BKEP GOES JENGA

Thursday, July 27th AIA Brooklyn’s Emerging Professionals Committee (BKEP) hosted the First Annual Jenga Tournament at Kings Beer Hall in Park Slope. The tournament was comprised of 8 teams of 2. First Place prize was sponsored by Classic Harbor Line for two tickets to the AIANY architectural boat tour. Second Place prize was Lego Architecture Chicago and London. Third Place prize was two mini Jengas (if you came that close you have to start practicing for next year).

This was a sold out event! At 7PM the open bar started, the rules reviewed, and the tournament launched. Round one – 8 teams started, best 2 out of 3, each round following was 

continued on page 3
FEATURES

1 BKEP Goes Jenga
4 AIA SpeakUp 2017: Advocacy And Action
8 Architects in the 2030 Commitment
8 Call for submissions
8 2018 Architectural Adventures Tours Announced
9 Midyear Update To State Economic Profiles

DEPARTMENTS

6 Industry Meeting Report
8 CRAN Brooklyn Report
9 New AIA Brooklyn Chapter Members
11 Upcoming Chapter Meeting
12 Calendar of Events
BROOKLYN ARCHITECTS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION INC.

Formed to raise funds for awarding architectural scholarships to qualified persons and to advance the architectural profession. All members that are in good standing of the AIA/Brooklyn are automatically members of the Brooklyn Architects Scholarship Foundation Inc.

PRESIDENT
Sebastian D’Alessandro, AIA

VICE PRESIDENT
Giuseppe Anzalone, AIA

TREASURER
Patricia Sears, AIA

SECRETARY
Ida Galea, AIA

DIRECTORS
Susana Honig, AIA
Frank LoPresto, AIA
Ray Mellon, Esq., Hon. AIA
Barry Stanley, AIA

~ PYLON STAFF ~

EDITOR:
Susana Honig, AIA
admindirector@aiabrooklyn.org

CREATIVE DIRECTOR:
Allen Kushner
bgal1999@hotmail.com

ADVERTISING MANAGERS
Vincent S. Nativo, AIA
vp@aiabrooklyn.org

CONTRIBUTORS:
John Gallagher, AIA
Gerald I. Goldstein, AIA
Susana Honig, AIA
Anthony Marchese, AIA
Jane McGroarty, AIA
I. Donald Weston, FAIA
Pamela Weston, Assoc. AIA

Deadline for submission to the Pylon is the second Wednesday of each month. Articles or notices may be submitted to the Editor by e-mail, fax or on disc. Material printed in the PYLON is for informational purposes only and should not be relied upon nor acted on as legal opinion or advice.

The PYLON is published by the Brooklyn Chapter AIA and no portion may be reproduced without written permission.

Copyright: 2017

continued from page 1
sudden death. Round one Winners competing for first and second place: Classics☺, Wood Knockers, Anti Gravity, and Made You Look. Round one losers competing for third place: Structurally Sound, Gehr Bears, Mighty Morphine Tower Arrangers, and Guilted To Go. The tension could be seen and felt, as no one wanted to be eliminated.

The whole bar was now focusing on Mighty Morphine Tower Arrangers vs. Wood Knockers whose tower was getting so tall the step stool almost did not reach the top to return the last pulled piece! The suspense was high while waiting and watching for the next tower to go down. Pressure and anxiety mounted when each round eliminated a team from the first and second place, BUT there was still a chance to come back. The losing teams could find redemption by competing for third place.

As each match progressed the precision of every move was more focused and strategically planned. The final match ups had Wood Knockers vs. Anti Gravity competing for first and second place, and Classics☺ vs. Gehr Bears for third place. Nail biting was rampant. The towers started to fall. First Place: Wood Knockers. Second Place: Anti Gravity. Third Place: Gehr Bears. Everyone was overjoyed screaming, clapping and shouting for the winners and the turnout.

The Emerging Professionals Committee is very touched by the support from our neighboring chapters who came out and joined the first Annual Jenga Tournament. We were inspired by the participation, encouragement, and support from our fellow EPs and chapter members. A special shout out to emerging professional committees from AIA Long Island, AIA NY, and AIA Queens for competing and joining us. Thank you to Classic Harbor Line and to everyone who was able to attend and hope to see you all again soon!

- Nicole Gangidino, Assoc. AIA

1st & 2nd Place Winners
This summer I attended SpeakUp, AIA's advocacy and action training event which took place in Denver, one of the fastest growing cities in the nation, and the capital of Colorado, a state that has become a political bellwether which Frank Bruni of The New York Times wrote about being the experiment which “…extends to questions of whether drillers and environmentalists can peacefully coexist, whether a country bloodied by gunfire can muster any sane response, whether Democrats can use demographic trends and certain social issues to establish a durable advantage, and whether Republicans can summon the specter of an unwieldy government to prevent that. Colorado is where all of this is being hashed out.” Because Denver and Colorado embody our era of rapid and unpredictable change and questioning, it was the perfect setting for SpeakUp - AIA's outstanding advocacy training event (now in its 2nd year) aimed at teaching how to change the architectural political field.

