

# AIA Pittsburgh's Young Architect's Forum (YAF)

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, January 10, 2011

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## Social Events

YAF Signature Event JB, AH, ES	12/08/10: Joanna contacted Jon Golli at Edge Studio to get in touch with his girlfriend who works at the Cultural Trust regarding space for our signature event. Damian Soffer was also mentioned as a possible person to talk to regarding vacant space at the South Side Works as a venue. April 22 tentative event date. <b>1/10/11: Event seems to be lacking in focus. Tom suggested that we drop the term "Signature Event" to avoid unnecessary pressure. April 22 is Earth Day but also Good Friday.</b>
Inter-Office Happy Hours KM, AH	12/08/10: Tom Price looking into this. <b>1/10/11: Tom Price confirmed that STRADA will host the next event during the week of March 7-11. Tuesday March 8, Mardi Gras, was suggested.</b>
Pecha Kucha Night ES	12/08/10: Not discussed. <b>1/10/11: Next PKN will be held March 24, 2011, hosted by AIGA in conjunction with their Context Awards. It will be held at the 2nd floor gallery at 937 Liberty Avenue.</b>
Pirate Game Tailgating AH	12/08/10: Discussion tabled until April 2011. <b>1/10/11: Pirates vs. Red Sox tailgate and game. Group tickets will be purchased.</b>
YAF/ YC Joint Mixer AH	12/08/10: Discussion tabled until April 2011.
YAF Happy Hour	<b>1/10/11: Next event will be held on 1/20/11 at the <a href="#">Sharp Edge Bistro</a>, 922 Penn Avenue, from 5:30 –8:30.</b>

## Education/ Professional Development

ARE Review Sessions	12/08/10: Structural Systems session scheduled for January 27, 2011 at Burt Hill 13th
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SS	Floor. Still searching for a presenter/ leader for Site Planning session in April. <b>1/10/11: Christine Mondor, CEC, and Gateway Engineering were suggested for Site Planning. (Post-meeting: Joanna emailed Gateway Engineering (Matt Lokay) for help with the Site Planning session. She is awaiting a response.)</b>
Building Tours	12/08/10: Next ACE tour is at the Neighborhood Academy in Stanton Heights on January 5, 2011, from 4-6PM. <b>1/10/11: The CSI president (Robert J. Bailey, also the WTW spec writer) is trying to get YAF members a reduced rate to attend their events. Their next tour will be in May, location TBD. The new Duquesne University Des Places dormitory project could be another potential tour site.</b>
YAF/YC Joint Educational Seminar KM, AS, AH	10/5/10: "Electronic Documentation" event is coming up on 10/20. AIA members will earn CEUs at this event. 11/2/10: Not discussed. 12/08/10: We shall gloss through AIA Convention and Build Pittsburgh education sessions to look for ideas. <b>1/10/11: Tom suggested that we discuss problems our profession needs to be solving. Sean similarly posited that we try to tackle hot button issues, such as the change-order process, or the breakdown of trust and animosity between various parties in the building process. We should try and retain outgoing speakers. Ryan from NAIOP could also assist, incorporating the owners' side of things. Tom also suggested that we try to get someone from outside of Pittsburgh to present.</b>

**Collaboration/ Outreach**

YAF/ PYP Networking AH	12/08/10: Sean and Anastasia met with Rocco Cozza on November xx, 2010, to discuss opportunities for collaboration. <b>1/10/11: Pre-Groundhog Day Speed Networking Event at Six Penn Kitchen, February 1, 2011.</b>
Park(ing) Day 2011 ES, SR	12/08/10: Discussion tabled until April 2011. 11/2/10: No update. Carry. <b>1/10/11: Not discussed, except to try and plan event earlier this year. Could we coordinate this event with the Carpenters' Union?</b>
Canstruction 2011 KM, SS, AH, SR	12/08/10: Anastasia is coordinating this with structural engineering group. Food donor, event location/display, and food bank donation recipient to be determined. <b>1/10/11: Kick of meeting this Wednesday, 5pm at Astorino. Canstruction potentially to be the YAF Signature Event. April 1st set as a deadline to determine the feasibility of the event. Melanie also noted that we need to get people excited to join/participate in the YAF for both Canstruction and the Gala. Canstruction items will be donated to the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank and the YMCA food bank. Volunteers are needed for the myriad planning and preparation tasks, such as phone calls, spreadsheet, donation solicitations... as well as the building teams. A site needs to be secured. Potential spots are the US Steel building headquarters and the produce terminal in the Strip District. Potential food donors may be Giant Eagle, Pennsylvania Macaroni, Shop N Save, Whole Foods, and Trader Joes.</b>
YAF+YC Collaboration KM, MBD, AS, TP	(Group meets every 3-4 months.) 12/08/10: January meeting TBD.

