



# AIA grand rapids

A Chapter of The American Institute of Architects

Purpose: Board Meeting  
Location: FSU Rankin Center Gallery, Big Rapids  
Date: April 9, 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  
Gary Gerber – Continuing Education Director  
Megan Wall – Associates Director  
Deborah Dik – Administrative Assistant

## **Absent:**

Jeff Montague - Secretary  
Glenn Rahn – AIA MI Director  
Lindsay Anes – Public Relations Director  
Trish Spaulding – Membership/Sponsorship Director  
Mark Rysberg—Professional Affiliates Director

## **GENERAL BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Brian Swem welcomed the Ferris guests to our meeting and thanked them for hosting.
2. Approval of February and March Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Neale, supported by Gary. The minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Next Meeting is Tuesday, May 7 at 4 p.m. (location: The Design Forum).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Kendall M. Arch Update:
  - Brian Craig is leading the development of a new graduate program in architecture to be housed at KCAD in Grand Rapids.
  - The plan is to start a NAAB-accredited program admitting students in the fall of 2014. The first class will be students who have an undergraduate pre-professional degree in architecture.
  - If they do everything right, the program will receive accreditation in 2018. Accreditation will be retroactive two years, so the degree received by the first graduating class of 2016 will be recognized by NCARB.
  - A formative advisory board has been established and is actively engaged in the design of the new program. AIAGR board members Brian Swem, Greg Metz, and Megan Wall serve on the board, which is chaired by Mike Corby, FAIA.
2. Introduction of the New Dean of FSU's Architecture and Sustainability Program:
  - Brian introduced the Ferris team: Professor Joe Samson, Professor of Facilities Management, Diane Nagelkirk, Chair of Architecture Department, Dr. J.K. Yates, Dean of College of Engineering Technology, and the AIAS students: Joe Nodge, president, Daniel Montgomery, vice president, and Alayna Klinke, treasurer.
  - Dr. Yates welcomed AIA Grand Rapids to Ferris and spoke about some of the new things that are happening at the University. The University asked the faculty and department heads to submit proposals for facilities renovations. Innovation center for students for all of College of Engineering and Technology is the first choice. Many departments will be moving. Enrollment is increasing, and several programs are filling up early. There is a new initiative where the college will close for one day and teams will go to as many schools as they can in that one day to recruit. AIAGR is welcome to participate in this initiative.
  - Diane Nagelkirk said that the first class of Bachelor of Science in Architecture and Sustainability is graduating in May. Of this class of ten students, five have applied to architecture graduate schools. All have been accepted, including programs at IIT, Ball State, UNC Charlotte, and Clemson Universities.
3. AIAS Update from FSU's AIAS Chapter:
  - Joe Nodge gave a brief update on the AIAS chapter.

4. Budget/Investments:
  - Dues are running about \$3,000 behind projections. There is still a surplus of \$3,700, which includes paying for Grassroots.
  - Neale asked the board to approve writing a check for the scholarship winner. Dave moved and Greg seconded. The vote was unanimous.
5. Sponsorship Updates:
  - Brian encouraged the board to make contact with previous sponsors and see if they would like to sponsor again.
6. AIA Grassroots Conference/Repositioning Efforts:
  - Brian reported on the Grassroots Conference. Most of the conference was focused on AIA's repositioning efforts.
  - There were some good presentations about the state of the organization. Brian sent the board links to some of the presentations that were very informative and recommends that everyone spend some time watching them.
  - Went to Capitol Hill, where they spoke about a program where students would potentially be able to work off student loan debt through pro bono work and gain much-needed IDP experience. Also talked about buildings as infrastructure, 179D (tax credit for energy efficiency).
7. AIA Michigan Board Updates:
  - Tamara has divided the Michigan board into 3 groups: community group, knowledge board group, and advocacy board group.
  - Supposed to be interviewing potential executive directors at the next board meeting.
8. Government Affairs:
  - Poor showing of architects at Legislative Day.
  - Repealing of interior design is moving forward.
  - Electronic seal and signatures. Will probably be the quickest bill that gets approved. Also going to unearth unlicensed practitioners.
  - Certificate of merit has interest in the legislature. AIA needs to write the bill.
  - CEUs: All architects in Michigan have to have 12 CEUs to keep their license. Rules are not worked out yet. NCARB is getting involved.
  - State board is meeting in Grand Rapids on June 6.
9. Urban Panel Discussion:
  - The board talked about having an AIAGR event at the Wealthy Theater on urban issues. Neale has looked at the Wealthy schedule. It is booked in May but pretty open in June.
  - Greg moved that this be discussed via email or committee.
10. Lunch and Learns:
  - April: Elevator Technology Changes and Building Lightning Protection 101.
11. Building Tours:
  - Kendall building is scheduled for May 3 at lunch time.
  - Broad on May 17.
  - The downtown market can be done anytime. Possibly June 6.
12. Items Not on the Agenda:
  - Greg has reached out to Frank Gehry's office to determine the feasibility of having him speak for the chapter in the fall.
  - Neale found someone that is willing to serve as vice president, Mike Belisle from Design Forum.

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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