

# AIA Grand Valley

Purpose: Board Meeting  
Location: Hilger & Hammond  
Date: October 4, 2011  
Time: 4:20 p.m. to 5:33 p.m.

## **Board Members Present:**

David Maxam – President  
Neale Baumann – Treasurer  
Greg Metz – AIA MI Director  
Glenn Rahn – Past President/AIA MI Director  
Brian Swem – Associates Director  
Gary Gerber – Continuing Education Director  
Trish Spaulding – Membership/Sponsorship Director  
Ben Hammond – Professional Affiliate Director  
Deborah Dik – Administrative Assistant

## **Absent:**

Nate Golin – Vice President  
Jeff Montague – Secretary  
Lindsay Anes – Public Relations Director

## **GENERAL BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Approval of September 6 meeting minutes: Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes. Neale seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
2. Next meeting is Tuesday, November 1, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.; location is OAK, 1595 Galbraith Avenue, SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Budget:
  - We received \$1,500 in sponsorship for the gala, which allowed us essentially to break even.
  - The expense of the new web site was budgeted.
2. Honor Awards Recap:
  - Only negative comment was that guests were too loud during the awards ceremony.
  - Deb will contact Kendall about having the ceremony there again next year (update: Kendall does not allow a repeat of ArtPrize artists, so we will have to find a new venue if we want to be part of ArtPrize).
  - Gary suggested the old art museum building, which belongs to Ferris.
  - Glenn suggested doing a silent auction at the honor awards.
3. Elections:
  - All positions that were open were uncontested, so everyone was elected/re-elected. Sponsorship, government affairs, and associates director positions are still open.
4. Ferris AIAS Dues:
  - Dave was contacted by the Ferris AIAS. The students have asked if AIAGV will pay their student dues again like we did last year.
  - Greg moved to approve the chapter dues and in exchange we strongly request that they assist in the honor awards. Motion passed unanimously.
5. 2012 Leadership Retreat:
  - Will be here at Amway Grand Plaza instead of in Traverse City.
  - Barb has asked that we assist in planning a possible tour of Meyer May House and give suggestions for “on your own” restaurants in Grand Rapids.
  - Greg suggested a tour of different venues (GRAM) in downtown Grand Rapids on Friday night and a daytime tour of Meyer May House on Saturday afternoon after meetings conclude.
  - Brian will chair the committee, and Greg and Neale will serve on the committee.

6. Lunch and Learns:
  - There were 30 people at the last lunch and learn on BIM
  - Next lunch and learn is October 28 – Building Envelope Commissioning – Constructing Functional Building Envelope Systems.
7. New Website:
  - The new website is [www.aiagv.org](http://www.aiagv.org).
  - There is still content missing, but we should be ready to go live in the next couple months.
  - Nate, Dave, Brian, and Deb (and anyone else who would like to learn) will meet to learn how the website works.
8. Mentoring Program:
  - Nate went to Ferris to give a presentation on a mentoring program (with Tom Mathison's AIA Michigan Mentoring Network). He's been working with the AIAS students to get this program going. There are about 8-10 students who are interested in having mentors from Grand Rapids.
  - Nate is hoping to send an email to our membership with information about the program in the next couple weeks.
9. Joint Meeting with AIASW:
  - Nate has spoken with Karl Kowalske (VP of the Southwest Chapter) about having our November board meeting as a joint one down in Kalamazoo.
  - Unless there is a real purpose for it, the board decided that it's too far.
10. Name Change/Bylaws:
  - The name change may be brought up for a separate vote from the bylaws changes.
  - The bylaws will be brought to the board for review and vote before they are presented to our membership.
  - Suggested changes: Shifting the calendar year. Elections moved to May to get things running by September when the board year would begin. On-line voting for elections. Nominations currently come from the floor; bylaws will allow people to run for election prior to election day.
11. DesignThink:
  - October 21, Michigan medical mile. Gary will invite the Ferris students to the DesignThink.
12. Building Tours:
  - Greg suggested that Brian ask Integrated or Design Plus about any projects that could be toured.
13. Items Not on the Agenda
  - Michigan Modern, a Michigan-based group that deals with modern architecture (particularly mid-century modern), approached Greg about having Brian Conway speak.
  - Neale mentioned having Jim Sewell speak about Taliesen.
  - Greg mentioned that National Kitchen and Bath Association wants to do a mixer with us and HBA. Greg doubts that anyone from AIA would come.
  - Government affairs update: Representative Wayne Schmidt of Traverse City is chairing the House committee that is reviewing SB 566-568. At some point we may be asked to reach out to our legislators regarding a vote on this. Greg will be testifying.
  - Gary asked if we could email a survey from Ferris about participating in a market assessment survey about a proposed certificate in virtual design and construction (VDC) using BIM. The board agreed that it would be okay for Deb to send an email.

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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