



## 2012 Annual Report

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## **The State of the Chapter**

### **Dale Doller AIA, 2012 President**

2012 passed quickly for me as Chapter President. And, the Chapter membership has held together admirably in a year with very little economic improvement. Since 2009, our profession and the construction industry have been challenged to exist. Architects have seen little to no change in the architectural industry billings according to the AIA in their 2012 annual report. Our Chapter leadership continues to assist our members and offer encouragement to maintain their membership and participation. And, we continually looked to ways to identify and share the value of AIA membership. Long time members understand membership value. Young and individual professionals were challenged to decide which expense has the most value. Even with our business industry challenges, our membership continued to stay active, membership remained high, and the turn out in support of Chapter events was excellent. Our Chapter continues to not allow the economy to deter our love for the built and sustainable environment.

One of the ways the Chapter leadership has chosen to build and advance value for our NH membership has been through the improvement of our Chapter website. I believe this has been the greatest Chapter improvement over many years! It was many years since its inception and long overdue for a complete overhaul and reconstruction. This year, after almost two years in development, we launched our new website with an all new face and function. We offer ways for membership to utilize the Chapter website as a mini-firm site for those that do not have their own. With the opportunity to display their office work with multiple photos and firm information, all our membership can have a web page which can be linked from anywhere. Our website is more easily manageable and displayed in a more intuitive and logical format. In all, this is a fabulous tool which will allow the NH Chapter to put a professional face on its membership and business. It is truly a great and valuable step forward for AIANH.

The Board has worked diligently and with great success to provide worthwhile value to our membership through educational, informational, inspirational, and thoroughly enjoyable Chapter monthly events and programs focusing on the value of good design and responsibility to our environment. We constantly challenged our choices to provide the best programming. And, we continually reviewed our financial decisions, holding the line and managing effectively the chapter net worth.

And for me, through my opportunity to challenge the membership's intellectual mind in my president's monthly message, it has been a point of great personal enjoyment. Although I found creating a thought provoking message on a monthly basis a sincere challenge, I also loved every minute to share my own personal and passionate interest in sustainability as my year's focus. I sincerely hope I stirred the "pot" enough with timely and edgy questions. I do celebrate in my success to inspire some to reply to my monthly inspirations.

I believe it is a challenging and changing time for our profession. It is just as challenging for those graduating from schools of architecture looking for that first great opportunity to share their young visions. What will our profession evolve into as we move forward emerging from what some would call "The Great Recession"? For me, I do believe it will be for the better!

## **Committee Reports**

### **Continuing Education**

#### **Michael Morin AIA, Chair**

Our Continuing Education Committee handles events that are strictly educational, with no social aspect. We held two full-day education programs, one in May with 30 attendees for 5.5 AIA LUs, and one in October with 38 attendees and offering 7 AIA LUs. Both programs were held at the Audubon Center in Concord and provided morning refreshments, 7 educational sessions, plus lunch. We have discovered that attendees to these sessions often include people who do not attend our evening sessions frequently. We will plan on two such sessions for 2013 as well, with a goal of increasing attendance and offering valuable educational sessions.

### **Design Awards Committee**

#### **Caleb Sloan AIA, Chair**

The awards banquet was held at the Bedford Village Inn, January 18, with 177 attendees..

There were 39 projects submitted. 2 Honor Awards, 5 Merit Awards, 3 Commendation awards (one for an unbuilt project), and 2 People's Choice Awards were given. (Results are on the AIANH website.)

The jury consisted of four members from the Rhode Island chapter. The awards tour will try to alternate each month at a different location around the state

The Board planning to move to electronic submissions for our next Design Awards.

Goals for the program are:

1. Increase exposure for the awards submitted at a number of different venues across the state;
2. Streamline the review of the awards by going electronic (potentially this could increase the number of submissions and make the review process easier and more engaging);
3. Making sure the jury is unfamiliar with the projects submitted (jurors will not be from neighboring states).

### **Education Committee**

#### **Scott Vlasak AIA, Chair**

The Education Committee is responsible for delivering educational programs to NH students ages K-12. Built-environment education is an important part of a balanced and comprehensive school curriculum. The Learning by Design programs and activities designed and promoted by the AIANH Chapter are well-constructed curriculum units which have been incorporated in the existing curriculum of our elementary, middle and high schools in New Hampshire. These activities allow our chapter to bring into the classrooms valuable knowledge about the man-made environment as well as its effect on the relationship to the natural environment. For our children, who one day must live and work in a modern industrial society, this knowledge is critical if they are to be thoughtful and active citizens. The Education Committee assists with forms, meetings, registration logistics, certificates and documentation of our currently available built-environment programs:

ShoeBox Clubhouse (Elementary); Neighborhood Walking Tours (Elementary); Box City (Elementary or Middle School); Bridges and Structures (Middle School); Introduction to Architecture (Middle School); Annual High School Design Competition (High School).

