



Meeting Minutes January 2014

DATE

January 16, 2014

LOCATION

AIA Pittsburgh Offices

TIME

5:30 PM Start
7:30 PM End

NEXT MEETING

February 20, 5:30 PM

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General Agenda

A. RECENT EVENTS

New Board
Welcome Natalie

B. GENERAL INFORMATION

YAF Organization

- KW to distribute login info to new board
- All present to review and purge email list
- Facebook & email newsletter strategy: minimize newsletters, send out the Monday after a meeting? Focus on eColumns?
- NG to cross reference YAF email list with eCols email list
- Invite YAF email list to join calendar

-RB to begin use of YAF twitter account

Goals of 2014

- VD: Mentorship, info on competitions, Networking (“big people friends”)
- BS: education and events (e.g. movies, PKN), partner with other groups (AIGA)
- MM: leadership and management
- RBe: internship support (IDP credits)

C. EVENTS

Carpenters Classes

-RSVP incorrect: reply through eColumns or AIA website

D. EVENT IDEAS 2014

Networking/Mentorship

- Pirates Baseball Game: RB & KP to coordinate. Decide date at 2/20 meeting. Develop cost goals with AN. Goals/ideas: minimize staff time, BYOB
- YAF happy hours: Target Wenesdays. Target different neighborhoods and their firms. Expand YAF advocate network. Potential locations: Wigle, Church Brew Works
- Mentor Matching: KP to stay on membership committee. RK: board has stated desire to expand mentorship. While program develops, KP to coordinate with Dutch McDonald and Anne Swager to establish goals, ideas and a list of mentors.
- Portfolio Review: NGr: shift to instruction (how to credit photos, credit self on a project). Expand to include mock interviews. JHo: incorporate hiring side (principals) as well as recently hired YAF members. EP: concern raised, attending “mock interviews” might raise eyebrows at current firms. BS: mitigate with marketing, brand as “biographies”. RBe: partner with AIGA for information design advice.
- Interoffice Happy Hours: RL: Desmone, Feb 19? AH: IBACOS, May 5? JHo/RB/ER: Lami Grubb, summer BS: RD Collab, October? (desire for earlier date)
- YAF Advocates: KW to initiate outreach with IKM, Strada & R3A, explore further interest at next board meeting. Expand network through happy hours (see above)
- Movie Night with AIAS: September date acceptable, AN to incorporate into budget.
- BS named AIGA liason

Design and Education

- PKN: schedule forthcoming
- CANstruction: not YAF “sponsored”, YAF may promote or participate
- Collaboration with Art Museums and Events: KW to pitch partner events at next meeting with museum board. (gallery tours, happy hours, reduced admission)
- Competitions: expand participation in Cleveland competition and YASC
- 3D Printing & TechShop Info Class: contacts if there is interest include Mark Deitrick & Brian Skripac
- PARKing Day: gauge enthusiasm closer to date. NGr expressed interest in heading pending travel schedule and YAF interest
- Architecture Tour Trip: JH to network with other regional YAF groups (Cleveland, etc.), determine interest and potential schedule
- Building Tours: JHo: interested in touring twice at different stages of construction. NGr: Global HQ under construction, August tour date? RL:

Desmone may have a building worth touring. EP: Scott Hall, October tour date?

- ARE reviews: JH unable to attend, coordinate support with committee members and employees at RD Collab. RL to introduce program in relief of JH. There is a need for a committee member to “apprentice” this year to take over program next year, seek involvement through newsletter.
- Movies: AH: IBACOS to host?

E. DEVELOPMENT

ARE review sessions

- Establish lunchtime conference call between relevant parties to replace at-length discussion at YAF meetings.
- Allow firms to sponsor pizza
- (see above notes for additional information)

Women in Architecture

- nothing to discuss in advance of February meeting

F. ADVOCACY

Budget/Sponsorship

- no substantial sponsorship proposals

Communications

Congratulating New RAs

- AH: add this to the responsibilities of the Past Past Chair in the by-laws

Email

- Committee members to carbon copy RK on emails to NG

Developments

Adjourn

Next Meeting: February 20, 2014, AIA Pittsburgh