

October 13, 2001 Meeting Synopsis

General Business:

We are losing a member this month as Marv Adelman has submitted his resignation. Nanci Bateman was nominated to fill his term and accepted by members present. Nanci will be filling in as interim secretary until Pam returns.

Executive Summary:

Submitted in writing- B. Rodriguez noted that on the AIA New York State's June 2001 Update, there are items of interest to note which have been updated. These include the section on Corporate Practice, and How To Download Bills.

Old Business:

- NYSCLA is preparing a directory listing of all registered landscape architects that are also members of ASLA. We are currently working to organize and determine what data should be included in the directory and how to display and sort the data. Most likely we will use an on-line database. Our webmaster will work out the details and submit options. Kim will coordinate and finalize data entry. Scheduled to be available on our website in early spring. This should help in dealing with phone calls and inquiries from people looking for local firms. It is also a good return to the Chapters and ASLA members.

New Business:

- We are reviewing Proxy Status in the Constitution of NYSCLA with the intention of amending. E. Olinger will review the Constitution and Bylaws and bring proposed changes to a later meeting.
- ASLA's Licensure Committee Conference to be held in Monterey, CA. Nov. 2-4, 2001; D. Conklin and E. Olinger to attend.
- D. Annese reminded that the Landscape Architecture License Law in New York State passed in 1960-61. It was second, only to California. Dominic will record the vital history, which he has documented over the years to preserve this valuable legacy.
- NYSCLA is reviewing its role in the annual Lobby Day efforts. Perhaps other strategies are needed to make this more effective and to move issues better as a unified effort with all Design professions. Among ideas discussed was the need for grass roots action and possibly better connections to environmentally focused lobbyists. The overall consensus was that the strategy for Lobby Day needs to be reassessed.
- Among current legislation being tracked, the Billboard legislation has not been updated.
- NYSCLA website: updates should be better now, with expanded information and more highlights of meetings available. NYSCLA meeting summaries will be added soon. A new hot link was added to provide info on our response/efforts on the WTC tragedy.
- Efforts following Sept. 11: K. Mathews reported that NYC Rebuild reflects an effort underway with AIA, ASLA, and the Engineering profession with seven Committees being formed for volunteers to participate in. Info should be available through Downstate/Upstate Chapter contacts.