### Highlights of the Year:

Welcome to the City of “Waldoville” which was conceived, designed, and built (at 1/4”=1’-0” scale) by 25 fifth-grade students at the Little Harbour Elementary School in Portsmouth, NH in the spring. Many enthusiastic AIANH volunteers, including David Witham, associates from TMS Architects and JSA, and parents facilitated the project over the course of five weeks which consisted of 90 minute classroom sessions.

Fourth Annual High School Design Competition 2011-2012 — Students designed an America’s Cup Youth Education Pavilion. Winners were announced in the Forum and received cash prizes.

Windham Middle School, Windham, NH – Spring 2012. Four students participated in this after-school program which ran for five weeks and was supported by several AIANH volunteers and local Community Officials and Parents. Students were guided through the process by weekly visits by AIANH volunteers and worked four days a week after school on the project. The program culminated in an Open House where students presented the City and design process to their parents.

This year was another exciting year for the Education Committee. With two programs held back to back in the spring there were a few new faces from several different firms who volunteered to help make both a success.

Goals for 2013: The major goal for 2013 will be to increase our pool of volunteers in order to strengthen the knowledge about the Learning By Design NH programs to our members. This will eventually allow us to organize our volunteers regionally and offer more opportunities for AIANH members to get involved locally. Offering a “training session” to discuss existing programs may be a good way to rally existing volunteers and meet new ones. Secondly, we will seek sponsorship for the programs we offer. The annual high school design competition offers cash prizes to the winners, which can hopefully be obtained through a commitment of annual sponsorship of NH based companies. Smaller sponsorships could be sought within local communities where Learning by Design programs are being offered on a case by case basis to help with purchase of supplies, etc. Some ideas for potential sponsors are: Autodesk, PSNH, Local Banks, Colleges/Universities and local Chambers of Commerce Thirdly, we will seek to continue PR efforts to keep the community informed of our activities. Various ways we can do this are writing Forum articles, keeping the AIANH website content updated with news and upcoming programs, attending local conferences and supplying schools with posters advertising upcoming programs.

### **Emerging Professionals Network (Formerly the Young Architects Forum — name changed in early 2013)**

In 2012 the Emerging Professionals was headed by Melissa Morancy, who unfortunately for us, had to leave the area for employment, so most of the year we were without a chair.

In the fall the Board put together the annual Emerging Professionals Design Competition, a design to transform NH’s Whitcomb Hall to a premier, for-profit event facility. Three people were awarded cash prizes for their concept designs at our annual Awards Banquet. (Results on the AIANH website.)

Matthew Lawton Assoc. AIA took over the lead of this group and is the new Associate Director on the AIANH Board.

### **Environmental Guild David Ely AIA, Chair**

The Environmental Guild is the NH arm of the AIA Committee on the Environment (COTE). It is comprised of architects and others who have a stake in sustainability in the built environment. The goal is to work with an integrated group to develop educational and other programs to promote environmental responsibility.

In the fall Kathy Poggi of Building NH and a member of the Guild became ill and the Environmental Guild jumped in to help facilitate the Building NH awards program. The group juried the entries and helped with logistics for the Awards Breakfast on December 12. We set up a special award, the Kathy Poggi Energy Entrepreneur Award. This award is given to an individual who has not only shown outstanding initiative in promoting energy efficiency in the built environment but has also been successful at making that very promotion sustainable by ensuring a “pay-back”. We selected Kathy Poggi to receive the award in its first year. Eight other awards categories were selected and presented at the awards breakfast. Kathy passed away shortly after the conference and she is missed by all who knew her.

The Guild has continued its work on the NH High Performance Building documentary. John Hession has been leading this initiative, assisted by Michelle Thornton. Filming is complete for one building, Tin Mountain in Albany, NH, and includes footage of the building, building users, Chris Williams AIA, and Steven Strong from Solar Design Associates.

