



AIA New Hampshire

2014 Annual Report

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Our first ARCHtoberfest was held at Smuttynose Brewery, Hampton, NH. Beer-tasting and great German food augmented the tour and educational session.

2014 in Review

Shannon Alther AIA, 2014 President

2014 was a great year for AIANH! We had an amazing array of programs and events, hosting six Chapter Meetings, successfully producing 8 sessions (of a 10-session series) for the AIA+2030 Series in New Hampshire. The AIA+2030 program was a major undertaking and has proved that our members and associated members desire interesting, detailed, and environmentally sensitive events. We also participated in three programs hosted by other groups, and held one Education Day.

Through our work and ultimately through the type of programs that AIA+2030 produced, we will be putting together followup sessions for 2015. With the economy back on track and the architectural design profession as a leader for future trends and ways to make buildings better operationally, aesthetically and functionally, AIANH now has the challenge to continue interesting and educational programs for our profession. We have an opportunity to expand on AIA+2030 and our membership is clearly ready for this type of programming.

The 2014 Board of Directors did a great job with the events and programs, as well as committee work, monitoring and advocating for legislation that effects the profession, and communicating with the membership.

Please read the following committee reports for thorough updates. We look forward to another challenging and rewarding year!

Affiliates Committee

Liz LeBlanc, Affiliate Director

The Affiliates Committee is responsible for promoting AIA New Hampshire to potential members of the architecture community that are in a field related to architecture but are not architects themselves. This committee is dedicated to involving those people in the organization and encouraging them to participate in events and become a member of the organization.

The highlights this year from the perspective of Affiliate members were the Chapter Meetings and some of the events we did with other similar organizations, such as the associated builders and contractors (ABC) and AIA VT. It is events like these that encourage people with related occupations and interested to be exposed to AIA NH.

NH AEER TF

Paul H. Bourbeau AIA, Co-chair

Jonathan Halle AIA, Co-chair

The NH Architects & Engineers Emergency Response Task Force (AEER TF) was initiated to explore the role of AIA and more specifically, AIANH, in assisting communities throughout the state in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. The committee has continued to work to create the necessary framework within the State's Emergency Management Network, which allows us to become a recognized resource that can provide assistance in the event of an emergency.

In January we presented a Safety Assessment Program (SAP) training program for those interested in participating on the NH AEER TF. The program is managed by Cal OES, with cooperation from professional organizations. Architects and engineers who complete the training are designated SAP Evaluators, eligible to assist local governments in safety evaluation of their built environment in the aftermath of a disaster. The training is a requirement for NH AEER TF members. Over 40 people attended the class, taught by architects and engineers from Rhode Island, and held at the NH Fire Safety building, NH Homeland Security and Emergency Services complex, in Concord.

During the early part of 2014 the group worked hard advocating for SB209, to expand the Good Samaritan law to include engineers and architects. The expansion would grant civil immunity to licensed



Jennifer Goodman, with Chris Williams AIA (left) and Phyllis Stibler, with Barry Brensinger AIA, were both named Honorary AIA New Hampshire members at the January 2014 Awards Banquet. *Photos by John Hession*

engineers and architects rendering assistance in an emergency in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct. The bill passed the Senate and then the House Judiciary Committee, but lost the full vote of the House.

Subsequently the group met with Perry Plummer, Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and discussed strategies the group could employ to get this bill through the State legislature in 2015.

To that end, we presented a session at the November 2014 NH Municipal Association Annual Conference. **Timothy Smith AIA**, with the NH Department of Administrative Services and the Bureau of Public Works, Design and Construction took the lead on developing the program with assistance from **Jonathan Hallé AIA**. Tim and **John Lavigne** from HL Turner presented at the conference and reported that participants were engaged and asked good questions. There were a range of municipal officials including Emergency Management, Public Works, Building Officials and a Fire Chief. There was definitely an interest in having a team like NHAEEER-TF in support of local building officials.

NH AEER TF Members, spearheaded by AIANH, worked hard through the fall to get sponsors to reintroduce the bill and developed a strategic plan to contact House representatives and Senators to explain its importance, and to solicit support from other organizations. Special credit to the following advocates: **Paul Hemmerich AIA**, **Alex Koutroubas**, **Paul Bourbeau AIA**, **Chris Williams AIA**, **Bob Champagne**, **Peter King**, **Alex Azodi**, **Tom House AIA**, **William McKinney**, **Mark Goldstein**, and **Linda McNair Perry**.

