

Pittsburgh, November 12th 2003

GREENBUILD Expo

AIA COTE Chairs Meeting

COTE COMPONENT notes:

1. Seattle COTE meets monthly, sponsors competitions, tours, has a website
2. Houston has both COTE and USGBC and coordinates members. 7-8 regular attendees. sponsors lecture series. meeting notes kept on website
3. Baltimore COTE: supports Maryland Green Building network. Exploratory USGBC chapter committee exists. Task force in Md. exploring the economic benefits of green building.
4. New Orleans COTE: getting started. A diverse mix of people including assoc members.
5. Atlanta COTE: monthly meetings. Supports Southface Inst.; Meets monthly (?); chair from HOK [name?]; project-based lectures with 20-30 people at lunchtime
6. Nashville COTE: All COTE members are in USGBC. Focus has been on getting USGBC started. Cumberland River compact houses has been a COTE project.
7. Boston COTE: Boston Society of Architects has many active committees (incl. IAQ and envelope?). COTE 25-30 people monthly- presentations and committee work; focus on advocacy, green bldg. tax credit... Mass tech. Collaborative great website.
8. Colorado COTE: New USGBC state chapter overwhelming COTE
9. Pittsburgh: COTE absorbed into GBA and USGBC.
10. DC has both -thriving and coordinated

MISC notes:

- COTE National focus is Top Ten awards program along with advocacy on energy policy, joint conferences with PIAs, documents work as well as "greening" charrettes. Grant proposal for greening of design schools in 2004...
- Boyer Report on practice/ education: training needs more community involvement
- AIA members are confronting LEED requirements in many government buildings- how/ if COTE supports that need?

- Knowledge Agenda at AIA will increase emphasis on PIAs. Gene Hokins is first AIA Pres. to come through the PIA system
- COTE message in the context of green building is one of the value of good design, of craft and holistic thinking
- How can COTEs contribute beyond Top Ten program? Pooling resources for national advocacy on energy policy etc.
- National Convention on Water?

I hope this is helpful,

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