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FALL MEETING

Date: November 08, 2008

Location: Albany, NY

Present: R. Gibney-President
E. Misztal- Secretary
E. Farrell- (NYSCLA Executive Director)
R. Gass- Downstate
C. May-Downstate
D. McCord- Upstate
S. Marshall-Paetzel – Downstate
N. Bateman- Upstate
D. Conklin- Upstate

Absent: A. Hart- Treasurer
R. Kraft, Upstate
J. Thompson- Upstate

General Business:

- 1. NYSCLA Board Members** – R.Gibney called the meeting to order at 10:50 am.
- 2. Previous Meeting Minutes** – R.Gibney voted to approve the minutes from the July, 19 2008 meeting; seconded by N. Bateman.
- 3. Treasurer's Report** - submitted in writing and reviewed by the Board in A. Hart's absence. The fee for the website is \$1,200.00, of which \$993.24 has been used. Jeremy has submitted a bill for \$427.00 which R.Gibney votes to pay; seconded by C.May. R.Gibney will outline our needs for next year and get a fee proposal for the Board's consideration.
- 4. Legislative Tracking (Ed Farrell)** – Ed submits an example of the AIA membership "Allied Member of AIA" as an idea of how to get people who do business with LA's involved. We could have a links section on our website with their listings. Ed reviews bills that were passed. Most have to do with financial issues. AIA will focus on design build, corporate practice, and non-monetary issues. We need to begin preparations for Lobby Day with the changing political climate. Ed suggests we make appointments with people and use a project in their district to get through to them and make a connection to what LA's do. We could have a display- either paper or digital to highlight work. We can approach Lobby Day with ideas that are environmentally friendly and may save money. We should show the bottom line savings and estimates showing savings. We should investigate how to revise the Lobby Day brochure to make it more effective. R. Gibney encourages all board members to attend and focus on their district representatives. If you can't go- send someone in your place. M.Hass had suggested that we consider hosting the luncheon and providing CEU's for presentations. We need to coordinate this with Ed. Upstate and Downstate would share the costs. R.Gibney suggests that lunch be free if you attend Lobby Day. We will still distribute LAM to legislators as before since it gets positive reaction. R.Gibney will contact NY ASLA to coordinate. S.Marshall-Paetzel will take the issue of public works being exempt from submission fees for ASLA awards to Downstate. Ed submits and reviews Mainstreets information to date. D.McCord asks Ed to change the listing from NYSCLA to Upstate and Downstate ASLA. Our national convention in Chicago conflicts with Mainstreets but we expect many would still attend. CEU's tailored to LA's or appropriate for both architects and LA's may draw more

LA's. Rates to participate would be the same for members, whether architects or LA's. S. Marshall-Paetzel will take the information to Downstate. D.McCord will take it to Upstate ASLA.

5. Website information & Letterhead update: Emails to the website need to be answered and monitored. R.Gibney will do it for now but next year another board member should do it. J.Thompson would be a logical choice. Any suggestions on content should be sent to him. Items of interest include: a "hit counter", job postings, and more graphics. Making the website a clearinghouse for CEU's is still a priority.

6. CEU Situation and ASLA / LACES: Getting programs reviewed and approved are key. D.McCord heads it up for Upstate. He could use help from others. There is a concern that some of the Cornell Cooperative Extension programs may not be per regulations. LACES licensing board and R.Lopez will be meeting on November 12, 2008 and are going to reply by the end of the week. They have alluded that they will be using NY as a model. This means that all credits will be tracked by the organization. Next year will be the best trial year yet for the LACES website. The national meeting credits will show up on it. LACES will still be a provider under AIA officially till 2010. We should contact our local Cooperative Extensions to put on CEU presentations.

Old Business:

1. Position Paper Update: Board members are encouraged to review Ed's comments above, and come up with ideas for the next meeting on how we can improve the brochure.

2. Tool Kit Update by S.Marshall-Paetzel: The licensure summit broke down issues by state. Stormwater was a main issue and is the first focus point. The attendees were asked to identify road blocks. The Tool Kit was voted as the number one priority last year. They are in the discussion phase. Although this will be S.Marshall-Paetzel's last meeting, she will continue to be a liaison for the progress of our priorities. For example: Kentucky engineers have said they will file a civil suit against any LA submitting plans. She will make us aware of any issues like this that may affect NY. C.May brings up how Pennsylvania LA's wrote a letter and got the state to sign off on services LA's can provide. This may help in that situation. R.Gibney suggests that S. Marshall-Paetzel update us before each meeting. Upstate and Downstate newsletters should be utilized to get this information out, as R.Gibney just wrote an article about "What is NYSCLA?". R.Gibney and S. Marshall-Paetzel suggest we keep the Sunset Law in mind. We need to consider fiscal obligations should the laws be challenged.

3. Firm Finder (ASLA): R.Gibney announced that Robert Lopez made ASLA aware of 100 potential violations on Firm Finder, they have not responded yet. ASLA doesn't want licensure to be a requirement to be a member.

New Business:

1. All applications for the NYSCLA directory should be forwarded to R.Gass for review and coordination of posting with the webmaster.

2. Incorporation for NYSCLA should be discussed to protect members. R.Gibney has discussed the costs with an attorney and would total about \$1,000.00. Currently, all members are personally liable. The Board agrees that the matter needs further discussion, especially now that the group is involved with CEU functions. D.McCord will get more information for the next meeting.

3. With S.Marshall-Paetzel leaving, R.Gibney introduces Kevin McAndrew by providing his resume for the file. S.Marshall-Paetzel will facilitate the Downstate approval process. Each member should have an idea of a replacement for themselves when they want to discontinue their membership on the NYSCLA board. They should present their replacement no later than the summer meeting.

4. The Board should seriously consider teleconferencing for at least one meeting for many reasons including saving travel costs.

The next meeting is on January 17, 2008 at 10:30 am.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:54 pm.

Submitted by E.Misztal.