The May 2015 Chapter Meeting was at Savidge Library at the The MacDowell Colony in Peterborough, with a new addition designed by Tod Williams Bille Tsien Architects. Photo by Nancy Belluscio
2015 in Review
Paul Bourbeau AIA, 2015 President

The year began with the culmination of the AIA+2030 Professional Series from the previous year. This led to a member-requested follow-up 3-part educational series known as “2030 & Beyond.” The all-day seminars were led by professionals in the building and design industries. Members had the opportunity to explore design and building principles associated with sustainable design practices in much greater detail. This is part of AIANH’s strategy to provide high level educational opportunities for NH architects while at the same time promoting sustainable design principles in their everyday practices.

AIA New Hampshire’s accomplishments in 2015 were marked by a number of achievements highlighted by the final passage of the Good Samaritan Bill-HB292, which the Governor signed into law in July. This expands the good Samaritan law to engineers and architects during a State sanctioned emergency. Without this important piece of legislation, architects and engineers would have no professional liability coverage, potentially putting their practices and life savings at stake. This was a grass roots effort that started nearly three-years ago by AIA New Hampshire under the direction of Executive Director: Carolyn Isaak, and with the help of architects, engineers, and others throughout the State. Efforts to expand the good Samaritan law to include architects and engineers originally started nearly 15-years earlier without success. Success this time was due in large part to individual architects and engineers contacting their state legislators and personally urging them to support the bill. The NH AEER (New Hampshire Architects and Engineers Emergency Response Task Force) is now a reality and has begun organizing and planning with the State for future mobilization and training.

A new sponsorship initiative started by Carolyn Isaak was implemented this year with some promising results. The AIANH Corporate Allied Partners Program (CAP), which is specifically focused on supporting the development of strategic relationships between our members and our sponsors, began rolling out in June of 2015. The hope is that these sponsorships will expand to the point that the monies generated from it will help supplement the loss of revenue from AIA National as the AIA Contract Document sales model is changed. This, coupled with new high quality learning initiatives and continued growth of our membership base, will ultimately help offset this loss.

A blog was added to our AIANH website, which includes news items, the monthly President’s Perspective, and the Associate Director’s monthly Emerging Professionals Network column. While these items appear in the NH Forum, we felt that inclusion on the website would provide wider exposure. And, even if you’re not an Emerging Professional, be sure to read check out these reports, which are well-written and enlightening.

With the coming October 2016 retirement of our long time Executive Director, Carolyn Isaak, a committee was formed to help establish a job description and hiring criteria for a future Executive Director. AIANH is at a critical juncture in its history with Carolyn’s departure, so decisions made by the committee will have a long and lasting impact on the organization and its future.

This year the Board put much effort into reviewing policies and procedures, and an extensive report was sent to AIA National documenting the fact that AIA New Hampshire satisfies the AIA Core Member Services requirements. Our Resource Allocation funds are based on our accreditation and the number of members in our Chapter as of August 1.

Overall the 2015 Board had a number of accomplishments that as a whole have left the organization in good financial health and positioned it well for future success and growth. Please continue reading to find out more about our activity in 2015.

Affiliates Committee
Liz LeBlanc, Affiliate Director

The affiliates committee continued to strive to increase affiliate membership for the year. 2015 overall was a decent year for membership growth, but we can always continue our effort to building this important part of our membership. AIANH’s expanded programming efforts have continued to show value of the organization to its potential members. As we move towards a different financial revenue structure with the upcoming loss of revenue from AIA Contract documents, expansion of our Affiliate members will keep the organization strong.

NH AEER TF
Paul H. Bourbeau AIA, Co-chair
Jonathan Halle AIA, Co-chair

The NH Architects & Engineers Emergency Response Task Force (NEER TF) was initiated to assist communities throughout the State in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. The committee has continued to work to create the necessary framework within the State’s Emergency Management network, which allows us to become a recognized resource that can provide assistance in the event of an emergency.

The group put out a huge effort in late 2014 and early 2015 advocating legislation to include architects and engineers in the State Good Samaritan law (see the Year in Review, above). Thanks to these advocates who helped out by contacting representatives, promoting the bill, attending hearings, etc: Paul Hemmerich AIA, Tom House AIA, Chris Williams AIA, Bob Champagne PE, Alex Kattobus, Pete King PE, Mark Goldstein, Alex Azodi PE, Paul Bourbeau AIA.

