A SME (Subject Matter Expert) committee was put together to develop asks for city grassroots. Grassroots training is coming up on March 9th. Drew discussed various other advocacy initiatives.

7. Committee Report – Finance

SUMMARY: No report this month
8. Committee Report - Sponsorship
SUMMARY: Mindy Viamontes reported on the status of sponsorship. New this year, “asks” for the whole year went out at the beginning of the year. Mindy reported on fundraising efforts for all events. Sponsorship is ahead of all goals set for the year.

9. Committee Report – Membership
SUMMARY: No report this month.

10. Committee Report – Honors and Awards
SUMMARY: Jennifer Park reported that March 31 is the jury review date for the SPAs. The committee is also working on the jury for Designight. The socially just award will be rolling out this year and there will be 2 jurors for that award. Jen talked about the 2030 commitment being a requirement for submission to Designight and there was general discussion about if reporting to the 2030 DDX platform will also be required. It will not be required this year. Lastly, the FAIA announcements came out and 6 Chicago architects were elevated.

11. EDI Committee Report
SUMMARY: No report this month.

12. DOB Working Group
SUMMARY: Laura Garcia reported that the first ever AIA-DPD committee meeting has been scheduled for March.

13. AIAS Committee Report
SUMMARY: Andrew Jiang reached out to the three architecture schools in Chicago and reported on what the AIAS members are up to at each school. All three schools have super active AIAS communities. The three schools average 30 AIAS members each. He reported on AIAS local initiatives and events, as well as student events at the national level.

14. KC Committee Report
SUMMARY: Jeff Jeno has been reaching out to KC chairs and reported on the activities of our AIA Chicago Knowledge Communities. There is a Google doc where KC’s are adding their events and initiatives.

15. LGBTQI Committee Report
SUMMARY: Jeremy Gentile reported that the LGBTQI social event is happening this week. AIA Chicago will be participating in the Gay Pride parade again this year, and will be speaking at a PechuKucha night.

New Business: none

Meeting adjourned

Next Meetings
- Board Meeting – 3/25/20 @ AIA Chicago Office (12pm – 1:30pm)
- ExCom Meeting – 3/18/20 @ AIA Chicago Office (8am – 9:30am)

Documents Distributed
- See the February 2020 Dropbox folder for all documents.