

Board of Directors Meeting 01

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320 E. Buffalo St, Suite 500, Milwaukee, WI 53202

January 22nd, 2009

Present:

Dan Kabara - President
Randy Morrison - Vice President
Kurt Zimmerman - Treasurer
Matthew Edwards - Secretary
Karen Plunkett Muenster - Past President
John Holz - Director at Large
Mike Fortuna - Design Committee Chair
Kevin Donahue - Historic Resources Chair
Kate Edwards - Historic Resources
Andrew Alden - On Wheels Chair
Mitch Ptacek - AIAS President
Lacey Engleke - AIAS Liason

Excused:

Christine Scott Thomson - Sustainable/COTE
Curt Hoffmann - Emerging Professionals
Gil Snyder - Director at Large
Jim Rasche - Director at Large
Joe Lawton - Communications

1. WELCOME, THANKS, and INTRODUCTIONS

Responsibility

- a. AIA Milwaukee President Dan Kabara called meeting to order at 5:00pm.
- b. Thank you to Curt Hoffman for organizing the AIA/ AIGA 20/20 event at the Iron Horse Hotel on January 20th, 2009. It was a spirited and well attended event, and we look forward to continuing combined events with the AIGA. Thank you to Kate Edwards and PACE Architects for presenting at the event and providing tours of the hotel for all participants. Thanks to Kurt Zimmerman for also presenting.
- c. Introductions to the new board members and all in attendance.

2. AIAM BUDGET

- a. AIAM Budget was discussed. Dan Kabara stated that as of now the 2009 budget is set; if programs are developed that will be beneficial to members of other chapters in the state then there may be opportunities to request additional monies from AIA Wisconsin.

3. ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS

- a. **Diane Trevarrow Evans** and AIA 150 Funds:
 - AIAM Board voted to appoint Karen Plunkett-Munster Executive Director of the DTE funds and John Holz Executive Director of the AIA 150 funds currently held by AIA Milwaukee.
 - Executive Directors to provide documentation of agreement between AIAM and Entities which hold funds and 2008 balance reports

Holz
Plunkett-
Muenster

4. CONTACT LISTS

- a. Dan Kabara to update the AIA Milwaukee Contact list including Officers, Committee Chairs, and Event Coordinators.

Kabara

5. 2009 COMMITTEE UPDATES and EVENTS

- a. Dan Kabara asked all Committee Chairs to give a brief summary of their goals and objectives for the 2009 year.

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6. COMMUNITY ADVOCACY

- a. Group discussed the role of AIAM in the community and the ramifications of taking a "position" on local or national debates. Discussion included "How to become a voice in the community" and the "Citizen Architect" role.
 - Karen Plunkett-Muenster to bring back more information from the upcoming AIA Grassroots Conference.
 - Plunkett-Muenster to contact Bill Babcock for further discussions on limits of advocacy.
- b. Other Community events include the AIA Milwaukee Blood Drive.

Plunett-Muenster**7. AIA 150**

- a. John Holz gave a brief summary of the status of the AIA 150 housing project in the Merrill Park neighborhood. Holz is completing the grant request but is still looking for assistance in finishing the redesign.
- b. Holz contracted Erik Hancock to layout and write the AIA150 Publication for the completion of the initiative. Titled: *Reweaving the Neighborhood Fabric*, the 100 page books will be published and distributed to sponsors, stakeholders, and elected official. The \$3,200 cost for Hancock's contract, and \$3,200 cost for publishing 100 books will be paid out of the AIA150 Grant Money, \$5,000 of which has already been received by AIA National. The balance of \$2,500 will be sought when Grant Completion Materials are uploaded to AIA150 Website on Saturday, February 21st

Holz**8. BLOOD DRIVE**

- a. John Holz gave a brief update on the AIA Milwaukee Blood Drive. Last year the number of willing participants far exceeded the capacity of the Bloodmobile. Opportunities for expanding the location for the blood drive were discussed.
 - Holz to look into the possibility of using the upstairs of the Public Market
 - Andrew Alden will look into space in the PH Dye House as an alternate location.
 - Randy Morrison suggested partnering up with the ASQ Center, but most thought that keeping it a separate AIA event was prudent.

Holz**Alden****9. COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COTE)**

- a. Kurt Zimmerman and Mike Fortuna gave a brief update on the COTE, including progress on SARUP's Solar Decathlon entry.
- b. Zimmerman and Fortuna discussed COTE goal of compiling a project list of local LEED accredited projects by local architects as a resource for potential clients. The information will be solicited from local firms, to be submitted in a standard format and uploaded to the AIAM website.
- c. Dan Kabara also asked that the COTE look into possibilities of hosting at least (2) AIA sustainable credited CEU's programs.
 - Mike Fortuna will look into the requirements of SCEU's with the possibility of making COTE meetings, which include presenters or lectures, which qualify for CEU accreditation.