Following that success, the NH AEER TF was able to focus building our team, our group’s organization, and our relationship with NH Homeland Security / Emergency Management.

On June 10, 2015 Paul Hemmerich AIA presented at the NH Emergency Preparedness Conference to inform municipal, county, and state government leadership and emergency services personnel about the NH AEER TF and our volunteer services.

Later in the year a Memorandum of Agreement was created and accepted between the two groups, to be signed by each member, and representatives from each group.

A committee was created to work out process and procedures for activation, consisting of Mark Kirouac and Steve Johnson from NH DOT, Bill McKinney, Paul Hemmerich AIA, Bob Champagne PE,
Jonathan Halle AIA, and Linda McNair-Perry PE.

Another group was created to work on NH AEER TF bylaws: Paul Hemmerich AIA, Bill McKinney, John Lavigne PE, Chris Williams AIA, and Tom Lamb PE.

Paul Hemmerich, Jonathan Halle, and Bob Champagne were named ESF (Emergency Support Function) Contacts and attended WebEOC training in December.

Looking to 2016, we hope to finalize the activation procedure and the NH AEER TF bylaws, which will include the election of officers. We will hold an annual meeting in June and to solicit new members to the group. We need a large number of people ready to help in order to ensure there are some available when we are called upon. Additional training sessions are being discussed.

Design Awards
Karolina Burtt AIA, Chair

The 2015 Awards Banquet was held on January 23, 2015 at LaBelle Winery in Amherst, NH. 130 people attended this celebratory event! 29 projects were submitted. We distributed one honor award, four merit awards, three Honorable Mentions, and two People’s Choice awards. The jury consisted of four members from AIA Connecticut.

Spaulding Brick Co. and Charron Inc. were our 2015 sponsors.

A new part of the awards program initiated in 2014 to honor Rick & Duffy Monahon saw its debut in the 2015 program.

Award winners are highlighted on the AIANH website (http://www.aianh.org/design-awards/2015) and received notice in New Hampshire newspapers and magazines.

The 2015 Awards Program Exhibit worked its way through the State with stops at Manchester-Boston Airport (April), NHTI Concord’s Community College (May), Lebanon City Hall (June & July), Portsmouth Public Library (August), Keene State College (September), and Busiel Mill in Laconia (October-November).

The 2016 Call for Entries went out in July with a deadline of October 15, 2015. A new category, Small Projects/Small Firms, was added to the program. The 2016 Awards Banquet was held on January 22, 2016 at LaBelle Winery (details in the 2016 Annual Report).

Education Committee
Scott Vlasak AIA, Chair

The Education Committee of AIANH is responsible for delivering educational programs to NH students ages K-12. Built-environment education is an important part of a balanced and comprehensive school curriculum. These activities allow our chapter to bring into the classrooms valuable knowledge about the man-made environment as well as its effect on the relationship to the natural environment. For our children who one day must live and work in a modern industrial society, this knowledge is critical if they are to be thoughtful and active citizens.

The Seventh Annual High School Design Competition, 2014-2015, was for a new Welcome Center at Monadnock State Park in Jaffrey. Winners were recognized at the April 30, 2015 AIANH - KSC Architecture Program joint meeting, on our website, and in the NH Forum. Jurors were Chris Kennedy AIA, UK Architects; Tom Mansfield, NH DRED; Dennis McNeal AIA, Autodesk, Inc; and Susan Phillips-Hungerford AIA.

The program for the Eighth Annual High School Design Competition (2015-2016) is an updated version of a previous competition, based on the fantasy of the 35th America’s Cup being held in Portsmouth, NH. The goal of the Competition will be to design America’s Cup Youth Education Pavilion, a highly visible structure to tell the story of the America’s Cup, the history of sailing, and to introduce local youth to sailing. Deadline for submissions is April 15, 2016 and the AIANH-KSC event announcing winners on April 28, 2016.

Education Committee members are: Scott Vlasak AIA (chair), Patrick Gordon, Christopher Kennedy AIA, Lisa Gallant, and Cheryl Killam. If you would like to help out with this committee, please contact the AIANH office.