(Followup: Good news in 2015! The bill was resubmitted at HB292 and passed both bodies. At the writing of this report, we are awaiting signature from the Governor.)

Design Awards

Karolina Burt AIA, Chair

2014 saw another successful Awards Program, starting with the Awards Banquet January 10 at a new venue for us, LaBelle Winery in Amherst, NH. 180 people attended this celebratory event! There were 33 projects submitted; we distributed three honor awards, three merit awards, three Citations, and two People's Choice awards. The jury consisted of four members from Maryland's Chesapeake Bay area architecture community. **Spaulding Brick Co.** and **Charron Inc.** were our sponsors.

The Clinton Sheerr Award went to Rick & Duffy Monahon, and a special awards program was set up to honor them, beginning with the 2015 program.

Award winners are highlighted on the AIANH website and received notice in New Hampshire newspapers and magazines.

The 2014 Awards Program Exhibit worked its way through the State with stops at Keene State College (March), Manchester-Boston Airport (April), NHTI Concord's Community College (May), Lebanon City Hall (June & July), Portsmouth Public Library (August), and Busiel Mill in Laconia (September & October).

The 2015 Call for Entries went out in July with a deadline of October 16, 2014.

Education Committee

Scott Vlasak AIA, Chair

The Education Committee of AIANH 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.

This year the Committee designed a new logo for our programs. The focus was to design something with more universal appeal to all age groups while keeping a NH theme. Using the Concord, NH skyline which meets a NH state outline, here is what we came up with... Special thanks to Lisa Gallant for great work,

The Sixth Annual High School Design Competition, 2013-2014, was for a new Welcome Center for Albacore Park in Portsmouth, NH. The student participants had a unique opportunity to present their entries to the Board of Directors at Albacore Park. Winners were recognized at the May 1, 2014 AIANH - KSC Architecture Program joint meeting and in the *NH Forum*.

The program for the Seventh Annual High School Design Competition was created and distributed late last fall., for a Welcome Center at Monadnock State Park. Deadline is April 16, 2015. An onsite visit was conducted in November.

Education Committee members are: **Scott Vlasak AIA** (chair), **Patrick Gordon**, **Christopher Kennedy AIA**, **Lisa Gallant**, and **Cheryl Killam**.

If you would like to help out with this committee, please contact the AIANH office.

Emerging Professionals Network

Matt Lawton, Assoc. AIA, Associate Director

This committee was led by Matt Lawton Assoc. AIA, Associate Director, who attended monthly chapter meetings, wrote monthly articles for the New Hampshire Forum, led event planning for Emerging Professionals events, led and coordinated the Emerging Professionals Design Competitions, and administered and judged New Hampshire's Skills USA High School Drafting Competition.

The New Hampshire Skills USA High School Drafting Competition took place on March 14, 2014 at the Seacoast School of Technology in Exeter, New Hampshire. The competition was organized by Kate Krumm (District Computer Teacher, Sanborn Regional School District) and we had 8 students participating from regional high schools. It is a great opportunity for high school students to develop an interest in architecture.

2015's Emerging Professionals Design Competition (submissions due in November 2014) was centered around a redevelopment area in Franklin, New Hampshire. Working with a local developer, the program was to renovate an existing building bordered by a park, redeveloping the area using green design features, sustainable prac-

tices, and community involvement. The results of the competition were disappointing, as there were only two entries. The program was complex, and we learned that working with a developer led to unrealistic expectations.

One of the biggest efforts in 2014 was to increase communication with the Emerging Professionals Network. Email blasts notifying different events and issues were sent regularly. The Facebook page was also maintained with upcoming events and notifications of changes to reach a larger audience. The contact list has also been maintained and increased, as new members join AIA, but also through an outreach program to member and non-member firms. This is always a challenge, however, as it is difficult to find all of the interns working in the state. Most are not AIA members. Please contact the office to be put on this list.

