



June 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2019
Time: 6:00pm – 7:10pm
Location: conference call

Present:	Sheri Dieso	Vice President
	Alicia Dolce	Board member
	Sara Holmes	Secretary
	Nick Jones	Board Member
	Leonard Wyeth	President
	Katie Zoppo	Board member

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“We,” “our,” “us,” and “CTPH” refers to the Connecticut Passive House group.

EVENTS

1. At our Prefab & Passive House event we had 71 attendees and 6 no-shows.
2. Our ticket sales were approximately \$728. Sponsorships brought in \$1,200.
3. The sound was good, Chris was easy to hear even with the noise from downstairs. Leonard offered Chris the option of a headset or microphone; he opted for the latter.
4. For future reference, Stony Creek Brewery has their own wireless mic.
5. In the future, presenters should bring their own computers.
6. Stony Creek Brewery is a great venue – it’s a good price and they’re easy to work with.
7. Two Roads costs more now and they want users to be out of the room sooner.
8. A future event should be held in the western part of the state to attract people from the Fairfield County area. Brewport in Bridgeport is a possibility.

CONNECTICUT ARCHITECTURE CONFERENCE AND EXPO (CACX)

9. Program proposals were sent into AIACT:
 - a. Leonard: Intro to Passive House
 - b. Leonard: Carbon Drawdown Now, by the presenters from NESEA’s keynote (if accepted, we would get the 200-person room used for the CACX keynote)
 - c. Alicia: a panel overview of Green Building/High Performance Standards
10. Alicia will find out when program decisions will be made.
11. Alicia will contact the organizer to set up the shared booth for CTPH and CTGBC. She will share info regarding booth and conference app details.
12. Sara will be the point person for information needed from CTPH.



BANNER

13. The retractable banner has been ordered.
14. As approved at the May meeting, it is our logo sideways with our website at the top.

AWARDS

15. Leonard established the “Sustainable Awards Program,” a collaboration between AIACT and CTPH. This would not be a category within their annual Design Awards, but a standalone program like their Alice Washburn Award. It will be announced at CACX in September with submissions due in November. In following years it will coincide with Earth Day (April 22).
16. AIACT’s Committee on the Environment (CotE) should be involved in discussions about sustainable awards. Other green/sustainable building groups in CT should be in the loop as well – CTGBC, LBC, etc.
17. There is movement among the AIA community to take a stand for urgent climate action, suggesting a push for all projects to be sustainable.
18. It has been suggested all projects submitted to the annual AIA Design Awards program be sustainable.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS (CEUs)

19. AIACT will assist other CT associations in getting AIA credits when they are not an AIA National provider. For \$300 they will submit up to 5 programs. (Normally to be an AIA CE Provider it’s about \$1,300 a year or there is an Architectural Firm subscription for about \$300 a year. For both you will have to do all the submissions and post credits for all that attend.)
20. This was conditionally approved after getting some more details...
21. Sheri will follow-up with Gina at AIACT. Two questions are:
 - a. Is this for a calendar year or rolling calendar year?
 - b. Will this include any programs presented at CACX, or will those already be covered by AIACT?

BOARD TRAINING

22. All Board members should attend the “Purposeful Boards, Powerful Fundraising” seminar:<https://www.cfgnh.org/About/NewsEvents/ViewArticle/tabid/96/ArticleId/1568/Purposeful-Boards-Powerful-Fundraising-Oct-28.aspx>
23. Friday, October 25th is our preferred date.
24. Sara will confirm with George and Philippe and sign up the entire Board.
25. CTPH will pay for the Board to attend - \$150.

OUTREACH & ADVOCACY

26. CHFA’s proposed 2019 Multifamily Qualified Allocation Plan is unchanged from 2018. The energy preferences are intact in this draft. We do not need to organize a



campaign as before, but voicing some support for Passive House would be wise. This is an opportunity to educate new staff on PH, it's benefits, and what it can offer the housing community.

- a. The public hearing will take place on June 20, 2019 at 1:00 pm at CHFA's offices at 999 West Street, Rocky Hill.
- b. The public comment period will take place from June 2, 2019 through close of business on July 1, 2019.
- c. Letter writers: Sara, Leonard, Katie, Alicia (on behalf of CTPH), Nick (if permissible by Eversource)
- d. Joanna Grab from Steven Winters Associates (SWA) might attend the hearing. Katie will confirm.

FOLLOW-UP

27. Spread the word about CTGBC's Green Building Awards, particularly the Passive House Category. Submissions are due June 28.
28. Katie asked that meeting minutes be accessible for download. Sara will make sure minutes are posted to the CTPH website.

MEETINGS

29. The next Board Meetings are scheduled for July 16 and August 20; locations TBD.

Meeting concluded at 7:10pm.

Submitted by: Sara Holmes, Secretary