

MINUTES – PITTSBURGH, PA  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ASLA PA/DE

April 6, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 PM

Present:

President: Lisa Kunst Vavro  
Vice President: Rich Rauso  
Trustee: Carl Kelemen  
Secretary: Joyce Gerhart

Absent:

Treasurer: Tom McLane  
Member-at-large: Phil Seibert

Associate Member-at-large: Sharee Solow

Section Chair:

Eastern:	Adam Supplee	Central:	Deb Mengoni
Western:	Rachelle Wolf	Delaware:	Carol Krawczyk Denise Husband

Student Chapter Representatives

Chatham College: Lisa McGoogan

Guests:

Temple Chair:	Lolly Tai, ASLA Member
Penn State University:	Kelleann Foster, ASLA Member
Communications Chair:	Jennifer Tolnar, ASLA Member
Awards Committee Chair:	Sandy Kime, ASLA Member
Western Section Conference Committee:	Nicole Oeler, ASLA Member
Interior Designers & Lobbyists	

Executive Director:	Holly Renner, Wanner Associates Julia Jackson, Wanner Associates
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06:47 Interior Design Lobbyist

The Interior Designers are looking to establish a practice act for Interior Designers and be a combined board with the Landscape Architects. The lobbyist stated that it would not be impossible to create a separate Interior Designer Board. HCIDQ is their test/exam for Interior Designers. 25 states have some form of Interior Design licensure. There are 500 NCIDQ “certified” in PA. There are 16 schools in PA. The Interior Designers stated that the make up of Board would depend on what the 2 groups want. They suggest that we expand the board. Registration fee may go down because of increase in number of registered members under the Board. The lobbyist stated that an amendment to the LA registration act would open up the entire act for review.

06:48 SECRETARY'S REPORT: Joyce Gerhart reported.

**MOTION: by Adam Supplee. SECOND: Rich Rausso. To approve the March 8, 2006 Executive Committee conference call minutes. This motion was passed unanimously.**

06:49 TREASURER'S REPORT: Holly Renner reported.

Lolly Tai thanked Executive Committee for scholarship to Temple.

**MOTION: by Carl Kelemen SECOND: Joyce Gerhart. To accept Treasurer's report. This motion was passed unanimously.**

06:50 TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Plans for Lobby Day are proceeding. Lobby Day is on May 4. Deadline to sign up was March 17. Lisa wants to mention at business meeting.

06:51 EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Most of what has been done has been for Annual Meeting

06:52 LA SCHOOL'S REPORT

- Lisa McGoogan from Chatham – The helping with Annual Meeting - 20 students have volunteered their time. They are working on their plant sale. They would like to host Western Section, possibly in May.
- Lolly Tai from Temple – About 6 students went to LABash. The student numbers are rising. Ms. Tai would like to see more interaction with ASLA and professional members. They have Andrea Cochran coming in next Thursday @ 7:30. This speaker is listed on web site and will provide 1 CEU. Placement of students has been very high.

06:53 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Communication – Ms. Tolnar reported that PLAN is caught up. The next issue will cover the Annual Meeting. Ms. Tolnar will continue her series for “young professional” navigating the profession.
- Historic Preservation Task Force – Carl Kelemen reported that Bill Menke has had contacted with LA's who are interested in helping with the Task Force.
- We have separate resolutions from the State Senate, State House, and the Governor declaring April Landscape Architecture Month in Pennsylvania.

06:54 OLD BUSINESS

- 2006 Annual Meeting update. Everything is ready to go. We had 27 award entries, 8 winners.
- 2006 LA Month Efforts. Each Section should do a write up and submit it to national.
- Website revamp. There was discussion on what our ultimate goals for the web site are. The Executive Committee would like to look at other examples of our current Webmasters web sites.

**MOTION: by Rachele Wolf SECOND: Adam Supplee. To authorize the Webmaster contract.**

**Carl Kelemen proposed an amendment to the motion that the Executive Committee authorize the webmasters contract through the end of the calendar year to align it with the new fiscal year. Ms. Wolf accepted this amendment to the motion. This motion was approved unanimously as amended.**

PR committee will set up meeting to discuss the web site.

06:55 NEW BUSINESS

- 2007 Annual Meeting. The Committee discussed various options for where to host the 2007 Annual Meeting. Delaware could host; Northeastern PA could host; or Central could host.

**MOTION: by Adam Supplee SECOND: Rich Rausso. To offer the Delaware Section the opportunity to host the 2007 State meeting. Ms. Vavro will e-mail Denise Husband and Carol Krawczyk on Monday.**

- Financial Contributions to Student Chapters – Eastern Section has gotten a request for “seed money”. They wanted to verify that it is OK to provide such money according to the Chapter guidelines. The Executive Committee determine that this practice is OK.
- CIP Program – The Universities had a conference call March 23 to discuss the CIP program. Kelleann Foster, Penn State, received a quote from WPSU for \$8500. In the current format proposed, the first 6 sections will be common sections. The following 7 section will be different for each school. All 5 schools have agreed to participate. The proposal includes a master CD for ASLA and one for each school. What is not included are covers and CD’s. The CD’s are approximately \$1 each – including copying, labeling, and jewel case. A suggestion was made that we could have a design competition among students for covers. Carl Kelemen will look into whether there is the possibility of a state grant available we could apply for to supplement the CIP grant. We would ask for \$10,000. All graphics are due to WPSU by October 2006. Assuming we do not get a state grant each school would need to provide \$1000. The graphics people will be provide digital specs. The contract is between Penn State and WPSU. A memorandum of understanding would be entered into by ASLA and all 5 universities.

- National Parks Service – Peggy Pings. Outdoor Recreation Planner. National ASLA has a relationship with NPS West Virginia & Western PA. They are putting together a Design Charette for the Blairsville Improvement project. A tentative date September 21-23, 2006. Ms. Pings is looking for volunteers from ASLA and potentially a graduate student potentially willing to prepare a research project.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.