



# AIA grand rapids

A Chapter of The American Institute of Architects

Purpose: Board Meeting  
Location: TowerPinkster  
Date: October 1, 2013  
Time: 4:10 p.m. to 5:40 p.m.

## **Board Members Present:**

Brian Swem - President  
Mike Belisle - Vice President  
Neale Bauman - Treasurer  
David Maxam - Past President  
Greg Metz - AIA MI Director  
Gary Gerber - Continuing Education Director  
Mark Rysberg - Professional Affiliates Director  
Kate Betts - Sponsorship Director  
Megan Wall - Associates Director  
Deborah Dik - Administrative Assistant

## **Absent:**

Jeff Montague - Secretary  
Lindsay Anes - Public Relations Director

## **GENERAL BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Next Meeting is Tuesday, November 5 at 12 p.m. (location: OAK).
2. Mike made a motion to approve the September minutes and Mark seconded. The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Budget/Investments: There is a net income of \$8,700 for the year so far. We are running \$8,000 to \$10,000 behind was expected.
2. Sponsorship Updates:
  - Kate sent letters to potential sponsors and will follow up. If anyone has other ideas of who to ask for sponsorship, let Kate know.
  - Gary suggested contacting Dri Design and Polygon.
  - Results: Acoustics by Design \$1,000, Rockford construction \$500, Belden \$500.
3. Lunch and Learns:
  - Gary asked if someone could host the December lunch and learn. Neale said he could do it.
  - Gary is working on lining up next year's speakers.
4. Building Tours:
  - Grand Rapids Christian High School is October 10.
  - Jenison Performing Arts Center is October 24.
  - Talking to Brian Koehn at Progressive about doing the University Prep Academy in November.
  - Battle Creek Math and Science Center is a possibility.
  - Megan suggested we do our board meeting at Rockford Construction on December 3 or 10 and do a tour after.
5. 2013 Board Member Announcement:
  - Tabled until next meeting.
6. Board Meeting Schedule:
  - Tabled until next meeting.
7. Shared Drive with Board Documents:
  - Tabled until next meeting.

8. Material ConneXion Space:
  - Kendall is offering us their space and will pay for food and drink for whatever we want to do.
  - The space will hold 50 people.
  - Megan suggested a “new architect” party.
9. DWM Update:
  - Greg is on the advisory board.
  - Would like to create a “Design Michigan.” The goal of this would be to advocate for design, promote, support locally, etc.
  - Greg asked if the board approves of him moving forward. The board agreed that AIA Grand Rapids would like to be involved.
10. Design Week:
  - There is going to be a design week next year (tentatively in April).
  - Greg asked if we would like to be involved. The board agreed that we would like to be involved.
11. Advocacy Update:
  - Electronic seals passed unanimously in the house and is now in the senate. They are projecting that it will be signed into law by Thanksgiving.
  - Greg talked about a bill about energy efficiency that the federal government is trying to repeal the need for LEED standards in GSA buildings (on federal projects).
12. West Michigan Design and Construction Expo:
  - Deb will start the on-line signup so we can get the table staffed.
13. Stair Week:
  - Joyce reported that about 10 press outlets reported on stair week.
  - The media kit is still available on the website.
14. Timberlake Lecture:
  - Neale asked if the lecture was recorded, and Greg stated that it was.
  - Kate will look into getting the video so we can put it on the website.

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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