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NEW YORK CHAPTER & NEW YORK UPSTATE CHAPTER - AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
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SPRING MEETING

Date: March 26, 2011

Location: Albany, NY / Teleconference from various locations

Present:	N. Bateman	President	
	E. Reynolds	Secretary	
	A. Hart	Treasurer	By teleconference
	B. Basinger	Upstate Chapter	
	R. Gass	NY Chapter	
	C. Velsor	NY Chapter	By teleconference
	K. McAndrew	NY Chapter	
	C. May	NY Chapter	
	B. Restaino	Upstate Chapter	
	E. Farrell	NYSCLA Executive Director	
R. Gibney	NY Chapter Member at Large	By teleconference	
Absent:	P. Lester	NY Chapter	
	D. McCord	Upstate Chapter	
	J. Thompson	Upstate Chapter	

OLD BUSINESS

1. NYSCLA Board Members - At 10:40 N. Bateman opened the meeting and verified the teleconference attendees (see above). There is no quorum so the Winter Meeting's minutes will be approved by email ballot following this meeting.
2. Treasurer's Report - The 2011 Budget was approved via email ballot in February.
3. AIANYS Report by E. Farrell - The Professional Corporation bill passed the Senate a few weeks ago. The Wetlands bill and Surveyor's bill have not been introduced yet; E. Farrell recommends we don't focus on them. He came across another bill we may be interested in about the site restoration of lands adjacent to Wetlands. Much of the legislature's time has been spent on the budget recently. He feels the budget will pass on time or close to it. AIA strongly supports the revised Design/Build bill. It was not included as a program bill in the proposed budget but the Governor will introduce it separately. He believes it will soon apply to NY as it does in most other states. The bill is Assembly #4735 / Senate #3035 with Canastari / LaValle as sponsors. The State Board for Architecture has become involved, and AIANYS penned the bill. E. Farrell

suggests that we remove “2011” after bill numbers in the Lobby Day brochure. He also suggests we move the practice degradation info to the end of the brochure since it isn’t active. QBS (Qualifications Based Selection) is in the Senate and will be introduced to the Assembly. AIANYS expects to resubmit the bill under a new majority sponsor and current sponsor (Dilan) is now in the minority. AIANYS will keep us posted as NYSCLA has a QBS draft support memo ready to go.

4. Legislative Agenda / Lobby Day Brochure - K. McAndrew produced a spreadsheet of all the bills we are following. This data will be maintained on our new website “back of house”. The Board thanks him for his huge effort in putting our legislative agenda together. N. Bateman will work with A. Hart and M. Goff to make the changes E. Farrell noted. AIA would like all materials in the Albany office in the next few weeks. ASLA national will work with R. Gibney to select the appropriate issue of LA magazine for use in the Lobby Day packet. Also included will be a LA fact sheet. N. Bateman is hoping to have the materials ready by next Friday.
5. Website + Strategic Planning updates – J. Thompson reports the inhouse website upgrades are well underway with eSolve. The Board has logins and passwords to access the website. She will start to prepare an outline for a NYSCLA Strategic Plan this summer and fall. Board Members are encouraged to login and begin to see the website’s usefulness and recommend improvements. Through these new capabilities, NYSCLA Board Members can archive key memos and documents from year to year and have a clearinghouse for all NYSCLA information.
6. CEU Guidelines Memo - The memo will be sent to both current and potential LA CEU providers. It will make the key requirements of a successful CEU event clear. We are waiting on NY Chapter comments. The NY Chapter is also concerned about the criteria of what makes a CEU event acceptable. The criteria will be followed up on as a separate issue. Key issues are as follows: what criteria are acceptable, number of credits given, and the issue of NY state’s criteria at times seem to be inconsistent with National, which can be a disservice to members / CLARB, etc., NY Chapter would like to send a letter to NYSED or NYSCLA about getting these issues addressed.
7. Meeting with R. Lopez on Feb. 15 in NYC - R. Gibney gave an overview of the meeting:
 - a. R. Lopez has a new employee whose primary duty is reviewing approximately 300 ASLA Firm Finder listings in NY. So far 25% have been violations. They will be removed from the listing.
 - b. CLARB is putting together a report, which will define the “welfare” component of “health, safety and welfare”. It will improve our practice. The report defined “welfare” based on 7 impacts put together by landscape architects. R. Lopez was very impressed by the quality of this report.
 - c. A definition of Landscape Design vs. Landscape Architecture will be given to the Office of Professions discipline department for their use. The State Board of Landscape Architecture has prepared a 4-5 page paper citing 5 principles of health, safety, and welfare for landscape architecture. Once the Architecture and Engineering Boards comment, R. Lopez will let NYSCLA know so we can provide comment-possibly as soon as April.
 - d. The legal naming of firms was discussed. LLC or Inc. for NY LA firms is not acceptable. PLLC for example is, however. We will clarify and post the information on our website for our colleagues.
 - e. The Board discussed how CEU review and approval could be streamlined for accuracy, efficiency, and continuity.
 - f. The Governor’s budget allows 3 new Design/Build bills to progress: DASNY/CUNY design build, DOT design/build for transportation projects, and allowing Engineers/Architects to do design/build; AIANYS will not push for this in its current version and will continue to monitor this for NYSCLA; no LA CEUs can be awarded for design/build related topics

