



# AIA grand rapids

A Chapter of The American Institute of Architects

Purpose: Board Meeting  
Location: Harmony Brewing  
Date: February 12, 2013  
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

## **Board Members Present:**

Brian Swem – President  
Neale Bauman – Treasurer  
Greg Metz – AIA MI Director  
David Maxam – Past President  
Gary Gerber – Continuing Education Director  
Megan Wall – Associates Director  
Deborah Dik – Administrative Assistant

## **Absent:**

Ben Hammond – Professional Affiliates Director  
Glenn Rahn – AIA MI Director  
Trish Spaulding – Membership/Sponsorship Director  
Lindsay Anes – Public Relations Director  
Jeff Montague – Secretary

## **GENERAL BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Approval of January 8, 2013, meeting minutes. A motion was made by Neale, supported by Greg. The minutes were approved unanimously.
2. Next meeting is Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at 4:00 p.m.; location is Harmony Brewing.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Budget/Investments:
  - Less dues than expected came in (projected \$7,800 in dues but actual was \$4,988.52). Expenses were also lower than expected. The bowling event made a profit.
  - Brian has booked 2 rooms for Grassroots, but only Brian is going. Brian asked if anyone else would like to go, and Greg responded that he would.
2. AIA Michigan Leadership Retreat:
  - The leadership retreat was in Ann Arbor this year.
  - Phil Simon from National talked about rebranding AIA. They surveyed 30,000 architects and non-architects and came up with a list of things that AIA should be focusing on.
3. AIA Michigan Board Updates:
  - Tamera, our new president, was supposed to roll out her new agenda at the leadership retreat, but it didn't really happen.
  - Paul Dannels said the main issue is the executive director search.
4. Government Affairs Update:
  - Continuing education requirement has passed but they are still working out the rules.
  - Enforcement of unlicensed practice. The attorney general is going after unlicensed practice.
  - QBS (quality control for schools): Sending out letters to firms for financial support. Will have a booth at the MML conference.
  - FOIA: Looking for legislative champion.
  - Legislative Day: There are a lot of new legislators, so we need to get as many people to go as possible this year.
5. Lunch and Learns:
  - February - Solar Wall and Solar Duct and BioPCMat.
  - March - Green Building Case Study and Scanning Existing Buildings to BIM.
  - April - Elevator Technology Changes and Building Lightning Protection 101.
6. Sponsors:
  - Brian asked the board to contact current sponsors to recommit.
  - Brian will modify last year's letter and send it to the board.

7. Winter Bowling Event Recap:
  - The bowling event was a success. Everyone who attended had a good time.
  - The event made a small profit.
  - Megan will write up a recap for a future newsletter.
8. Building Tours:
  - Greg suggested the Kendall building (on Fulton and Division) downtown. Megan and Brian will work on getting a tour for this building.
  - Megan has made a few calls, but nothing is set up yet.
9. Engaging in the Public Process:
  - The board discussed the opportunity to better serve the profession by supporting member projects during public hearings (i.e., in front of the Planning Commission or the Historic Preservation Committee).
  - Brian will include something in the next newsletter.
  - Dave moved that we choose a project to pilot this program. Greg supported Dave's motion.
10. Honor Awards:
  - TowerPinkster has offered the use of the old JA building on the corner of Fulton and Division for our honor awards.
  - Their new offices in the upper level will be finished, but the lower level will be raw space.
  - There will be bathrooms, kitchen, etc., available for our use.
  - The board agreed that we should explore this further and get more details.
  - Greg suggested that we do a "Pinewood Derby" building competition at the honor awards. Awards could be given for different categories. Greg can get the kits for roughly \$5, and they could be sold for \$10 or more.
11. Board Elections/Terms:
  - There was a discussion on whose terms are ending this year.
  - If Glenn does not want to continue as Michigan director, Dave would be willing to take that position.
12. Items Not on the Agenda:
  - Neale asked about whether or not we want to do a speaker event on downtown renovation/urban issues. Neale will check into getting the Wealthy Theater sometime this spring.
  - Megan is working on her "licensing" party.

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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