BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
Melbourne | 22 March 2019

Highlights from the Board Meeting

- Joint PIA Board and Division Presidents Meeting
  - In early 2018 the Board affirmed the value of meeting regularly with Division Presidents by resolving to hold annual joint meetings with them starting in March 2019. The purpose of the joint meetings is to ensure the Board remains close to the coal-face of issues affecting Divisions and to give Division Presidents context for some of the overarching and strategic decisions made by the Board.
  - At the meeting, Division Presidents observed Board proceedings and were invited to participate in relevant discussions. A dedicated strategy session was held where attendees heard presentations relevant to PIA and the profession, including the important emerging topics of community engagement, social license, consistent and transparent decision making and trust in planning, and workshopped ideas relating to those topics to assist PIA to show leadership for the profession in these areas.

- Information Session with IAP2 (International Association for Public Participation)
  - The Board and Division Presidents met with the board of the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2-Australasia) to explore the potential for closer cooperation and collaboration to serve the needs of individual planners and the overall profession as the role of planners responds to digitisation of the sector.
  - Several potential opportunities were discovered including cooperative Awards judging of relevant planning and community engagement categories, training opportunities for members of both organisations (for example ‘consultation’ for planners and ‘planning for non-planners’ for engagement practitioners), and joint support of relevant advocacy submissions.
  - PIA will further explore options with IAP2 that could benefit both of our memberships.

Items of interest also discussed at the Board Meeting

- Refinements to PIA’s systems relating to members’ Continuing Professional Development and the associated campaign to educate members about their duty to keep their skills and knowledge up-to-date and to record activities in PIA’s system so it can be counted.
- A small groups activity was conducted to brainstorm solutions to a number of issues regarding the connection between practicing planners and academia / research.
- PIA’s action plan on Digital Disruption to begin leading the profession through changes of future technology.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on the Gold Coast on Wednesday 15 April, in conjunction with PIA’s 2019 National Congress. We hope to see you there! piacongress19.com.au

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