

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **AIA Virginia | Meeting of the Membership**

**November 6, 2019**

**Room B15c | Greater Richmond Convention Center; Richmond, Virginia**

#### **Motions Made and Approved:**

The Membership voted as follows:

- Approval of Minutes from June 2019 Meeting
- Approval of Minutes from November 2018 Meeting
- Election of the Region of The Virginia's 2020-2022 Young Architects Regional Director
- Election of the 2020 AIA Virginia Slate of Officers and Associate Director

#### **Call to Order:**

At 4:19 p.m., President Reis called to order a meeting of the Membership. He stated AIA Virginia's organizational mission and vision in addition to welcoming meeting attendees.

#### **President's Report:**

Mr. Reis recognized the service of the 2019 AIA Virginia Board of Directors and acknowledged the 2019 Honor Award recipients. A Resolution of Appreciation to Exhibitors and Sponsors of Architecture Exchange East was read to publicly thank these conference participants. In addition, Mr. Reis reported on the status of the development of the organization's 2020-2022 Strategic Plan.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Mr. Rowland presented the 2018 audited financials which indicated the organization ended the fiscal year with a \$108,771 surplus. The unaudited 2019 financials were reviewed which showed that AIA Virginia ended the fiscal year with a surplus of \$116,141. The surplus is attributed to increased sponsorships and membership while decreasing staff and operational expenses. AIA Virginia continues to make contributions to the Financial Contingency Fund to strengthen its funding reserves. The financials associated with the first quarter of fiscal year 2020 were presented and currently shows that the organization has a net income of \$54,808.

#### **Government Advocacy:**

Mr. Reilly reported on the increased Political Action Committee (PAC) investments received by the membership and the 2019 legislative accomplishments. The 2020 General Assembly priorities were shared which includes passing legislation that puts a finite limit on the Commonwealth of Virginia's Statute of Limitations and removing the "duty to defend" language from indemnification clauses in public contracts.

#### **Professional Excellence:**

Mr. Garland provided a recap of the organization's 2019 educational programming which included the Emerging Leaders in Architecture, the AIA Virginia Prize Competition, the Art of Practice, Safety Assessment Program (SAP) training, and the Architecture | Construction | Engineering (ACE) Joint Owner Forums.

#### **Communications and Outreach:**

Ms. Edmunds presented an excerpt of the new Inform digital publication and shared that the Firm Directory has been deployed.

The organization hosted a Community Dinner in Richmond to connect architects with city leaders. The next one is being planned for Norfolk in early 2020.

**Member Services:**

2019 is the last year that the organization will collect supplemental dues.

AIA Virginia continues its work in preparing students and emerging professionals to be successful in practice.

Mr. Zimmerman presented that as of October 31, 2019, the organization has experienced a 1.5% increase in membership over the same point in time last year.

**Regional Representative Report:**

Mr. Frickie provided an update on the development of the Institute's Strategic Plan and recognized his successor, Donna Dunay, FAIA.

The Region of the Virginias elected Allie Ditzel, AIA of HGA as its 2020-2022 Young Architects Regional Director.

**Secretary's Report:**

The AIA Virginia Membership elected its 2020 Officers and Associate Director as presented on the slate.

**Words of Inspiration:**

Ms. Reader indicated that under her leadership, she looks forward to adopting the organization's 2020-2022 Strategic Plan, hosting the Design Forum, unveiling the Inform digital publication, strengthening AIA Virginia's relationship with AIAS, and continuing our advocacy success with state legislators.

**New Licensee Toast:**

Mr. Brown (Chair of the John Braymer Leadership Circle), Ms. Nosbisch (Executive Director of the APELSCIDLA Board), and Mr. Zurn (NCARB Vice President of Examination) provided congratulatory remarks to new licensees followed by a champagne toast.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the membership, Mr. Reis adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m. The next meeting of the Membership will be held in November of 2020.

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Minutes Reviewed by: S. Jeanne LeFever, AIA, Secretary