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December 13, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Meeting began at 12:20pm

Attendees

William B. Davis, Jr.
Bob Esnard
Antonio Freda
Ken Koons, Sr.
Ken Koons, Jr.
Carlo Nuzzi
Giuliano Penna
Martin Zelnik

Guests

Christopher Jordan – Versatex Building Products, LLC
Miguel Tapia

Agenda / Discussion:

1. The Versatex Building Products representative, Christopher Jordan opened the meeting with a presentation on the manufacturing of Cellular PVC building Trim and Panels. He reviewed the various uses for these products on building; corners, window and door surrounds, skirt boards, soffits, columns and molding. This cellular material is, moisture as well as, insect resistant and can be worked just as any natural wood product can, without cupping, warping or splitting. Utilizing this product; reduces the “carbon footprint”, is manufactured eco-friendly, as it has almost no waste to be added to landfill and can be recycled. The finishes vary and may have almost any look that an “architect could desire”. It can be painted and sanded to an unlimited variety of shapes. The presentation included slides and samples, illustrating how connections and components can be glued, nailed or screwed efficiently and cost effectively. The Cellular PVC product has good fire ratings and strength while being very light and simple to work with.

Christopher answered questions as the presentation unfolded, clarifying specific applications and explaining the manufacturing thermal characteristics and practicality of PVC Cellular trim and panels. After his presentation, he introduced Miguel Tapia, who would be the contact person for New York City and surrounding areas. Miguel is available to

answer questions and assist architects and contractors on project utilizing Cellular Versatex Products. Miguel's contact phone number is 845-674-3763 and email, mtapia@versatex.com.

2. The Minutes of the November 15, 2018 were circulated and reviewed. Ken Koons Sr. made a motion for approval which was seconded by Giuliano Penna and unanimously accepted.

3. Meeting Dates

As previously discussed, the availability of our meeting venue didn't allow for this meeting to be an evening meeting. As the January 17th meeting is also a luncheon meeting, the February evening meeting will allow us to revert to our normal alternating luncheon and dinner schedule. Next year's schedule will be modified to have December as a luncheon and be able to alternate evenings and luncheons regularly. The scheduling for the next months are as follows:

January 17, 2019	-	12:00pm
February 21, 2019	-	6:00pm
March 21, 2019	-	12:00pm
April 18, 2019	-	6:00pm
May 16, 2019	-	12:00pm
June 20, 2019	-	6:00pm

4. Chapter AIA Accreditation

The timing for submission of the required documents for Chapter accreditation is January 15th. This December meeting will be the last meeting before that deadline. After discussing the submission with Valerie Brown of the Westchester AIA Chapter, who had assisted us three years ago, the Chapter discussed and approved several National AIA "suggested" Policies. Some of these we had talked about in the past and others we did not, as they do not relate to the Bronx Chapter such as, financial "investments" and paying management staff which we do not employ. Her recommendation was to modify appropriately, the policy's recommended by the AIA to fit the Chapter's situation. The Executive Committee reviewed the documents and made, in many cases, adjustments to match the Bronx Chapter's operations. After a discussion, the following policies were unanimously adopted by the Chapter on the nomination of Ken Koons and seconded by Antonio Freda:

1. Whistle Blower Protection
2. Document Detention and Destruction
3. Statement of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
4. Investment/Reserve Policy
5. Diversity and Inclusion Policy

In the last meeting, the Chapter adopted a Harassment Policy and Antitrust Compliance Policy.

5. Continuing Education

The Chapter reviewed two new potential Tours for the next year, a Natural Area Riverdale Tour and a Triboro Bridge Tour. These will be in addition, to the previously suggested Tour of the New York City Emergency Housing Program. Therefore, it is hoped that the Chapter will directly originate and grant the CEU credits for these Tours. Some of the Tours may be jointly sponsored by the Bronx County Historical Society. This allows the chapter to have additional speakers, as well as, invite members of the public other than architects, to participate as well. Marty Zelnik will be working on the Riverdale Tour, Bob Esnard will work on the Triboro Bridge Tour and Julian Misiurski will work on the Emergency Housing Tour. The Tours will be several months apart on Saturday mornings, over the spring and through the fall, for two HSW Credits each.