In the AIA's history, our members carried a unique and respected voice, resonating in city halls, statehouses and Congress. Therefore, influencing government policy is one of the AIA's primary responsibilities, the very reason our Institute exists. Yet as time passed, our members lost the focus to influence. SpeakUp is meant to train the next generation of leaders who will carry the unique and respected voice of the AIA into the future.
I went expecting that it would be just another training course where we would sit in seminars discussing different aspects of advocacy and its challenges, effective communication, legislative campaigning, teamwork, PACs, and the media. Yet this wasn’t the case. We participated in workshops and what I thought was most effective was that we were randomly placed in teams to make a campaign plan. It was a great challenge as it put us with members from all across the country as well as different levels of experience and skills. The workshops and campaign exercises focused on the Five Elements of a Campaign. Together, these elements create the organizational framework that helps a chapter become more strategic, purposeful, and organized when working towards a successful legislative and political outcome. Building a campaign to win a policy issue requires research, a winning message, reliable allies, knowledge of the legislative and political landscape, and teamwork. Organization is key to all kinds of operations, but is especially important in legislative and political advocacy work. Without organization, the campaign runs the risk of missing opportunities and having to play catch up when conflicts arise.

If you are in a position of leadership in your local chapter or professional life or are planning to be in the future, I highly recommend this program. The work that other members and I did that week will pay dividends for our entire career.

-David Flecha, Assoc. AIA
July 20, 2017

Ira: Introduced the new borough manager, Bernalyn Jones, who has come over from Manhattan. (Rashid Kearns returned to Manhattan.) Ms. Jones said a few words and, in response to a question, said that she will have no set times to see people but she will try to keep her door open as much as possible and, if it is closed, we are free to knock.

Ira: Noted a correction: at the last meeting, he said a ceiling was required in the cellar of a 1 or 2 family house outside the boiler room. He noted that that is not necessarily true and that it depends on the construction classification.

Ira: Reviewed the Flood Resilience Zoning CPC presentation from 2013. He forwarded a PDF file (attached) with a note: Keep in mind that this was a proposal in July 2013 and you have to read the zoning resolution for actual changes.

Questions:
1. Q: The difference between an ALT II Directive 14, and a Non-directive. When there is an application in which there is no change to use, and occupancy, but a change in egress (addition of a Fire escape) can it be filed under an ALT II Non-directive? An example: An interior renovation of an existing 3 stories, 6 family dwelling units (two apartments per floor). In which the old “railroad” style layout is being changed to front and back apartments, and installation of an additional fire escape is being proposed to facilitate the requirements for the second means of egress.

Can this be filed under an ALT II Non-Directive?
A: Adding a fire escape in a change to egress, therefore requiring an Alt-1 application.
Follow-up: Alt-1 required for replacement of stairs?
A: Replacement of stairs in not a change to egress. Other individual situations can be addressed by submitting an Alt-1 or CCD1.

2. Q: What can’t we schedule a CO construction inspection and an inspection to clear a violation on the property at the same time? We used to be able to schedule both for one simultaneous inspection. The DOB inspection system does not allow for one inspection to be scheduled for both, whereas it was always done in the past.

A: Inspections for C of O’s and Violation removal are now done by two different inspectors – one from Development, and the other from Enforcement. Development inspectors do not perform violation re-inspections, and Enforcement inspectors do not perform C of O inspections.

3. Q: Is it true you cannot put a half bath in the basement of a one family house in a flood area?

A: True. In Residential, only Storage or Parking is permitted below the Design Flood Elevation. Code citation: 7.3.3 Plumbing systems installed below minimum elevations. Plumbing systems and components, including plumbing fixtures, shall be elevated above the elevation specified in Table 7-1. Where plumbing systems and components have openings below the elevation specified in Table 7.1, the openings shall be protected with automatic backwater valves or other automatic backflow devices. Devices shall be installed in each line that extends below the DFE to prevent release of sewage into the floodwaters and to prevent infiltration by floodwaters into the plumbing. Redundant devices requiring human intervention shall be permitted. Plumbing systems shall be provided with backwater valves in the building drain at its point of exit from the building and downstream of the building trap.

Follow-up: Commercial occupancy? Commercial can be dry flood-proofed and, if so, then any permitted use can be installed below the DFE.

