AIA Roc

AIA Committee on the Environment (COTE) Group Meeting

Meeting 05 (Zoom) | June 6, 2022, 12pm-1pm

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Meeting Notes:

- In-person networking event was discussed AIA Roc may consider a November CEU session to coincide with a tour of Matt Bowers' Passive House residence. Matt hosts an annual Veteran's Day fundraising tour event in November.
 - a. Mark to check in with AIA Roc to consider (2) events (one Passive House education event and one Tour). After speaking with AIA Roc, Mark to reach out to Matt Bowers with Cc to Tim. Consider Friday/Saturday events.
 - b. Tim will follow up with Onion Flats, a Passive House and multi-family Builder-Developer (offices in PA and MA), related to a collaborative Educational event, shared with Matt.
 - c. Onion Flats will be attending the Phius Conference, November 7-10 (Houston). Veterans Day is on Saturday, November 11. If later in November, Onion Flats may be well-prepared for the AIA Roc Session following their PHIUS conference presentation.
- 2. Passive House is making relatively slow progress within our COTE Group. Construction Industry adoption would help spur it to become more common

- and cost competitive. Engaging contractors would be beneficial in raising awareness. Designs that include pre-fab wall systems are important and the products expedite construction schedules.
- 3. Mark shared the link to the 2023 COTE Award Winners. Excellent project information and design content are available at this link: COTE® Top Ten
 Awards AIA
- 4. New AIA Resources
 - a. AIA Climate Action Business Playbook https://www.aia.org/resources/6503126-climate-action-business-playbook-
 - b. AIAU session, So You Want to Build a Climate-Minded Architectural Practice? (1 HSW LU) Prior link dead-ended, but when that is repaired, please find the course available here: Courses | AIAU
- 5. All-Electric projects were briefly discussed. Sub-zero heat pumps are necessary, but challenges occur when systems are changed from NG to Electric, but issues related to poor enclosure performance are not addressed. Grid infrastructure capacity and resiliency issues exist.
- 6. Rochester/Buffalo / Syracuse AIA Chapter COTE Groups are actively discussing a combined session for larger group discussion. This would likely occur in about 2 months or so and possibly at 5pm.
- 7. Consider a social event for the AIA Roc COTE Group this summer. Mark to follow up.
- 8. Next Meeting 8/1/2023, Noon-1pm