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

Date: July 19, 2008
Location: Albany, NY

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

Absent: D. Conklin- Upstate
R. Kraft, Upstate

General Business:

NYSCLA Board Members – R.Gibney opened the meeting and it was determined that we did not have a quorum.

Previous Meeting Minutes - the minutes from the April, 5 2008 meeting were approved via email ballot due to a lack of a quorum.

Treasurer's Report - submitted in writing and presented by A.Hart. The budget does not reflect Downstate's payment. The webmaster's fee has not been changed as it is currently on budget for the rest of the year. It should be revisited for next year. The Lobby Day budget has not been changed either. Updates are presented on CD rates and maturity. Land Online- ASLA has provided a grant for Florida to perform a study on LA's doing stormwater, etc. We should investigate ways of using NYSCLA's assets to generate more revenue.

Lobby Day – Overall, Lobby Day was a positive experience. The Lavalle meeting regarding the Education law in how it relates to the practice of land surveying was a success. Sen. Lavalle stopped the bill after Rich G. and Dale C. explained why surveyors shouldn't perform design work, and how the curriculums of the state don't support it. Everyone supported "Green" work, which is favorable for related bills. Nanci pointed out that all LA's should already be practicing that way. The Tool Kit should be utilized to spread the word. The Board would like to thank Ed and Michelle for their efforts and support. Ed provided updates to the current legislative agenda. The following bills passed: S8612 Smart Growth (directs state agencies and public authorities to adopt and utilize principles), S5425 Historic Housing Preservation Tax Credit, S2324 Green Trails Initiative. The following bills passed the Senate: S930B Smart Growth for New Century, S8305 QBS. Wicks Law goes into effect July 1, 2008. The next step is to submit the bills to the Governor and the AIA will submit a letter of support on our behalf. Ed will provide information on how Smart Growth / Green Trails Initiative could affect regional professions. Lobby Day won't include educational programs next year as the CEU incentive didn't help.

Website information & Letterhead update: Has been updated with names, and positions. We should consider charging private groups to advertise for CEU's. Rich will ask Nick G. about feasibility.

We should consider providing links to providers. Rich will handle email inquiries, and communication. He will coordinate with Nick G. We want our website to be a “one stop shop” for CEU’s and finding LA’s. The website needs to be more graphic. Jeanine will provide ideas for updates and we may look into a RFP from elsolve.

Old Business:

Position Paper Update: On hold for now. Priority will be given later this year and will be discussed at the November meeting.

Tool Kit Update: Update will be provided by S.Marshall-Paetzel.

Firm Finder (ASLA): We should continue to encourage ASLA to clarify licensed professionals and laws regarding title and practice. NYSCLA finder on website will be updated by Rich Gass. He will be forwarded applications for review and posting on the website.

New Business:

* We should all keep track of questions for R.Lopez and email him. He is responsive and interested in our ideas. He should be invited to an ASLA meeting.

The next meeting is on November 08, 2008 at 10:30 am.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Submitted by E.Misztal.