

# AIA CHICAGO Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 26, 2020, 12:00pm – 1:30pm

AIA Chicago, 35 East Wacker Drive, Suite 250

## Attendees

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■ April Hughes (President)	■ Chey-Wen Taylor (Director)	P Jeremy Gentile (Assoc. Dir.)	■ Zurich Esposito (Exec VP)
■ Jessica Figenholtz (Pres-Elect)	■ Manuel Hernandez (Director)	■ Jose Rodriguez (Int'l Assoc. Dir.)	■ Mark Schwamel, AIA
■ Mindy Viamontes (Sponsorship)	■ Oswaldo Ortega (Director)	■ Ryan Biziosek (Affiliate Dir.)	■ Peter Exley, FAIA
■ Jennifer Park (Honors/ Awards)	■ Jason Golub (Director)	■ Chris Carpenter (Affiliate Dir.)	
■ Drew Deering (Advocacy)	■ Natalie Hicks (Director)	■ Andrew Jiang (Student Dir.)	<u>Key</u>
■ Laura Garcia (Secretary)	□ Tim Tracey (Director)	■ Jeff Jenó (IL Delegate)	P Phoned in
P Patricia Saldana Natke (Treasurer)	■ Lynda Dossey (Director)	P Joseph Lai (IL Delegate)	■ Present
□ Robert Forest (Past President)		□ Terran Wilson (IL Delegate)	□ Not Present

## Meeting Minutes

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1. **Welcome** by April Hughes. All Board members

### 2. Approve January 2020 Meeting Minutes

**ACTION:** The January 2020 minutes were reviewed. Drew Deering motioned to approve the minutes, Jason Golub seconded the motion.

### 3. President Report

**SUMMARY:** April Hughes introduced Peter Exley, AIA President Elect, who spoke about Grassroots and AIA climate changes initiatives. A first draft of the AIA Climate Imperative has been written, and the Executive Summary provided to the Board. He also spoke about the new national Strategic Plan which will be implemented in Dec of 2020 when Peter's term begins. Mark Schwamel spoke about the Strategic Council which is forward-focused, planting the seeds for future generations. April reviewed local initiatives including City Grassroots. The training day for city grassroots is scheduled to be March 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 and all Board members are encouraged to participate.

**ACTION:** AIA Chicago Board of Directors should consider who we would like to nominate to replace Mike Elliot on the National Strategic Council when his term is up at the end of this year.

**ACTION:** AIA Chicago Board of Directors are requested to participate in the City Grassroots training day on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

### 4. President Elect Report

**SUMMARY:** Zurich Esposito reported on Grassroots and the candidates for national Board positions. A call for delegates at convention this year has gone out- delegates must be at the conference a day early and plan to stay for until the end. The executive committee attended the national grassroots conference. He also reported on upcoming events this month.

**ACTION:** If anyone is interested in being a delegate at the convention this year, please let Zurich know.

### 5. Executive Vice President Report

**SUMMARY:** Jessica Figenholtz reported on the status of strategic planning. They are interviewing the 2 finalist consultants today and next week. The committee is reviewing the national strategic plan so that plans can be coordinated and AIA Chicago's plan will address both local and national goals.

### 6. Committee Report - Advocacy

**SUMMARY:** Drew Deering reported on ongoing advocacy initiatives. A SME (Subject Matter Expert) committee was put together to develop asks for city grassroots. Grassroots training is coming up on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Drew discussed various other advocacy initiatives.

### 7. Committee Report – Finance

**SUMMARY:** No report this month

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## 8. Committee Report - Sponsorship

**SUMMARY:** Mindy Viamontes reported on the status of sponsorship. New this year, “asks” for the whole year went out at the beginning of the year. Mindy reported on fundraising efforts for all events. Sponsorship is ahead of all goals set for the year.

## 9. Committee Report – Membership

**SUMMARY:** No report this month.

## 10. Committee Report – Honors and Awards

**SUMMARY:** Jennifer Park reported that March 31 is the jury review date for the SPAs. The committee is also working on the jury for Designight. The socially just award will be rolling out this year and there will be 2 jurors for that award. Jen talked about the 2030 commitment being a requirement for submission to Designight and there was general discussion about if reporting to the 2030 DDX platform will also be required. It will not be required this year. Lastly, the FAIA announcements came out and 6 Chicago architects were elevated.

## 11. EDI Committee Report

**SUMMARY:** No report this month.

## 12. DOB Working Group

**SUMMARY:** Laura Garcia reported that the first ever AIA-DPD committee meeting has been scheduled for March.

## 13. AIAS Committee Report

**SUMMARY:** Andrew Jiang reached out to the three architecture schools in Chicago and reported on what the AIAS members are up to at each school. All three schools have super active AIAS communities. The three schools average 30 AIAS members each. He reported on AIAS local initiatives and events, as well as student events at the national level.

## 14. KC Committee Report

**SUMMARY:** Jeff Jenou has been reaching out to KC chairs and reported on the activities of our AIA Chicago Knowledge Communities. There is a Google doc where KC's are adding their events and initiatives.

## 15. LGBTQI Committee Report

**SUMMARY:** Jeremy Gentile reported that the LGBTQI social event is happening this week. AIA Chicago will be participating in the Gay Pride parade again this year, and will be speaking at a PechuKucha night.

**New Business:** none

**Meeting adjourned**

### Next Meetings

Board Meeting – 3/25/20 @ AIA Chicago Office (12pm – 1:30pm)

ExCom Meeting – 3/18/20 @ AIA Chicago Office (8am – 9:30am)

### Documents Distributed

- See the February 2020 Dropbox folder for all documents.

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