



Women in Architecture Committee Meeting: Meeting Minutes

27 Sept 2017

AUG / SEPT EVENTS

Aug	Harvey – AIA approaches for resilience in Houston
Sept 14	WiA September Happy Hour & Hurricane Harvey Relief Drive
Sept 20	WiA Voices: An Evening with Catherine Bird and Betsy Williamson Thank you to Karin Broker

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 19	WiA Happy Hour @ Archway Gallery: Cecilia Villanueva Art Show
TBD	Work/Life Balance: Career and Family
Nov 16	AIA Leadership Institute 2017 (Virtual Participation)
Nov 29	Committee Meeting WiA Annual Speed Mentoring Event, @ Fire Station No 2 (317 Sampson St, East End)
Dec 13	End of Year Celebration, Location TBD
Jan 31	Committee Meeting
TBD	Joint Happy Hour w/ NAWIC Proposed
Feb	WiA Equality Series: Exploring the Role of Unconscious Bias in Professional Development

SUB-COMMITTEES UPDATES:

1) Speakers, Panels, & Workshops (Melvlean & Jennifer)

- Balancing Career + Family
- Unconscious Bias Panel Discussion & Workshop
 - o \$2500 grant received
 - o Panel to include Architect, Historian, Sociologist, and Business Expert.
 - Architect: Zaida Basora, FAIA,
 - Historian: Despina Stratagakos
 - Social Perspective: Dr. Vida Yao (Philosophy: Ethics + Moral Psychology), or Sociologist
 - Business Expert: Shirley Davis
 - Workshop Facilitator: Mia Scharphie have confirmed interest
 - o Potential location: MATCH
 - o 300 person event for panel discussion
 - o Workshop after panel discussion for leaders in firms
 - Work towards facilitating change
 - o Event is targeted towards everyone within the AIA and beyond
 - Important for men to become an ally
 - o Begin seeking Sponsorships + In-Kind Donations
- WiA Voices
 - o New ongoing series
 - o Small group discussions with female lecturers, jury members, etc who are in town for events if they are available
 - o First event was put on with Catherine Bird and Betsy Williamson who were in town as jurors for the AIA Awards
- AIA Leadership Institute: Leadership Training Session
 - o November 18th
 - o Location(s) TBD
 - o WiA will be hosting 1-2 virtual participation sessions for this event (10 people max at each session)
 - o Attendees will receive leadership training and earn up to 3.75 LU | HSW

2) Networking & Social Media (Krystyn)

- September Happy Hour and Harvey Relief Drive:
 - o Donations were accepted for the Houston Area Women's Center
 - We received \$1000 in gift cards and a SUV full of new clothing and full size toiletries
 - THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED!
- October Happy Hour
 - o WiA was contact by Archway Gallery about Cecilia Villanueva art show as a potential collaboration for a upcoming happy hour
 - Cecilia is a Mexican artist with a focus on architecture
 - Event will be at Archway Gallery
- End of Year Celebration + Registered Architect Celebration at end of year
 - o Scheduled for December 13th
 - o Location TBD
 - o Scholarship for newly licensed architects with money raised throughout the year
 - o Committee will reach out to NCARB or TBAE to get a list of local newly licensed architects to invite to event
 - o Celebrate any promotions, awards, fellowships, etc of members and local female archtiects
- Future Happy Hour ides:
 - o Collaboration with NAWIC to be scheduled for January
 - o Cross pollination event
 - Attendees bring one person who is not in the architecture profession
 - Potential spring happy hour idea
- #WiAHardhats + #Herstory Social Media Campaign
 - o Pick up a WiA sticker at our next event for your hardhat
 - o Take pictures on your jobsite and share your story and tag #WiAHardhats, #WiAHouston and #Herstory
- #WCW series
 - o Send suggestions to vice-chair for subcommittee for future WCWs

3) Education & Community Outreach (Juliet, Kiza, Dennis)

- Speed Mentoring
 - o Scheduled for November 29th
 - o Location: Firestation No. 2 (317 Sampson Street, East End - designed by Janusz Design w/ Metalab)
 - o Have 8-9 mentors already signed up
 - o Committee reaching out to call potential mentors
- Design Like a Girl
 - o Has been pushed to next year

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2018 WiA Chair: Krystyn Haecker AIA, Project Manager at Mirador Group

If you are interested in becoming more involved in WiA or joining a subcommittee next year, see 2017 Leadership contact info below.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Nov 29, 12p (may be rescheduled or cancelled since is the same date for speed mentoring)

WiA meet the last Wednesday of every other month from noon - 1 pm.
(January, March, May, July, September, November)

Harvey Relief Efforts through AIA Houston:

- Promote the word “resilience” within the AIA
 - Discuss within architectural offices and the profession
 - Potential WiA: Resiliency event. Mandy Dean proposed an event HZ
- Create a website resource for flood damage
 - Database of AIA resources for services and information
 - Mold tips
 - Case studies for successful projects
 - How using an architect can save money in the long run
 - The value of architects
 - List architects and design professionals who have the “bandwidth” for help
 - Decision tree:
 - Renovate
 - Rebuild
 - Lift
- SAP Training
- Work to be present at public events to make AIA position of resiliency and sustainable design known

2017 WiA Leadership Contact Info:

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Chair:

- Heather Rowell – heather@contentarchitecture.com

Vice-chairs:

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Networking and Social Media

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