

AIA New Orleans Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 03 August 2017
 AIA Center for Design
 1000 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA

Board Members	Attendance	Initials
Jason Richards, President	Present	JR
Nicholas Marshall, Past President	Present	NM
Angela Morton, President-Elect	Present	AM
Amanda Rivera, Vice President	Present	AR
Thom Smith, Secretary	Present	TS
Shannon French, Treasurer	Absent	SF
Jason Levy, Associates Director	Absent	JL
Ashley Banks, YAF Representative	Present	AB
Brent Baumbach, La. Delegate	Absent	BB
Janina Scalfano, La. Delegate	Present	JS
Megan Weyland, Tulane Delegate	Present	MW
Braham Berg, Tulane AIAS	Absent	BB
Joel Pominville, Executive Director	Present	JP

Guests

None

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order – Jason Richards
 - a. The meeting was called to order by JR at 4:37 pm
2. Consent Agenda
 - a. ACTION: It was RESOLVED to approve the June and July 2017 board meeting minutes.
3. New business
 - a. Executive Director Yearly Performance Review. JR will send out to board for completion.
 - b. 2018 Board Nominations. JR and AM working on nominations. They are open for board to submit, as well as to membership.
 - c. Gallery Exhibit Task Force. JR stated that Jennie West will help, and will ask other members. JR stated that AIANO received two recent requests to use the Center's space; the board's goal should be to organize a process for this. JP added that the board should establish a process and standard for both art and exhibits. NM stated that a thorough review of potential exhibitors should be included, and priority is fiscal responsibility to AIANO board.
 - c.i. JP confirmed that AIA Birmingham is now showing the AIA National 2016 Emerging Professionals Awards exhibit. He added that AIA Birmingham has sponsors for every exhibit, and will follow up to learn more on how to develop this support.
 - d. Common Edge/Martin Pedersen. TS stated that journalist Martin Pedersen, former executive editor of Metropolis magazine who lives in New Orleans, would like a session to get AIANO board member's feedback on website content and what could be improved. JR suggested that the EPs can promote this. AR suggested sponsorships to take advantage of readerships. The board is generally interested in this opportunity.
4. Executive Director Report – Joel Pominville
 - a. JP stated that the Bowling Tournament is the kickoff to the schedule of regular fall programming. JP and SC will attend AIA CASE annual meeting.

- b. Architects on Architecture. JP urged board members who have not completed the Google form to participate. He stressed the importance of this opportunity.
 - c. Proposed partnership with Tulane University MSRED students on tricentennial competition. JR stated that the goal of an intern is to provide research that is mutually beneficial to both AIANO and the student. He anticipates 15–20 hours per week as a full time student. The MSRED program requested that the student work in more of an office environment, and not at AIANO.
5. Finance Committee Report – Shannon French
 - a. SF could not make call. JR stated that finances are generally stable with no news to report.
 6. Events
 - a. White Linen Night. JP did not plan for Center to be open since we are not selling art. TS asked if lights could stay on and shades be open so passersby could look into exhibit. It was agreed to do this.
 - b. Bowling Tournament. JP stated that AIANO is closer to financial goal compared to this time last year. The board discussed having tournament at different time next year to improve participation, e.g. not during summer.
 - c. Board Meeting change. After discussion, it was agreed to keep rescheduled meeting on Thursday, 14 Sep.
 - d. Construction. AM called the board to sign up. JS and committee will visit potential hosting sites on OC Haley Blvd next week.
 - e. Public Interest Design. JP said he is trying to get other organizations involved, including NORA.
 - f. Golf + Mini golf tournaments. JP said there is general interest for mini golf, and EPs will also promote the beer garden for the main golf tournament.
 - g. AIA National Leadership Institute. JP confirmed that GNOF will host the event.
 7. Development Committee
 - a. No update.
 8. Membership Committee – Thom Smith
 - a. See item 3.d above.
 9. Emerging Professionals (EP) –Ashley Banks, Jason Levy
 - a. AB updated EP happy hour monthly schedule. AB and JL will consider grouping happy hours together into a firm crawl in specific neighborhoods or clusters, perhaps when weather is better in spring 2018.
 10. NOAF + Advocacy –Nick Marshall
 - a. JP reviewed scheduled upcoming events, per board meeting agenda.
 11. Old Business
 - a. Center for Design task force update. JP stated that he has approved the modifications to eKraemer’s design per the board’s previous input and is moving forward with installation.
 - b. JR confirmed that AIA Louisiana has selected New Orleans to host its convention in 2018. JP suggested ideas for programming, including EPs leading education sessions.

Adjournment

ACTION: Upon a duly made (JR) a seconded motion (AR) it was unanimously RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 pm.

Next Board Meeting

Thursday, 14 September 2017, 4:30 pm

Submitted by

Thom Smith, AIA, Secretary