



# AIA grand rapids

A Chapter of The American Institute of Architects

Purpose: Board Meeting  
Location: OAK  
Date: January 7, 2013  
Time: 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

## **Board Members Present:**

Brian Swem - President  
Mike Belisle - Vice President  
Lindsay Anes - Public Relations Director  
Neale Bauman - Treasurer  
Joyce Lee – AIA MI Director  
David Maxam - Past President  
Kate Betts – Sponsorship Director  
Greg Metz - AIA MI Director  
Gary Gerber - Continuing Education Director  
Deborah Dik - Administrative Assistant

## **Absent:**

Jeff Montague - Secretary  
Megan Wall - Associates Director  
Mark Rysberg – Professional Affiliates Director

## **GENERAL BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Next Meeting is Tuesday, February 4 at 4 p.m. (location: The Design Forum).
2. Approval of December Minutes: Neale moved to approve the December meeting minutes. Mike seconded. The board voted unanimously to approve.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Budget/Investments:
  - 2013 net income is \$4,279 thanks to a lot of dues . Still about \$8,000 below what we projected.
  - Neale reviewed the projected budget for 2014. Joyce asked if Neale could put \$500 in the budget for stair week. Lindsay suggested adding money to the budget for advertising for events (honor awards/lectures).
  - Greg and Brian suggested that only one board member attend the national convention and two should go to Grassroots.
2. Sponsorship Updates:
  - Kate has would like to send out another letter to construction companies and vendors to ask for sponsorship funds.
  - CSM, Granger, Triangle, Wolverine, Christman, E&V, Dan Vos, Lamar, Erhardt, and Rockford. Architectural Building Products, Nederveld, Custer, Genessee Tile, Haworth, Herman Miller, Interface Flooring, Kerkstra, Vos Glass, Monsma Marketing, Kal-Blue, Builders Exchange.
  - Neale heard from Virginia Tile and they are discussing. Neale will follow up.
  - West Michigan Lighting and Engineering Supply/River City Reproductions have agreed to sponsor (\$500 each).
3. Leadership Retreat:
  - The retreat is in Detroit this year.
  - Brian encouraged everyone to attend the retreat this year.
  - Brian, Mike, Joyce, Greg, and Dave are all attending.
4. Design Week:
  - First meeting is this Thursday.

5. Spring Speaker Series:
  - Brian wants to do 2 speaker series this year. The first should be during design week.
  - Joyce suggested getting a space at GRAM because the Michigan Modern Exhibit opens (May 3) the same week as design week (May 6-10). Joyce will check with the museum if they have any speakers lined up.
  - If anyone has any ideas on speakers, Brian asked that you send an email out to the board.
  - Dave suggested Pam VanderPloeg. Brian suggested that we have her come in April to talk about West Michigan modern architecture. Greg will try to track down the designer for mid-century modern architecture around Grand Rapids.
6. Event in Material ConneXion Space:
  - If anyone has any ideas, let Brian know.
  - Would be used as a reception space (not for a speaker event).
  - Joyce suggested using the space for active commute week in May.
7. Building Tours:
  - No update.
8. Michigan Board Update:
  - No update.
9. Items Not on the Agenda:
  - Brian would like to put a newsletter together.
  - Everyone needs to get their articles to Brian and Deb so we can publish the next newsletter by the beginning of March.

The above is my interpretation of the meeting. If there should be any questions or deviations from what was presented, please contact me within five days or the above will be assumed correct.

Written and Issued by:

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