



Women in Architecture Committee Meeting:
25 July 2018

SUMMER 2018 EVENTS

June 28 ELEVATE Your Career Happy Hour

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 16 ELEVATE Your Career Workshop
Aug 29 Happy Hour
Sept 13 Speed Mentoring
Sept 24 Design Award Jurors Fireside Chat
Fall Design Like a Girl
Fall Tour of New Hope Housing Project
Oct/Nov Know Your Rights Workshop
Spring 2019 Second Annual Equity Series: Me to We

SUB-COMMITTEES UPDATES:

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

- Subcommittee will meet: August 15th, 12 P, Local Foods Downtown
- ELEVATE Your Career Workshop, August 16, 6 P – 8 P, PBK
 - o Melanie Meeks of Meeks Marketing to do pro-bono
 - Leave structure of the workshop to her
 - o Will focus on self-promotion, personal branding and marketing
 - o Will not charge for the event, registration is required
 - o Limit space to 30-40 attendees
 - o Food and drinks to be provided:
 - PBK to sponsor food
 - WiA to provide wine
 - o Bring in people who have won awards previously as attendees
- Know Your Rights Workshop
 - o To be led by Christina Gorczynski
 - o Will get on the schedule before next committee meeting
- 2019 Equity Series: “Me to We”
 - o Discuss collaboration in design and construction
 - Is there a democratic office in an architecture?
 - What firms locally are trying something different?
 - o Structure to be determined
 - Need to start identifying speakers/panelists now
 - Panel discussion
 - 3 panelists
 - Reach out to women who exposed Richard Meier?
 - o Are there grants available that we can apply for?
- 2018 Equity Series: BIAS
 - o Memorialization of event with a publication
 - To be a link on WiA Houston AIA webpage
 - o Survey to be sent out to Panel Discussion and Workshop attendees
 - To include interview questions provided by Mia
- Balancing Career + Family
- “Burn Out –A professional’s Kryptonite”
 - o Potential opportunity presented by I-LinCP
 - o Life Coach: Coach Matt Conner

2) **Networking & Social Media** (Marcia & Darian)

- August Happy Hour – School Colors
 - o Location: TBD
 - o August 29th
- Design Awards on September 25th
 - o 2 female jurors
 - Sharon Johnston
 - Merrill Elam
 - o Will look at scheduling a fireside chat
- College Welcome Days
 - o U of H -
 - o PVAMU
- Elevate Your Career Happy Hour
 - o Opportunity cheat sheets to be e-mailed out to entire e-mail list
 - o Individual emails to be sent out to “nominated” individuals
- Potential project tour: Houston Zoo – new construction led by COO Sheryl Kolanski
- Potential collaboration with Women in ASHRAE: Tour of Menil Drawing Institute - Fall
- #WiAHardhats + #Herstory Social Media Campaign
- #WCW Series

3) **Education & Community Outreach** (Kiza & Sarah)

- Subcommittee will meet: August 7th, 6:15 P, Brasil
- Speed Mentoring
 - o Location is to be determined
 - Looking at Emancipation Park, Kiza to coordinate
 - o List of potential mentors has been identified and Sarah is reaching out to now
 - Sent first wave of emails to 17 potential mentors
 - So far we have:
 - 3 confirmed yes
 - 2 confirmed no
 - Sarah to follow up with phone calls
 - Need to finalize list 3-4 weeks before event if possible so we can start promoting on social media and emails
- Design Like a Girl – Fall
 - o Middle school students as participants
 - o Kiza talked to Design Like a Girl DC
 - We face challenges that DC does not face because of size of Houston
 - Need to identify programs within schools with volunteer architects
 - Similar to Citizen Schools
 - o Need volunteers with connections in schools and school programs
 - o Which schools to we start with?
- New Hope Housing Tour, October
 - o Grand opening of New Hope first multi-family low income project
 - o Stephanie Pedigo is project lead with GSMA
- Can we do anything with the Girl Scouts?
- AEC Cares ProjectHouston – October 5th
 - o Will be requesting volunteers

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: September 19, 12p

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

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