

# AIA Grand Valley

Purpose: Board Meeting  
Location: Ferris  
Date: April 10, 2012  
Time: 5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

## **Board Members Present:**

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

## **Absent:**

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

## **GENERAL BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Approval of March 13, 2012, Meeting Minutes:
  - A motion was made by Greg and supported by Dave.
  - The minutes were approved unanimously.
2. Next meeting is Tuesday, May 1 at 4:00 p.m. at Harmony Brewing Company, 1551 Lake Drive, SE.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. AIA Grand Valley 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:
  - Nate reviewed the discussion we had at the March board meeting.
  - Nate mentioned that we need to highlight it in any press about the awards ceremony
2. River to Markets Event:
  - All presenters are on board: Ted Lott, Craig Nicely, Chris Mueller from Grand Rapids Whitewater.
  - Nate is working on the marketing and will get an email out next week
3. Name Change:
  - The newsletter last week mentioned the name change.
  - Nate wants to meet with GMB to discuss the name change. Greg suggested doing a board meeting at GMB. Nate will contact GMB and arrange a date (possibly at the June board meeting).
4. Website:
  - Nate would like to have a website committee meeting to review and answer any questions.
  - Anyone interested in learning could attend.
5. Scholarships:
  - Have received 3 applications, 1 of which already received the scholarship in the past (Ethan Sims).
  - Nate will set up a meeting with the past presidents and Gary to review (April 19 at J.W. Marriott).
  - Gary will email Deb the applications for distribution to the past presidents for review.
6. Budget/Investments:
  - Member dues were double what we expected.
  - We have about \$8,800 in positive cash flow. Projected budget was +\$1,000 positive (about \$7,000 more than expected).

7. Report on the Investment Upgrade for Our Long-Term Fund:
  - All the paperwork is done for transferring to a bond fund that will get 6 to 8 percent interest.
8. Sponsorships:
  - We have 3 platinum sponsors (Belden, Pella, and West Michigan lighting). There are 2 more interested in possible platinum sponsorship.
  - The upcoming golf outing will give the opportunity to get more sponsors.
9. Golf Outing:
  - The committee met yesterday to strategize.
  - Date is June 5 at Thornapple Pointe.
  - Price for golf will be \$90 per person.
  - Dinner will be the same as last year.
  - Brian will redesign the old flyer. Deb will forward the old flyer to Brian.
10. Newsletter:
  - The newsletter went out last week. The next newsletter will go out in June.
  - Nate asked everyone to send him articles.
  - Greg asked Brian Craig to write an article about the architecture program at Ferris.
11. Bylaws:
  - The bylaws change passed unanimously at the March 23 lunch and learn.
12. AIA National Vote Discussion:
  - Greg asked if everyone read the information that he sent out.
  - Everyone agreed with Greg's comments.
13. Lunch and Learns:
  - April 27 - Fred Butters and Andersen Windows.
  - May 25 - Spray-applied acoustic insulation.
  - September 28 - West Michigan Lighting.
14. D&O Insurance Coverage:
  - Deb distributed an email from PCIA detailing the D&O insurance available to AIAGV at \$250 per chapter.
  - Glenn moved to purchase the D&O insurance from PCIA. Brian seconded. The vote was unanimous.
15. Ferris Architecture Program:
  - Gary introduced Brian Craig from Ferris. Brian thanked us for coming, talked about the bachelor program at Ferris, and invited AIAGV to the upcoming Michigan Energy Conference.
  - Brian introduced Diane Nagelkirk and Dane Johnson.
  - Diane mentioned that Ferris has launched an architecture film and lecture series and will be launching their visiting professor program. They would like to create a strong partnership between Ferris and AIAGV.
  - Dane talked about the Ferris lecture series. They would love to have more architects from AIAGV come up and lecture.
  - Nate welcomed the AIAS students and talked about the mentoring program. The students talked about their experience with the mentoring program.
  - Dane suggested setting up an event where mentors and mentees could meet. Gary suggested that the students come to our honor awards event. Dane suggested having a reception at the design retreat.
  - The students invited AIAGV to attend their AIAS golf outing on April 28. Nate asked that they send him the registration information so we can promote it.
  - Nate suggested that we put summer intern information on our website.
16. AIA-Habitat Coordination:
  - Will address at next month's meeting.

17. ARE Study Materials:

- Megan stated that the study materials are still at GRCC but will be moved to Lott3Metz.
- Megan asked if AIA Michigan had a problem with moving them and making them more accessible.
- Megan is looking into an on-line checkout program.
- Nate mentioned that a page should be set up on our website.
- Megan asked that everyone drop off any study books to Lott3Metz.

18. Building Tours:

- Farmers Market: Megan suggested we promote the Farmers Market building tour at the May 2 Rivers to Markets event. The official opening of the Farmers Market is May 4, so Greg suggested having the tour on May 3 at 5:30 followed by a visit to Meanwhile Bar.
- Megan will coordinate with Greg.

19. Emerging Professionals Support:

- Megan has been in contact with the emerging professionals director from AIA Michigan.

20. 2012 Honor Awards:

- Dave will have a venue by next meeting.
- Deb will review the call for entries and send to Dave.

21. Urbanized Event at Wealthy Theatre:

- Greg mentioned Lott3Metz is hosting a free screening of the documentary film Urbanized at the Wealthy Theater on May 31, 2012, at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. <http://urbanizedfilm.com/>
- Deb will put it on our calendar.

22. Grassroots Workshop:

- Brian attended a workshop on “connecting with our future leaders” at Grassroots and has been asked about doing a workshop next year.
- Brian suggested a general theme: “how to become relevant (to the next generation).”
- Brian asked everyone to give him ideas.

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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