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 - Albany Capital Center
55 Eagle Street
Albany, New York
Link: <http://quadconference.aianys.org/>
 - National AIA Convention, New York City
June 21-22, 2017
Jacob Javits Convention Center
New York, New York
Link: <http://conferenceonarchitecture.com/>
- IV. Next Chapter meeting is in October, 2017 at 6:00 pm

Note: The normal third Thursday lunch meeting of each month meeting day has been modified for October, to be an evening dinner meeting.

Bronx Chapter Meeting

Meeting began at 12:05pm

Attendees

Richard Stein

Jorge Lee

Ken Koons Sr

Ken Koons Jr

Sara Diazajeri

Julian Misiurski

Robert Esnard

The Minutes of the June 15, 2017 meeting was reviewed. Motion for approval was made by Ken Koons Sr. and seconded by Julian Misiurski and the Minutes were approved.

Agenda / Discussion:

1. Proposed DOB Fee Schedule – The efforts of the New York City AIA Chapters objecting to the DOB increased fees proposal, was reviewed and discussed. The history of DOB providing additional income for the city beyond the DOB costs, unfortunately has always been the case. DOB is being pressured to provide additional income beyond the cost of the new planning examiners and inspectors added to the DOB staff. The DOB’s intent is to charge for plan examination reviews and/or appeals.

The Bronx Chapter wrote letters to the Commissioner and all the Bronx City Council Members objecting this new fee arrangement. The State Association, as well as, the National Organization wrote in support of the City Chapters position. It was unique for all levels of the architectural “community” to be unified on an issue. However, to date, DOB has not responded to these letters and/or objections.

2. Chapter Accreditation – The process of recertifying the Bronx Chapter to be a full operating AIA Chapter was reviewed. The professional consultants who assisted the Chapter, Attorney, John Lefkowitz and Westchester Chapter Administrator, Valerie Brown were important and critical to the recertification. The Chapter and its consultants worked “overtime” to conform to the new National Requirements for AIA Chapters. The Bronx Chapter expanded its activities to be part of;

- The Annual Brooklyn and Queens Design Awards program covering the outer boroughs, Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island.
- The Westchester Hudson AIA Chapter's Continuing Education Program which is now linked to the Bronx Chapter Continuing Education efforts.

In addition, the Chapter will be filing not-for-profit tax returns annually even though the Chapter does not have any profit or income beyond dues.

3. Strategic Plan – The last Chapter meeting was a Strategic Planning Meeting in June 2017 where the Board adopted a Strategic Plan that will:
 - Encourage as much individual Member participation as possible.
 - Participate more actively with the National, State and surrounding AIA entities.
 - Publicize the practice of architecture and general Bronx Chapter activities to as many people as possible within the profession and Bronx County citizenry.
 - The Chapter meetings will be flexibly scheduled to be night, as well as, day meetings to allow Members who cannot attend day meetings the opportunity to participate.
4. By-laws – The By-laws were reviewed again by the Members and typos were corrected and accepted. Julian Misiurski moved for approval, the Motion was seconded by Sara Diazajeri and unanimously passed. Notice of this adoption will be sent to National AIA Chapter Accreditation Committee for their records.
5. Chapter Committees – The need for members to represent the Chapter; at State Association meetings, on the outer borough Design Awards Committee and in the Continuing Education efforts of the Chapter was discussed. Volunteer members will be solicited to work in these areas.
 - a. Design Awards – At the Strategic meeting some of the Associate Members suggested that they would be willing to work on the Design Awards selection and provide Bronx Chapter involvement.
 - b. Continuing Education – A proposal was made to have sponsors of meetings and have Continuing Education sessions at regular Chapter meetings whenever possible. Some of the members indicated that they will reach out to see if the Chapter can connect with construction suppliers and manufactures to gage interest.

6. AIA National Convention June 2018

- a. The Bronx Chapter has an agreement with the Bronx County Historical Society to offer tours. This Fall, a “pilot” tour is planned highlighting the Art Deco Buildings on the Grand Concourse. If this is successful, the Chapter will attempt to offer the tour during the convention in the Spring of 2018. Other possible tours were suggested by members, i.e., the Bronx Zoo, Bronx County College (the old NYU campus), Fordham University and Lehman College.
- b. Sara Diazajeri requested and received the Chapter’s approval to support her effort to present a panel discussion at the convention concerning; “How Female Architects can start a successful business.” She has put together the panel speakers and will be processing the applications with the AIA Convention Committee to get on the AIA convention program.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm

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October Webinar

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Wednesday, October 4, 2017

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NEW: 01-16-2017 | Course No: IS0502-W | Narration: No | Videos: This course provides a comprehensive overview of the variety of guarding products available for use in and around facilities to ensure the safety of pedestrians, valuable machinery, and equipment. This program also reviews applications, installation options, and common product finishes which will assist in making the right decisions for your clients. **Access Course IS0502-W:** 1 Learning Unit/Hour/HSW

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Narration: Yes | The scope of the presentation includes Sprayed Fire Resistance Materials or SFRM, Spec Section 07 81 00 and Thin Film Fire Resistance Materials, Spec section 07 81 23. SFRM or Passive Fire Protection Components vs Fire Sprinklers which are active Fire Protection Components. They need to be activated by elevated temperatures due to fire.

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The 2017 I Look Up Film Challenge's grand prize has been awarded to "Community by Design: Skid Row Housing Trust." Featuring Michael Maltzan Architecture and Brooks + Scarpa and filmed in Los Angeles, the film highlights the power of design in improving the lives of those experiencing homelessness.

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