Women in Architecture
November 16, 2018 Minutes

7:30 am

1. Welcome
2. Discussion
   a. Subcommittees decided -
      Education and Programming, which Kristen will oversee.
      Networking, which Kristen will oversee.
      Community Outreach, which Irene will oversee.
      Possibly advocacy committee?
      Conference calls as medium for meeting.

b. Community Outreach – goal of one per quarter.
   i. Possible ideas include a Lego camp during the summer.
   ii. Committee members being available for career days at schools.
   iii. Habitat for humanity
   iv. Desired to have it stay geared toward architecture.
   v. Ronald McDonald house collaboration would be great exposure.
   vi. Possible activism committee? Representation within toys for girls, speaking out against organizations that don’t cater to modern girls.

c. Education & Programming -
   i. Topical? About famous women in architecture?
   ii. Based on education subcommittee deciding topics of interest
   iii. Exhibits – falling under the community outreach category, since national would most likely not approve for credit

d. ArchiType –
   i. Representing women within our digital publication
   ii. Call for articles

e. Networking event specifically for mothers
   i. Support network for working moms, sharing experiences
   ii. Able to bring children so childcare is not necessary

f. Membership challenges
   i. Encouraging membership within young members and women. Shamila says the older generation doesn’t think AIA does enough advocacy. Convincing the younger generation that AIA membership has value. “IAMAIA” initiative did not work nationally, didn’t land with architects.
   ii. Options for people who are currently unemployed. Attending classes or other events for free or at a discounted rate? Issue that needs to be brought to the board.
g. General topics –
   i. Making it less intimidating since many architects don’t feel comfortable.
   ii. Possible online format to make it more welcoming – forum that is moderated.
   iii. Existing discussion group on AIA Connecticut. Getting the word out that it is an available resource.
   iv. Shamila says people are tired of the AIA advertising (ie. Contracts, etc).
   v. Collaboration with Emerging Professionals committee
   vi. Amelia is interested in mentorship between people just about to take exams with people who recently passed. Not really an existing relationship.
   viii. More access to Revit. Not accessible to everyone due to cost. Possible workshop or demo at library?
   ix. Stigma for mothers within architecture. Panel just for mothers? How to represent yourself and manage time both at and away from your career. Support network is desired.

December meeting postponed to January 18th due to holidays. Will reach out to committee members and lay groundwork for creating subcommittees in the meantime.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 am.