



Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday August 18, 2015

1. Call to Order at 6:11 PM

Attendees: Aaron Allan, Jim Coffman, Allyce Hargrove, Harry Cooper, Ellen Alster, Jeff Tarbox, Karen Cesare, Mark LaPorte, Craig Coronato

CHAPTER BUSINESS

2. Secretary Report:

Motion by Aaron Allan to approve the July 2015 meeting minutes.

Second by Jim Coffman. Approved.

3. Treasurer Report

Checking balance	\$18,691.19
Income month	\$0.00**
Expenses month	\$2,448.69
Income YTD	\$72,260.21
Expenses YTD	\$59,173.40
Profit YTD	\$13,086.81

* Karen, Rick, Galen, and Aaron will form a subcommittee for a budget meeting in Sep/Oct.

** No membership dues yet recorded for July. 2014 July Income was \$-3,797.57 (as a comparison)

Motion by Jim Coffman to accept July 2015 Treasury Report

Second by Aaron Allan. Approved.

CHAPTER DISCUSSIONS

A. Sunset and Lobbyist Update

Craig reported that members of EXCOM have been meeting with key Arizona legislators to defend state licensure for landscape architects meeting with varying degrees of agreement and support.

The next milestone is that the Committee of Reference will discuss the Sunset Bill and make recommendations to re-up for a period of eight years or ten years. Lobbyist Robert Schuler suggested he take time to work on this but Karen noted that this item was not in his contract scope and that it is unnecessary.

B. AZBOTR Rules and Update Effort

Craig reported on events from the meeting and noted that the biggest change would be a move to "PLA" instead of "RLA" designation.

Additionally, references to Landscape Architect in Training (LAIT) will be removed, as it is a throwback to another testing format and time.

Senator Kimberly Yee was approached by the Association of Professional Landscape Designers (APLD) who would like to be part of the landscape architecture licensure. It is clear that the testing and educational requirements for a professional landscape architect, (college degree, testing, experience) are not the same.

C. Discussion of recruiting a BOTR nominee to replace LeRoy Brady

LeRoy Brady's term as the landscape architect on the Board of Technical Registration will expire soon. BOTR is asking for recommendations and recruitment of someone to be his replacement.

D. Chapter Elections

The ballot is out to members and voting closes August 27th.

E. Additional Chapter Operations Policies

Several house-keeping operations policies require EXCOM review and approval. David will make final updates and work with the CPA.

F. Dues Increase Discussion

Jim reported that there has been an annual dues increase of \$10.00 in the last two years. AzASLA is in good financial shape with no upcoming large expenditures.

Ellen Alster moved to not increase chapter dues.
Second by Aaron Allan. Approved.

CHAPTER INFORMATION/UPDATES

A. Communications

a. Jacob has added a Sunset tab promoting the upcoming SOS event and introducing Robert Schuler to membership.

B. Board of Trustees Report:

Nothing to Report

C. Alliance:

EXCOM welcomes Jeff Tarbox as the new Alliance Committee chair. Jeff is organizing boards for the University of Arizona window display to educate people on landscape architecture. AIA and APA are also participating.

D. Education:

Nothing to report.

E. Emerging Professionals:

Nothing to report.

F. Advocacy/Government Affairs:

Ellen is attending the Advocacy Summit in Albuquerque in September.

G. HALS/SHADE:

Jim reported record attendance at this year's SHADE Conference, which raised \$300 for the scholarship fund.

H. Fellows:

EXCOM is strategizing the Fellows process and organizing a list of potential candidates for Karen. She will send an e-mail to Jason Harrington to see if he is still interested in chairing the group.

I. Section Updates:

Central Section

Upcoming events:

September 25: Whirlwind Golf Outing

October 8: SOS Event

October 2: Nursery Tour

October 8: Unnamed event

November 19: Appreciation Event

Early 2016: LID Workshop

Southern Section

Award boards are up at UA and may go to San Miguel School District and minority school districts to educate those markets.

Upcoming events:

September 18: UA Parking Day

September 22: Tucson Expo—Karen will speak to membership for the “Fall State of the Chapter”.

October: Pima County Nursery Tour

November 11 – Two speakers lined up

December 3 – Holiday mixer with ULI.

Kristen Busby and Jenifer Corey of the APA have given AzASLA a complimentary booth at their 2016 event in Phoenix.

J. University Relations:

Laurie will attend the September meeting. Allyce reported that there are a total of nine landscape architecture staff—which is the largest it has ever been.

K. Student Chapter:

Nothing to Report

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION/UPDATES

A. Events

The organizing of the upcoming SOS event is in full swing. There will be tiered pricing based on the registration date and lobbyists and legislators are being invited at no cost. It was noted that the event is a great follow-up for Craig and others meeting with legislators and officials.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. August Meeting

Chapter Election results will be available

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

To add items to next month’s meeting e-mail Karen with “ASLA Agenda Item” in the subject.