

This newsletter provides you with a short update on the latest developments related to Active House. Visit [www.activehouse.info](http://www.activehouse.info) for more information on Active House cases, projects, events and news.



## News about the Active House alliance

### The organisation is in place

We are happy to announce that the organisation of the alliance is now in place, as the Board of Directors (BOD) and Board Advisory Committee (BAC) have elected the chairs and vice chairs and an organisation has been chosen as caretaker of the secretary role.

The Board of Directors has elected:

- Chair of the Board of Directors: Mikkel Skott Olsen
- Vice Chair of the Board of Directors: Zsolt Gunther

The Board Advisory Committee (BAC) members elected Michael K. Rasmussen for chair of BAC. It was decided not to have a Vice Chair of BAC. See who is in the BOD and BAC.

The need for an alliance secretariat is urgent, and the BOD has decided to enter into an agreement with a professional secretary agency. In future, the secretary task will therefore be managed by the Dutch organisation SBR. The organisation and the people will be presented on the web page as soon as they have settled in.

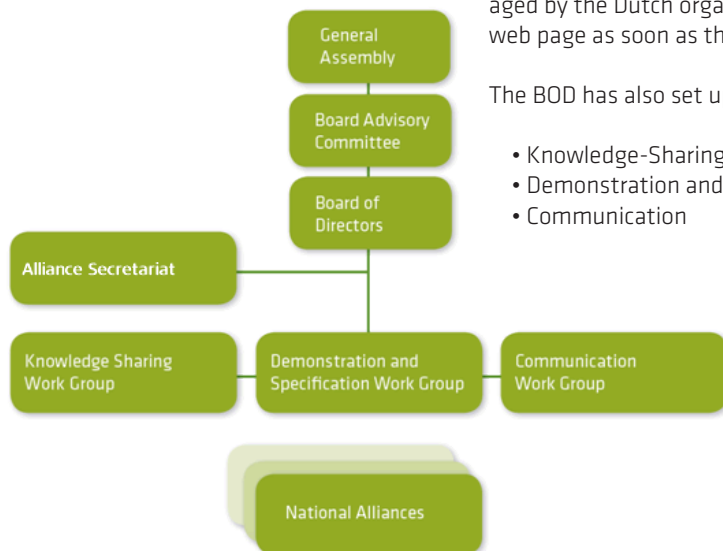
The BOD has also set up three work groups with each their chairman and task description:

- Knowledge-Sharing
- Demonstration and Specification
- Communication

The next step is for all members to join one or more of the work groups and an invitation to join will be sent to alliance members within two weeks. Remember that the alliance is only what we, as members, put into it, so please join in!

The Board of Directors has prepared a proposal for annual fees for alliance members: it will be discussed at the General Assembly in spring. Read more about the fee

The date for the General Assembly is set for 22 March 2012, so make a note in your calendar!



## Active House Reward

A Czech and Slovakian Active House Award 2011/2012 has been initiated. It is an architect competition for university students from the Czech and Slovak Republics.

Active House members interested in supporting the award by co-sponsorship, or in other ways participating in the award competition, should contact Mikkel Skott Olsen for further information.

## Specifications now available in German

The specifications, which can be found on the alliance website, have been translated into German. If you have the need, skills and resources to translate into other languages, please contact the secretary.

## Tweet, tweet!

Active House goes Twitter. Sign up and follow us on our way out into the world.



### Active House at conferences

In the past few months, Active House has been represented and aroused interest at several conferences. It is pleasing to observe how awareness is increasing as the word spreads. When the secretariat has settled in, it will work together with the Communication Work Group on developing information packages for use at conferences. The aim is to align and professionalise our communication to make the vision of Active House shine bright and clear.

A selection of the past conferences:

#### Washington Energy Summit

The annual Washington Energy Summit with the topic "Powering Cities of the Future: Sustainable Energy Solutions for the World's Varied Communities" was organised in Washington DC on 27 and 28 September. The summit focused on energy supply and district heating solutions for cities. The Active House Alliance was represented in the panel debate about "Smart, cost-effective, next-generation green buildings".

#### Take Lead in Copenhagen

At the Take Lead conference, held by Green Growth Leaders, one of the workshops was on "Sustainable Living in Buildings", with participants from the Active House Alliance. Several examples of sustainable development were presented and discussed in panel debates, including the concept of Active House.

#### Active House Russia

The first Russian Active House conference was held on 14 October..... as part of the biggest architect event in Russia, the Festival "Zodchestvo". With its venue in the centre of Moscow, the festival was of national scale and attracted governmental attention. The program included conferences, masterclasses, seminars and competitions, with the Active House conference as one of the major events.

#### World Sustainable Building Conference in Helsinki

The paper and poster 'The Window - a Poetic Device and Technical Tool to Improve Life in Energy Positive Homes' was presented at the World Sustainable Building Conference, 18-21 October 2011.

#### UIA World Congress 2011

At The UIA World Congress in September, Active House was a cooperation partner at the exhibition Sustainable by Design 2050. Active House was a part of the program here too, and an edited video, with an abstract of the presentation, is available on YouTube.

#### New members

We are delighted to announce that the alliance has been strengthened by the addition of a couple of prominent new members and a strategic partner. All in all we, are now 35 members and around 600 users on [www.activehouse.info](http://www.activehouse.info). The new arrivals are:

Saint-Gobain Glass / Glassolutions | Jadarhus

#### New demonstration buildings

A number of new Active Houses have been completed and opened in the past few months: Active House Russia | Model Home UK | Isobo Aktiv

#### Contact

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions or good ideas on how to spread the word and vision about Active House. You can reach the alliance on [activehouse@activehouse.info](mailto:activehouse@activehouse.info)