With the new year, a new director is in place. Future programming should continue to focus on intern development, as well as programs for the recently registered. There will be changes coming with the Architectural Registration Exam, so there are opportunities for ARE review sessions and group development for study sessions. The 2016 EPN Design Competition will be in place by September.

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.

The Guild was instrumental in assisting AIANH in organizing and producing the AIA+2030 educational sessions from March 2014 through February 2015. The sessions were well attended, well received, and some truly inspirational speakers volunteered time to present at the 10 half-day sessions. Guild members who worked on planning AIA+2030 Sessions: Kate Hartnett Hon. AIANH, John Hession, Sheldon Pennoyer AIA, J.L. Purcell AIA, Wes Tator, Paul Leveille, David Ely AIA.

Guild member John Hession continues his work on the NH High Performance Building documentary, assisted by Michelle Thornton. He has completed the first segment on the Tin Mountain Nature Learning Center, designed by Christopher P. Williams Architects. It includes footage of the building and interviews with Director Mike Cline, other staff members, Chris Williams AIA, and Steven Strong from Solar Design Associates. They are now filming Beth McGinn and Ruth Smith's less-than-zero-net-energy house and conducting



AIANH at Castle in the Clouds, Moultonborough, NH, June 2014

Photo by John Hession

interviews with them and others involved in design and construction. Other projects are under consideration, and we are actively looking for net zero and carbon neutral projects. Once a few projects are completed John will be seeking additional funding.

On April 12, 2014 The Guild presented at the Local Energy Solutions conference at Winnisquam School in Tilton about the difference between the 2009 IECC code NH is using and the 2012 and 2015 codes. Paul Leveille and Brian Adams were the presenters.

The Guild has begun pushing for implementation of these later codes. Updating Energy Codes will do more to moving forward energy-efficient design than all other efforts. In November David Ely presented at the AIANH Board meeting with Building Code Review Board (BCRB) member Barbara Chalmers AIA to talk about code updates. The Guild and the AIANH Board sent a joint letter to the Review Board with the position that in order to incrementally reduce energy use in buildings we must adopt new editions of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) as they are published every three years..

The Guild monthly meetings are open to all who wish to participate in facilitating environmentally responsible work in the built environment.

Legislative Affairs

David Udlesman AIA, Chair

This committee monitors legislative activity, reviews and discusses current bills, and will testify at state legislative committee hearings and write letters to state representatives on issues related to the design and construction industry in New Hampshire. With 424 members, the NH General Court is the largest state legislature in the United States, and the fourth largest English speaking legislative body in the world. Despite their sheer numbers, it was a slow year, but a great victory with the extension of the Good Samaritan law to architects and engineers. Here are some of the bills that we tracked this past year.

SB209 – to expand the Good Samaritan law to include engineers and architects. The bill passed the Senate and then the House Judiciary Committee, but lost the full vote of the House. (see NH AEER TF report)

SB282 – This was a housekeeping bill put forth by the NH Architects Board that establishes the criteria, and procedures for, and the penalties which may be imposed in, disciplinary actions undertaken by the board of architects. Unlike many of the other professional boards the Architects Board did not have clear written authority to issue penalties. This bill passed and corrected this situation.

HB1569 – This bill would have permitted licensing requirements to



At The Fells, Newbury, NH, September 2014 with the Granite State Landscape Architects. Photo by John Hession

be waived for buyers and sellers. Can you imagine, hey, I don't care if my architect is licensed or not. Why not take it further, do you really care if your dentist or doctor is licensed? This bill went nowhere and was deemed inexpedient to legislate.

On Friday March 14, 2014 the BCRB voted to approve an amendment, submitted by NHBOA, to remove the long standing modifications to the chapter 5 H&A table 503 and the modifications to the height and area modifications contained in section 506 of the 2009 IBC.

Effective as of 12:00 noon March 14, 2014 all evaluations for compliance for code controlled building height and area are to be based on chapter 5 of the 2009 IBC as printed. This was not a retroactive amendment. Each jurisdiction will need to determine for itself how this change will affect any projects that are under current review or design.