Emerging Professionals Network
Tony Nazaka, Associate Director

The New Hampshire Skills USA High School Drafting Competition took place on March 14, 2014 at the Seacoast School of Technology in Exeter, New Hampshire. The competition was organized by Kate Krumm (District Computer Teacher, Sanborn Regional School District) and we had 8 students participating from regional high schools. It is a great opportunity for high school students to develop an interest in architecture.

The 2016 Emerging Professionals Design Competition (submissions due in November 2015) focused on an Intermodal Transportation facility in Manchester, NH. While there were a variety of project requirements, the program was open for interpretation of what the building would need to be successful. The intention of this project was not only to encourage emerging professionals to use a full array of architectural creativity, but also to highlight the possibility of having such a structure north of Boston and the positive impact it would have on a growing city. Submissions were due in November 2015 and and winners announced at the January 22, 2016 Awards Banquet. Results of the competition are at: www.aianh.org/content/emerging-professionals-design-competition.

Environmental Guild
David Ely AIA, Chair

The Environmental Guild is the NH arm of the AIA Committee on the Environment (COTE). It is comprised of architects and others who have a stake in sustainability in the built environment. The goal is to work with an integrated group to develop educational and other programs to promote environmental responsibility.

Over the past year The Guild has continued its work on the NH High Performance Building documentary. John Hession is leading this initiative, assisted by Michelle Thornton. The first segment, Tin Mountain Nature Learning Center, designed by Christopher P. Williams Architects will be premiered sometime soon. The segment includes footage of the building and interviews with Director Mike Cline, other staff members, Chris Williams AIA, and Steven Strong from Solar Design Associates. They are now filming Beth McGinn and Ruth Smith’s less-than-zero-net-energy house and conducting interviews with them and others involved in design and construction. Other projects are under consideration, and we are actively looking for net zero and carbon neutral projects.
Following up on the very successful AIA+2030 symposiums which concluded February 26, 2015, The Environmental Guild and AIANH teamed up to provide 3 follow-up sessions entitled 2030 and beyond. Session 1 featured Bill Maclay, AIA, LEED AP, Andy Shapiro, and Laura Bailey, CPHC, “Setting Goals and the Process for Implementing Net Zero.” Session 2 was given by Peter Yost, LEED AP, “Residential Building Enclosures.” Session 3 was given by Wagdy Anis, FAIA, LEED AP, “Commercial Building Enclosures.” The sessions were held at Manchester Community College and were attended by about 50 each, mostly architects.

Planning is underway for additional 2030 and beyond sessions for June, October and November 2016. Guild members will again work with AIA New Hampshire Board members to plan these 3 sessions.

On March 21, 2015 the Guild members David Ely and Dana Mosher represented the Guild at the Local Energy Solutions Conference by offering building efficiency advice at a Technical Assistance drop-in session.

As the NH Chapter of the AIA Committee on the Environment (COTE), David Ely, John Hession and Carolyn Isaak worked with Gunnar Hubbard and other northern New England COTE chapters to facilitate a leadership conference in June held in Portland. Keynote speaker and facilitator was Bob Berkebile, AIA, co-founder of COTE. Participants were invited firm leaders. The premise was to identify roadblocks to the 2030 initiative and brainstorm ways around them. The event was highly successful with over 100 attendees from key architectural firms around northern New England. The workshop will be repeated in Boston this year.

The Guild has been monitoring the building code update and other legislative activities. David Ely spoke before a legislative committee against House Bill 233 which would have made compliance residential energy code optional. The Guild spoke out against amendments to the proposed 2015 building code update which would also have watered down the residential energy code portions. We are working closely with Laura Richardson of The Jordan Institute and Kate Epsen, Executive Director of NHSEA to keep tabs on government activities. We are also supporting increasing the cap on Net Metering which is now in committee.

The Environmental Guild monthly meetings are open to all who wish to participate in facilitating environmentally responsible work in the built environment.

Legislative Affairs
David Udlesman AIA, Chair

This committee monitors legislative activity, reviews and discusses current bills, and will testify at state legislative committee hearings and write letters to state representatives on issues related to the design and construction industry in New Hampshire. With 424 members, the NH General Court is the largest state legislature in the United States, and the fourth largest English speaking legislative body in the world. Despite their sheer numbers, it was a slow year, but a great victory with the extension of the Good Samaritan law to architects and engineers. Here are some of the bills that we tracked this past year.