6. New Business

State Director

Unfortunately, Richard Stein, our State Director will be relocating to Philadelphia, PA and will not be able to continue as a Chapter representative. He has been wonderful representing the Chapter and faithfully attending meetings as they were scheduled. The Chapter thanks and wishes him well, with the hope he will stay in contact. The Chapter after discussing his replacement, unanimously approved Ofe Clark as our State Representative for a two-year term, starting January 2019.

Insurance AIA Products

Marty Zelnik raised the issue of how hard it is to find insurance for small firm and/or a single practitioner. The AIA does have insurance programs which are handled by third party insurance companies, that depending where you are in the country, offer different policies. It was recommended that Chapter members review these programs and if any of them work seem to or make sense for our members, we should have a discussion just on affordable health insurance.

New Members

National AIA has recommended that each chapter develop a program to assist associates and/or new members in career growth. After a short discussion, Marty Zelnik recommended a "Buddy System" that the Chapter approved, so as new members join the Chapter, they are offered assistance from a senior member, by "Buddying" with an experienced member, to assist in career development.

Different Meeting Venue

It had been recommended, that the Chapter look for an alternate meeting site that would give the Chapter flexibility and assurance, that meetings will not be preempted by other events, as our current venue occasionally subjects us to. However, after a short discussion, members still preferred to stay at Artie's due to the choice of food, the staff accommodating us and parking.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm.

Next Meeting – The next meeting will be a luncheon meeting at 12:00pm at Artie's Restaurant on January 17, 2019.

FREE AIA On-Line Continuing Education Credits

Need AIA Continuing Education Credits in a hurry? Love the FREE part? We have just the courses for you!

Just in Time for Year End!

The year end deadline for AIA continuing education classes is fast approaching - and we have **4 ON-LINE FREE** AIA continuing Education classes for you. Links are below. Now *that's* a good gift!



Innovative Column Options for the 21st Century

1 AIA HSW/LU CE Hour

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Pedestrian Cable Railings: Guardrails with Cable Infill

1 AIA HSW/LU CE Hour

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The Battle Against Moisture

1 AIA HSW/LU CE Hour

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Simpson[®]
Door Company

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Achieve your Design Vision

1 AIA HSW/LU CE Hour

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Happy Holidays from Team Marquis!

Hopefully we have helped with the stress of the holidays by making it easy to check AIA Continuing Education off of your to-do list!
Happy New Year!



Learning Objectives

- Identify the qualities and benefits of large gauged porcelain panels/slabs, its characteristics, and how it's different
- Describe the manufacturing process involved in producing thin large gauged porcelain panels/slabs
- List the appropriate applications for large gauged porcelain panel/slabs
- Understand the transportation and installation requirements with the specialized tools required to handle and fabricate large gauged porcelain panels/slabs

Continuing Education

Earn 1 AIA LU

Register



The Art and Science of Patterns

Cost: Free

Credits: AIA 1 LU



An Introduction to Electrochromic Glass: What It is and How It Works

Cost: Free
Credits: AIA 1 LU

REGISTER



Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) Technology in Hospitality Design

Cost: Free
Credits: AIA 1 LU/HSW

REGISTER



Designing with Intent: Upselling Through Client Education

REGISTER

Cost: Free
Credits: AIA 1 LU Hour

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***HWU – Sustainability & Resilience** provides one-stop access to educational sessions and seminars encompassing all 5 LEED credit categories, as well as additional sustainability and resilience-related courses offering AIA and GBCI credits.*



Past the Green Wall: Google Pittsburgh's Biophilic Workplace

hw LEED: 1 AP ID+C, LEED: 1
U GREEN, AIA: 1 LU/HSW, GBCI:
1 CE Hour

Register



Better than Expected: Outperforming Energy Models

hw LEED: 1 GREEN, AIA: 1
U LU/HSW, GBCI: 1 CE Hour,
LEED: 1 AP BD+C

Register



Financing and Operating Building Water Recycling Systems

hw LEED: 1 GREEN, AIA: 1
U LU/HSW, GBCI: 1 CE Hour,
LEED: 1 AP ND, LEED: 1 AP
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On Good Behavior: Human Factors + Building Performance

hw AIA: 1 LU/HSW, GBCI: 1 CE
U Hour

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AIA ONLINE CONTINUING EDUCATION