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	<b>1/10/11: Melanie will set up the next meeting with Jon O'Brien.</b>
Other Opportunities for Networking (February 2011)	<p><b>Urban Land Institute</b> –Holly Haff Muchnok, Pittsburgh District Council Coordinator  <a href="mailto:Holly.Muchnok@uli.org">Holly.Muchnok@uli.org</a> Phone: (724) 625-9953 Cell: (412) 370-8583</p> <p><b>Young Preservationists</b> –Dan Holland, CEO          youngpreservationist@gmail.com - (412) 512-8885</p> <p><b>Engineers Society</b> - Dave Teorsky - P: (412) 261-0710, ext. 15 <a href="mailto:d.teorsky@eswp.com">d.teorsky@eswp.com</a></p> <p><b>ASLA</b> - Beverly Hendry, Chapter Coordinator (717) 441-6041</p> <p><b>ASID</b> - Janet Yester Klosky <a href="mailto:jyklosky@gmail.com">jyklosky@gmail.com</a>.</p> <p><b>IIDA</b> - Jessica Belcher, <a href="mailto:jbelcher@iida-panjde.org">jbelcher@iida-panjde.org</a></p> <p><b>NAIOP</b> -Randall Cornelius, chair of membership committee – (412) 928-8303          Ryan Klousnitzer (CEC)  <a href="mailto:info@naioppittsburgh.com">info@naioppittsburgh.com</a></p> <p><b>PYP</b>- Rocco Cozza, Esq, <i>President</i> - <a href="mailto:rocco@pyp.org">rocco@pyp.org</a></p> <p><b>PUMP</b> – Justin Lokay, president          Erin Molchany, Executive Director - <a href="mailto:erin@pump.org">erin@pump.org</a> (412) 338-2133</p>

**Operations**

General Concerns	<b>1/10/11: No update.</b>
Communications Facebook, email, eColumns, calendar, etc AH, AM, KL, JB	<p>12/08/10: Calendar/web site development. Collaborate/ get ideas from City Paper layout and Pop City. How do we access information from the AIA? Can we transform Columns? Information delivery and target audience to be discussed. What information do we want to see and share?</p> <p><b>1/10/11: COLUMNS is being updated to an all-digital format. Also, the new AIA web site has finally been green lighted, and the YAF will have its own tab.</b></p>
e-columns transformation ideas	<p>12/08/10: We hope for E-Columns to be a one-stop shop for members to find new materials, community, firms, cool buildings, calendar, news and announcements, with letters to the editor. Contact management on the new format is imperative. E-Columns could be one article per week. Perhaps Becky could write and/or edit the work. A Facebook link should also be incorporated.</p> <p><b>1/10/11: No update.</b></p>
Membership MBD	<p>11/2/10: YAF membership was broadly defined as any young professional that attends a YAF event. The YAF is led by the Advisory Committee. The concept of recruiting new members into this committee was discussed (in general terms) as part of the overall review of the Bylaws document.</p> <p>12/08/10: No update.</p> <p><b>1/10/11: We need to work on gaining new recruits and committee participation.</b></p>
Budget MBD, RK, CB, KM	<p>10/5/10: To ensure support for YAF Events, a 2011 budget should be presented to the AIA Board for approval.</p> <p>11/2/10: No update. Carry.</p> <p>12/08/10: No update.</p> <p><b>1/10/11: Elizabeth will be working with Anne and Rachael to present us with the 2011 budget. In addition to the funds raised from Tailgating and T-shirt sales, Gateway Engineers made a generous \$1000 donation to YAF. It was noted that we should send them a T-Shirt and a letter of thanks.</b></p>
Fundraising	<b>1/10/11: T-shirts were distributed. It was mentioned that the Philadelphia chapter</b>

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Tee-Shirt Design/ Sales, other fundraising efforts KL, KM	<b>charges for all events. Carl noted that more people attend events with a fee versus free programs. For future ARE reviews (next year?) perhaps we charge a modest admission, and possibly sell bundle packages to attend as a revenue stream. Likewise, we may seek out sponsorship opportunities (which cannot take away from AIA donors or events). We may also try to have a raffle at one of our gatherings.</b>
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**New Business 1/10/11:**

<b>IDP Supplemental Education Courses</b>	Per Melanie, Steve Lee and Grant Scott are working on IDP courses to aid young architects gain experience in areas beyond CDs. It was noted that these sessions should be more hands-on and less bland lecturing. IDP 4.0 requirements need to be reviewed by all involved.
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**Next meeting: TBD February 2011.**