

NAC NEWSBITES

March 2022

Monthly Updates

NAC Work Groups

Message from the Chair:

During the Annual Meeting, we spent the bulk of our time discussing our shared Vision for the Future of Architecture through the lens of Associate Members / Emerging Professionals. During March, the At-Large Directors facilitated the creation of Work Group Mission Statements to establish individual charges for each respective Work Groups in 2022. In April, the At-Large Directors will facilitate a collaborative approach to planning the rest of the year ahead.

Turquoise Agenda [March Meeting Minutes](#)

Brief: Conversations were rooted in accessibility and availability of information / resources about Climate Change, Resilience, & Sustainability.

Mission Statement: [HERE](#)

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 6th @ 1pm EST

Knowledge: Grow & Lead [March Meeting Minutes](#)

Brief: The group talked about how to approach Career Development for Associate members, as well as action items to positively impact Career Development.

Volunteers will narrow down more specific action items during April meeting.

Mission Statement: [HERE](#)

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 14th @ 4pm EST

VALUE Work Group [March Meeting Minutes](#)

Brief: The VALUE workgroup is committed to being an empowering voice for all Associates. By understanding the E.D.I. foundation that the Institute has laid, we are diving into deeper conversations to elevate every voice and create inclusive space for all members.

Mission Statement: [HERE](#)

Next Meeting: Monday, April 18th @ 1pm EST

Celebrations!

Recently Licensed Volunteers:

Jonathan Ruiz, Ohio Valley Regional Associate Director
Zachary Henry, At-Large Director - VALUE Work Group

Recently Passed Exams:

Jade Heiler, At-Large Director - Knowledge: Grow & Lead
Marina Wray, At-Large Director - Turquoise Agenda
Valerie Michalek, Vice Chair 2022

Volunteer Appointments:

Ricardo Jesus Maga Rojas, Texas RAD - AIA BOD Government Advocacy Committee (GAC)
Jennifer Truman, South Atlantic RAD - Nominations Committee
Josette Matthews, past New York RAD - Equity & Future of Architecture Committee (EQFA)

Announcements:

Liaison Announcements -

CACE - Jeff Gill, FAIA, Executive Director AIA Orange County

Jeff has been working with Mandy Freeland, AIACA Director of AEP and David Garcia, AIACA Licensing Advisor, Southern California on a collaborative virtual study group. Such an initiative can be helpful to small chapters who are unstaffed or lightly staffed achieve the mentorship requirements for the annual accreditation of their charters. Many small chapters just don't have the bandwidth to provide this necessary service. Through collaboration it can easily be accomplished. If you're looking to do something similar, or would like to know more about this opportunity, please feel free to reach out to Jeff!

Strategic Council - Darral Tate, Assoc. Rep to the Strategic Council

Darral facilitated a meeting between Strategic Council leadership and NAC leadership to talk about The Value of Architecture. While a broad topic, Valerie and JP used this conversation as an opportunity to represent the challenges faced on the path to licensure - using the thoughts and perspectives discussed during NAC Annual Meeting "Emotional Path to Licensure" session. Darral will continue to contribute to the conversation rooted in The Value of Architecture. More information to come after meeting in April.

AIA Board of Directors - Gail Kubik, Assoc. Rep to the Board

Gail has joined the Board Committee on Climate Action and Design Excellence (CCADE). CCADE is excited to now have oversight of the ongoing efforts to leverage the [Framework for Design Excellence](#). They expect to develop a process for engagement with the membership on the Frameworks' continual review and development, as well as its ongoing integration into AIA's programs and education. Additionally, CCADE publishes regular articles through the COTE newsletter network, and will be establishing a "liaison" role within the committee to stay deeply connected to ongoing COTE efforts. If you're interested in more information, please feel free to reach out to Gail!

RAD / STAR Announcements -

Ohio Valley Region (KY, OH, IN) will be hosting ASPIRE Conference 2022. This event is only available to members of this region. If you're interested to know more about this event, please reach out to Jonathan Ruiz.

Opportunities:

ArchiPAC & the NAC -

Have you heard of [AIA ArchiPAC](#), AIA's Political Action Party? ArchiPAC solicits donations from eligible AIA members and contributes to candidates who support all or specific aspects of AIA's legislative agenda, which is outlined in [AIA's Policy Platform](#). In years past, the NAC Advocacy Work Group has played an integral role in raising awareness and funds for ArchiPAC. Though we currently do not have a formal Advocacy-focused Work Group in 2022, Emerging Professionals can still make a difference! If you're interested in learning more about ArchiPAC and opportunities available to contribute, please reach out to JP!

Leadership Exchange Network -

The Leadership Exchange Network is an opportunity to increase communication, cultivate connectivity, and provide direct links between local, state, regional, and national leaders. Check out the [Leadership Exchange - NAC Roster](#) to see which network your state or region is part of! Let JP know if you need assistance accessing the calendar invites.

Meetings / Events / Conferences

Q2 - Full Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 19th

Time: 12-1:30pm EST (11-12:30pm CST | 10-11:30am MST | 9-10:30am PST | 6-7:30am HST)

Notes: Please be on the lookout for a calendar invite from emergingprofessionals@aia.org

AIA Conference on Architecture 2022

Conference Website: <https://conferenceonarchitecture.com/>

Location: Chicago, IL

Dates: Wednesday, June 22 - Saturday, June 25th

Notes: Early-Bird Registration ends on April 13th, 2022!

Notes: Adam Gregory Fogel, Jade Heiler, and JP are all in the Chicago-area! Please reach out if you have any questions on Chicago!