



**YOUNG ARCHITECTS FORUM | AIA PITTSBURGH | Advisory Committee Minutes of Meeting**

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MEETING NO.:	MEETING DATE:	TIME:	MEETING LOCATION:
2018-03	Tuesday, March 27th, 2018	5:30 – 6:40PM [1 HR – 15 MINS]	AIA Pittsburgh Offices 925 Liberty Avenue, Suite 700

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### Agenda (15 mins)

1. Welcome!
2. Marc Mondor presents
3. Budget Updates - Jiayu Qin
4. YASC Task force! It's that time of the year...

### This Month's Topic: Advocacy (30 mins)

1. Marc Mondor on the importance of AIA & advocacy for legislative change & how we can advocate for architects and good design in the community

### Mark Your Calendar

1. April 2 - AIAS CMU Silent Auction, before SoArch lecture
2. April 3 - Carpenters Classes - ICRA construction
3. April 4 - Storeytelling
4. April 5 - HH @ qkArchitecture
5. April 11 - NOMAS Panel @ CMU , with Crit Night?
6. April 12 - Build PGH
7. April 17 - Carpenters Classes - Trim
8. May 2 - Happy Hour Mixer - with NOMA! (Federal Galley)
9. May 19 - Photographic tour of Regents Square with @housesofpittsburgh

### NEXT MEETING

April 30 (Monday)

### TOPIC

<< I am an Architect (or almost). Now WHAT?!?! >>  
*[ what resources do you need to improve your career? ]*

### NOTES:

1. BS introduced Mark Mondor (MM) from AIA Pennsylvania and EVOLVE, whose talk was arranged by JA
2. MM talk
  - A. Started with introductions around the room

- B. Architecture is a perspective people want to know about
- C. Architects equated with doctors, lawyers, etc. but financial earning not as high
- D. Architects think about components and breaking them down: people and disciplines and budgets and psych and etc.
- E. Architects are own worse enemy, judge ourselves harshly
  
- F. About MM
  - 1. EVOLVE-15 years-Green Building Consulting: people and communities and environment working together
  - 2. Became an AIA member to be taken seriously as a consultant
  - 3. Committee and the Environment – Co-Chair @ Pittsburgh
  - 4. Government Board – Chair @ PA State
  
- G. State Level is where decisions occur and the biggest impact can be had
  - 1. Eight components of PA geography in AIA: Pittsburgh (~25%) and Philadelphia (~65%) are anchors providing leadership
  - 2. Some ideas: Net 0 or Net +, living buildings, micro grids, etc.
  - 3. Density, collision of ideas, main centers of teaching
- H. Harrisburg is where legislation occurs
  - 1. Labor and Industry: codes
  - 2. Licensure: ability to work without harm
  - 3. 50 Legislators and 20 Senators – 1 Rep and 1 Senator per area
- I. backlash against licensure happening across the country
  - 1. Thinking is better competition, more free thinking, etc.
  - 2. what does that mean for the time, education, and money people have already put into licensure
- J. Advocate for common good vs. less regulation/taxes/etc.
- K. AIA PA has grown as legislation has grown
  - 1. Act 36 – sustainability-sustaining 13 states but how to enforce it?
- L. How a law becomes a law: starts a memo, find a co-sponsor, create bill, goes into committee, goes to floor, passes, goes to other side's committee, goes to that floor, passes, goes to governor for signing
  - 1. PA legislation session lasts two (2) years; at the end of the two years, everything is wiped clean, has to pass both Houses in those two years
- M. AIA PA works with Senators and Representatives to advocate for: (issue briefs passed around)
  - 1. Passed already: Act 40 with Evanchovich and Baker: Update codes used from IRC/IBC 2009to IRC/IBC 2015
  - 2. Mandatory continuing education for all licensed architects regardless of AIA status-didn't pass last session, who oversees the education standards?
  - 3. Safer schools by design-recommending a task force to oversee security assessments and priorities for those assessments
  - 4. School Construction-the state needs to remain involved with funding for K12 schools and stream line the process, architects can help lead discussion
  - 5. High Performance Buildings-supports any incentives, policies, and programs that promotes the standards of high performance buildings
  - 6. Statue of Repose-would like reduced from 12 yrs to 6yrs
  - 7. Student Loan Forgiveness-Neighborhood Restoration Act-help with student loans in return for help in underserved areas
  - 8. Separations Act-should be repealed

- N. AIA PGH is staff and board driven
  - 1. about 15 staff/board members
  - 2. Different committees: Gov't Affairs; Education – K-12 funding; Building Codes; DGS-Department of Goods and Services – Public funding in buildings; P3 – Public Private Partnerships- the way more buildings are being delivered; Licensure; Legal Reform – work with laws set up against Architects, Statute of Repose-liable for buildings 10 years old – working to make that only 6 yrs; Committee and the Environment
- O. Give \$ to pacts to support legislation
  
- 3. JA: Representatives from local area work in Harrisonburg, maybe YAF visit local level offices, meet with to share issues and impacts
- 4. MM: SPEAK UP – campaigns/charrettes; sharing best practices, contacts and share info
- 5. JA: Webinar for Advocacy Day on 4/4/18 at 2pm
- 6. BS: introduce JQ for info about budget
  - A. Income based on previous years: \$1,100.00
  - B. Expenses: Upcoming events, ARE, marketing: \$400.00
    - Happy Hours: \$500.00
    - YAF miscellaneous \$500.00
    - Crit nights: \$100.00
  - TOTAL \$1,500.00
  - C. \$400.00 +/- deficit, ideas for improving balance?
  - D. BS: start thinking of generating \$\$: YAF donation box, bring in dedicated speakers like MR, ???
  - E. Task force: RB, BS, JQ
- 7. BS: Putting something together about the WELL standard that she just passed, one night talk/workshop? \$\$ generator?
- 8. BS: Young Architect Studio Competition – showcases talents of emerging professionals
  - A. Theme by taskforce – YAF and AIAS?
- 9. BS: review upcoming Calendar of Events (See YAF FB header and AIA Calendar)
  - A. AIAS – Treasurer CV presents Silent Auction at lecture on Monday 1/2/18 to help ACAS-Puerto Rico fund: Help Architecture schools recover; asking for items for Silent Auction
  - B. AIAS – VD: NOMAS panel and crit night at CMU on Wed 4/11/18
- 10. MB: Instagram group @housesofpittsburgh invited YAF on a photograph taking tour of Regent Square, start and end at Madeline Bakery, May 19
- 11. MM: Building Tour from EVOLVE? May 3? Limit of ~16 people, hour to start?
- 12. NG: BUILD PGH: need volunteers, 4/12/18 6:30am to end
- 13. RB: First time homebuyers lecture offered by Fukui Architects, Sat morn in May?
- 14. JA: Baseball tailgate again?
- 15. BS: Next meeting: APRIL 30
  - A. Topic: Now what? Improve Career
- 16. Take photo of group
- 17. Meeting adjourned; people mingled

**LINKS:**

Columns Home Page:

<http://aiapgh.org/columns-home/>

AIA Events Calendar:

<http://aiapgh.org/events/>

Green Building Alliance

<https://www.go-gba.org/>

Master Building Association

<http://www.mbawpa.org/>

” A goal is a dream with a deadline”

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