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September 14-17, 2017

Grand Hyatt Hotel

1000 H Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C.

Link: <https://www.aia.org/events/13391-womens-leadership-summit-2017-creating-tailw>

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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/>

4. Next Chapter meeting is on September 26, 2017 at 12:00pm.

Note: The normal third Thursday of each month meeting day has been modified for this September, to accommodate Religious Holidays. It will be one week later in the month on a Tuesday to encourage as much participation as possible.

1. **Bronx Chapter Meeting**

June 15, 2017: The Meeting was a combined Strategic Planning Session/Meeting

Introduction

The discussions explored expanding/modifying the short and long term activities of the Chapter. As well as, to encourage maximum participation of the 49 current Assigned Members of the Chapter.

In the beginning of May, all Assigned Members were sent an email invitation, as well as, over the weeks leading to the meeting date, individual telephone calls were made to personally invite each Member to attend the session. There were 14 people who confirmed attendance with an additional five who had conflicts and promised to attend future meetings. Ten attended.

Chapter President **Tony Freda**, welcomed everyone and outlined the Agenda, and hoped as the proposed items are discussed, new members could be encouraged to participate in the Chapter's activities. He discussed the Chapter accreditation issues and asked that the attendees assist in the accreditation process, by helping the Chapter Executive Committee provide services/information to the Chapter architects, as well as, the public at large.

Giuliano Pena, a Chapter Director, requested that each person introduce themselves and give some background on what they are professionally involved in and if there is some way that the Chapter could/should assist them professionally. It was a lively discussion, as each person spoke about themselves and outlined their thoughts about the Chapter, including several who were pleasantly surprised that the Chapter reached out to them.

Robert Esnard, Vice President, formally welcomed nine New Associates that have joined the Chapter since January 1, 2017. They were:

Olga Cervantes Anaya-Franco

Adelaida Baez-Urena

Lenny Chen

Carlos Feliz

Diana Guzman

Alyssa Manfredonia

Jeannette Martinez

Leila Pena

Aura Tejada

The attendees were given a copy of the AIA National Committee's Accreditation comments outlining the issues that the Bronx Chapter's must work on to maintain its' Chapter status within the Institute. The Executive Board had been working on resolving the issues and its' responses were described to the attendees. There was a review and discussion of the Executive Committee's efforts to improve Chapter performance and broaden activities. In summary, the issue and responses were:

1. Promotional Materials

The Chapter created an active Website (www.aiabronx.org) and a Facebook internet page.

2. CES Credit Hours

The Chapter has signed an MOU with the Westchester and Hudson Valley AIA Chapter so that within this year we would have twelve HSW and eighteen LUs of CES for 2017.

3. Engaging Public

A. The Chapter has signed an MOU with the outer New York City boroughs, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island Chapters to sponsor an annual Design Award Program. The Chapter was part of the 2017 Awards, and participated at the end of the 2017 process which ended in June 1, 2017. The Chapter hopes to fully participate going forward.

B. Tours - The Chapter will partner with the Bronx County Historical Society to regularly sponsor tours; of Bronx Buildings, Neighborhoods and Historic sites.

4. Insurance

The Chapter has purchased both Directors and Officers (D&O) Insurance, as well as, General Liability Insurance.

5. Strategic Plan

This meeting was the first step of creating an active strategic plan which will be adopted by the Executive Committee in September.

6. Retention and Recruitment

The Chapter has reached out to every member of the Chapter, other AIA Members and/or former AIA Members, to encourage their participation. They will be invited to a series of events over the next year. The Chapter participated in the AIA National's "2017 Membership Recruitment Strategy Pilot" and all Bronx registered Architects were contacted by mail in July.

7. New Members

New members are now recognized in our newsletters and meetings as we learn of them. This was reinforced and part of the meeting.