Other questions:
Dmitriy: 1) Are balconies permitted on the 2nd floor if not in the required open space?
A: Yes, but counts as Lot Coverage, and counts as Floor Area if more than 50% enclosed. Side lot lines count as an enclosure.

2) Has an open application from 1986 for a small enlargement in an R-4 District. How to handle?
A: Dead job because it is so old. Must file a new Alt-2 application, but go to Construction Department to check for permits. If permitted and executed, then file as a No Work application. Will need all the proper inspections for the work, including structural stability.

3) Roof Terrace on Commercial permitted?
A: Not permitted. A Temporary Public Assembly
may be possible but it is preferred that the building have a new C of O for Public Assembly for use of a roof.

John H: Why aren't the PAA processes standardized among the borough offices?
A: Bernalyn: The DOB is working on that.

Other: A new school is opening in September but drinking foundations will not be installed. How to get TCO without the plumbing sign off?
A: OK to get a temporary PL sign off with installation of bottled water stands.

- John Hatheway, AIA
The AIA released 2030 By the Numbers (https://www.aia.org/resources/6676-aia-2030-commitment-by-the-numbers), the 2016 progress report assessing the work of architecture firms that are part of the AIA 2030 Commitment (http://new.aia.org/resources/6616-the-2030-commitment). The commitment is a voluntary initiative to commit their practices to advancing the AIA’s goal of carbon-neutral buildings by the year 2030. Read the highlights from the report:

• The potential energy savings from all 2016 projects represent approximately 16.7 million metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions - the equivalent of running almost five coal-fired power plants or powering 1.76 million homes for a year (EPA Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator) www.epa.gov/energy/greenhouse-gas-equivalencies-calculator.

• Projects reported an average predicted energy use intensity (pEUI) savings of 42 percent in 2016, climbing from 38 percent in 2015.

• 53 new firms joined the commitment in 2016, which creates a total of more than 400 firms.


- AIA - Contact Julia Siple (202) 626 7415

The The Upjohn program funds up to six research grants of $15,000-$30,000 per recipient each year for projects completed in 6-18 months. Proposals should address the value of design, practice issues, or novel materials and methods of construction. The research should relate to architectural knowledge that can readily be applied within the discipline.

• Deadline to submit proposal: September 1, 11:59pm PST.

• Call for submissions: 2017 AIA Upjohn Research Initiative grants.

• Submit here www.conferenceabstracts.com/cfp2/login.asp?EventKey=AWWNISFB.

- AIA - Virginia Ebbert (202) 626 7490

2018 ARCHITECTURAL ADVENTURES TOURS ANNOUNCED

Travel with Architectural Adventures in 2018! Visit the Bauhaus on the eve of its 100th anniversary, experience historic Lisbon and lively Madrid, see the most creative contemporary architecture in Miami and cruise the Rhine River. More tours will be announced soon. Join the mailing list to be the first to know http://acdpages.aia.org/2018-Trips-Travel-Architect.html.

- AIA - Cynthia Linnell 202) 626 7445
Looking Ahead

Regularly Scheduled Chapter Meetings

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are scheduled at:

Committee Meetings: 5:30 PM
Dinner: 6:00 PM
Program: 6:15 PM

General Meeting
Wednesday,
September 27, 2017

TOPIC: CMEAV
“What’s new in AV Technologies”

Brooklyn Borough Hall
Community Room, 1st floor
Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201

Executive Meeting
Wednesday,
September 6, 2017

AIA learning unit credit and certificates towards NYS mandatory continuing education will be given for each program.

Midyear Update to State Economic Profiles

The midyear update to the AIA’s State Economic Profiles (www.aia.org/pages/3551-aia-state-economic-profiles) has been released. The profiles provide a collection of economic indicators that can be used to make better business decisions. There is one for each state to better inform your understanding of policies affecting the entire industry.

- AIA - Jessica Mentz (202) 626 7487

The AIA Brooklyn Chapter Members Are Forever Changing

Welcome to Our New Members!

Mr. Michael Brotherton, AIA
Mr. Darrin J. Krumpus, AIA
Mrs. Aya Matsumoto, AIA
Mr. Jeffrey D. Zaborski, AIA
Mr. Chad J. Murphy, Assoc. AIA
Ms. Ryan B. Thomas, Assoc. AIA

Extreme Durability For High Traffic Areas

Introducing a breakthrough, one-component scuff-resistant latex paint that withstands repeated washing.

Proud sponsor of the BQDA 2017 Award Program
VISIT OUR NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART SHOWROOM*
Window-Fix Obtains LPC Permits for Historical Restoration Projects

*Beginning in March 2016, earn AIA-CEUs at Window-Fix’s new Sunset Park showroom.

