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 (Melvalean & 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
     o 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:
  - 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
  - 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
  - Scheduled for December 13th
  - Location TBD
  - Scholarship for newly licensed architects with money raised throughout the year
  - Committee will reach out to NCARB or TBAE to get a list of local newly licensed architects to invite to event
  - Celebrate any promotions, awards, fellowships, etc of members and local female architects
- Future Happy Hour ides:
  - Collaboration with NAWIC to be scheduled for January
  - Cross pollination event
    - Attendees bring one person who is not in the architecture profession
    - Potential spring happy hour idea
- #WiAHearthats + #Herstory Social Media Campaign
  - Pick up a WiA sticker at our next event for your hardhat
  - Take pictures on your jobsite and share your story and tag #WiAHearthats, #WiAHouston and #Herstory
- #WCW series
  - Send suggestions to vice-chair for subcommittee for future WCWs

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

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

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