Thomson**Zimmerman****Fortuna**

10. EMERGING PROFESSIONALS

- a. Matthew Edwards gave a brief description of goals and objectives for the EP Committee for 2009. EP will host a Birdhouse Competition in conjunction with SARUP's 40th Anniversary program. Mitch Ptacek stated that he had already discussed it with Davey Singer and Bob Greenstreet at SARUP. They were concerned where the funds collected from the auctioned birdhouses would go. The consensus of the group was that any funds raised would be donated to the AIAS. **Hoffman**
- b. ARE study sessions have received funding for 2009 from AIA Wisconsin and Wisconsin Architects Foundation. Edwards also plans on hosting the ARE structures seminar in the fall of 2009. Edwards will forward a copy of the 2009 schedule to Joe Lawton for a separate "poster" to be produced, distributed, and posted to the AIAM website. **Edwards**
- c. EP will host at least (3) social "Thirsty Thursday's" for 2009. John Holz suggested hosting one immediately following "The Edge" construction tour on Feb. 17th. Kate Edwards suggested not calling it "Emerging Professionals" because it may be perceived as only for interns; the group agreed. **Hoffman**

11. HISTORIC RESOURCES

- a. Kevin Donahue discussed some of the potential opportunities for Historic Preservation focused events. **Donahue**
- b. Tour of Eugene Orlandini's studio (historic plasterwork)
- c. Hosting a Frank Lloyd Wright lecture series in conjunction with AIA SE Wisconsin **Edwards**
- d. Kate Edwards proposed organizing a tour of the Pabst Mansion including a presentation by John Eastman (fall). **Donahue**
- e. John Holz asked for assistance from the HR Committee for more information on historic buildings for the AIAM River Cruise.

12. DESIGN

- a. Mike Fortuna gave an update on the upcoming architecture exhibit to be held at the Eisner Museum. The 3,000 sf. exhibit will focus on unbuilt work and will run from August 1st 2009 through 2010. Projects will be solicited from local firms/ individuals with a \$300-500 entry fee. Projects will be selected by AIAM Committee & Eisner Museum staff. Firms/ individuals will submit in standardized format to be printed, mounted, and hung by EM staff. **Fortuna**
- Fortuna stated with a 1 year exhibition multiple events are possible; group discussion included "gallery night", grand opening event, AIGA joint event, etc.
 - Fortuna will send out information to firms/ individuals in Feb., selections in March, production in June, opening in August.
 - Kurt Zimmerman and Karen Plunkett-Muenster offered to serve as AIAM selection committee members. KPM stated that she would be Co-Curator with **Cori Coffman** from Eisner Museum.

13. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Group discussed need for posters to be released earlier in order to adequately inform participants in a timely manner. Information shall be sent to Joe Lawton by the 15th the month before. **Lawton**
- b. Group discussed need to update website and keep website updated.
- c. Karen Plunkett-Muenster read list of goals and objectives from Joe Lawton. Lawton indicated need for additional volunteers to help on the Communications Committee.

14. ON WHEELS

- a. Andrew Alden gave a brief update on the "On Wheels" program from 2008. In addition to the one event each semester at SARUP, this year they held a 2 week intensive program with 6 students, including a filming several of the student's experience. The program received donated 30 wheelchairs which are in storage, and looking into keeping 4-6 wheelchairs at SARUP as a resource. **Alden**
- Alden looking into the possibility of securing funding to turn short video into an hour long documentary. Alden will investigate using the video in conjunction with a presentation for CEU credit program.
 - Board would like to see program brought back to the AIA membership, possibility of offering a 1 day program to 1-2 local firms for CEU credit.

15. DTE LECTURE

Karen Plunkett-Muenster discussed moving DTE lecture from March 5th to September 4th to accommodate speaker's calendar. Plunkett-Muenster to finalize date, time, and location. (writer's note: the lecture and workshop has been confirmed for March 5th, speaker: Kate Schwensen, FAIA 2006 National AIA President). **Plunkett-Muenster**

16. RIVER CRUISE

- a. John Holz stated that the AIAM River Cruise is scheduled for Thursday August 20th. **Holz**
- Holz requested that the Historic Resources help expand the River Cruise handout by providing more information regarding historic buildings along cruise route. **Donahue**
 - Matthew Edwards suggested that the finalized handout be posted to the AIAM website for reference.

17. BUILDING ENVELOPE SEMINAR

- a. John Holz stated that this years Sustainable and Energy Efficient Building Envelope Workshop will be held on March 17th at the Italian Community Center. The program will provide 5 Sustainable CEU credits.
- Holz designated five complimentary admissions for interested AIA Milwaukee Board Members. The complimentary admissions were capped at five, to meet pro-forma expectations for revenue generation. As hosts, Kabara and Holz used the first two. Three members at the board meeting, Kurt Zimmerman, Mike Fortuna, and Kevin Donahue, requested the remaining three

18. BUILDING SCIENCE SERIES

- a. Randy Morrison gave a brief summary regarding the 2008 Building Science Series. Due to low attendance at the last couple of events Randy suggested moving the event to a downtown location (Kahler Slater conference room) during lunch time. **Morrison**
- Morrison suggested charging participants a minimum fee to generate income for AIAM. Lecturer will sponsor presentation and AIAM will cater. Anticipate free attendance for AIA members and small income from AIAM.
 - Presenters will be responsible for catering event.

19. CONSTRUCTION TOURS

- a. John Holz gave a brief description of upcoming Construction Tours and took suggestions of future tours. **Holz**
- Suggested tours were Children's Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, North End, Pabst Brewery redevelopment. **Meyer**
 - JH stated that Lynn Meyer has joined his Committee to help coordinate tour logistics.

20. OPENING DOORS

- a. Dan Kabara solicited suggestions for future opening doors events from the **Kabara** group.
 - Suggested locations included Kubala Washatko (Aldo Leopold Center), John Korum studio (Architectural Photography & panel discussion), AIA 150 Exhibit, AIA 150 Favorite Buildings, State Capital Restoration Project, Johnson Schmaling, La Dahlman, and Quorum.

This is the writer's understanding of items discussed and decisions reached. If there are any modifications or additions, please transmit them in writing to the author within five business days.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by,

Matthew Edwards, A.I.A.
AIAM Secretary

Dan Kabara, AIA
AIAM President

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