

Committee Reports – May 2020

Academy of Architecture for Health – Brian White

AAH Orlando is adapting its approach to improving healthcare design by adopting a webcast meeting format for the unforeseeable future.

I have spent the last couple of days meeting with our AAH Committee core group discussing our next steps. We had a very successful April 21st monthly meeting with a big "virtual" turnout! I even invited the Tampa Chapter to join and several of them were able to! It gave us the confidence that we can keep our original calendar schedule but will need to modify the large events. That's the good news! The bad news is that our fund raising efforts are abysmal.. The COVID outbreak hit at the worst time (when we were about to send out our solicitation for premier partners). Moving forward we feel that it is going to be difficult to ask for the full 2.5k donation for the AIA premier partnership without any events on the schedule. We would like to give the option for a lesser amount, either in \$500 increments or a blank write-in. Given the current unknown economic forecast we don't feel like too many organizations will be opening their wallets as big..

So our action plan is to have a revised letter requesting sponsorship ready to go and sent out in the next 2 weeks. We are going to change our focus from 3 live events to more of a virtual platform complete with a public forum for ongoing and documented discussions. We are also going to leverage the recorded AAH meetings and build up the AAH knowledge base. We are going to offer a platform for AAH participants to share local knowledge and design achievements. We also plan on forming a focus group on ways to reduce the amount of patient room entries a clinician needs to make for routine care, thus reducing the use of PPE.

So that's where we stand.. wish it was better news but we are re-tooling, refocusing, and moving on!

April Highlights:

Adopted the virtual web meeting concept

Largest turnout yet for a monthly meeting! Scott Waltz , Bureau Chief – AHCA was the guest speaker and discussed how AHJ's processes are changing due to the Pandemic. We received A TON of positive feedback!

Allied Professionals – Laura Lewis

Meeting & Action Items:

No specific committee meeting was done in the month of April.

Hosted Events and Activities:

We hosted the AIA Orlando Townhall: Conducting Business in This Ever Changing Environment Panelist included: Carlos Barrios, AIA (Baker Barrios), Mike Chatham, AIA (HHCP), and Michael Sheerin (TLC Engineering Solutions) It was well received and great attendance on Wednesday, April 22nd. We had pre-question survey to assist in planning the appropriate questions to be asked.

Future Events & Activities:

We are having Allied Advantage Coffee Talk with DLR Group on May 13th. It will be our first Allied specific event since going remote.

We are in process of developing AIA Orlando Townhall - Legal Aspects of This Ever Changing Environment. It will be broken down into an introduction, provide a few case studies, status of where we are today, pre-planned questions, and open up to everyone to ask questions, and closing remarks. We will have a pre-survey prior to the meeting. Date of the event is to be determined.

Awards and Recognition – Anne Briggs

Meeting & Action Items: No meetings this past month.

Golf Tournament – Andy MacPhee

Meeting & Action Items:

The committee met on Monday, April 13 to review survey results from the mini golf and golf tournaments. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive with some constructive criticisms. Our next meeting will be held in June. At that time, we will begin reviewing cost and capacity of venues for our 2021 tournaments.

Government Affairs – Aranya Mom

NO REPORT RECEIVED.

Programs and Events – Chad Forsyth

Meeting & Action Items:

Town Hall 2: Allied Member focus.

Hosted Events and Activities:

I collaborated with Laura Lewis to discuss topics for the event and she was well prepared with a power point and topics.

Future Events & Activities:

No events currently planned. I would like to know if there is any event I can assist with. I apologize for missing the last committee of committee meetings.

Themed Entertainment and Hospitality – John Dietz

Meeting & Action Items:

Setting up Zoom Meeting for next event, most likely going over long term impacts of COVID19 to Theme Park Design.

Hosted Events and Activities:

None. Hoping to do one event per month moving forward.

Women in Architecture – Samantha Scime

Meeting & Action Items:

We held a Committee Meeting on May 12 with the goal of organizing volunteers. We reviewed our signup sheet from our January Kickoff Meeting and each of the categories/ sub-committees. We developed action items for each sub-committee and reviewed our action items for our June event. Our next steps are to confirm our volunteer list, determine sub-committee leads and plan our next event.

Hosted Events and Activities:

In April we held the Virtual Portfolio and Resume Workshop Event with YAF and AIAS. We created breakrooms in Zoom where there was a mixture of mentors and students. The students presented their work and the mentors gave advice, critiques and suggestions to improve their portfolios and resumes depending on if their intention was to apply to grad school or apply for a job.

Future Events & Activities:

Our next event is a Women Owned Business Panel scheduled for June 9th at 6pm. This will be held over Zoom with a panel of 4-6 women, interview style with a moderator.

Young Architects Forum – Arlene Gil

Meeting & Action Items:

The YAF Committee held its monthly meeting via Zoom on April 17th. We discussed the upcoming ARE Study Session and how it would transfer to a virtual event. A follow-up meeting with those interested in volunteering to help with the ARE Study Sessions was scheduled. We sent out an e-blast to general AIA membership with information regarding ARE study materials and free resources available to them. We also discussed the Portfolio/Resume Workshop held with the WIA and how we would like to extend the opportunity to create other such events later on in the year. Seth Bout (UCF AIAS President) requested volunteers to participate as jurors in an upcoming Design 6 critique and several YAF members agreed to participate.

Hosted Events and Activities:

While not strictly a YAF Event, at least 3-4 of our members took part in multiple design reviews for UCF and Valencia in April. Our official April events took place prior to the monthly meeting and were discussed in the March Committee Report.

Future Events & Activities:

YAF will be hosting its first virtual ARE Study Session on Saturday, May 23rd. This will be an abbreviated 2-hour session to avoid "Zoom fatigue."