



MEETING MINUTES

AIA Virginia | Membership Meeting

November 3, 2016 | in conjunction with Architecture Exchange East

Call to Order:

At 12:48 p.m. and with a quorum present, President Vlattas called to order a meeting of the membership of AIA Virginia.

President's Report (Mr. Vlattas):

President Vlattas welcomed those in attendance, and stated the mission and vision of AIA Virginia.

The minutes of the June 17, 2016 meeting were approved as distributed.

The 2016 AIA Virginia Board of Directors were acknowledged and thanked for their service.

President Vlattas recognized the 2016 Honors Awards recipients:

- Robert J. Dunay, FAIA (William C. Noland Medal);
- Jaan Holt (Architecture Medal for Virginia Service);
- Corey Clayborne, AIA (Award for Distinguished Achievement);
- William Graham (Society Honors);
- Andrew Baxter (Society Honors);
- Rachel Shelton, AIA (Virginia Emerging Professional Award);
- Katherine Williams AIA (Virginia Emerging Professional Award);
- Rhea George, Hon. AIAVA (Honorary Membership).

President Vlattas presented member Kenney Payne, AIA with a Presidential Citation in recognition of his service to the profession relating to education on building codes and standards.

A Resolution of Appreciation was presented to the membership to offer acknowledgement and appreciation to Architecture Exchange East exhibitors. The resolution was approved by a vote of acclamation.

President Vlattas reported on his key initiatives as President in 2016:

1. Finance and Operations: There was an excess of revenue over expenses for the year; supplemental dues are being eliminated over a four year period; there are currently 1,593 members and 480 associate members. President Vlattas thanked the staff for their hard work in this area. He also commented on the new strategic plan, the development of a revised set of Bylaws, and the positive culture of the staff team.
2. Value to Members: AIA Virginia achieved three-year accreditation; component leadership calls and firm outreach visits have been held; board and staff participated in AIA Grassroots and AIA Convention; the Government Advocacy Council has represented the membership on tax preferences issues and has

maintained a relationship with the APELSCIDLA Board; Large Firm Roundtable Meetings have been held; AIA Virginia continues to support The Branch Museum of Architecture and Design.

3. Relevant Programs: Design Forum XII and Architecture Exchange East were successful in 2016; a new “Art of Practice” Conference will be held in spring 2017.
4. Prosperity of Members: AIA Virginia members Ann Kosmal and David Oakland were elevated to Fellowship; members are recognized by the Designs Awards and Honors Awards programs.

President Vlattas also shared that he has been honored to serve as President in 2016.

Treasurer’s Report (Ms. LeFever):

Treasurer LeFever reported that in FY2015, the calendar to fiscal year shift was intended to better align with the membership dues cycle. FY2015 ended \$98K to the positive. The FY2016 audit is currently underway and will occur every year going forward. We are currently ahead of budget for FY2017; this budget was created to accommodate the phased elimination of supplemental dues.

Secretary’s Update (Mr. Keplinger):

Secretary Keplinger reported on governance documents, noting that the revision of the Bylaws evolved into a much more comprehensive review. The Rules of the Board will also be reviewed and updated in a similar manner. A webinar to explain and discuss these documents will be held in advance of a vote by the membership; a summer 2017 virtual membership meeting will be held to vote on them.

Presentation of 2017-2020 Strategic Plan (Mr. Brown):

President-elect Brown reviewed the strategic planning process: a retreat was held for all board and staff team members to develop the plan. A work group then refined it into a living, actionable document. Significant shifts in the plan include a change in the vision of *Inform* magazine and the phased elimination of supplemental dues. Mr. Brown is hopeful that firms will reinvest funds saved by the elimination of supplemental dues into program sponsorships. He also noted that board activity will be focused by the Strategic Plan.

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Government Advocacy (Mr. Colley):

Vice President Colley reported on legislative successes, the historic rehabilitation tax credit effort, new federal overtime rules that begin in December, and government purchasers work. Mr. Colley encouraged members to support the AIA Virginia Political Action Committee at www.aiavapac.org.

Professional Excellence (Ms. Reader):

Vice President Reader noted that Design Forum XII was successful; planning is underway for 2018, taking place in the Blue Ridge region. A new Art of Practice conference will be held in spring 2017 and will be focused on firms as the title suggests. The 2016 Emerging Leaders in Architecture project focused on food deserts in Richmond.

Communications + Outreach (Mr. Reis):

Vice President Reis shared that the work of the Communications + Outreach Council primarily focused on the Strategic Plan; they created talking points about the plan, specifically about the two major shifts relating to the phased elimination of supplemental dues and the evolution of *Inform* magazine.

Regional Representative’s Report (Ms. Loomis):

Ms. Loomis welcomed Brian Frickie, AIA as the new Region of The Virginias Strategic Council Representative. She highlighted several areas of the AIA Board of Directors report relative to the region; her written report was distributed to the membership.

Executive Vice President’s Update (Ms. Dreiling):

Ms. Dreiling thanked President Vlattas for his service in 2016. She emphasized many of the achievements and accomplishments of the board and staff through the cultural focus on member service and support. Finally, she recognized the staff of AIA Virginia and The Branch Museum of Architecture and Design.

Election of Officers (Brown):

The 2017 slate of officers was elected:

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| - Eric Keplinger, AIA | First Vice President/President-elect |
| - Robert V. Reis, AIA, LEEP AP | VP, Communications & Outreach |
| - Tim Colley, AIA | VP, Government Advocacy |
| - Elizabeth A. Reader, FAIA | VP, Professional Excellence |
| - S. Jeanne LeFever, AIA | Secretary |
| - J. Mitchell Rowland, III, AIA | Treasurer |

Mr. Brown ascends to the presidency while Mr. Vlattas becomes Immediate Past President. Associate Director Gina Robinson, Assoc. AIA continues for the second year of her two-year term.

Words of Inspiration for 2017 (Mr. Brown):

President-elect Brown shared his commitment to guiding AIA Virginia in its quest to be a more member-focused organization, to advocating for the profession, and for promoting livable communities across the state. He encouraged all members to be involved in the organization. His vision for 2017 is three-fold:

1. Advocate for the profession.
2. Develop future leadership.
3. Enhance the member experience.

Mr. Brown is proud to be a part of the Board of Directors and looks forward to working with the directors and staff team as AIA Virginia’s 2017 President.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Membership, President Vlattas adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

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Reviewed by:

Eric Keplinger, AIA, Secretary