

## **Committee Reports – April 2020**

### **Academy of Architecture for Health – Brian White**

Meetings for the month of March were canceled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. There is a meeting scheduled for April 20th that we are working on an interactive remote meeting/ discussion.

#### March Highlights:

Physical Monthly Meeting – Postponed until further notice. We are currently working on a digital / remote format that we are going to test April 20th. Soliciting discussion topics now. Ideas are COVID response ideas and tactics, What's exciting project are happening locally – Show and Tell, HealthCare "What-If" talks. We are exploring live/interactive polling software so we can have interactive feedback during the remote meetings. More to Come!

#### Next event:

VIRTUAL Committee Meeting –4.20.2020 - Local and Hot Topics Discussion / Forum  
Guest Speaker / Lecture – 4.20.2020 – Postponed

### **Allied Professionals – Laura Lewis**

We had our Allied Advantage breakfast for the month of March in which AECOM presented on what projects they are presently working on and discussed their market sector focus in Orlando. It was informative and well received.

Our next meeting is April 22<sup>nd</sup> AIA Townhall from 12 to 1 pm. The panel will consist of: Carlos Barrios – Baker Barrios, Mike Chatham – HHCP, Michael Sheerin – TLC Engineering Solutions, and Turner Construction. We are presently coordinating with Debbie on the pre-poll questions, we are adding verbiage asking everyone to have their cameras on, determining if we can do polling during the meeting, etc. We are also talking of asking a few of the Premiere Partners to be a part of the panel discussion. The details are in the process of being developed. We are also gathering info from AIA National to provide other resources as needed. We are also going to be noting all of our Premiere Partners and highlighting our website, Facebook, and LinkedIn.

The Allied Advantage Breakfast has been cancelled for the month of April and May due to Coronavirus. The next one is scheduled is June 10<sup>th</sup> pending the request of the CDC on physical distancing.

### **Awards and Recognition – Anne Briggs**

#### Meeting & Action Items:

Committee met virtually on 4/1 to discuss the postponement of the Gala to November 14th. We have lost one sponsor due to the postponement, but we will start reaching out again later in the summer. The team also discussed the logistics of doing the People's Choice awards on Facebook. Jury is due to deliberate virtually on 4/15.

### **Golf Tournament – Andy MacPhee**

Meeting & Action Items: Review 2020 events survey feedback.

Future Events & Activities: Scheduling debrief meeting.

### **Government Affairs – Aranya Mom**

Meeting & Action Items:

Discussions and correspondence with Debra Lupton provided valuable information for re-engaging the Breakfast of Champions. Unfortunately with the COVID-19 epidemic, the actions for the committee are on pause as we evaluate how to move are activities virtual and remote.

Future Events & Activities:

We are looking to re-mobilize for virtual and remote versions of BUILDING CODEsensus and Inside Permitting. We are considering to table the Breakfast of Champions until next year.

### **Programs and Events – Chad Forsyth**

Meeting & Action Items:

To move forward in the virtual meeting space and redefine how we engage with the community.

Hosted Events and Activities:

Virtual Town Hall. This was well attended and helpful for those who joined.

Future Events & Activities:

Wed April 15 there is another Town Hall but with Allied Members. We need to make sure that invites are sent out to the right companies - we should be offering this to companies outside of those in the allied group if we want to grow our membership. If you need assistance on adding some GC's to the list, let me know. I would like permission to forward the event to ABC so we can cast a larger net. Let me know.

### **Themed Entertainment and Hospitality – John Dietz**

Meeting & Action Items:

Upcoming events are postponed until after Stay At Home Order is lifted. Was going to be tours of local firm offices that are in the themed entertainment industry, that architects would be in charge of integrating there scope with ours, or could hire as a sub on projects. Working on finalizing programs for the first two tours.

Hosted Events and Activities: None during the prior month.

Future Events & Activities:

Trying to determine what kind of online meeting should be done during the Stay At Home Order. With the parks closed, layoffs at local firms, the evolving external situation, it all makes for a depressed environment to try to push content. May have a stacked calendar later in the year instead due to current circumstances.

### **Women in Architecture – Samantha Scime**

#### Meeting & Action Items:

WIA held a Committee Meeting on March 11. We celebrated International Women's Day and discussed our future events. In lieu of recent events, these events will have to be pushed back or converted to a virtual event. We are working on determining which events to convert to a virtual setting.

Hosted Events and Activities: No events were held in March.

#### Future Events & Activities:

WIA is partnering with YAF and AIAS to host a virtual portfolio and resume critique/review on April 14th. We will be holding an in house zoom meeting to discuss last minute details on April 8th.

### **Young Architects Forum – Arlene Gil**

#### Meeting & Action Items:

The YAF Committee held its monthly meeting via Zoom on March 20th. While this was a last minute change due to the COVID-19 response, we still had around 15 people in attendance. We discussed how to move forward with our upcoming events via virtual platforms, including the Mentorship Social, ARE Study Sessions, a portfolio workshop for students, and happy hour/networking events. The YAF Chair, Arlene Gil, and Co-Chair, Emily Anderson, also hosted a meeting on April 1st with representatives of the Lifeboat Project, a 501(c)3 that is looking for design help in fixing up safe homes for trafficking victims. Ronok Nichols and Rebecca Talbert were in attendance. YAF will keep in touch with the Lifeboat Project organization to create a plan as to how AIA members can volunteer to help.

#### Hosted Events and Activities:

YAF hosted its first Mentorship Social of the year on April 2nd, featuring a panel of landscape architects, designers, and urban planners discussing PARK(ing) Day and community-centered design. The event was hosted via Zoom and had an attendance of around 25 people. We will continue to evolve the idea of PARK(ing) Day as a community project for YAF members to participate in September of this year.

#### Future Events & Activities:

YAF is teaming up with the WIA-O and UCF AIAS to host a Portfolio/Resume Workshop through Zoom on April 14th. Participants will submit their portfolio and resumes ahead of time and receive feedback from industry professionals on how to improve their presentation and their content.