I. **Call to Order at 6:08 pm**

**Attendees:** Rick Campbell, Laura Paty, Aaron Allan, David Hewitt, Alex Buckley, Beth Johannessen, Galen Drake, Rob Dalager, Jake Miller and Jesse Westad, Emily Hunt Larsen

II. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Rob Dalager of P3 reported that the legislative session has begun. Currently, 450 bills have been introduced, although there have yet to be any that specifically address Landscape Architecture or the BOT. However, there are still 20 days left to introduce legislation. Goldwater Institute will sponsor a “Right to Earn a Living” bill similar to old HB 2517 which could have implications for many professional organizations. A coalition of various occupational groups offered a counter proposal considered less punitive and are working on a draft as an alternative to the Goldwater proposal. Rob encouraged the EXCOM to continue with meetings with state representatives. In addition, as a proactive measure, EXCOM could offer various changes to regulations as possible options. Galen suggested that ASLA National has a spreadsheet of requirements by state that we could compare against AZ requirements for registration.

III. **CHAPTER DISCUSSION/ACTION**

A. **By-Law Amendment – Phone Participation to Reach Quorum**

Articles of Incorporation needed for review prior to by-law amendment vote. Rick will follow up with Mike Buschbacher who has the Articles. Issue tabled until next meeting.

B. **Discussion on bringing LARE instructor to Arizona**

Emily Hunt Larsen, a new AZASLA member from NMASLA, proposed that the Chapter bring an LARE instructor to Arizona. As part of the EXCOM in New Mexico, Emily helped to bring instructors to NM to host successful education summits and now wants to help AZASLA do the same. She has contacted an instructor in Texas, John Faye, who is interested in hosting a weekend workshop. He quoted roughly $300-$350 per attendee dependent on class size. Class sizes could range from 12-20 attendees. Emily said that the workshops were successful and provided a collection of materials to share with other LARE study groups. Level of interest will need to be determined and further information such as potential locations, room/tech requirements, cost and quotes from other instructors to be researched. EXCOM to remain in contact with Emily to move forward.

Emily also suggested an historical landscapes tour in Flagstaff. Jesse and Alex to work with Emily to brainstorm ways to integrate Flagstaff professionals into chapter activities and foster a regional presence.

C. **ASLA By-Laws Update/ AZASLA By-Laws impact.**

Rick proposed a meeting of the by-laws committee to review the changes to the most recent update to the ASLA By-Laws.
IV. CHAPTER INFORMATION/UPDATES

A. Communications
Jake and Justin to create a survey via survey monkey to determine level of interest in bringing LARE instructor to Arizona.

B. Board of Trustees Report:
Nothing to Report.

C. Alliance:
Nothing to Report.

D. SHADE/Education:
Nothing to Report.

E. Emerging Professionals:

F. Advocacy/Government Affairs:
2017 ASLA Licensure Committee:
- Galen reported that the advocacy committee is working in developing advocacy materials, topics include:
  - Health, Safety and Welfare
  - Economic of Landscape Architecture
  - Cost of Deregulation
  - Stewards of Environmental Responsibility (local and state)
  - Group should contact Aaron with any info or ideas
  - National has completed Blue Book revisions and the book is now available online as a pdf. Justin to coordinate with Aaron and Galen to add Blue book link to website.

ASLA Chapter of the Year:
The AZASLA Chapter will apply for the ASLA Chapter of the Year for Advocacy. The application is due February 27, 2017 and Rick and Galen will coordinate the application submission.

G. HALS:
Caryn Logan Heaps contacted Rick with the HALS 2017 project, Encanto Park.

H. Fellows:
Rick to reach out to both Duane Blossom and Ken Brooks to follow up on Fellows applicant ideas.

I. Section Updates:
  Central Section
  Upcoming events:
  - Alex is coordinating a Movie Night at the Park event for the movie “Beyond the Mirage”. She has contacted Kris Floor and Steve Weiss for possible resources and locations.
- Alex is also coordinating with Mark Green of Creative Designs and Lighting for a lighting tour. A date has not been coordinated yet.
- Other Tour ideas are a construction tour, a tour with Meltdown Glass and Magnum.
- Jake and Alex to send our survey monkey questionnaire and preference survey to help determine the types of events people are interested.

Southern Section
Nothing to report

J. University Relations:
Honor and Merit Awards on February 22, 2017.
While Joe is on sabbatical, Ted Cook is assisting with the Honor and Merit Awards. Jurors are the following:
  Brett Anderson, ASLA, PLA, Anderson-Baron
  Ellen Barth Alster, RLA Pima County Department of Transportation
  Jay Hicks, ASLA, PLA Dig Studio
  A.Wayne Smith, RLA, Retired
  Jeff Velasquez, RLA, J2 Engineering and Environmental Design

K. Student Chapter:
ASU Chapter
ASU Student Chapter is again in communication with the EXCOM. Toni Cananedo will be replacing Selina. The student chapter is currently working to get an email set up. In the interim Jordan Ward is in contact with Karla. EXCOM to meet with ASU ASLA chapter students during this semester. Planning for a Firm Crawl Tour is underway.

U of A Chapter
Nothing to Report

VI. EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION/UPDATES
A. Events
Reminder AZASLA Award submissions due January 20th with late submission accepted no later than January 27th at 5pm.

VII. CHAPTER BUSINESS
A. Secretary Report: Motion by Aaron to approve the November 2016 Meeting Minutes. Second by Galen. Approved.

B. Treasurer Report

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Motion by Laura to approve the November and December 2016 Treasurer’s Report. Second by Rick. Approved.

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS and ANNOUNCEMENTS
2017 Budget review and Approval
Communication and relationship building with Student Chapters
AzASLA By-Laws Committee
Meeting Quorum by phone participation

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.
To add items to next month’s meeting e-mail Rick with “ASLA Agenda Item” in the subject.