



WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE | HOUSTON

Women in Architecture Committee Meeting:

30 May 2018

WINTER/SPRING 2018 EVENTS

March 1	BIAS – Part 1: Panel Discussion, MATCH
March 29	BIAS – Part 2: Workshop, Kirksey
April 28	We Are Girls Conference
May 10	Happy Hour – “Pollination Party”

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 28	Happy Hour – Nomination Party: “Elevate!”
July	Promoting Yourself: Bridging the Award Gap for Women
Fall	Design Like a Girl
September	Speed Mentoring
Oct/Nov	Know Your Rights Workshop
Fall	Tour of New Hope Housing
Spring 2019	Equity Series
TBD	Work/Life Balance: Career and Family

SUB-COMMITTEES UPDATES:

- 1) **Speakers, Panels, & Workshops** (Amanda & Rebekah)
 - Next subcommittee meeting - June 20th, 12 P, HOK
 - Balancing Career + Family
 - o Potential idea for Spring 2019 Equity Series
 - Fireside chat or mini workshop at the Menil house in River Oaks – October/November
 - o Potential topics:
 - Know Your Rights led by Christina Gorczynski (BIAS Panel moderator)
 - Lawyer to talk about workplace rights
 - Professional Advancement Coaching
 - o Simple event, high impact
 - Award Nominations:
 - o TxA Mentorship award – AIA Houston to nominate WiA Houston
 - Chris Hudson – Huitt-Zollars
 - Catherine Callaway – Kirksey
 - Donna Kacmar – U of H
 - Marisa Yu – Page
 - Natalye Appel – Natalye Appel
 - We Are Girls representative
 - o Promoting Yourself: Bridging the Award Gap for Women
 - Workshop in July
 - After hours
 - At PBK
 - o Award nomination party – June Happy Hour
 - o Ben Brewer Award
 - o Others?
 - 2019 Equity Series ideas – March
 - o Work/Life Balance
 - o Other ideas?
 - o Brainstorm on June 20th
 - Unconscious Bias Panel Discussion & Workshop
 - o Part 1 - Panel Discussion, MATCH, March 1st
 - Article written in Cite by Cheryl Joseph

- Part 2 - Workshop – Kirksey, March 29th
 - Blog post written by Mia Scharphie
- Memorialization of event:
 - Survey to be sent to attendants
 - Interviews of morning session attendees
 - Publication:
 - To include workshop post-it note ideas
 - Caitlin Scott to work on that

2) Networking & Social Media (Marcia & Darian)

- June Happy Hour – Nomination Party: “Elevate!”
 - At La Nova
 - Will sponsor with beer
 - Award cheat sheet with information on awards that can be applied for
 - Will post throughout showroom
 - Will be e-mailed to WiA members after the event
- Potential project tour:
 - Houston Zoo – new construction led by COO Sheryl Kolanski
- Potential collaboration with Women in ASHRAE: Tour of Menil Drawing Institute – Fall
 - Pier and Beam may want to collaborate
- Art of the World Gallery – future event
- #WiAHardhats + #Herstory Social Media Campaign
- #WCW Series

3) Education & Community Outreach (Kiza & Sarah)

- Next subcommittee meeting – June 12th, 6:15 P, Brasil Café, 2604 Dunlavy
- Design Like a Girl – Fall
 - Middle school aged participants
 - 2-year commitment
 - Meet 4 times throughout year
 - Applicants have to write an essay showing content
 - Have space for gender non-conformists
 - Ratio doesn't need to be 1:1 with mentors and mentees
- AEC Cares ProjectHouston - October
- Potential project tour:
 - New Hope Housing –low-income multi-family project, GSMA project led by Stephanie Pedigo, to be completed in September
 - Sarah works for GSMA
 - Amanda's husband is engineer of record
 - Cheryl knows people from New Hope Housing

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: July 25, 12p

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

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