8. ASLA Tool Kit - B. Basinger volunteered to take the lead on this with C. May assisting. His objective is to provide case studies in overcoming obstacles in practice. C. May reviewed the form and made suggestions. B. Basinger wants to get the first case study on the website in May. An email will then be sent out to encourage colleagues to contribute. C. May suggests a form which eliminates redundancy and allows similar situations to be grouped. C. May and B. Basinger will use C. May's recent case study to create a checklist for our use in addition to the narrative form for national.
9. ASLA Advocacy Summit – July 22-24, 2011. ASLA will pay for air/train fare and a hotel for two nights for each participant. Someone from Upstate Chapter can go this year since a NY Chapter rep went last year. The Chapters will have to cover the remaining costs again for the 2nd year since ASLA cannot. Summit details will be forthcoming via Julia Lent.
10. NYSCLA LA Listings – R. Gass has received two more requests and will review them. We want to confirm the website's disclaimer listing. He will do the annual inventory of listings this Spring.
11. Work Group Updates -
 - a. LA vs. Landscape Design - See earlier comments on item 7 c. N. Bateman will update us in April.
 - b. DEC Wetlands - See earlier comments on item 4. Members should refer to spreadsheet in the future for updates. K. McAndrew is tracking this and it is not likely to progress.
 - c. Incorporation of NYSCLA - Tabled till summer. The Chapters will need to have input on this.
12. DEC Stormwater Update - N. Bateman has been working with the Division of Water on offering classes for the updates in the NYSDEC Design Manual.
13. Stormwater Letters of Support - N. Bateman received positive support for our efforts to solicit a letter to document a landscape architect's experience in doing stormwater management design. N. Bateman encourages the Board to provide names of contacts that we may ask to contribute. The Board should comment on the draft letter by next week.
14. Certificates of Service - N. Bateman is looking into this further.
15. Upcoming Meeting Dates – July 16, November 5, 2011

NEW BUSINESS

1. N. Bateman will be stepping down as President after the current 2 yr. term is up Dec. 31, 2011. Current Board Members interested in stepping up to serve as President should let her know. She asked that current Board Members wishing to step down after this term notify her by June 1. She has recruited 2 interested candidates for the Board, one from each Chapter to start with the next 2 yr. term Jan. 1, 2012. Their nominations will be sent to the Chapters for formal approval soon. When Board Members choose to step down after their current 2 yr. term, they are encouraged to find nominees as replacements. P. Lester is working on revising our ByLaws to include adding "At Large" Board Members for Past Board Members wishing to serve on a limited basis.

Motion to adjourn made at 12:55 by N. Bateman, seconded by B. Basinger.

Submitted by E. Reynolds