Women in Architecture Committee
April Meeting Notes
April 26, 2019 8am
AIA CT 370 James St, Suite 402
New Haven, CT 06513

Members in attendance: Jeannette Penniman, Jennifer Shea, Nancy Alexander, Antonia Ciaverella, Omarys Vasquez, Emily Ky, Karen Parzych, Ming Thompson, Michelle Newman, Andrea Boyle, Jennifer Shea, Katelyn Chapin, Maria Nazarko (AIACT), Kristen Leigh (AIACT)

Topics Discussed:

- April 23rd Panel Discussion evaluations. A second round of evaluations were emailed to attendees on Friday (4/26) afternoon to gather more data.
- Overview of April 5th Girl Scouts STEMagination event. Lori Donadio is developing strategies/formalized program for these kinds of events. Discussion of offering that product to local summer camps, parks and rec organizations, etc.
- Discussion of creating a roundtable program. We are targeting June 13th from 8:30am-10:00am. The format will be in-person at one firm in each county so that people can engage in person. The conversation will also be connected virtually through Go-To Meeting so that others can join the conversation, and each of the groups can be connected. So far, SLAM and Tecton have offered their conference rooms for this event. Masha and Kristen are reaching out to other firms around the state to find hosts, but if anyone on the WIA committee has a suggestion or can offer space please let us know. The topic will be determined by the committee, and Nancy Alexander sent the topics and conversation notes from the Seattle AIA for inspiration. Click here for that content.
- Idea to share info graphic for firms to share leading up to the conference about equity in the workplace. This could also be a kind of pop-up Lunch & Learn.
- Suggestion to explore programming with Living Futures Institute Just Certification Program
- Discussion of next panel structure: 5 min per speaker, manage seating so that each roundtable has a balanced set of voices contributing (ie principal, emerging profession, etc). Also discussed having a longer prep period before the next panel.

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Please Note: THE MAY COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE MAY 17th. The original date of May 10th is the Alice Washburn Jury Day, so the WIA meeting has to be moved. Thank you for understanding.

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