



## **AIA Northern Indiana Chapter January 15, 2015 Board Meeting**

In attendance: Ed Kowalczyk, Gary Hall, Kim Sieradzki, Chad Root, Lloyd Condon, Tyler Kelsey, Andrew Roche, Sean Frederick, Josh Higginbotham, Jason Shelley, Jeff Anglemyer, Scott Falk  
Location: 5:30am, Gianetto's Pizza, Granger, IN

The following was discussed:

- Last Month's Meeting Minutes accepted
- Treasurer's Report
  - Treasurer shared all contacts, amounts, and accounts with board members. Approved a new policy that a similar information sheet be shared by the treasurer at every board meeting, so that the essential processes and duties of the treasurer won't get lost in the transition to newly elected officials.
  - Taxes are up to date.
  - Entity creation: The intent is to dissolve the old non-profit and create an entirely new entity - as it will be easier and less expensive than legal fees to reinstate old entity.
- Budget
  - Goal: approve operating budget for 2015
  - Budget for 2015 to be based on what we currently have in our account from fundraising last year (Golf Outing) and membership dues.
  - Expenditures: Stipends for conferences, advertising, events
    - \$500 - AIA National Convention in Atlanta - one board member
    - \$400 - travel to State Board Meeting - 3 delegates
    - Additionally, the chapter will apply to AIA National for an additional stipend to go to the Grass Roots Conference - open to any member
    - \$1500 - community awareness about architecture
    - \$1200 - Scholarships: traditionally local Ivy Tech design scholarship; may change to local Middle School end of year awards (i.e. cash given to each school toward the purchase of an architecture book to be given as an award).
    - \$0 - Breakfast board meetings will no longer be at a restaurant, but preferably sponsored by a local architecture firm every month.
    - Plan to get sponsors to cover expenses of all 4 major events.
  - Budget spreadsheet from 2010 to be shared with current treasurer and converted to Quickbooks to match tax filing information.
  - Above budget structure unanimously approved.
- Vote for 2015 board members
  - President - Ed Kowalczyk



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- Vice President - Gary Hall
- Secretary - Kim Sieradzki
- Treasurer - Chad Root
- Treasurer Elect - Josh Higginbotham
- Delegate - Tyler Kelsey
- 7th board member (if necessary to have an odd number of board members) - Lloyd Condon
- Calendar 2015
  - Jul. 16 - Golf Outing
  - First weekend in August - On the River - commit to building a new ticket booth
  - Oct. 15 - Octoberfest
  - Monthly board meetings - Tuesday mornings. Request to have some meetings after work to allow more members the opportunity to attend.
  - Next meeting to be held at Arkos Design in Mishawaka, IN
- State update from Jason Shelley
  - General Assembly
    - Historic Preservation Tax Credit - proposed increase. There is a 12 year waiting list to get the tax credit since it's capped at \$450,000 a year.
    - Proposed moratorium on nursing home construction - same moratorium brought up last year and postponed.
    - Proposed bill to allow Building Commissioner to not have to be a licensed architect or engineer. AIA might allow the experience requirement to be dropped from 10 years to 5 years, but does not support dropping the licensure requirement.
  - Job Creation Committee - Intent of this committee is to research professions in the state and determine whether they should be licensed, or whether the licensure process is hindering people from entering the profession. Their question for the AIA is whether the AIA should be responsible for licensing and renewals instead of the state government. Lots of questions: what would be the liability to the AIA? The cost of setting up a licensing system? Would there be a conflict of interest since members pay dues to the AIA? Most likely, no changes will actually be made, but the investigation is under way nonetheless.
  - AIA Indiana Board Meeting retreat - Ed, Gary, and Tyler to go as the 3 state board members (President, VP, and delegate).
    - Will discuss One AIA Indiana where chapters become "sections" and taxes are filed by AIA Indiana as one entity. AIA Indiana currently working on draft of bylaws for new arrangement. Would take effect Jan. 2016 if approved. Voting to take place Oct. 2015 at state annual meeting.
    - Benefits of One AIA Indiana: limits liability to individual sections; streamlining of expenses; allows sections to focus on serving members;



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- funds from each section will be reserved in a "silo" for each section within the AIA Indiana account.
- AIA National to set up a minimum standard of services that each chapter must offer their members. To be discussed at AIA Indiana retreat, but no opportunity to vote.
- State membership dues have not increased in over a decade. An increase will likely be discussed at the retreat.
- State would like to sponsor a seminar at each local chapter this year. Perhaps ADA or overall building code seminar. TBD
- Unveiling of new website
  - Donated by Spearhead Sales and Marketing - Chad Root
  - Space for area projects, trade affiliations, community input, impact blog posts, events.
  - Consider subscribing to a \$29.95/month email list service that can auto-reply to event sign-ups.
  - Members will have 2 weeks to submit project photos and descriptions before the website goes live. Images must be 72 dpi or more, JPEG or PNG and include a couple of sentences about why the general community should use an architect - what impact did the architect have on the health, safety, welfare, or economy of the community? These are advertisements about the profession, rather than a specific firm, and as such, credit for each project is limited to a watermark of the firm's logo on each photo.
- Open discussion
  - Should we consider an awards ceremony this year? In the past few years, local firms have been reticent to spend the money on entry fees due to the recession, but this year, we might be able to drum up enough interest. Jason Shelley volunteered to help with templates, etc. to help with the organization side of the event. Goal: make fees reasonable to get more entries; make our own awards for minimal cost; combine with the December party; invite local college students, especially Notre Dame AIAS and include competition categories for students that they can add to their resumes.

## Recap:

Look forward to our new website coming in a few weeks!

Submit your work to be shown on our website!

Next meeting Tuesday, February 10, 2015, at Arkos Design in Mishwaka, IN.