

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

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 9, 2011

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Social Events

YAF Event Planning JB, AH, ES	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. 2/9/11: Not discussed. Carry.
Inter-Office Happy Hours KM, AH	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. 2/9/11: Event at STRADA to be pushed to later in the month... details to follow.
Pecha Kucha Night ES	2/9/11: 24 March 2011, hosted by AIGA with their Context Awards. It will be held at the 2nd floor gallery at 937 Liberty Avenue. Presenter deadline is 17 March 2011.
Pirate Game Tailgating AH	12/08/10: Discussion tabled until April 2011. 1/10/11: Pirates vs. Red Sox 6/24/11 tailgate and game. Group tickets will be purchased. 2/9/11: 123signup.com for ticket sales to be set up. Anastasia/ Elizabeth to monitor sales before committing to full ticket purchase. Be mindful of purchasing too many tickets; scalpers flood the market.
YAF/ YC Joint Mixer AH	12/08/10: Discussion tabled until April 2011.
YAF Happy Hour	1/10/11: Next event will be held on 1/20/11 at the Sharp Edge Bistro, 922 Penn Avenue, from 5:30 –8:30. 2/9/11: Next event will be held on 2/22/11 at Easy Street, One Oxford Centre, 301 Grant Street.

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Education/ Professional Development

ARE Review Sessions SS	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.) 2/9/11: Next session: Building Systems, Part One on 2/24/11 from 5:30 - 8:30 pm.
Building Tours	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. 2/9/11: Not discussed.
CSI Committee Meetings SS	2/9/11: Sean attended the 2/8 event on the International Green Construction Code. Next meeting on 3/8/11, focusing on "Social Networking for the Construction Professional" at Cefalo's in Carnegie.
YAF/YC Joint Educational Seminar KM, AS, AH	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. 2/9/10: Not discussed.
IDP Supplemental Education Continuing Education Component MBD	1/10/11: 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. 2/9/11: Melanie indicated that this refers to a "Continuing Education Component," not necessarily limited to IDP. Suggestions include Suzan Lami's "Accounting for Architects" talk. Also, try to implement the 2030 Challenge. Could also influence YAF components for 2011 Build Pittsburgh event.

Collaboration/ Outreach

YAF/ PYP Networking AH	1/10/11: Pre-Groundhog Day Speed Networking Event at Six Penn Kitchen, February 1, 2011. 2/9/11: Event was a success. PYP New Member Social on Friday, March 4, 5:30pm – 8:00pm SoHo, North Shore, 203 Federal St.
Park(ing) Day 2011 ES, SR	2/9/11: Not discussed. Carry.
Construction 2011 KM, SS, AH, SR	2/9/11: Sean discussed the kick-off meeting; it had better than expected participation. Updates to follow.
YAF+YC Collaboration KM, MBD, AS, TP	(Group meets every 3-4 months.) 1/10/11: Melanie will set up the next meeting with Jon O'Brien. 2/9/11: Not discussed.

Operations

<p>Communications Facebook, email, eColumns, calendar, etc AH, AM, KL, JB</p>	<p>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. 2/9/11: Watch for member survey in eColumns.</p>
<p>Membership MBD</p>	<p>1/10/11: We need to work on gaining new recruits and committee participation. 2/9/11: Not discussed. Carry.</p>
<p>Budget MBD, RK, CB, KM</p>	<p>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. 2/9/11: Rachael Kelley to review at next meeting.</p>
<p>Fundraising Tee-Shirt Design/ Sales, other fundraising efforts KL, KM</p>	<p>1/10/11: T-shirts were distributed. It was mentioned that the Philadelphia chapter 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. 2/9/11: Ideas to be discussed with Rachael at next meeting.</p>

New Business 2/9/11:

<p>AIA Pittsburgh Update RK/ ES</p>	<p>Rachael and Elizabeth will begin updating the group on AIA-PGH's activity, to formally begin at next meeting. Rachael also reviewed budget concerns. She said to create a budget for YAF, with costs and expenditures, and she will work it into the overall AIA Pittsburgh budget.</p>
<p>Venture Outdoors/ Urban Hike</p>	<p>Sean is looking for ideas on how YAF can collaborate with Urban Hike and Venture Outdoors. One goal to create an urban hike relating to architecture in Pittsburgh. Joanna suggested that we develop a 5th & Forbes/Market Square corridor hike. Mid-century modern is another possibility. A corresponding Ipod application as per AIA San Francisco is a desirable precedent to follow.</p>
<p>ARE Study Nights</p>	<p>Goal to have one study night per month, outside of ARE Review Sessions. These may be more ad hoc in nature. Also, these events should be free, and would allow us to eventually charge for the ARE Review Sessions.</p>
<p>Grassroots 2011 Recap</p>	<p>Safiya Hodari presented some of the major themes from the Grassroots Conference, and also discussed items such as The Weave planning initiative, the Tri-State Conference, and Architects' Day.</p>

Next meeting: Friday March 4, 2011 4:00 PM.

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