

MEETING MINUTES

**AIA Virginia | Meeting of the Membership
June 21, 2019 (Virtual Meeting Held via Webinar)**

Officers and Directors attending:

Robert V. Reis, AIA, President
Rebecca Edmunds, AIA, Vice President
Lynden Garland, AIA, Vice President
Daniel Zimmerman, AIA, Vice President
Scott Campbell, AIA, Director
Lou Wolf, AIA, Director
Anca Lipan, AIA, Director
Liz Sloan, AIA, Director
Thomas "Tee" Ellis, AIA, Director
Krystal Anderson, AIA, Director
Gina A. Robinson, Assoc. AIA, Assoc. Director
R. Corey Clayborne, AIA EVP

Sean Reilly, AIA, Vice President
Elizabeth A. Reader, FAIA, President-Elect
S. Jeanne LeFever, AIA, Secretary
Spencer E. Lepler, AIA, Director
Robert J. Dunay, FAIA, Director ex-officio
Robert Easter, AIA, Director ex-officio
Maury Saunders, AIA, Director
John A. Burns, FAIA, Director
Phoebe A. Crisman, AIA, Director ex-officio
J. Mitchell Rowland, III, AIA, Treasurer
Karen M. Conkey, AIA, Director
Husain Alam, AIA, Director

Officers and Directors not attending:

Eric Keplinger, AIA, Immediate Past President
Stephen Wakeman, AIA, Director
Eliza Beth Engle, AIA, Director

Staff Attending:

Rhea George, Hon. AIAVA, Managing Director
Cathy Guske, Hon. AIAVA, Member Svcs Director

Motions Made and Approved:

The Membership voted as follows:

- No motions were presented.

Call to Order:

At 11:15 a.m., President Reis called to order a meeting of the Membership.

State of the Organization:

Mr. Reis spoke of the work accomplished thus far by the organization's Board of Directors. Specific items noted were the relocation of the organization's headquarters, strengthening of financial reserves, membership growth, program success, and the fostering of relationships with government agencies and allied professions.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Rowland reviewed the Treasurer's Report. He noted that the balance sheet reflects last year's allocation to the Financial Contingency Fund. The income statement demonstrates that more revenue has been collected than expenses incurred to date. The financial position of the organization is stronger than that of the previous year.

Government Advocacy:

Mr. Reilly reported on the PAC investments collected to date. The increased membership participation in the PAC was instrumental in the organization's success in the 2019 General Assembly. Mr. Reilly noted that a PAC pin design competition is underway within the membership.

The organization continues to work on resiliency efforts through its Disaster Assistance Committee which is working with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. Two Safety Assessment Program (SAP) trainings will occur in 2019. One was held in April and the other will be held during Virginia's Resiliency Week in September.

The Government Advocacy Advisory Council is updating AIA Virginia's Public Position and Policy Statements, refining the legislative agenda for the 2020 General Assembly, and organizing the Community Dinner initiative that forges relationships between Architects and public servants of influence in their community.

Professional Excellence:

Mr. Garland reported that the Art of Practice was held on March 21 at the Winery at Bull Run. The program featured AIA Message Book Training, lunchtime roundtable discussions, an economic forecast, content on employee recruitment and retention, and a moderated firm leadership transition panel.

Architecture Exchange East 2019 will be held November 6-8 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center. The theme is entitled, "Re:Culture".

Communications and Outreach:

Ms. Edmunds stated that the first phase of the Virginia Firm Directory has been completed.

The Council is working on the release of the digital publication of Inform that will consist of curated content that features takeaways from signature events, award-winning design, news from academia, industry best practices, designer profiles, and member-generated content.

The jury chair for the Design Awards will be Boston-based Ann Beha, FAIA.

The call for nominations for Honor Awards has a deadline of Thursday, July 11.

Member Services:

Mr. Zimmerman shared that membership grew in 2018 by 2.26% with a 96% membership renewal rate.

As of May 31, there are 2,352 total AIA members. This is a 1.95% increase in members over the same point in time last year.

Phased elimination of AIA Virginia supplemental firm dues ends December 2019.

PAC Opt-In Discussion:

Mr. Clayborne shared the PAC proposal that will raise dues by \$10 and give members the option to divert that money to the PAC or distribute it to the organization's operating fund. This is being explored to help reach the annual funding goals necessary to fulfill the PAC Board of Trustees disbursement plan. The purpose of the presentation was to solicit member feedback and concerns. None were provided.

The Board will vote on this initiative at its August board meeting.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Membership, Mr. Reis adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m. The next meeting of the Membership will be held in November at Architecture Exchange East 2019.

Minutes prepared by:

R. Corey Clayborne, AIA, Executive Vice President

Minutes reviewed by:

S. Jeanne LeFever, AIA, Secretary