

MINUTES - CONFERENCE CALL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ASLA PA/DE

May 10, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: 12:10 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:

Central: Deb Mengoni

Eastern: Adam Supplee
Delaware: Carol Krawczyk
Denise Husband

Western: Rachelle Wolf

Executive Director: Holly Renner, Wanner Associates

06:56 SECRETARY'S REPORT: Joyce Gerhart reported.

MOTION: by Carl Kelemen. SECOND: Deb Mengoni. To table action on the minutes from the April 6 and April 8, 2006 meetings. The motion was passed unanimously.

06:57 TREASURER'S REPORT: Holly Renner reported.

- Financial statement provided. There were no questions from the Executive Committee.

06:58 TRUSTEE'S REPORT

- The Green Roof at the National Headquarters is complete. Mr. Kelemen and Ms. Vavro visited the project Green Roof project last week.
- LAF stated the profession is not producing enough graduates each year. There is a concern we may not be keeping up with the demand.
- The theme for AIA National Annual Meeting in 2007 in San Antonio, Texas is "Sustainability". AIA is looking for Landscape Architects, and other professionals, to make presentations. The deadline for proposals is July 1, 2006. Information can be found at www.aia.org/events
- The profession received a lot of press for LA month Nationally.
- Sustainability PPN, they are developing a workable guide for site LEED's. The committee is looking for comments.

- A task force from ASLA is being developed for disaster response issues.
- CEU's - members are expressing concern about differences between states. National is looking to provide national guidelines.
- Residential web page link for homeowners is being developed. The National web site is being updated. ASLA National has hired a webmaster. She can help the Chapter with our web site.
- ACE mentoring program. In 22 states, 72 locations, 700 firms, 5,500 kids.
- Board approved a ceiling of \$30,000 in US Dollars in dues for IFLA membership in the society.
- Professional Code of Ethics approved. These have been placed on the web.
- Environmental Code of Ethics approved.
- The National Vice Presidents elect were announced May 9, 2006. Voting for the National President has begun. Members can vote on-line or by paper ballot.
- Dues forgiveness for military reservists serving in Iraq was approved by National. Dues will be waived for members while stationed in Iraq and for one year following service. This is retroactive. Each Chapter is responsible for giving to National a list of those who are eligible
- All states except West Virginia were represented at Lobby Day. Lobby Day was successful.

06:59 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ASLA Student Awards - There is an issue that not enough ASLA members are represented on the juries for ASLA Student Awards. At particular schools, the jury has limited or no ASLA members on it. It appears everything is going directly from National to the schools. Carl Kelemen will contact National on how we should handle this situation.
- Awards – Rich Rauso reported. All of the information for the Chapter Awards has been given to Jen DiSalvo for publication in PLAN. Mr. Rauso will forward information to Holly Renner for placement on the web site. Mr. Rauso will check with the jury for their comments for the Award winners.

06:60 OLD BUSINESS

- Revisions to HB 1329/1330/1331 – Nothing to report
- LA Registration Law Amendment – Nothing to report
- 2006 Annual Meeting recap
 - A summary of the finances is still being finalized. When all of the expenses are in, Wanner's office will provide a separate financial report for the Annual Meeting.
 - A suggestion was made that the Executive Committee provide more specific guidelines to the jury for the awards. Rich will draft something for discussion at our September face-to-face meeting.

- The idea was raised about having an Awards lunch rather than an Awards dinner. Many people do not attend the banquet because it is in the evening. The Executive Committee should think about this.
- 2007 Annual Meeting
 - The meeting will not be in Delaware. The two current chairs are stepping down this year. Ms. Vavro will contact Adam Supplee about contacting those in the Northeast PA who expressed interest in participating in planning an Annual meeting.
- CIP program. Lisa Vavro is getting our finalized budget to National so they will release the grant money for the DVD's. Carl Kelemen will look into possibly applying for state grant.
- Lisa Vavro proposed a CIP grant application for compensation for pro bono work on Your Town grant following initiatives set out by National. The Executive Committee felt that this may not be appropriate for CIP grant. Ms. Vavro will contact National about possible reimbursement for those who participate in the Your Town program.
- Website re-vamp – Rich Rauso is gathering comments from Dave Goldberg and Adam Supplee. He will then have a conference call with the PR committee.
- Elections – The office of “Member-at-Large” is the only item on the ballot. There are still no nominations. Nominations are open until Friday, May 12. The ballots must go out by end of May.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00.