

MEETING MINUTES

AIA Virginia | Meeting of the Membership

November 2, 2022 | Greater Richmond Convention Center

Motions Made and Approved:

The Membership voted as follows:

- Approval of Minutes from the November 3, 2021 Meeting
- Election of the 2023 AIA Virginia Slate of Officers and At-large Director

Call to Order:

At 4:02 p.m., President Easter called to order a meeting of the membership. He provided an overview of the agenda and delivered opening remarks to meeting attendees. A quorum was confirmed, as more than 58 members were present.

President Easter announced that Paul Battaglia, AIA was selected to serve as the new Executive Vice President for AIA Virginia, effective November 14, 2022. He expressed appreciation to the EVP Search Committee chaired by Immediate Past President Sean Reilly, AIA.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the November 3, 2021 meeting of the membership were approved unanimously.

President's Report (Robert Easter, FAIA):

Mr. Easter recognized the service of the 2022 Board of Directors, acknowledged the 2022 Honor Award recipients, offered appreciation to ArchEx sponsors and exhibitors for their support, acknowledged newly licensed architects in the Commonwealth, and recognized the 2022 Emerging Leaders in Architecture scholars. He noted that the 2023-2025 Strategic Plan would be unveiled in early 2023. Mr. Easter afforded special gratitude to staff team members in the transition of leadership, and presented Rhea George, Hon. AIAVA a gift to commemorate her 15th service anniversary in September. Mr. Easter then presented a Presidential Citation to Donna Dunay, FAIA, for her service on the AIA Strategic Council.

Treasurer's Report (Bill Hopkins, AIA):

Mr. Hopkins presented the FY2021 audited financials, which indicated the organization ended the fiscal year with a surplus of \$234,461, attributed to the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funding received and reduced expenses. The unaudited FY2022 financials show that AIA Virginia ended the fiscal year in the negative. He noted that financial impacts of the pandemic are being experienced during FY2022.

AIA Virginia continues to contribute to the Financial Contingency Fund to strengthen its funding reserves, having moved into more sustainable investment strategies through ESG funds (Environmental, Social, and Governance).

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS

Advocacy Advisory Council (John Glenn, AIA):

Chair Glenn reported on key 2022 legislative accomplishments, presentation at the AIA "Architects in Action" conference, continuation of 'ARCHITECTS Speak Up!' that engaged over 50 members with 10 legislators around Virginia in virtual roundtable discussions. He noted the shifting PAC culture to one of high investment, and announced AIA Central Virginia as the winner of the PAC challenge.

Education Advisory Council (Maury Saunders, AIA):

Chair Saunders reviewed the council's efforts for 2022, including the AIA Virginia Prize, the AEC Spring Conference held jointly with ACEC Virginia and AGC Virginia, and firm and career stage roundtables including the addition of a later-career group. He also noted the Safety Assessment Program (SAP) training, Design Forum "South is UP" in spring, and the new approach for Architecture Exchange East.

Outreach Advisory Council (Forrest Frazier, AIA):

Chair Frazier offered an overview of outreach programs including K-12 outreach, Honors Awards, Design Awards, *Inform Magazine*, and Architecture Month. He particularly noted the new SOL-correlated tool kit of activities and lesson plans for K-12, as well as the recently launched "Ask an ACE" career series in conjunction with the Virginia Department of Education.

Member Services Advisory Council (Karen Conkey, AIA):

Ms. Conkey reported that as of October 1, 2022, there were 2,425 members in AIA Virginia. Of this total, 1,687 are Architect members, 460 are Associate members, and 251 are Emeritus members. The council continues with the "Operation Reach, Retain, and Develop" program, the Amber Book series for ARE preparation, the annual membership survey, quarterly new member orientation, and town halls with AIA Virginia leaders across all local components.

MEMBER GROUP REPORTS

Young Architects Forum (Carrie Parker, AIA):

Ms. Parker highlighted work of the Young Architects Forum for 2022, including a new definition for "Emerging Professional," the "Future Forward" grants with the AIA College of Fellows, YAF Summit 30, and their 2023-2028 Strategic Plan. She encouraged all to connect with the YAF through the "Connections" quarterly newsletter, KnowledgeNet, and social media.

National Associates Committee (Sydney Huibregtse, Assoc. AIA):

Ms. Huibregtse reported that three work groups have focused on crucial areas for Associate Members in 2022: Growth and Lead, Turquoise Agenda, and Values.

Associate Director to the AIAVA Board of Directors (Caitlin Morgan, Assoc. AIA):

Ms. Morgan focused on the talent pipeline in Virginia, noting the need to establish a talent pipeline into the profession as well as an initiative to retain Virginia talent within the state.

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 2022 were equity and accessibility, the value of architecture, the metaverse and bridging the gap, and equitable communities.

Election of Officers (Krystal Anderson, AIA):

By acclamation, the membership elected its 2022 Officers and At-large Director as presented on the slate:

- President-elect: Kelly Callahan, AIA
- Secretary: Karen Conkey, AIA
- At-large Director: Warees Smith, AIA

Facilitated Open Discussion (President Easter and Interim EVP Dreiling):

During a time for open discussion, Mr. Easter noted the importance of the various conversations held with each component at Town Hall meetings throughout the year. He also noted the critically important work being conducted by the current Inclusivity Into the Profession Task Force (IIPTF), a group looking into broadening the pathways into the profession for traditionally underrepresented groups and individuals.

2023 Words of Inspiration (Mitch Rowland, AIA):

2023 President Rowland looks forward to enhancing the engagement of AIA Virginia's members in advocacy and other outreach efforts. Having learned the direct benefit of such involvement through legislative activism in 2022, he believes the organization is enriched when more voices are included. He also anticipates steering the organization through a time of change and transition in staff leadership and societal influences.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the membership, Mr. Easter adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Helene Combs Dreiling, FAIA | Interim Executive Vice President

Minutes Reviewed by: Krystal Anderson, AIA