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COTE Committee

December 3, 2019, 4:00 pm
AIA Connecticut Conference Room
370 James St. Suite 402
New Haven, CT 06513

Meeting Notes

Attended: Paul Reslink, George Fellner, Randall Anway, Jessica Talley, Melissa Kops, Holly Leonard, Carolyn Petrowski, Ashley Ellman-Brown, Tanya Cutolo

Discussion

On January 16th AIA will be holding an All Committee Dinner Meeting from 5 to 7pm at the office. We would like COTE to share their plan, mission, goals, etc. Hopefully encouraging some new participants. Due to this meeting we are canceling the committee meeting on January 7th. Of course if you have something you would like to discuss we can set up a conference call. Ashley will send out a poll to the members to see what they would prefer to do.

• Randy did suggest that we cover case studies for the film event in February’s meeting.

For the NetZero School Summit (January 31st) we are still waiting to hear back from Gregg Lewis, AIA of National Ready Mix Concrete. He was the lead on the event. Aaron Dorf from Snøhetta, discussing Harvard HouseZero Project is still anticipated to speak at this event. Otherwise, Holly would like to have Aaron speak for us at a separate event; possibly incorporating him in the AIA CT Sustainability Week in April.

• This will be first of many NetZero programs, a possible theme for 2020 coming from COTE. Keep in mind speakers and event ideas.

• Randy brought up an emerging topic: adding battery storage and their capacity. Legislation is involved and would be a great topic in regards to NetZero. At all levels, federal and state.

From April 20th-25th AIA CT is holding the Connecticut Sustainable Architecture Week. There will be a postcard mailing for this event. This will include several events throughout the week including the following (subject to change):

• Kick off event at the art center in New Haven, afternoon event most likely.

• Women in Architecture: Sustainability in the Firm on Tuesday

• Eversource - NetZero Topic

• Reception to announce the sustainability award 2020 (Earth Day - April 22nd)

• Passive House Tour - Holly will speak with Philippe

• CAF Gala on the 23rd

• Film event on the Friday or Saturday. Films coming from AIA National’s archive and needs to be an uplifting event (as stressed by Randy and the rest of the COTE group). This would involve the public.
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Possibly include a discussion at the end. We are hoping to hold this at the Bijou Theatre in Bridgeport.

- Randy suggested reaching out to other organizations who could collaborate with us. Paul has spoken with someone from Drawdown - possible speaker. Could be a great addition to the week long program.

The Sustainability Award will be reviewed in December by the design committee, but Holly believes that it is pre-approved because they submitted it last year with the corresponding criteria.

Review of Acoustic Symposium:
- 15 UHart students joined us and there were at least 8 architects. Broad range of information from residential to commercial. Computer modeling and the technical advancements, used in determining the acoustical output, was intriguing - could be a good topic in the future. George reiterated that there is personal taste in the acoustical design - another topic.

Just a reminder from AIA CT that if you have an idea for an event please request a program proposal from Ashley to fill out and present to the committee.

Next Meeting: January meeting canceled. February 4th, 2020 is the next meeting.