Julia Dundorf of the New England Grass Roots Environment Fund asked the Guild to present a panel discussion at the Local Energy Solutions Conference on April 13 at the Winnisquam Regional High School in Tilton. We assembled a team including Chris Williams, AIA, Margaret Dillon, Dana Mosher, George Brooks, and Kate Hartnett to present, “Net Zero, Really?”. The session was informative and well attended.

We have been working with the idea of setting up a zero-net-energy town charrette, a project that may take up to two years to put together. This may dovetail with plans for our next IDID conference. We have held six conferences in the past, and planning discussions continue for another in the future.

We continually try to connect and collaborate with other groups. We are currently keying on appraisers and bankers to ensure appropriate financing is available for energy efficient construction for residential and non-residential projects. The monthly meetings are open to all who wish to participate in facilitating environmentally responsible work in the built environment.

## **Fellowship and Honors Committee**

### **James Loft AIA, Chair**

The committee of Carolyn Isaak, Jim Loft AIA, Jim Somes FAIA, Jim Warner FAIA, Bruce Dicker FAIA, Pat Sherman FAIA, Jerry Tepe FAIA and Dick Swett FAIA met to discuss candidates for the College of Fellows, Honorary AIANH, and the Clinton Sheerr Award. We had many excellent ideas and discussed fellowship possibilities for the future. Other thoughts focused on a mentoring process (multi-part workshops focusing on resumes, portfolios and interviewing) which would integrate the more experienced architects in New Hampshire with the younger immersing professionals. Perhaps these workshops could take place at an academic venue such as Keene State College or NHTI. Another idea was having a chapter meeting that focused on the overall commitment to excellence, honors and awards and the Fellowship process. We were all excited about the future and what the talented membership of AIANH has to offer for 2013!

## **IDP (Intern Development Program)**

### **Nicole Martineau AIA, State Coordinator**

Nicole Martineau AIA was appointed State IDP Coordinator in 2012. She is also the AIA New England Young Architect Regional Director (YARD). Nicole is working on ideas to strengthen the IDP program and mentoring possibilities in NH and coordinate with other New England Components.

## **Legislative Affairs**

### **David Udelsman AIA, Chair**

The Legislative Affairs Committee's primary responsibility is the tracking of legislative bills at the state level that affect the design and construction industry.

Committee members loosely include Jerry Tepe, AIA, Art Guadano, AIA, Chris Carley, AIA and John Jordan, AIA. Since the legislative process can often happen quickly, we will often call upon people to testify at the legislature based on their availability and particular expertise.

The Legislative Committee tracked approximately twenty bills in 2012. There were two of note:

We dealt with Senate Bill 407 (SB407) which was an attempt to create a consolidated board of professional licensure that would have had an adverse effect on the fine service we currently received from Louise Lavertu, Hon. AIANH and her team up at the Joint Board. Thanks to a huge turnout from all the different professionals this bill was deemed "inexpedient to legislate."

2012 also brought us House Bill 137 (HB137) which defined the state fire code, update the referenced versions of the State Building Code and ratified the changes to the state building code as adopted by the state building code review board.

Lastly, SB371 passed which provides design professionals with mechanic's lien right for nonpayment of work related to a construction project!

In 2013 almost 100 separate bills have been flagged as having a potential impact on the design and construction industry from a bill relative to the installation of backflow prevention valves to one that authorizes cottage housing development as an innovative land use control. It should be a fun year.

## **Professional Affiliate Members**

### **Liz Olver, Chair**

The Affiliate committee has a responsibility to be a liaison between the affiliate members and the board. They also try to encourage participation and membership of the affiliates. An affiliate member can be anyone in the building industry profession (consultants, engineers, developers, contractors, interior designers, landscape architects, attorneys, manufacturers, vendors and other firms/companies) with an interest in working more closely with architects and enhancing architects' awareness of their products, services and materials or industry professionals (other than architects and architecture graduates) who wish to share ideas, to grow professionally and to improve their firm's operations through participation in AIANH programs and events. While architects make up the majority of the chapter AIA New Hampshire relies on professionals in related fields to help carry the chapter as well.

As a chapter we rely on many of our affiliate members and their companies to sponsor meetings. We have been successful in reaching out to these members and companies for their support.

One of our goals for 2013 is to expand the affiliate membership with both past members that have lapsed and new affiliate members.

