AIA COF New England Report
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AIA New England 2013
AIA New England is a six-state region, with 8 Chapters. Boston is the largest component, and regular hosts the quarterly meetings. Boston and Connecticut have the majority of the Fellows. The College of Fellows Representatives for 2013 are Glenn H. Gregg FAIA Of Gregg Wies & Gardner Architects in New Haven, CT, and Peter Kuttner FAIA of Cambridge Seven Associates in Cambridge MA. Our YAF Regional Liaison is Nicole Martineau AIA, of Portsmouth, NH.

Boston Architecture Family Tree
The BSA Fellows are holding an interactive event and reception at BSA|Space on May 29th, during which attendees will be asked to contribute their knowledge to capture the history of Boston's architecture community.

Podcasts
The Fellows are working with the newly formed Boston branch of CultureNOW (begun in AIANY) to record podcasts of Massachusetts-area Fellows. This effort was begun by the YAF, and podcasts will be available on the BSA Web site and through the CultureNOW app.

Submission Support
BSA’s Honors and Awards Committee is tasked with identifying and nominating potential Fellows.

Demystifying Fellowship
As do many chapters, Boston has an annual meeting of the nominees for Fellowship, to explain the submission process and the general approach of the jury. Boston usually has senior staff from AIA Headquarters come to the session to present and facilitate the questions.

Submission Support
After nomination, the BSA has created a committee to link experienced Fellows with new nominees, for advice independent of their Sponsors. Once the nominee and their sponsor have begun to draft their materials, the nominee meets one or more times to advise and encourage the applicant.

BSA Fellows Committee
We have a designated BSA Fellows committee, headed by Tony Tappe FAIA. His committee includes Chuck Redmon, Sho-Ping Chin, Hubert Murray, and Jane Weinzapfel. Their main activity is the planning for the annual Fellows Dinner.

They have formed an Archives sub-committee, which is investigating a repository for original drawings by BSA Fellows and their firms.
Annual Fellows Dinner
This year the dinner will be Thursday, May 2, at the Tavern Club in downtown Boston. The speaker will be William Pedersen FAIA of Kohn Pedersen Fox, New York.

We will be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the annual dinner – the oldest in the AIA to our knowledge. At this event, the COF Representative reports on the College at the dinner.

Mentoring and Outreach
We are also focusing on mentoring and outreach to emerging professionals. We started a formal program around 10 years ago, but it seemed to stall. Some chapters in New England have surplus interested emerging professionals, and few Fellows, while others have enthusiastic Fellow volunteers, with few students, interns, or YAF. The local Fellows are still looking for ways to connect to other existing programs.

Emerging Professionals Network (EPNet)
In Boston the BSA Emerging Professionals Network has become the dominant group for young architects. It is a social and professional network geared specifically toward recent graduates, IDP participants, and young architects, in YAF or not. They have begun to sponsor a large number of events and workshops, and there is some discussion of a more formal connection between EPNet and the COF.

Leadership Lunches
This year the BSA President Mike Davis FAIA has instituted “Leadership Lunches” as a new mentoring initiative. Growing out of a successful series of “Speed Mentoring” session at BSA|Space and at ABX, it is an effort to get mentoring out into the firms. Using “The Architects’ Group” (TAG – 22 of the larger local Boston firms) as a base, a dozen firms have agreed to host 6 monthly lunches for 4-6 young people from EPNet to come to their office. Many of the senior people involved are Fellows, but it is not specifically a COF activity. It begins this month.

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