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

Date: July 17, 2010

Location: Albany, NY / Teleconference (TC) from various locations

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

Absent: B. Restaino – Upstate

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 (03-27-10) was made by N. Bateman, seconded by R. Gibney.

2. Treasurer's Report – The year to date financial report finished in line with expectations. The 3 CD's have been closed since they aren't earning much. The funds have been rolled into the savings where they will earn more. The Lobby Day expenses are down due to not paying for meals, displays and renting space. P. Lester suggests keeping the money available for additional incidentals and AIA costs for material compilation.

3. Legislative Tracking (E. Farrell) – QBS was approved by the Assembly. We hope it will pass the Senate this year. The tort issues won't see much progress, and the Surveyor's bill was put down again this year. E. Farrell believes it will be back, but shouldn't be a concern. He will provide a list of bills and their status.

a. Lobby Day – It was a very successful day with the largest showing of NYSCLA members. Thanks to E. Farrell's staff (AIA) for their involvement. D. Conklin, D. McCord, P. Lester, N. Bateman, Mike Haas, Trish Martin from NY Chapter, and R. Gibney attended and had multiple meetings with legislators.

4. AIANYS / Upstate ASLA Conference - D. McCord and E. Farrell are in the process of selling booths. Registration forms are going to be available July 31st on the NYSCLA website, and the CEU calendar. The CEU programs are being reviewed, and some AIA courses will have LA credits. Steve Lauzan is the LA credit approver.

5. Surveyor Bill Update – It has been stopped. NYSCLA sent a letter May 13th to the Land Surveyor Association. They responded that they understood and appreciated our comments and concerns. R. Gibney will follow up with LaValle to let him know we will keep our eyes open if it comes back.
6. ASLA Advocacy Summit – Along with advocacy, R. Gibney hopes to use the Summit as a way to get feedback about how ASLA allows membership. He will explain why it is important to have registered professionals in leadership positions. His arrangements are all taken care of for the Summit. Upon his return, finances will be sorted out and he will be reimbursed as agreed by each Chapter and NYSCLA.
7. Website Update + eSolve Contract – The website looks great thanks to J. Thompson. J. Thompson will edit the board member info as needed and fix any links that aren't correct. The Board agrees that email generation to the LA's signed up for classes are ok. She will work with eSolve on ways to improve the website for next year. She needs to add the Buffalo meeting registration link when it is available. NYSCLA is second in the list when "Landscape Architect New York" is Googled. R. Gibney requests member lists be organized by last name; name on left, firm on right.
8. NYSCLA LA listings update – R. Gass provided J. Thompson a list of those who should be removed and language about listing qualifications. There haven't been many new listing requests. He will continue to monitor this.
 - a. N. Bateman will distribute a draft letter soon for the Board's comment: a list of CEU requirements for provider brochures that meet the NYS appropriate language. N. Bateman questioned a session for the AIA/ASLA Conference where the presenter isn't a registered LA. D. McCord will check on this.
9. Landscape Design Work Group + NYSED request – NYSCLA will create position paper to assist Rob Lopez and State Board of Landscape Architecture in examining Landscape "Design vs. Landscape Architecture". California and Florida have examples. C. May and P. Lester will collaborate and NYSCLA will coordinate this with R. Lopez. N. Bateman and R. Gibney will also contribute. The Board will review it in the Fall, and get it to NYSED after NYSCLA's Winter Meeting.
10. Incorporation Work Group – The Board is still considering incorporation or other tax designations. P. Lester, D. McCord, and R. Gass are willing to work on this. P. Lester suggests coming up with a list of goals and concerns and researching what the US/DS Chapters do as well as other similar groups. They aim to have an update for the Board at the Winter Meeting.
11. NYSDED Wetlands Work Group – K. McAndrew will take the lead and has contacted DEC about the schedule for mapping, etc. He feels it will be a beneficial contact. Contact will be made with Senator Marcelino about where the bill is will be made in the next few weeks. R. Gibney contacted DEC Region 1; they are skeptical about the feasibility of mapping 1 acre wetlands. C. May said the NYS Builders Assoc. isn't happy with the bill due to its restrictions on developable land. They have a position paper. R. Gibney wonders what will happen with stormwater management areas that have become established and naturalized.
12. NYSDEC Stormwater Design Update – N. Bateman has provided an update on the new SWPPP design manual, which will be forthcoming to the Board and each Chapter.
13. Tool Kit – No further update from S. Paetzel. Anyone can contribute by filling out the questionnaire and sending it to R. Gibney.
14. Enforcement Update on Illegal Practice – R. Gibney has turned in several companies and urges everyone to be aware. Unfortunately, it takes at least 7 months for the process to be completed. The Office of Professions discipline claims provides anonymity in reporting violations.

15. New Board Member Nomination Status – Recruitment for an Upstate member is underway. A nominee must be making a good faith effort at becoming a RLA, and be a 3 year ASLA member. All members will look for viable candidates.

16. Next meeting – Fall meeting November 6th at 10:30 a.m.

17. New Business:

a. ASLA courses will be approved for the September Meeting. N. Bateman will pass on info from State Board of Landscape Architecture will be passed on once received from R. Lopez.

There being no further business, N. Bateman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 pm; it was seconded by J. Thompson.

Calendar:

Sept. 9-12 – ASLA National Conference in Washington, D.C.

November 6 - NYSCLA Fall meeting in Albany

October 14-16 - AIA Mainstreets & Upstate ASLA Conference in Buffalo

Submitted by E. Reynolds.