## **Programming**

### **Karolina Burt AIA, Chair**

Last year we offered many successful evening programs to our members. The team that made them possible included Dale Doller AIA, Shannon Alther AIA, Katie Sutherland AIA, and Carolyn Isaak. We offered the following programs (with the number of attendees):

- Feb. 16: Passivhaus, Portsmouth, 69
- March 29: Windham High School, Windham, 33
- April 26: Keene State College, Keene, 92
- May: Joint Meeting with AIAVT, hosted by AIAVT, approx. 60 people, but only a handful from NH
- June 28: Viewing documentary "Romanza," Manchester, 68
- Aug. 16: Hampton Beach, 91
- Sept. 6: Furniture Masters, Concord, 35
- Sept. 20: (rescheduled from July), Boat Tour of Boston Harbor, Boston, MA, 47
- Oct. 10: Joint meeting with Granite State Landscape Architects, Zorvino Winery, Sandown, 61

We did not offer a program in November due to losing the venue we planned for and then not being able to find a good substitution on short notice.

Our goal was to offer programs that would be educational to our members, varied in location throughout the state, and offered a great venue for all to socialize. Each of our programs offered AIA LUs.

## Public Relations

### Shannon Alther AIA, Chair

This committee is charged with reviewing and outlining public relations of the chapter and the membership component of the chapter. The committee did not meet separately over the past year but rather commented at the regularly scheduled Board of Director's meetings. Discussion focused on ways to keep members informed and happy with the chapter; we reviewed and discussed at various times throughout the year and in detail at the annual retreat.

Our new website has added a terrific member interaction dimension and allows for information to get out to the various groups much easier and faster. We maintained a realistic membership count even with the tough economic climate that is becoming positive.

2013 looks to be similar to the 2012 year regarding membership.

2012 members: 255 members; 225 renewed; 6 new Associate; 5 new AIA; 1 transferred in; 18 Emeritus; 14 lapsed or transferred

2011 members: 241 members; 236 renewed, 5 new; 24 lapsed or transferred

2010 members: 262 due, 237 renewed

2009 members: 246 due, 246 renewed

Goals for 2013 are to increase membership by at least 8 members and to expand Public Relations meetings to focus on specific ideas and concepts to help maintain the quality of programs and to maintain positive membership.

## AIANH 2012 Financial Report

### 2012 Budget Income

Affiliate Membership	10,641
AIA Membership	33,206
AIA Revenue Sharing	41,423
Annual Awards 12	8,708
Annual Awards 13	14,953
Bank Int.	15
Educational Outreach	2,000
Grants	5,840
Publications	17,252
Programming & Sponsors	28,757
<b>Total</b>	<b>162,795</b>

### 2012 Budget Expense

Awards Program 12	14,236
Awards Program 13	1,320
AIA Conferences	8,002
AIANE Dues	435
Board Expense	1,452
Educational Outreach	4,500
General & Administration	99,813
Interns	2,445
Publications	11,712
Public Relations	826
Programming	21,430
<b>Total</b>	<b>166,171</b>
<b>Total Budgeted Inc/Exp</b>	<b>-3,376</b>

### Non-Budgeted Approved Expenses

#### From Reserve Fund

Website Redesign	11,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,000</b>

**Total Inc/Exp 2012**                    **-14,376**

### Reserve Fund as of 12/31/12

Checking reserve	17,863
Investment Savings	49,818
<b>TOTAL 12/31/12</b>	<b>67,681</b>

The AIANH Chapter has been in the red in varying amounts each year since 2009, due to the recession. We have tried to keep meeting fees as low as possible and have given a number of membership waivers due to hardship. We have used our reserves to fund the budget deficit. Thankfully, we had those reserves, which are, in part, exactly for this use. We also used reserve funds to pay for our new website, which we believe has enhanced member value for the chapter and presents a more professional and informative resource for the public. This should serve us well as the economy picks up. The Board constantly monitors our finances and works to make the best use of our income for our membership.



# 2012 AIANH Board of Directors

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**Affiliate Director:**

Heather Rowan through September 2012

Liz Olver, September onward

**Associate Director:**

Melissa Morancy Assoc. AIA

*Jan 2012-June 2012*

**Executive Director:**

Carolyn Isaak Hon. AIANH



**2012 AIANH Board of Directors**

Front: James Loft AIA, Scott Vlasak AIA, Katie Cassidy Sutherland AIA

Back row: Shannon Alther AIA, Paul Bourbeau AIA, Jay Purcell AIA, Liz Olver, Karolina Burt, Dale Doller AIA, Caleb Sloan AIA