

MEETING MINUTES

**AIA Virginia | Meeting of the Membership
November 3, 2021 | Held Virtually**

Motions Made and Approved:

The Membership voted as follows:

- Approval of Minutes from the November 4, 2020 Meeting
- Approval of Minutes from the June 2021 Meeting
- Election of the 2022 AIA Virginia Slate of Officers and Associate Director
- Approval to Amend the Bylaws to Reflect Proposed Governance Changes

Call to Order:

At 4:45 p.m., President Reilly called to order a meeting of the membership. He read aloud the organization's Anti-Trust Compliance and Diversity statements, provided an overview of the agenda, and delivered opening remarks to meeting attendees. A quorum was confirmed as more than 42 members were present.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the November 2020 and June 2021 meetings of the membership were approved unanimously.

President's Report (Sean Reilly, AIA):

Mr. Reilly provided an overview of the AIA Virginia 2020–2022 Strategic Plan, recognized the service of the 2021 Board of Directors and staff team members, and acknowledged the 2021 Honor Award recipients. He offered appreciation to ArchEx sponsors and exhibitors for their support of AIA Virginia and recognized the newly licensed architects of the Commonwealth.

Treasurer's Report (Mitch Rowland, AIA):

Mr. Rowland presented the FY2020 audited financials, which indicated the organization ended the fiscal year with a \$94,729 surplus. The unaudited FY2021 financials were reviewed, which showed that AIA Virginia ended the fiscal year with a surplus of \$241,686. The surplus is attributed to the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funding received and reduced expenses. It was noted that the financial impacts of the pandemic are being experienced during FY2022.

AIA Virginia continues to make contributions to the Financial Contingency Fund to strengthen its funding reserves. The financials associated with the first quarter of FY2022 were presented and currently show that the organization has a net income of (-\$133,772). This is largely the result of not having sponsors and exhibitors given the virtual program for Architecture Exchange East.

Advocacy Advisory Council (Kathleen Galvin, FAIA):

Chair Galvin reported on increased Political Action Committee (PAC) investments received by the membership and the key 2021 legislative accomplishments. She noted the launch of 'ARCHITECTS Speak Up!' that engaged over 50 members with 10 legislators around Virginia in virtual roundtable discussions.

Three members were appointed by the Governor to serve the Commonwealth: one to the Secure and Resilient Commonwealth Panel, one to the State Building Code Technical Review Board, and the other to the Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers, and Landscape Architects (APELSCIDLA).

Education Advisory Council (Krystal Anderson, AIA):

Chair Anderson provided an overview of Architecture Exchange East 2021 programming, which includes virtual and in-person programming. In addition, she shared a recap of the organization's 2021 educational programming including the Architecture Engineering Construction (AEC) Symposium, the Art of Practice Conference, and outcomes from work of the Mid-Career Professionals Task Force.

Outreach Advisory Council (Chris Warren, AIA):

Chair Warren noted that the Council reviewed the requirements for Design Awards submissions and implemented the Framework for Design Excellence into the criteria. In addition, new categories were added to recognize small projects.

The organization hosted a successful Community Dinner in Norfolk to connect architects with city leaders.

AIA Virginia continues to strengthen the pipeline into the profession by being an instrumental partner with Virginia NOMA's Project Pipeline program and working to correlate educational programming to the Virginia DoE Standards of Learning.

Member Services Advisory Council:

Mr. Reilly reported that as of October 1, 2021, there were 2,365 members in AIA Virginia. Of this total, 1,651 were Architect members, 476 were Associate members, and 238 were Emeritus members.

AIA Virginia continues its work in preparing students and emerging professionals to be successful in practice through mentorship programming and ARE preparation materials.

Strategic Councilor's Report (Donna Dunay, FAIA):

Ms. Dunay provided an update on the Strategic Council's work at the AIA and how the Council's efforts feed into work of the Board of Directors. The Strategic Council works in 'sprints' and will present its key findings to the AIA Board of Directors in December. The Council's areas of study for 2021 are: Rural and Suburban Agenda, Housing, Mental Health and Architecture, and Technology and Practice.

Secretary's Report:

Mr. Hopkins provided an overview of the final governance efficiency study recommendations submitted by the 2020 Secretary's Advisory Committee. The first set of recommendations were approved at the June 2021 Special Meeting of the Membership. Final recommendations presented include reducing the Board size to 17 members from 27 and providing the University Directors a singular combined vote.

The motion passed to modify the Bylaws according to governance recommendations from the Secretary's Advisory Committee.

The AIA Virginia Membership elected its 2022 Officers and Associate Director as presented on the slate.

2022 Words of Inspiration:

Mr. Easter indicated that under his leadership, he looks forward to successfully providing avenues for emerging professionals to serve in the organization's leadership while emphasizing how architects can make a greater difference in the world.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the membership, Mr. Reilly adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: R. Corey Clayborne, FAIA, Executive Vice President

Minutes Reviewed by: Bill Hopkins, AIA, Secretary