



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: 1.08.10 Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: The Bar

Attendees: Ellis Antunez, Caryl Davies, Mike Duran, Dan Kovach, Amie Wojtech, Justin Lindblad

1. Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m.

Meeting agenda approved: Mike motioned, Ellis seconded

All action items from December were taken care of with one exception, if you have a speaker in mind give that information to Caryl. The accounts balance is \$2,012.79 as of 1.08.10. January Meeting we will look to Casey at Soil Tech to sponsor. Outdoor Creations has also showed interest in sponsoring a lunch meeting.

2. Continuing Business:

a. **Dan:** Northern Section News- The Northern section is anticipating starting a computer blog/forum to keep in contact with professionals and raise excitement of the local chapter. They also plan on meeting with the local AIA chapter immediate past president to see what has been successful for them in the past and to increase participation for Reno's ASLA Chapter. Expanding the contact list and adding contractors will hopefully facilitate more attendance at meetings and raise awareness of the chapter's events. The Northern Section is looking at holding a meeting about river restoration at the Nature Conservancy Outdoor Amphitheater at McCarran Ranch (Truckee River).

i. The Northern Section would like to finalize the issue of getting chapter dues. There have been some mixed messages from some of the prior Northern officers. We appreciate the fact that we are on the chapter budget. Current balance for the Northern Chapter is approximately \$866. Reimbursement of chapter dues is requested when needed. How much time is needed in advance to allocate funds for Reno?

ii. Michael Plansky will remain the student chapter president for 2010. Improving and renovating a small demonstration garden will be the student chapter project. Commencement of Phase 1 and also talk of a master plan is in the works and is in the process of getting funding.

iii. New Professors Susan Luescher and Kreg Mebust are laying the groundwork for a mentoring program.

b. **Ellis:** (ASLA National) The Conservation and Urban Forestry Commission is looking for people to get involved to help trees in urban spaces. Ellis will be forwarding information to all



members. (ALSA National) Would like to get students more involved and maintain graduates as well. There are large numbers of members dropping from national membership. Numbers of Landscape Architecture students are applicable to accreditation. CELA and LAAB will survey universities- students involved in ASLA, taking LA as focus, etc. Ellis has been selected to be on the team that visits universities. ASLA National Green Roof – many visits with the USGBC being latest group. They are interested in having their own roof or adding it into LEED.

- c. **Justin:** The Golf Tournament is finalizing this next week. Justin & team will start to facilitate cold calls to gather sponsors for participation. Justin to get information to Kelly Lavigne to have in AIA newsletter. Deposit has been made for the event to be held at the Arroyo Golf Course at Red Rock Country Club. We will have a box breakfast, lunch and numerous prizes. We would like to get participation this year from the Northern Section, and also participation from UNLV students.

*Native Resources & Natina would like to be more involved in our chapter!

3. Other Items Discussed

- a. National LA month (April) may pull in a mentoring program. The chapter desires to restart the mentoring program that has been run in the past for students of UNLV. There have been some problems in recent years with volunteers from the profession not being connected with the student. Mike Duran participated in the past and reported that it is a fairly informal approach with a few student meetings. Another valuable component was to offer suggestions on student portfolios they would use for their job hunting.
- b. Setting up a “Firm Crawl” was discussed. Each LA office would have a specific “theme” that would be put in place once visited. The crawl idea is that each student would select a playing card at each office and the one with the winning hand would get a prize. When originally done in the North Section, each office donated \$10 and the winner got \$50!
- c. Tammi will be doing the LARE workshop April 16-18 covering Section E with Jerry Hastings. April 9-10 will be a workshop covering Section C with Lee-Anne Milburn.

4. NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

- a. The next meeting will take place Friday, February 12, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the UNLV School of Architecture Office Conference Room.
- b. Motion to adjourn was made by Caryl Davies, Second by Mike Duran. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.