Have the tools you need
when you need them. Order your
AIA documents today.

Don’t run out.
(800) 242-3837  https://contractdocs.aia.org

ORDER SPECIAL INSPECTIONS ON LINE AT

EZTR1.com

Giuseppe R. Anzalone, AIA
Reza (Ray) Khamcy, PE
Joseph J. Smerina, AIA

NYC REGISTERED SPECIAL INSPECTION AGENCY # 001957

AKS ARCHITECTURAL & ENGINEERS SERVICES, LLP dba www.EZTR1.COM
175 West Broadway  New York, NY 10013  tel: (646) 396-1924  email: info@EZTR1.com
ZETLIN & DE CHIARA LLP

ADVOCATE. COUNSELOR. PARTNER.
THE CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS IS OUR BUSINESS.

- Litigation & Alternate Dispute Resolution
- Contract Preparation & Negotiation
- Risk Management Planning
- Intellectual Property & Emerging Technology Protection
- Business Counseling
- Professional Licensing Guidance
- International Construction Law Consulting

www.zdlaw.com

ASBESTOS INVESTIGATIONS
ACP-5's - SURVEYS

SPECIAL INSPECTIONS

Sebastian M. D' Alessandro
718.259.2644 SMDARCHITECTS@YAHOO.COM

ASBESTOS INVESTIGATIONS
ACP-5's - SURVEYS

SPECIAL INSPECTIONS

Sebastian M. D' Alessandro
718.259.2644 SMDARCHITECTS@YAHOO.COM

Boro Land Surveying, P.C.
353 Court Street
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11231
(718) 624.5600 BoroSurvey@gmail.com

Vincent J. Dicce, L.S.
President
Anthony F. Muscat, L.S.
Partner
Roger H. Bennett, P.E., L.S.
Associate

2323 Development Corp. d.b.a
JTC Associates
General Contractors - Construction Managers

Joseph Tooma, President
JTOOMA@JTCASSOC.COM

694 Sackett Street
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11217
Phone: 718-857-2900
Fax: 718-857-4353

Kamco Supply Corp.
Brooklyn
718-768-1234

Manhattan
212-736-7350

Long Island
516-935-8660

Kamco Supply of New Jersey LLC
2017-11

The Contractor’s Source
Serving the NY Metropolitan Area
Since 1939

One Stop Source for All Your Building Supply Needs
On-site, On-Time Delivery

- Acoustical Ceiling & Wall Systems
- Drywall
- Lumber
- Plywood
- Hardware
- Insulation
- Flooring
- Doors
- Tools
- Boom & Spider Truck Service
- Global Export Division
- Kamco Drywall Forms
- Proud Member:

Knowledgeable Sales Team

Kamco.com

PROUD MEMBER:

Pylon September 2017 11
NEXT STOP: SECOND AVENUE SUBWAY
January 14 to September 3, 2017
New York Transit Museum
Next Stop: Second Avenue Subway, traces nearly 100 years of history, exploring how the Second Avenue line fits into New York’s past, present, and future transportation landscapes.

DESCENSION
May 3 to September 10, 2017
The Noguchi Museum
Anish Kapoor’s most viscerally arresting installations, to New York City for the first time. Sited at Pier 1 in Brooklyn Bridge Park.

AIA WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP SUMMIT
Sep 14 - 16, 2017 (ET)
Grand Hyatt Hotel, 1000 H Street NW, Washington, DC, 20001, US

CHIHULY
April 22 to October 29, 2017
The New York Botanical Garden
Artworks by world-renowned artist Dale Chihuly are now on view at NYBG in his first major garden exhibition in New York in more than ten years. Showcasing more than 20 installations and drawings.

2017 WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP SUMMIT: CREATING TAILWINDS
September 14-16, 2017; 8:30am-5pm
Grand Hyatt Hotel, Washington, D.C.
An inspiring event focused on supporting women architects, creating new paths to leadership, and providing a forum to recognize and champion their work, gender & diversity.
Jeffrey Ostrander, AIA (202) 626.7524
https://www.aiawls.org/

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE AND URBANISM: PRAGUE 20/20
Oct 5 - 9, (CET)
Waldstein Palace, Prague, CZ (photo)

AIA CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE 2018
Jun 21 - 23, (ET)
Javits Center, 655 W 34th Street, New York, NY, 10001, US

AIA QUAD CONFERENCE
CT, NJ, NYS, PA
Nov. 9-11, 2017
http://quadconference.aiany.org/

AIA BROOKLYN COMMITTEE FAIR AND GENERAL MEETING
September 27, 2017, 5:30– 8:30pm
Brooklyn Borough Hall, Community Room