



AIA grand rapids

A Chapter of The American Institute of Architects

Purpose: Board Meeting
Location: Harmony Brewing
Date: March 12, 2013
Time: 4:10 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Brian Swem – President
Neale Bauman – Treasurer
Greg Metz – AIA MI Director
David Maxam – Past President
Megan Wall – Associates Director
Mark Rysberg—Professional Affiliates Director
Trish Spaulding – Membership/Sponsorship Director
Deborah Dik – Administrative Assistant

Absent:

Jeff Montague - Secretary
Glenn Rahn – AIA MI Director
Lindsay Anes – Public Relations Director
Gary Gerber – Continuing Education Director

GENERAL BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Brian welcomed our new professional affiliates director, Mark Rysberg.
2. Next Meeting is Tuesday, April 9 at **5 p.m.** (note change in time) at Ferris State University, Big Rapids.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Budget/Investments:
 - Dues are trickling in slowly.
 - We're a little behind projections, but the budget is still good.
2. Government Affairs Update:
 - Continuing education requirement has passed, but they are still working out the rules.
 - Deregulation of 18 occupations is moving forward. There will need to be legislation for each one, so half may pass.
 - QBS: Sending out letters to firms for financial support. Will have a booth at the MML Conference.
 - Single state for code is moving well, and legislation should be introduced in 2014.
 - FOIA: Looking for legislative champion.
 - Lien law that got shot down last year may happen in 2014 at the earliest. Working with bankers right now to try to work out an agreement.
 - Certification of Merit: Before you can be sued, the person suing has to get a validation from a licensed professional that there is a valid case against the defendant. The medical field does this. Should be added to legislative day.
 - Board of Architects Conversation – Emeritus and Inactive Status: If you retire, you can still use the term "architect" but not sign and seal. If inactive, you pay to keep your license on file, but for both you do not need CEUs.
3. AIA Michigan Meeting:
 - Fire Code: Have met with BOMA, and they are on board. Small municipalities will most likely have issues.
 - Newsletter in April: Post legislative day wrap-up.
 - Unlicensed Practice: Going after a firm doing a fire station and some advertising and marketing issues of firms.
 - Certificate of Authority: Looking into a certificate of authority requirement for architects outside the state to practice within the state. This is common in other states.
 - Continuing education rules meeting on March 14. NCARB is throwing a twist in it. They will mention some things at this meeting and it will be soft peddled, so as not to appear as a re-review. 38 states require it. No carry over.

4. Sponsorship:
 - Brian has sent out the letter and the list of current sponsors to the board.
 - Brian asked that everyone contact those on the list that they are assigned.
5. Building Tours:
 - GVSU Seidman building in March.
 - GVSU library in April/May (if we want to see their book retrieval system).
 - Broad Museum in May. Greg suggested getting a bus to transport.
 - Grand Rapids Christian High School in July/August.
 - Kendall Building in September.
6. Honor Awards:
 - Brian will talk to Tom Mathison about the JA building, which Tower Pinkster offered to us for the honor awards. Greg also suggested the Kendall building.
 - Greg told about jurying for AIA Chicago and how simple their submission process is. They submit only a project summary 200 words or less and 8 photos or less.
 - Greg will get AIA Chicago's call for entries and samples of their project summary and send to Deb.
 - Brian would like all submittals to be sent electronically.
 - Brian will schedule a committee meeting.
7. Golf Outing:
 - Deb, Mark, and Glenn will be on the committee.
 - We need to choose a golf course and schedule a date.
8. Board Elections/Terms:
 - Ben Hammond has submitted his resignation as our professional affiliates director. Greg made a motion to have the board appoint Mark Rysberg as our new professional affiliates director to finish Ben Hammond's term. Trish seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
 - Dave suggested that the next newsletter include an article introducing Mark Rysberg. Brian asked Mark to write up a bio for us to include in the article.
 - If anyone knows of anyone who would make a good vice president, let Brian know.
 - Trish's term is up and she will not be continuing. She is looking for a replacement to fill her position.
 - Matt Slagle is possibly interested in coming back onto the board.
 - Neale suggested that we get someone from Hooker DeJong or GMB and will talk to them about getting one of their young architects.
9. Joint AIA/USGBC CEU Events:
 - The USGBC has asked if we would be interested in combining our lunch and learns with their CEU event, which occurs at roughly the same time each month.
 - Neale asked for suggestions for eliminating the waste of extra lunches when people don't show up. Back payment was suggested or charging up front and reimbursing those who show up (like the bowling event). Kendall was suggested as a different venue.
10. Items Not on the Agenda
 - Neale asked about setting up a speaker event. Possible topic is urban issues. We're looking at May and again in the fall.

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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