



# N Y S C L A

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

Date: November 6, 2010

Location: Albany, NY / Teleconference from various locations

Present: N. Bateman -President  
B. Basinger- Upstate  
A. Hart- Treasurer (TC)  
R. Gibney – Downstate (TC)  
K. McAndrew- Downstate  
R. Gass- Downstate (TC)  
E. Reynolds- Secretary  
P. Lester- Downstate  
D. McCord- Upstate (TC)  
C. May- Downstate  
J. Thompson- Upstate  
B. Restaino – Upstate (TC)

Absent: E. Farrell- (NYSCLA Executive Director)

### General Business:

1. NYSCLA Board Members - At 10:50 N. Bateman opened the meeting and verified the teleconference attendees (see above). A motion to approve the previous meeting minutes (07-17-10) was made by N. Bateman, seconded by D. McCord. The July meeting minutes are approved.
2. Brit Basinger was introduced and approved as the new Upstate Board Member. Welcome!
3. Treasurer's Report - A. Hart reports that the budget is on track to date. He expects one more contribution from the Chapters. D. McCord makes a motion to approve the budget for next year, P. Lester seconds. The 2011 Budget is approved. The money from the CD's has been moved to a savings account. The account manager at HSBC monitors the returns quarterly and will advise the board of opportunities to increase the revenue.
4. Legislative Tracking – E. Farrell was not present, N. Bateman gave the report in his absence. There is very little to report. E. Farrell presumes the Senate will go back Republican. It appears Sen. LaValle will become head of the Education group. There is a special session next month and E. Farrell is writing a letter of support for QBS for AIANY. N. Bateman confirmed E. Farrell will list landscape architects as supporting QBS in the AIANY letter. The Board decided to endorse it separately and NYSCLA will submit their letter of support for QBS in time for the new legislative session next January. N. Bateman will draft the letter for the Board to review in the next month. The Professional Practice bill has not passed but NYSCLA will ask E. Farrell for an update, as this is another important topic. NYSCLA will request the AIANY Executive Director be present at board meetings and have updates on all bills for our review. This will be important by January since the election year is over and unapproved bills will start over.

5. AIANYS / Upstate ASLA Conference – E. Farrell is working on a summary of the Joint Upstate ASLA/AIANYS convention held in Buffalo last month. Turnout was not as high as expected. D. McCord said there was a higher percentage turnout of landscape architects than architects. The lower overall turnout may be due to the cost and timing after the ASLA National Convention. The Upstate ASLA Chapter may consider next Spring or September since the ASLA National Convention is always in the Fall. Next year the ASLA National meeting is in San Diego so our Upstate Chapter convention may be more appealing. We could also work with the Native Plants Seminar in Ithaca in early March, or possibly with APA. D. McCord said discussion was underway for a possible joint Upstate ASLA convention with the statewide APA in Utica next Fall.

6. ASLA Advocacy Summit – R. Gibney represented NY and reported on the Summit in Alexandria, Va. He encourages members to visit the ASLA Advocacy website. If you sign in they will send you updates. They will also alert users to issues if you fill out an online template. Different state chapters have lobbying efforts that are very different. We are effective with our efforts for Lobby Day with a comparatively small budget. R. Gibney felt NY's presence in the government was admirable.

7. Website update / eSolve contract – J. Thompson gave eSolve a list of requests for the end of the year. She has requested a meeting for herself and N. Bateman to see what they are doing behind the scenes. She believes she has fulfilled all Board requests, but everyone should continue to forward class listings to her. She hopes the NYSCLA website will be setup so that we can make changes ourselves and therefore, save money. Everyone should continue to send CEU listings to N. Bateman for screen for credits before they are posted. The NYSCLA meeting minutes need to be updated and added to the website. Overall, the website is much improved.

8. LA listings on the website - R. Gass hasn't had any listing requests since the last meeting. He thanks J. Thompson for updating the online listings. R. Gass and J. Thompson will look into a disclaimer update for the listing. The LA listings are now up to date with all that has been submitted. This is important as we strive to provide quality listings for NY licensed ASLA members.