SB209 – to expand the Good Samaritan law to include engineers and architects. The bill passed the Senate and then the House Judiciary Committee, but lost the full vote of the House. (see NH AEER TF report).

HB288 – relative to the code for energy conservation n new building construction. AIANH and the Environmental Guild wrote a letter opposing this legislation which would have seriously undermined efforts from the construction community to conserve energy resources, lower operating expenses and attract business through responsible energy use, move toward energy independence, and protect the environment. (The bill was deemed inexpedient to legislate, Jan. 6, 2016).

Education Day
Nick Isaak AIA, Dennis McNeal AIA, Bart Sapeta AIA

The Continuing Education Committee plans programming of high quality professional development opportunities for licensed architects, architectural designers, and allied professionals. The emphasis is placed on quality of learning opportunities, diverse provider base, and affordability. The Committee strives to bring continuing education sessions that fulfill the Health, Safety and Welfare categories mandated by the AIA Continuing Education requirements.

In 2015 we held just one Education Day, as we were also running the three 2030 & Beyond sessions. The workshop was held on December 2 at the McLane Audubon Center in Concord, NH, and provided an opportunity to earn up to 6 AIA Learning Credits (including 5 HSW).

Focus for 2016: The Committee is planning to organize one continuing education event in 2016, toward the end of the year, focusing on the 2015 Building Code and Accessibility issues.

Programming
Jay Purcell AIA, Chair

2015 was another very busy year for AIANH with a total of 13 programs/events. We began the year with our Annual Awards Banquet at LaBelle Winery, January 23, with 180 people attending (see Awards report). We held six day-long programs in January, February, September, October, November, and December (see Environmental Guild Report and Education Day reports). In addition, AIA New Hampshire hosted six Chapter Meetings in 2015.

Our annual AIANH-KSC Joint Meeting was held on April 30, featuring Maria Aiolova of Terreform ONE as our guest speaker, attracted over 100 guests. Maria is an educator, architect, and urban designer, whose work is focused on the theory, science, and application of ecological design and what it means for our future. We applauded our High School Design Competition winners and toured the Architecture Studios. Thanks to our Gold sponsors: Bruce Hamilton Architects, Catlin + Petrovick Architects, Scully Architects, Lavallee Brensinger Architects and our Silver sponsors: Christopher P. Williams Architects and R.W. Gillespie & Associates, Inc.

On May 28 we toured the beautiful Savidge Library at the The MacDowell Colony in Peterborough. The new addition was designed by Tod Williams Bille Tsien Architects. Following the tour we had a spectacular buffet outside the building and a presentation by Brent Buck, the project architect from TWBTA; David Macy, resident director of the MacDowell Colony; and Tim Groesbeck the general contractor. Belletetes was our generous Platinum Sponsor, and 55 lucky people were present on this gorgeous evening.
71 people joined us on June 17 for a tour of Goody Clancy’s Peter T. Paul College of Business and Economics at UNH, which won a 2014 AIA New Hampshire Honor Award and is LEED Gold certified. Doug Bencks AIA, University Architect, and Robert Chandler FAIA from Goody Clancy covers the building systems, sustainability features, and instructional technology, as well as the influence of the University’s planning, design, and construction guidelines on the building. Platinum Sponsor was Pella Windows and Doors; Gold Sponsors: Charron, Inc. and PC Construction; and Silver Sponsor: RFS Engineering.

We moved further north for our September 17 event, a tour of Meservey Hall at The New Hampton School. This project won an Honorable Mention in the 2015 AIANH Excellence in Architecture Design Awards. Ward D’Elia AIA of Samyn D’Elia Architects, Jeff Downing of Conneston Construction, and Dan Love of the New Hampton school highlighted the academic space programming, cost benefit evaluation of historical preservation projects, how the architects designed a new building within the context of an existing historical structure, and the construction challenges. Our Gold sponsor was Conneston Construction, Inc. 42 people attended.