HSW and ADA credits available

Automated Vehicular Gate Systems: For System Design Compliance to Safety Standards

<https://www.architect-forum.com/CCLmsAIAceus-newsletters/AutoGate/AutoGate3.jpg> style="outline: none; text-decoration: none; display: block; clear: none; float: none; margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; display: none; mso-hide: none;" align="center" width="600">

Course No: AG3203-W | Narration: No | AutoGate, Inc.

Present a familiarization with an understanding of UL 325 and ASTM F2200 applicable to automated vehicular gates. This course will educate specifiers to safety standards in the interest of client safety and liability associated with automated vehicular gates.

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Combat Mold, Improve Indoor Air Quality and Specify MgO Products

<https://www.architect-forum.com/CCLmsAIAceus-newsletters/DragonBoardUSA/dragonboard.jpg>" style="display: block; clear: none; float: none; margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; display: none;" align="center" width="600">

Course No: DB0602-W | Narration: No | DragonBoard USA

Provides an overview of Indoor Air Quality, along with a discussion on IAQ health issues associated with Mold and Fungus. This program looks at the causes of Mold and Fungus in today's structures and examines how specifying MgO products is an alternative solution to dealing with Mold and Fungus.

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Pedestrian and Facility Safety Guarding

<https://www.architect-forum.com/CCLmsAIAceus-newsletters/IdealShield/removablelockingbollard-idealshield2.jpg>" style="display: block; clear: none; float: none; margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; display: none;" align="center" width="600">

Course No: IS0502-W | Narration: No | Videos: Yes | IdealShield

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, and common product finishes which will assist in making the right decisions for your clients.

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Accessibility, Safety & Platform Lifts and Elevators v2

<https://www.architect-forum.com/CCLmsAIAceus-newsletters/GaraventaLift/GaraventaLift-Upper-Cana> style="outline: none; text-decoration: none; display: block; clear:none;float:none;margin-left:auto;margin-right:auto;display:none; mso-hide: none;" align="center" width="600">

Course No: GL1402-W | 1 hr HSW/ADA | Garaventa Lift

We recognize the importance of elevators and lifts in today's design industry. Lifts and elevators can be an extraordinary added to a home or building that will enhance the life quality and safety of the end user. In this program the learner will learn the requirements for platform lifts, the different types of lifts, and basic product design. Will also gain an understanding of compliance issues, and how to solve accessibility problems, and solutions for evacuation for persons with disabilities.

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Operable Glass Wall Systems in Green Design II

<https://www.architect-forum.com/CCLmsAIAceus-newsletters/NanaWallSystems/NanaWall3.jpg> style="outline: none; text-decoration: none; display: block; clear:none;float:none;margin-left:auto;margin-right:auto;display:none; mso-hide: none;" align="center" width="600">

Course No: NAN0802-W | 1 hr HSW | NanaWall Systems Inc.

Provides an overview of the characteristics of large opening glass walls and how they contribute to good indoor air quality. The program will also discuss valuable green building design in relation to large operable openings; such as daylighting, energy efficiency, and design.

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Sustainable Design Through EIFS: When To Use It VII

<https://www.architect-forum.com/CCLmsAIAceus-newsletters/Energex/Energex.jpg> style="outline: none; text-decoration: none; display: block; clear:none;float:none;margin-left:auto;margin-right:auto;display:none; mso-hide: none;" align="center" width="600">

Course No: EW0704-W | 1 hr HSW | energex®

In this program we will discuss the differences between EIFS and Stucco and also the compositions and types of EIFS today and why EIFS has gone through growing pains in the construction industry. At the conclusion of this program you to understand the benefits, applications and performance of an EIFS system.

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