Education Day

Nick Isaak AIA, Dennis McNeal AIA, Bart Sapeta AIA

The Continuing Education Committee is meant to be a provider of high quality professional development opportunities for licensed architects, architectural designers, and allied professionals. The committee organizes one or two continuing education events each year. Each event is structured around current topics in architecture with an ability to choose a single continuing education session or a package for an entire day. The emphasis is placed on quality of learning opportunities, diverse provider base, and affordability. The Committee strives to bring continuing education sessions that fulfill the Health, Safety and Welfare categories mandated by the AIA Continuing Education requirements.

Highlights of Year 2014:

The Committee organized one continuing education event in 2014. The event occurred on December 11 at the McLane Audubon Center in Concord, NH. It provided an opportunity to earn up to 7.5 AIA Learning Credits (including 5.5 HSW).

The event was attended by 40 participants who left positive reviews.

Focus for 2015: The Committee is planning to organize one continuing education event in 2015, toward the end of the year.

Programming

Paul Bourbeau AIA, Chair

2014 was a very busy year for AIANH. We began the year with our Annual Awards Banquet at LaBelle Winery, January 23, with 180 people attending.

On February 26 Plan NH and AIANH co-hosted a film screening with PlanNH at Red River Theatre in Concord, of *Citizen Architect: Samuel Mockbee and the Spirit of The Rural Studio*. There were nearly 100 attendees, professionals in the building and related industries as well as those interested in the role of social responsibility in this arena. The intent was to raise awareness of, and to start a conversation about, the philosophies of Mr. Mockbee and their value in our work here in the Granite State. Thank you to our sponsors — Gold: Knoll, Galen Nichols (Edward Jones, Portsmouth); Green: Fulcrum Associates, Cormack Construction, CATCH Neighborhood Housing, Sheerr McCrystal Palson Architects, Harriman, Millwork Masters, DeStefano Architects, John Wacker and Associates, and JSA Inc.

2014 saw the introduction of our AIA+2030 Series, which ran once per month in March, April, May, June, September, October, and November; the two remaining sessions in 2015. We are grateful to our sponsors for the AIA+2030 Series: Platinum – Bensonwood; Gold — Milestone Engineering & Construction, PROCON, RPF Environmental, Eckman Construction and Martini Northern. Silver Sponsors – Belletetes Building Product Specialists, Secondwind Water Systems, North Branch Construction, Lavallee Brensinger Architects, and TMS Architects. Over 60 people participated in each session of this program.

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This was a major activity that promoted AIANH in a great way and was an impressive showcase for the members and the public that were involved.

May 1 was our annual meeting with the **Keene State College Architecture Department**, a popular event, that brought in 82 people including KSC students, AIANH High School Design Competition students and parents, KSC faculty and AIANH member architects, associates, and affiliates. The speaker was **David Croteau AIA, LEED AP** on “Indigenous Architecture in the Developing World: a Model for Sustainability. Thank you to our sponsors, **Catlin+Petrovick Architects** and **Lavallee Brensinger Architects**.

June brought us to the **Castle in the Clouds** in Moultonborough, NH, a spectacular example of Arts & Crafts architecture from 1913-1914, lovingly restored with the help of **TMS Architects** and **Bedard Preservation and Restoration**. **Pella Windows and Doors** sponsored this event, which was attended by 84 people. We also distributed our **AIA | NHAF Scholarships** during this program.

We take July and August off from programming, but several AIANH members accepted ABC’s invitation to join them on a sunset cruise out of Portsmouth. This year we steamed up river for a fantastic tour.

September 4 saw us at **The Fells** in Newbury, NH, joined by the **Granite State Landscape Architects**. 66 members from both groups toured the gardens and following the tour, at **Dexter’s Inn** in Sunapee, heard from **Roger Wells FASLA** on “Saving the Fells,” how volunteerism, as a form of community support, can be used as a vital tool in successful and on-going historic preservation and environmental conservation. Thank you to our sponsors — Gold: **Victor Stanley, Millican Nurseries, Inc., Ironsmith, Sheldon Pennoyer Architects, and TMS Architects**. Silver: **AW Hastings/Marvin Windows & Doors, Design Works Landscape Architecture & Construction, and Joshua F. Walter, ASLA**.

