

# AIA Grand Valley

Purpose: Board Meeting  
Location: OAK  
Date: November 1, 2011  
Time: 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## **Board Members Present:**

David Maxam – President  
Nate Golin – Vice President  
Neale Baumann – Treasurer  
Jeff Montague – Secretary  
Greg Metz – AIA MI Director  
Brian Swem – Associates Director  
Gary Gerber – Continuing Education Director  
Lindsay Anes – Public Relations Director  
Ben Hammond – Professional Affiliate Director  
Deborah Dik – Administrative Assistant

## **Absent:**

Glenn Rahn – Past President/AIA MI Director  
Trish Spaulding – Membership/Sponsorship Director

## **GENERAL BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Approval of October 4 Meeting Minutes:
  - A motion was made by Greg and supported by Lindsay. The minutes were approved unanimously.
2. Next meeting is the **annual strategic planning meeting**.
  - Tuesday, December 6, 2011, from 3 to 7 p.m. at C2AE, 648 Monroe Avenue, NW, Suite 210.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Budget:
  - Discussion was centered around the expense of the annual awards ceremony.
  - It appears there was greater expense than was expected or budgeted.
  - There were also more entries than expected, which contributed to an increase.
  - Printing may have also been a factor.
  - This needs to be reviewed and budgeted more carefully moving forward.
2. Lecture on Taliesin Renovations by Jim Sewell:
  - Date/Schedule: February 16, 2012, was tentatively discussed.
  - Note: Since the meeting, an email discussion took place among board members, and the following is now set for the lecture:
    - To take place the evening of February 2, 2012, at the Wealthy Theater.
    - No further details yet.
    - Lindsay and Neale to discuss promotion materials.
    - Tentative event time from 7 to 10 p.m., with cocktails from 7 to 8, lecture/presentation, followed by an afterglow.
3. Elections – Associates Director:
  - Megan Feenstra Wall from AMDG is filling this position.
4. Lunch and Learns:
  - November: Universal Access for All, Friday, November 18, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., FSU/GRCC Applied Technology Center.
  - December: None.

5. New Website:
  - Both aiagv.org (new) and aiagv.net (old) are active.
  - The committee will meet once more to finalize adding the last of the content to the new site and transition off the old site.
  - Comments from the board as well as award ceremony attendees were positive overall regarding the look and organization of the new site.
6. DesignThink:
  - Nothing specific upcoming.
  - Next potential date is January. Lots of potential with the recent award winners.
7. Building Tours:
  - Nothing scheduled, but Brian will look into some potential sites.
8. Bylaws:
  - Nothing to report.
9. Newsletter:
  - Nothing to report.
  - Nothing further on the name change to AIA Grand Rapids—only positive feedback thus far.
10. Items Not on the Agenda
  - Mentoring: Four mentors short out of eight students signed up needing mentors. Expect to see an email looking for volunteers, or contact Gary if interested.

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:

Jeff Montague, Secretary  
AIA Grand Valley