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NOTICE: Unfortunately, due to the current pandemic corona virus since March 2020, subsequent newsletters will be abbreviated to include only the basic activities of the AIA Bronx Chapter until the health crisis is over.

Newsletter

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	• The AIA '21 National Convention in June 2021 is an all-digital AIA Conference on Architecture due to the continuing COVID-19 health crisis and continues throughout the summer. In addition, there will be series of four unique online events and CEU options.	
	August 19, 2021 – Building Efficiency	
	https://conferenceonarchitecture.com	
	• HWU Update Predicting Day Performance – 1 CEU	
	AIA New York State	
	• TriState Conference – AIA New Jersey, AIA New York State and AIA Pennsylvania	
	December 8, 9, & 10, 2021	
	Vertical Conference to Share Ideas and Technologies for Architects is Requesting Proposals for Discussion and Programing.	
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I Current Activities



July 15, 2021
AIA BRONX CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES
Ad hoc Policy Meeting

Meeting began at 6:05pm.

Attendees:

William Davis Jr.
Ofe Clarke
Sara Djazayeri
Bob Esnard
Antonio Freda
Josette Matthew
Soany K. Marquez
Robert Markisz
Carlos Matute
Julian Misiurski
Bryan Zelnik

Agenda / Discussion:

This Ad hoc summer meeting is scheduled specifically to discuss committee activities as at the prior two/three Chapter meetings, members did not have adequate time for presentation of their ideas or for significant discussions of Chapter subcommittee items. This July meeting was planned basically to maximize discussions. Therefore, will not have a sponsor or presentation for Continuing Education Credit.

1. Adoption of June minutes:

The Minutes of June 17, 2021 were attached to the July meeting notice for members to review.

The Chapter secretary indicated that the June minutes included a revised attendee list, to include Marty Zelnik who did attend and was inadvertently left off the list. With that correction, a motion to approve the June Minutes was made by Tony Freda, Sara Djazayeri seconded the Motion and the June 17, 2021 minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Next Meeting Dates:

The meeting times were discussed again, and the decision made that all future meetings should be evening virtual meetings.

The future meeting scheduled dates are:

September 23, 2021	6:00pm
October 21, 2021	6:00pm
November 18, 2021	6:00pm
December 16, 2021	6:00pm

3. Chapter Committee:

- Education:
Sara Djazayeri briefly reviewed the Educational Committee’s proposed activity in the Fall, which is to expand the Outreach of this program from middle school to include older High School students. She is hopeful that the Committee will be able to present a specific plan for discussion at the next meeting. Sara also thanked Ofe Clarke and Soany Marquez for their very important help in the past and their continuing valuable work on the Committee.
- Emerging Professionals (EP):
Last month, Ofe Clark followed up with the Mentors Program by sending emails to recent Chapter associate members, to request if they have interest in being a mentee. She hoped to have comments and a specific list of members interested by the end of summer. The thought was to develop the program to match specific associates with appropriate and interested mentors. In addition, Ofe had verbally requested that those associates might want to be part of the Chapter’s Emerging Professional (EP) Group who could participate in the State Architects License Study Sessions, that Brooklyn AIA has organized. If associate members who have not responded or have just learned of the Chapter’s mentoring program and/or would like to join the Licensing Study Sessions, they should email Ofe at clarke.ofe@gmail.com.
- Bronx Blueprint:
Bill Davis, the Bronx Blueprint Committee Chairman, had previously mentioned at prior Chapter meetings, that the committee is proposing to organize a Borough Virtual Summit to follow up on the five challenges/pledges of the Chapter Statement of last year to encourage: Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion in the Profession and hopefully in the Bronx community.

Most of the meeting time involved a good deal of discussion on the Blueprint Committee’s concept of the Summit. Bill summarized the committee’s thoughts and hoped to involve more Chapter members in this effort as well as involve other Bronx organizations, such as engineers, planners, and community developers in implementing the event. To illustrate the idea Bill Davis shared on the meeting’s zoom screen, a “draft” outline of a proposed agenda for the Bronx Summit.

