



A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE AIANH COTE (formerly the Environmental Guild)

The AIANH Chapter of the Committee on the Environment was formerly known for many years as the Environmental Guild. In 1996 Peter Flack gave a copy of *Sustainable Building Technical Manual*, USGBC, to Stu White which may have been the impetus for the formation of the group. At the behest of Clint Sheerr, Stu White was the first to head up “The Guild” with the task of educating Architects, Engineers, Builders and other stakeholders in Environmental Responsibility. Subsequent Chairs have included Paul Leveille, David Ely, Sheldon Pennoyer and currently Tracy Kozak. Carolyn Isaak, Chris Williams, Kate Hartnett, Dana Mosher and others were also instrumental in getting this initiative started.

The first few years “The Guild” offered symposia on the details of how to make our built environment more sustainable. It was soon apparent that we needed to bring others into the fold outside of the Architectural community. The revolving membership has always included those of various disciplines such as banking, real estate, education, engineering, and others with a vested interest in the protection of the environment.

Between the years 2003 and 2010 the Guild organized 6 Integrated Design Integrated Development (IDID) conferences featuring speakers such as Ed Mazria, David Orr, Dana Baumeister, Pliny Fisk, Janine Benyus and other distinguished leaders in sustainability. These 2 day conferences awarded Excellence in Sustainable Design Awards, and had various speakers and break-out sessions.

In 2014 and 2015 the Guild organized a year-long series, AIA+2030, to educate architects on how to achieve the 2030 Challenge in our projects and offices. The Guild has continued to organize educational sessions for AIANH with presenters such as Joe Lstiburek and Peter Yost.

The Guild has always been the AIA NH Chapter of COTE. In 2019 the NH COTE, along with other neighboring chapters, organized the second New England Leadership Conference in Portsmouth, and featured Mary Ann Lazarus as keynote speaker and facilitator.

NH HCOTE continues to be active in promoting environmental resources for NH Architects and others by activities such as supporting The Framework for Design Excellence and providing a Resource Guide of materials and practices.

Past IDID conferences include:

2003 – New England Center, UNH

2004 – Holloway Commons, UNH

2005 – AMC Highland House, Crawford Notch: Human face of Green Design

2006 – Crotched Mountain: Dollars and Sense of IDID

2008 – Plymouth State University: Stepping Up to the 2030 Challenge – Ed Mazria keynote

2010 – Dartmouth College: Sustainable Design: From LEED to Living Buildings