8. Filing IRS Tax Returns

Our Chapter had not filed a Tax Return in many years because the IRS does not require a filing for Not-for-profit organization with less than \$50,000 of activity. In the last few months, the Chapter hired a consultant to assist in this effort and filed the appropriate "990 form" to the IRS and received approval from IRS. The Chapter in the future will file annually to conform to AIA requirements even though the filing is not required by the IRS.

9. Action Items

- Sara Jazayeri was nominated and approved as the third Chapter Delegate.
- The By-laws were reviewed and unanimously adopted.

Conclusion

The Bronx Chapters strategic plan will;

- Encourage as much individual Member participation as possible.
- Participate more actively with the National, State and surrounding AIA entities.

The plan is to assure that the practice of architecture and Bronx Chapter activities are understood and appreciated by as many people as possible within the profession and Bronx County citizenry.

- The recommendation was made to schedule some of the Chapter meetings at night, as well as, during the day. The hope is to allow Members who cannot attend "work day" meetings the opportunity to participate more effectively with the Chapter at "night meetings", as well as, schedule day meetings for other Members to attend who either live outside of the borough and/or have conflicts with going to professional night meetings. This will be considered by the Executive Board at its next meeting.

Featured Course:



Designing the Modern Grocery Store

The familiar brick-and-mortar stores are being spurred to change by intense online competition and shifting shopping habits. This course shows trends in how grocery retailers bolster sales and clientele by creating a positive shopping experience with lively design and compelling in-store destinations.

Cost: Free

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Understanding the Temperature & Moisture Relationship

Course #MTI 816

1 LU/HSW AIA-CES

(Meets HSW Requirements)

New building code requirements focus on improving energy efficiency, but are we re-creating the EIFS disasters of the early 90s? This course explores the relationship between temperature and moisture, and uses these principles to look at energy-efficient, healthy and sustainable buildings by including drainage in the building envelope.

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WEEP NOW

WEEP NOW OR WEEP LATER!

The Importance of Getting Bottom of Wall Drainage Right!

Course #MTI 141
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Effective moisture management systems are critical to HSW, sustainable design and energy efficiency. Cavity walls of 1" or greater must provide adequate drainage at the bottom of the wall to allow moisture to exit efficiently from the building envelope.

This course looks at studies that support the need for adequate weep systems, states the criteria of those systems, and covers the risk zones where those systems are needed. This course is designed to help you meet the AIA's HSW requirements.

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Moisture Management Techniques for Healthier Structures

Course #MTI 712

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Moisture is the number one cause of building envelope failures. When used correctly, rainscreen moisture management systems greatly reduce that risk; however, one size doesn't fit all! From furring strips to building wraps to manufactured rainscreen drainage products, the potential rainscreen drainage choices are many, but certainly not equally effective. Learn the fundamentals of choosing the right rainscreen moisture management system for your next project and leave with resources that can simplify the process.

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Product Performance

MTI is the only manufacturer of rainscreen drainage plane (drainage mat) and weeps that feature "True Channel" rainscreen technology. These channels conduct water in a straight line, the fastest route out of the building envelope. So what's the True Channel Advantage?

- Our products don't compress under pressure
- They install just as quickly and as easily as other roll-on products
- We are the innovator of an attached spunbond fabric layer to prevent clogging
- Our channels promote better air movement in the rainscreen building envelope
- Designed by a former mason and moisture management expert
- MTI products were specifically designed to fight moisture trapped in the rainscreen building envelope
- Vertical channels that move the water quickly from top of wall to bottom of wall
- The recycled drainage plane material is perforated to add cross-ventilation and to keep it from becoming an ill-placed vapor barrier
- All of our drainage planes, weeps and our Floor Edging for basements feature "True Channel" technology.

The key element is predictability! MTI rainscreen drainage planes, weeps and accessories - The Better Choice in Rainscreen Drainage for building envelope moisture management! However, don't just take our word for it, Independent Testing results and Evaluation Reports on our Sure Cavity™ rainscreen drainage plane support these claims. For more information on Testing and MTI Product use these links.

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