Members reviewed the feasibility and the time that members of the committee and Chapter would have to spend to organize the event, while satisfying the Chapter’s other ongoing commitments now all done by volunteer members.

Some alternative ideas thoughts were suggested:

- Instead of one major event, to join with other groups now more involved in these issues first and start with a more modest beginning effort, that might be easier to achieve and probably with less cost in members time and money to implement.
- As the Chapter has very limited funds, or any staff, funding may be developed by reaching out to companies or organizations that have supported/ sponsored Chapter meetings in the past and/or that have an interest in achieving some of the same goals that the Chapter outlined last year. Are there enough volunteer members of the Blueprint Committee, chapter members or possible other volunteers that can give the time to develop the Summit or a smaller event to fruition?
- A modest approach could be to expand on what the Chapter has committed to; by funding smaller but related efforts in education and outreach to encourage young professionals, as well as, participating in AIA and professional activities that have implemented increasing equity, diversity, and inclusion. Such as in the June meeting, the Chapter approved a \$1,500 scholarship for a third-year architectural student at the CCNY School of Architecture.

At the close of the discussions, Bill Davis requested that the Chapter vote/poll members on whether the Chapter should go forward with the Summit. As there was a reluctance to decide without all members understanding/accepting what was involved, it was proposed that the Chapter vote on the concept at the September meeting. Bill indicated that he plans to share the agenda of the Blueprint Committees Summit Program a few weeks before the next meeting, which then can be included along with the September meeting notice for member's review. The goal would be to have as many members understand the concept and be prepared, to decide on the Summit and/or how to implement the Chapter's pledges

4. Chapter Cloud:

As there was no time left to discuss the Chapter Cloud and Josette Matthews who is working on creating the Cloud, hopes to update the Chapter at the September meeting. Her task has been to satisfy the AIA National mandate, that all Chapters create and utilize an electronic "Cloud", to store documents which can allow Chapter members easy access and have them be secure.

5. New Business:

The meeting took a bit longer than expected, and by unanimous consent ended at 7:22pm.

III. Related Articles and Educational Opportunities.

See Appendix

IV. Next Meeting:

As the health crisis continues and the meeting venue at Artie's Restaurant is only open for outdoor and limited indoor dining, the next meeting will again be a Virtual meeting on:

Thursday September 18, 2021, at 6:00PM

**Appendix
HWU Updates:**

Design for Security Glazing

**Design Considerations for Security Glazing and Systems
in Education, Retail, Institutions, and Beyond**

AIA: 1 LU | HSW, Canada Potential: 1 Learning Credit, PDH Potential: 1 Hour

**Quartz Surfaces Deliver Resilience And Performance
In Commercial Applications**

AIA: 1 LU | Elective, Canada Potential: 1 Learning Credit, IDCEC: .1 CEU

**Wood and Evolving Codes: The 2018 IBC and Emerging
Wood Technologies**

AIA: 1.5 LU | HSW, Canada Potential: 1.5 Learning Credit, PDH Potential: 1 Hour

**Propane as a Solution to Meeting Code and Above-
Code Programs**

*AIA: 1 LU | HSW, Canada Potential: 1 Learning Credit, GBCI: 1 General CE Hour, NAHB: 1
Hour, NARI: 1 Hour*

Predicting Daylight Performance

Designing with Light: Adding Function and Beauty

AIA: 1 LU | Elective, Canada Potential: 1 Learning Credit

A Comparative Analysis of Residential Heating Systems

AIA: 1 LU | HSW, Canada Potential: 1 Learning Credit, NAHB: 1 Hour, NARI: 1 Hour

How to Calculate the Wood Carbon Footprint of a Building

AIA: 1 LU | HSW, Canada Potential: 1 Learning Credit, GBCI: 1 General CE Hour

Insulated Roof Deck System Provides Innovative, Streamlined Alternative

AIA: 1 LU | HSW, Canada Potential: 1 Learning Credit

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