



ARCHITECTURE + CONSTRUCTION ALLIANCE

Fall Meeting

25-26 August 2017 (Friday-Saturday)

Georgia Tech Hosting in conjunction with SAR AAH 2017 Chautauqua Conference

Room 214 on the second floor of the Architecture East Building, 245 4th Street Northwest

Meeting Minutes

Executive Summary of Action Items:

Attendees: Vallerian Miranda – TAMU
Vini Nathan – Auburn
John Schaufelberger – UW
Kate Schwennsen – Clemson (not present)
Mike Jackson – Clemson (not present)
Dan Castro – GATech
Richard Burt – Auburn
Ed Keeter – Jefferson University
Greg Hall – MSU
Martin Gold – UF
Shima Clarke – Clemson

Friday: 8:30 am – 12:00 pm – Continental Breakfast & Morning Meeting

- I. Review and Adoption of minutes from last meeting - Spring, 2017, Sarasota
John moved to approve – Vini seconded – all in favor.

II. Treasurer's report

Balance as of 07/1/2016	\$23,515.96
Income	
2016/17 Membership Dues Paid (as of 7/31/2017)	\$11,000.00
GOALI funds to be returned	\$2,706.06
total income	\$13,706.06
Expenses	
Travel for Gold (anticipated)	\$1,116.40
RCM	\$2,598.00
Meeting (Sarasota)	\$448.00
GOALI Workshop	\$5,500.00
GOALI Team Travel	\$636.44
Meeting (Atlanta)(anticipated)	\$381.00
Web Host	\$500.00
total expenses	\$11,179.84
Balance as of 07/31/2017	\$23,336.12

Martin will follow up with schools who have not yet paid for A+CA membership. Also, he will contact Tuskegee to inquire about membership – Update membership page and break out member/nonmember schools.

III. Old Business

- a. Second volume of research publication (Vallie Miranda) – updates, further strategies, reports, expectations.

The notion of 'collaboration' as a discipline/process that is not self-evident was introduced and perhaps A+CA should seek programs/methods/modes of facilitating collaboration – IPD Theater as a possible example. There was a suggestion that an RFP might be developed to fund pilot research to investigate this topic.

- b. NSF GOALI Proposal NSF Status and next steps (Shima & Team)
Included below are the letter of non-support and preliminary e-mail correspondence for reference.

Shima presented that a new director came on board and was not apprised of the proposal so they opted to decline the proposal. NSF – proposal was to record the session and take notes to document the sessions and discussions and then synthesize the workshop in the format of the report. And, NSF wants the work to be on basic sciences and this must be shown in the proposals. John - could this work be written up as an article that could be published broadly. Shima agreed to submit a paper for review from the workshop tomorrow.

Ask Shima and Javier for a timeline for the final write-up and perhaps the paper that will be submitted to groups. Should be within 6 weeks.

IV. New Business.

a. Advance Nominations for Vice President (elected in the Spring of 2018)

Vice President – two-year term

Vallie – suggested a continuity of leadership with a vice president to president and past president. Discussion consolidated around a Vice-President (president elect) to President in addition to the position of Past President each with 2-year terms. This would provide leadership continuity over a 6-year period

This change will require revisions to the bylaws. A draft proposal with anticipated changes to the bylaws will circulate for review, electronic discussion, and modification over the next few months. This motion and the accompanying bylaws revisions will be put forward for further refinement and/or vote at the Spring 2018 meeting.

Martin will send out request for nominations for vice president.

b. Strategic Planning for A+CA

John Murphy suggested the next steps for strategic planning:

- 1 – Annual symposium/conference,**
- 2 – Research function of faculty (direct support), and**
- 3 – Education of faculty.**

An RFP for best practices to teach collaboration skills was suggested.

Annual conference to focus on the process of collaboration and collaborative modes (rather than the product). Could this be a vehicle toward generating knowledge in the collaborative process? This should lead to peer reviewed papers and the publication of the work in a proceedings.

Vini – can we invite senior and jr. faculty and get students to participate in the conference.

John – can the conference focus on the process of collaboration and tools to facilitate collaborative. Core elements – Architect, Constructor, Owner. Then how do we expand that perhaps to other disciplines.

Vallie – Symposium/conference should include professional leaders as industry partners in terms of planning and support. Work with them to craft the theme(s) and framework for the particular.

