



AIA Northern Indiana Section March 2016 Meeting

President Gary Hall opened the board meeting at approximately noon on March 8, 2016 at Creative Design Solutions, located downtown South Bend, IN.

Those present included: Gary Hall (AIA NIS President), Josh Higginbotham (AIA NIS Secretary/Treasurer), Edward Kowalczyk (AIA NIS Past President), Jason Shelley (AIA Indiana Executive Director) & Chad Root (Spearhead & AIA NIS Past Treasurer).

The following Items were discussed:

Treasurer Report – Josh Higginbotham

- a. Josh gave an update and we discussed our getting checks for the Old National Bank. Transfer will probably happen later this month.

AIA Indiana Reports – Jason Shelley

1. 2016 Board Retreat set for March 18, 2016. Gary, Tyler and Josh are attending.
2. Legislative Update
 - a. SB324 – Construction Permits and Regulations passed and expected to be signed into law by Governor Pence. This bill includes four parts:
 1. Streamlining the State Submittal Process – As proposed, you would submit to the DHS and ISDH through one process.
 2. Allowing local plan review providing the local plan review is approved by the State Building Commission.
 3. Streamlining the process for converting historic downtown buildings to new uses.
 4. Contains language allowing the chair of the State Building Commission to issue a written interpretation of a building law or fire safety law on Class 2 Structures if the building commissioner is absent.
 - b. HB 1215 – State and Local Matters passed and expected to be signed into law by Governor Pence. It contains language that improves and clarifies the State's Historic Preservation and Rehabilitation Grant Program.
 - c. HB 1321 – Sales Tax on Professional Services, including Architectural Services. (Medical and Legal professional services are excluded. This bill was quickly withdrawn. AIA Indiana does not support this proposal. We are expecting that this will come back up in the fall. This is a bill that we will need to watch for.
 - d. SB 147 – School Emergency Response Systems – The intent is to implement a



system that uses technology and best practices to respond to an active shooter incident. The bill was amended.

House of Representatives Phone - 800/382-9842

State Senate Phone - 800/382-9467

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AIA Northern Section Business

Grassroots:

Josh Higginbotham attended Grassroots and reported on the event.

Golf Outing:

Ed Kowalczyk is heading this committee. Ed requested that we change the event back to 18 holes due to concerns by AIA members and sponsors. This was approved.

CEU Session with Notre Dame:

Gary Hall shared that he spoke with Notre Dame's assistant Dean and that they are going to meet at the ND Architectural Job Fair next week.

Out Reach:

The Regional Cities Initiative is something we as a group intend to look more into. The intent is to get in front of the leadership to encourage utilizing regional professional talent for these projects. We also want to reach out to our local legislators and invite them to meet with us.

New Business:

Next Board Meeting:

To be on April 12, 2016 at noon at the offices of Holladay Construction Group / Holladay Properties.

Save the Date

May 12, 2016's State AIA Board Meeting will be at the Speedway. This is a practice day for the Gran Prix and they will run rain or shine.

The meeting concluded at 1:30 p.m. (EST).

Respectfully submitted:

Gary Hall, AIA
President, AIA NIS