



Women in Architecture Committee Meeting:

31 January 2018

WINTER 2017/2018 EVENTS

Oct 19	Art Happy Hour with Cecilia Villanueva
Nov 16	AIA Leadership Institute
Nov 29	Speed Mentoring
Dec 13	End of Year Celebration
Jan 25	WiA & NAWIC Happy Hour & Bay Area Turning Point Donation Drive

UPCOMING EVENTS

March	WiA Equality Series: Exploring the Role of Unconscious Bias in Professional Development
1	Panel Discussion, MATCH
30?	Workshop, location TBD
April ??	Fireside chat with RDA Home Tour Architects
April 26	Happy Hour – “Pollination Party”
April 28	We Are Girls Conference
Fall	Design Like a Girl
TBD	Work/Life Balance: Career and Family

SUB-COMMITTEES UPDATES:

1) Speakers, Panels, & Workshops (Amanda & Rebekah)

- Balancing Career + Family
- Meet every other month
- Unconscious Bias Panel Discussion & Workshop
 - o \$2500 grant received
 - Part of an “Equality Series”
 - o Panel discussion at MATCH
 - Date: March 1st
 - Time: 6 P – 8 P
 - Location: MATCH
 - Tickets:
 - \$15 for members and students
 - o \$20 at the door (if available)
 - \$25 for non-members
 - o \$30 at the door (if available)
 - Panelists:
 - Architect: Zaida Basora, FAIA, Huitt-Zollars
 - Historian: Despina Stratagakos, Author “Where are the Women Architects?”, University of Buffalo
 - Social Perspective: Dr. Vida Yao, Philosopher, Rice University
 - Business Expert: TBD
 - o Amanda reached out to Greater Houston Women’s Chamber of Commerce
 - o Budget - \$1000 speaker fee
 - o Cheryl Joseph with potential person

- Moderator: TBD
 - Dean Jacquelyn Litt, Rutgers
 - U of H
 - Patricia Oliver
 - Donna Kacmar
 - U of H system may have some expert
 - Kiza to reach out to Honors college if doesn't work with Dean Litt
 - Rebekah to reach out to U of H Cetner for Diversity and Inclusion if doesn't work with Dean Litt
 - Nancy Sarnoff, Houston Chronicle
- Panelists speak for 15-20 minutes about the work with panel discussion to follow
 - TED Talk
- Amanda to send blurb for AIA Friday to Rusty today
- Krystyn to send info for event page to Aleks tomorrow
- Offer CEU credits – 2 credits
- Food or drinks – Rebekah to ask MATCH
 - They have their own concession stand
 - Weight + Measures suggested by Cheryl
- Workshop
 - Date: TBD, Targeting end of March
 - Location, TBD:
 - Kirksey
 - Huitt-Zollars
 - How much for event? - \$75
 - Facilitator: Mia Scharphie, Build Yourself
 - Amanda to talk to next week
 - Event to target executives, leaders at firm
- Sponsorships + In-Kind Donations
 - Huitt-Zollars - \$1000 sponsorship
 - Need at least \$3000 in sponsorships
 - Sponsorships packets towards the end of the week to be produced by Rebekah
 - Split up sponsorships for 2 events?
 - AIA to provide affiliate members list for sponsorships
- RDA as potential collaborator for recording event and future write-up in Cite
 - Cheryl Joseph and Florence Tang write for Cite
- AIA Grassroots
 - Send info on Unconscious Bias event for Mel to present at meeting in March

2) Networking & Social Media (Marcia & Darian)

- Potential joint Happy Hours
 - Women in ASHRAE
 - ULI Women's Initiative
 - AIGA
 - "Pollination Party"
- Happy Hour that focuses on mission statement and sub-committee?
- Fireside chat with RDA Home Tour architects
 - After the tour
- Fireside chat after Good brick tour?
 - Preservation Houston
 - October 27th-28th
- #WiAHardhats + #Herstory Social Media Campaign
- #WCW Series
- Suggestion to put pictures of committee leadership on AIA committee page
- Suggestions for event spaces designed by women
- Suggestions for project tour by women designed by women

3) Education & Community Outreach (Kiza & Sarah)

- We Are Girls Conference – “Empowerment”
 - o Proposal submission due by Feb 23
 - o 1 day event
 - o Grade 8 – adult
 - o Page may have participated in this event last year
 - Marisa Yu led
 - We could do something collaboratively
 - o Interactive activity
 - o Need to gauge interest level and seek volunteers before submitting for
 - Design Like a Girl
 - o Scheduled for the fall
 - o Middle school aged girls
 - o Meet 4 times throughout the year
 - Scheduled on school off-days
 - o Second year participants mentor first year participants
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NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: March 28, 12p

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

2018 COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP:

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