The 2nd Annual ARCHtoberfest was a very popular event, held at Throwback Brewery in No. Hampton, NH, a ManyPenny Murphy Architecture project, with 93 attending. We learned about one of New Hampshire’s popular nano-breweries and how the owners’ vision of bringing a historic farm and barn building to life was achieved. Beer tasting and great food rounded out the evening. Platinum sponsor was Marvin Windows and Doors; Gold: Milestone Engineering & Construction, ReVision Energy, Secondwind Water Systems, Visible Light; and Silver: ManyPenny Murphy Architecture.

The last of the 2015 Chapter Meetings was at Portwalk on November 12 where 71 of us saw how the largest urban development in Portsmouth has changed this small coastal community and how that transformation has made it one of the most popular places to live, do business, and visit throughout New England. After a walking tour of the area led by Jim Loft AIA, we met at The 100 Club, and heard from Lisa DeStefano AIA on the overall planning; Chris Lizotte AIA, Lance Bennett, and Matt Wirth on construction, LEED initiatives, zoning interpretations, multiple use, and construction challenges. Thanks to our sponsors. Platinum: PiXate Creative; Silver: PROCON and Spaulding Brick Co.

**Public Relations/Membership**
**Alyssa Murphy AIA, Chair**

This year the Public Relations Committee focused on two things – increasing the AIA NH presence on social media, primarily Facebook, and developing a strategic plan. Several board members were made administrators on the AIANH & AIANH Emerging Professionals Facebook pages, and each now has the ability to post links to information that is deemed pertinent or interesting to our members.

The other initiative that involved the entire board was to establish a three-year strategic plan. The plan was drafted and reviewed at our annual retreat in October and formally adopted at the December board meeting. The plan outlines AIANH’s Goals and Objectives for 2016-2018 in five areas: Improve Communication of Mission; Serve Membership – Engage/Educate NH architects; Transition to new Executive Director; Exploration of AIA NH Physical Space and Maintain Financial Health.

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**AIANH 2015 Financial Report**

2015 Operating Revenue
Affiliate Membership 12,609
AIA Membership 49,850
AIA Revenue Sharing 43,105
Annual Awards 15 14,625
Annual Awards 16 17,237
Bank Int. 12
Misc. 80
Publications 10,016
Programming & Sponsors 40,612
Programs Dedicated 2,000
Sponsorship-CAP 7,500
总 Revenue 197,646

2015 Operating Expense
Awards Program 15 17,320
Awards Program 16 1,457
AIA Conferences 5,237
AIANE Dues 647
Board Expense 516
Operating Exp. & Admin. 107,008
Publications 7,912
Programming 37,104
Programs, dedicated 3,847
QBS dues 300
Total operating expense 181,348

Total Inc/Exp 2015 16,298
Net Worth as of 12/31/15
Checking account 60,800
Reserves: Investment Savings 71,612
TOTAL 132,412

2015 was another good year for us financially, the result of a lot of hard work on the part of the Executive Director, the AIA New Hampshire Board of Directors, and the NH Environmental Guild. Each of our programs made a little bit of profit, and our new CAP program brought in additional sponsorship monies.

We were able to transfer $10,000 to our Reserve Investment Fund in 2015. Reserve Funds are used for budget deficits and special projects, such as website development and special programs. During the recession we needed to use these funds, as we also did for a new website in over 2011-2012.

The Board constantly monitors our finances and works to make the best use of our income for our membership.

(Operating Expense and Administration includes salaries, outsourcing, AIA Contract Document expenses, printing, shipping & postage, supplies, telephone, trade shows, executive director travel, insurance, accounting, internet, merchant account fees, public relations, website, and other incidentals.)

Please contact the AIANH office if you have any questions about the Annual Report, 603-357-2863, office@aianh.org.

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**2015 Corporate Allied Partners**
**Platinum: Marvin Windows & Doors**
**Gold: ReVision Energy**
**Silver: PROCON, Inc.**
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2015 AIANH Board of Directors (taken at the October 2015 Board Retreat)

Front row: Liz LeBlanc, Jay Purcell AIA, Susan Phillips-Hungerford AIA
Back row: Bart Sapeta AIA, Paul Bourbeau AIA, Alyssa Murphy AIA, Sheldon Pennoyer AIA, Nick Isaak AIA, Dennis McNeal AIA, Shannon Alther AIA
Missing: Tony Nazaka