John – symposium, recognition - collection of T&P guidelines, strategies - collect syllabuses – what strategies are in places, symposium on modes of collaboration and assessments.

Symposium – solicit hosts, easy access, industry partners (sponsorships). Richard – question on scale and probably a one day symposium. John – on day single track with perhaps 12 papers and perhaps panel discussion. Richard – peer reviewed abstracts with paper due after the conference with feedback from symposium participants. Vini – one day compact event with a draw event/speaker. Vallie – get industry and young faculty together. Include students through sponsorships by A+CA or industry partners.

Summary: a one day symposium with faculty papers/presentations + an event draw presenter. A+CA will establish an exploratory committee – martin to draft straw man proposal. This could include experts in interdisciplinary modes of activity or others from construction or architecture leading collaborative practices.

Timeline – 24 months – Spring 2019 with another conference so some could extend a stay or stand alone – to be explored. One suggestion was to hold the conference in April 2019 in Denver just prior to the Annual ASC Conference.

Vallie – monthly conference call 5pm West Coast 8 pm East Coast. Third Wednesday of the month – first meeting Wednesday September 20th.

Target to have program outlined and call for papers at ACSA-ASC.

- c. RFP to support best practices for the implementation of collaborative learning between design and construction programs. \$10,000 in funding to faculty leading to a paper and presentations at ACSA & ASC. (action item).

Hold until strategic plan is developed.

- d. Discuss implications of transitioning to 501(c)(3) non-profit status.

The executive board will look into the process and associated costs/benefits of the change. This item will be developed through monthly executive committee meetings. A written proposal will be developed for review at the spring meeting.

12:15 - 1:00: Lunch

Friday: 1:00pm - 3:30pm

- e. Discussion of next meeting location/date:

Denver, March 15-17, 2018 (with ACSA)

Minnesota, April 18, 2018 (with ASC)

Discussion led to the idea of tasking representatives to promote an A+CA symposium in the Spring of 2019. It was preferred to continue the A+CA stand-alone meeting model with a focus on improving the balance between construction and architecture representation – difficult when paired with ACSA or ASC.

Target Meeting Dates for 2018:

May 18/19 – Philadelphia (Friday with Saturday option)

October wk 1 or 2 – Birmingham, Alabama (Friday and Saturday option).

- f. Discussion of Saturday workshop topics/priorities.

Introduction to Architecture + Construction Alliance (A+CA) and The Trust-Building Workshop

The Mission of the A+CA (Architecture +Construction Alliance) is to foster collaboration among schools that are committed to fostering interdisciplinary educational and research efforts between the fields of architecture and construction, and to engage leading professionals and educators in support of these efforts. The professions of architecture and construction are undergoing significant changes as they respond to multiple demands and opportunities to increase collaborative project work. They are propelled by changed societal and client expectations to more fully coordinate their formerly separate roles and responsibilities for the social, environmental, and financial performance of projects, while Building Information Models (BIM) and other digital technology provide emerging new vehicles for integration.

These changes in our built environment professions need to be reflected in the education of future professionals, with a major emphasis on fostering superior interdisciplinary knowledge, and team based skills that support synergy and innovation in the 21st century professional context, and that is the purpose of the A+CA Trust-Building Workshop on Saturday. We hope to create a conduit for Industry to better inform Academia and

together “bridge the gap” between Academia and Practice as well as Research and Practice.

The format of the session was introduced (panel session) and the general topics of the A+CA mission was discussed.

Friday: 4:45pm - 5:30pm – Introduction to Architecture + Construction

This event was a panel session moderated by Kate Schwennsen as part of the SAR AAH 2017 Chautauqua Conference. Vallie, Vini, and John represented the A+CA answering questions, discussing the A+CA mission, and fielding comments/questions from the participants. Comments were diverse and suggested the need to engage owners in the process to both focus the goals of collaboration and perhaps to engage owners in framing expectations.

Saturday: 7:30am – 12:30pm - SAR AAH 2017 Chautauqua Conference, in conjunction with the A+CA Industry-Academia workshop, Georgia Tech

The workshop was run by the GOALI team and facilitated by the A+CA leadership. The morning was organized around two discussion periods that sought to explore questions related to collaboration, IPD, and the roles of the academy, practice, and owners. A summary discuss was held with wrap up comments and an agenda of next steps. The results will be compiled by the GOALI team and disseminated to the A+CA at the Spring meeting.

End of minutes.