9. CEU Guidelines Memo – The Board reviewed the draft memo, which was also reviewed with R. Lopez. Standardization of advertising for classes and certificates may be beneficial. It would be easier to find information and determine the authenticity and acceptance by NYSED. N. Bateman and R. Gibney will revise and review it with the board once more before sending it to R. Lopez. R. Gibney states the website should also be included. D. McCord asks N. Bateman to include Steve Lauzun, Upstate Chapter CEU contact, on the memo review. R. Gibney said Jane Cooke can represent the NY Chapter. Discussion continued that it can be difficult for out of state registered LA's to maintain their CEUs for registration. We do not want to make it impractical for our registered LA's to maintain the ability to practice. Therefore, requirements for CEU's in respect to taking them in NYS needs to be further discussed. We should also review what other professions are doing. N. Bateman will contact Don Ferlow and Marv Adelman to persuade them to write position papers advocating LA's ability to practice stormwater management design to help with CEU implementation. One important piece will be the stormwater management issue and since Landscape Architects can prepare DEC SWPPPs, we need to keep landscape architects informed. B. Restaino will discuss stormwater training opportunities with Don Lake's replacement, Jay Beaumont.

10. Landscape Design Work Group / NYSED request to NYSCLA by early December – Rob Lopez requested NYSCLA's assistance in gathering information for the next State Board of Landscape Architecture meeting. The big issues are how to discern between Landscape Architecture and landscape design. P. Lester will outline different states requirements before Thanksgiving for the work group's consideration. We will start our focus on Pennsylvania, Delaware, Florida, California, Maryland, Georgia, the Carolina's, Arizona, and Nevada and any others if time permits. B. Restaino and C. May also volunteered to assist.

11. Incorporation Work Group – NYSCLA has discussed in the past that Incorporation may benefit us. We need to determine whether we need to incorporate independently of the two Chapters, or if we are covered under them already. We need to determine whether Lobbying affects incorporation for the board. D. McCord will ask these questions to the ASLA National Counsel. N. Bateman will summarize the status and we will discuss it further in the future.

12. NYSDEC Wetlands legislation Work Group – K. McAndrew will email an update to all Board members. He spoke with Senator Marcelino and NYSDEC regarding Article 24 – The Freshwater Wetlands Act. The bill began in 2004 and is now in its third cycle. It was initiated because of the lack of regulation of wetlands which were not covered by the ACOE or NYSDEC. The Adirondacks have a 1 acre minimum. The main proposition is to reduce the 12.4 acre threshold to 1 acre and maps would become advisory only. The bill stalls in the Senate every time due to opposition from the builders groups. NYSCLA is cautious about supporting or opposing the bill. We will review it further and ask questions about the bill to gain a better understanding of it. K. McAndrew will email the pros and cons in December for the Board’s review prior to the January meeting.

13. DEC Stormwater Update – N. Bateman forwarded the Board and both Chapters the links to the new DEC SWPPP requirements in October. She will keep everyone posted on training opportunities.

14. ASLA Tool Kit update – S. Paetzel had little success, R. Gibney will keep the Board updated. Once available, it is hoped the Tool Kit can be useful across the state for advocacy efforts.

15. Enforcement of Illegal Practice & Surveyor’s Bill– R. Lopez has hired one new attorney for enforcement. Our letter of concern about surveyors was received and the bill died. However, we expect it to return.

16. 2011 Meeting dates -	Winter	-	January 22
	Spring	-	March 26
	*Lobby Day	-	May 3
	Summer	-	July 16
	Fall	-	November 5

17. February 15, 2011 meeting with Robert Lopez – R. Lopez has invited NYSCLA again for a meeting at the NYC Office of the Professions and as LA’s we can take advantage of the opportunity to share our concerns. It is open to NYSCLA Board members and licensed Chapter representatives. It will be held between 3:00 and 4:30 on the above date. R. Gibney will keep us posted.

### New Business

1. NYSCLA’s contract with AIANYS – NYSCLA is concerned about AIANYS’s representation at Board meetings. NYSCLA Board members should email N. Bateman concerns.

2. J. Thompson suggested that NYSCLA undertake a Strategic Plan for landscape architects in NY. The Board thought this was a good idea. She will prepare some ideas and approaches.

2. The Board congratulates Jeanine Thompson for becoming licensed!

There being no further business, P. Lester made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 pm; it was seconded by J. Thompson.

Submitted by E. Reynolds.