2014 saw our first **ARCHtoberfest**, held October 9 at **Smuttynose Brewery** in Hampton, NH. 82 people toured the facility and enjoyed beer-tasting, (complements of Smuttynose), and German-style food. Thanks to **Pella Windows & Doors** for sponsoring this fun event, which included a presentation by **McHenry Architecture** and Smuttynose founder **Peter Egelston** about the project, inception through construction.

October also included a joint **AIA Vermont - AIA New Hampshire event**, hosted by Vermont. 67 people attended the program at **King Arthur Flour** in Norwich, VT, including 13 AIANH members and guests.

Our final Chapter Meeting of 2014 was at **St. Mary’s Bank** in Manchester on November 6, which included many of our NH USGBC friends. 52 people attended this event, a tour, then a presentation following dinner at the **Riverside Room**. The design team, led by **Lavallee Brensinger Architects**, told us more about the building and the challenges of design and construction in creating its unique structure. Thanks to **Consolidated Brick** for sponsoring this event.

Public Relations/Membership

Shannon Alther AIA, Chair

The Public Relations Committee is meant to be a public outreach portion of AIANH and help to bridge the general community with the architectural profession in New Hampshire. Over the past 3-4 years this committee has been small and set back from the regular operational committees of AIANH. The main reason has been the economic downturn that we are finally getting out of.

Public Relations is critical to most organizations and AIANH uses its events, the **New Hampshire Architecture Foundation**, and **Annual Awards Banquet** as its main public relation component to the Chapter.

With the success of the **AIA+2030 Series**, the Chapter is focusing on a more robust Public Relations Committee and we have set better parameters for working on this committee in 2015. The PR Committee is being headed up by two Directors for 2015 and this will help create the necessary backing and oversight needed. ■

2014 Operating Revenue

Affiliate Membership	10,581
AIA Membership	41,092
AIA Revenue Sharing	44,506
Annual Awards 14	15,092
Annual Awards 15	10,645
Bank Int.	11
Grants, Donations	300
Misc.	80
Publications	15,365
Programming & Sponsors	75,764
Programs Dedicated	575
Total	214,011

2014 Operating Expense

Awards Program 14	18,134
Awards Program 15	357
AIA Conferences	5602
AIANE Dues	427
Board Expense	389
Operating Exp. & Admin.	104,599
Publications	7,731
Programming	36,526
Programs, dedicated	5,250
QBS dues	300
Total operating expense	179,315

Total Inc/Exp 2014

34,696

Net Worth as of 12/31/14

Checking account	54,902
Reserves: Investment Savings	63,026
TOTAL 12/31/14	117,928

2014 is the second year in a row we’ve been in the black since the recession. We used our reserves to fund budget deficits in 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012. Thankfully, we had those reserves, which are, in part, exactly for this situation. This year we were able to recoup some of those deficits.

It was an excellent year for programming, the result of a lot of hard work on the part of the AIANH Board, staff, and the Environmental Guild. We introduced the **AIA+2030 Professional Series**. Much of the income shown above is yet to be expended as the program continues into 2015. We will also be using some of our revenue from 2014 Programming to expand on the **AIA+2030 Series** with new programming in 2015 and 2016, the **2030 & Beyond Series**.

We were able to transfer \$8,000 to our Reserve Investment Fund in 2014. Reserve Funds are used for budget deficits and special projects, such as website development and special programs.

The Board constantly monitors our finances and works to make the best use of our income for our membership.

(Operating Expense and Administration includes salaries, outsourcing, AIA Contract Document expenses, printing, shipping & postage, supplies, telephone, trade shows, executive director travel, insurance, accounting, internet, merchant account fees, public relations, website, and other incidentals.)

Please contact the AIANH office if you have a questions about the Annual Report, 603-357-2863, office@aianh.org.

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2014 AIANH Board of Directors (taken at the October 2014 Board Retreat)

From left, seated: Nick Isaak AIA, Dennis McNeal AIA, Bart Sapeta AIA.

Standing, from left: Alyssa Murphy AIA (joining board in 2015) Matt Lawton Assoc. AIA, Liz LeBlanc, Sheldon Pennoyer AIA, Paul Bourbeau AIA, Karolina Burttt AIA, and Shannon Alther AIA.

Missing: Jay Purcell AIA, Susan Phillips-Hungerford AIA