

Sages Monthly Call

Thursday, August 15, 2024 / 3:00 PM EST

Zoom registration link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87388505554?pwd=dGJmT255VXIYTVNhcWlqWFVlNnhNdz09>

Attendees:

Mary Ann Lazarus, Dan Whittet, Betsy del Monte, Kira Gould, Mark Ginsberg, Andrea Love, Jim Newman, Clark Brockman, Jean Caroon, Alex Wilson, Mara Baum, Christ Flint Chatto, Rob Winstead, Mike Fowler, Heather Holdridge, Lona Rerick, Pauline Souza

Emailed apologies for not attending: ... Out Of Office:

***NEXT CALL:** Monday, September 9th, 4 pm Eastern Time*

Agenda

1. What's got your attention?
2. Equity and Climate action follow-up
3. Advocacy opportunities
4. Circle migration plans

Action Items

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Pre-Call Notes

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Notes

1. What's got your attention?
 - a. Excited about abortion ballot measure in Missouri
 - b. Slug day, mother in law (?) sick
 - c. Tour of re-purposed paper mill in Madison, ME

- i. Past chairman of the nature conservancy (?) did a presentation on new wood insulation product (?)
- d. Working on FAIA submission, thinking of you all! And headed to Boston soon to visit daughter there. Going to the coast of Maine and Cape Cod.
- e. AIA materials pledge. Finally opened up submission yesterday, trying to figure out what to report.
 - i. Materials Pledge reporting suggestions for number of projects and product types. Suggested amount of # projects to report by firm size:
 - Small (1-9): 1-2 projects
 - Medium (10-49): 3-6 projects
 - Large (50+): 5-15 projects
 - *For each project, there is a suggested 2-5 product types in 1-3 impact categories*
 - But remember that there are no required minimums. 1-3 projects would be plenty for this inaugural reporting period.
- f. Have been participating in the BAC leadership intensive this week (?). Missing Alex and Mara. Caught COVID there. And putting together a project proposal around community-driven climate resilience activity. Pulling in middle-schoolers for the programming including the mascot the Resilient Rascal.
- g. Having a session about climate grief and anxiety with the office, inspired by SDL session
- h. First week of school, been doing a lot more urban planning work, discovering I may need to sit for AICP exam
- i. Going to Cape Cod, leaving before labor day
- j. Still trying to decide what to do with Resilient Design Institute. New ASHRAE 185.1 on passive survivability.
 - i. The idea that a building will keep occupants reasonably safe without heat or electricity (or water)
- k. Just came back from vacation to Grand Tetons. Portland Airport just opened up. Pretty amazing space. Getting ready for Summit with agenda focused on accelerating decarbonization.
- l. Working on the final report for the AIA Strategic Council Climate Action Group. Focusing on water. Trying to get people to realizing how critical this issue is and not take a decade to focus on it like decarb.
 - i. Will be available through AIA Strategic Council
- m. And also, recommendation of book Material World by Ed Conway
- n. Working on AIA Materials Pledge, going to Colorado Rockies and then Yellowstone and Grand Tetons
- o. Portland Airport! And documentary about Women In Carbon premiered yesterday in Portland. Also, check out the wood transparency post in Green Commons. Reach out to Clark, Lona, or ?
- p. Refueled by SDL Summit. Working with offices that need furniture to get from other offices that are downsizing. So happy to see you all!

- i. For furniture reuse in the bay area, there is also ReSeat:
<https://www.reseat.com/reseat-new/sustainability/>
 - q. Just learned about QFlow app in the UK that uses a delivery app to take pics of the site and then uses it for carbon tracking. We are testing out a new platform - potentially moving the forums off of the BG website onto Circle. They are rolling out gamification, but it's optional fortunately
 - r. Reading a whitepaper about AI and biodiversity and it's giving me a headache. Posted new podcast, coming up on 100! COTE Leader Ganesh recently passed away. Thanks for being yourselves and being inspiring.
 - i. Kira did a great presentation at Living Future. Living Future also made Ganesh's video public on YouTube - https://fb.watch/t_4Tq6YieJ/
 - s. Visit from unnamed presidential candidate. Headline, "Why Did Trump Come to Asheville?" appreciated that. Had a big family reunion. Grandkids and kids living with them this month. Doing presentation at senior living community and reading Corey's book to prepare!
 - t. Working on Materials Pledge, excited about alignment. 19 year old left home and became forest fire fighter. Getting ready to go on vacation to South Puget Sound on Harstine Island.
2. Equity and Climate action follow-up
- a. Small team has met a couple of times and Larry has drafted thoughts about the group, started process of inviting other people. Starting to develop questions about what we can offer as Sages and to whom we can offer it. What do we want to do and why do we want to do it? Living in humility.
 - b. Booking a time next month to share more about it. Not too late to join the working group! Let Jim N. or Larry or Betsy or Clark know.
 - c. Just about to start a project in Richmond, VA in a poorer area, pursuing 20 million dollar EPA grant. 60% of those grants have been given out to climate resilience hubs, in vulnerable communities. Seems like there's a resource that's available.
 - i. Have a very large decarbonization project in Richmond, had a hard time connecting with anyone who might know about IRA related stuff
3. Advocacy opportunities
4. Circle migration plans (see above)
5. Unrelated:
- a. hey, has anyone played with Grimshaw's carbon platform ?
<https://www.minoro.org/>
 - b. Heard about larger Summit next year?
 - i. Mega-Summit, larger Summit with overlap with SCL, SMEPL, Sages next year.

Information for Reference

Previous Meetings

[February 2024 meeting notes](#)

[March 2024 meeting notes](#)

[April 2024 meeting notes](#)

[May 2024 meeting notes](#)

[June 2024 meeting notes](#)

[July 2024 meeting notes](#)