



## Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday May 16, 2017

### ***I. Call to Order at 6:04 pm***

**Attendees:** Rick Campbell, Karla Hunt, Laura Paty, Aaron Allan, Alex Buckley, David Hewitt, Galen Drake, Justin Azevedo, Jim Coffman, Valerie Ah Yong, Toni Candanedo, Tiffany Halperin and Rob Dalager.

### ***II. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE***

**A.** Rob Dalager reported that the legislative session has ended with 1,079 bills introduced, 352 bills passed and that the Governor has until the 21<sup>st</sup> of May to sign or veto these bills. Bills of interest to AzASLA are as follows:

- HB2271 – Affects the occupational licensing board by allowing the boards to accept pertinent military education, training or experience to count towards the experience requirements of technical registration.
  - o There is no guidance or recommendation on how this will be implemented.
- HB2372 – Affects occupational licensing boards by requiring boards to not charge a licensing fee for individuals whose family income does not exceed 200% of the national poverty line.
  - o There is no guidance or recommendation on how this will be implemented.
- SB1437 – Right to Earn a Living Bill authorizes (in reality reiterates) that professions regulated must directly affect the public's health, safety, and welfare. Governor Ducey went on to elaborate in writing. To paraphrase from Rob:

*“...boards in general are in desperate need for root and branch reform. There is a desire and need for regulations to be limited by those who protect health and safety...”*

Rob noted that there was an intentional absence of “welfare” in the Governor’s statement.

### ***III. CHAPTER MAG BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE UPDATES/DISCUSSION***

#### **A. MAG Bike/Ped Updates**

Tiffany Halperin is the AzASLA liaison to the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, who meets monthly on the afternoon that EXCOM typically meets. She reported the following:

- MAG has modified its funding application for bike/ped process. In an effort to streamline the process, there will no longer be a project presentation as part of the application.
- Funding for Safe Routes to School had previously been managed by ADOT. Moving forward the program is now managed by MAG.
- There is an APBP Meeting scheduled for May 24 at 7:15am at Downtown Inc.
- Jim Coffman has been appointed to the Arizona State Committee on Trails.

### ***IV. CHAPTER DISCUSSION/ACTION***

#### **A. Discussion on Bringing LARE instructor to Arizona**

Justin reported that the survey asking membership about LARE instructor preferences had so far received 40 responses. The survey will end in at the end of May.

#### **B. Crafting One Sentence Response**

Rick spoke with Elizabeth Hebron from ASLA National to receive guidance on a “one sentence response” to bills or other legislative actions that we support, oppose, or remain neutral on.

### **C. EXCOM Elections**

Karla reminded the EXCOM that elections are coming up and that May is when we should start recruiting candidates. Last month Aaron brought up the fact that this would be a good time to review term limits.

The following are the key dates/milestones for the election process:

May – recruit candidates

June – nominations come in

June 20th meeting – approve ballot & candidates

June 21- July 20 – Voting open

TELLERS committee (counts votes)

August 15 – EXCOM meeting; approve results

August 20 – notify National

### **D. Update Canal Beautification Project**

Alex, Jacob and Justin will be meeting with Christine Irish to discuss partnership and event opportunities with the DC Ranch Community Council on Friday, June 2.

### **E. Annual Meeting**

Aaron reported that the Chapter needs to engage in an annual meeting to inform membership of our progress as a chapter. He recommended September would be a good month and that the event could include a state of the chapter, educational training, and that we should be thinking of other things to accomplish.

David brought up that we need to plan how to encompass both Central and Southern sections. Ideas included webinars, holding a meeting in Phoenix and Tucson, EXCOM travelling to both locations.

As a note, there was discussion on moving beyond just “Emerging Professionals” and engaging an “Experienced Professionals” group. Galvanizing firm owners as a group could connect landscape architects together, allow people to get more out of AzASLA, and potentially encourage new members from a “top down” approach.

### **F. Chapter Investments**

Aaron reported that ASLA National invests in long-term financial investments such as money markets, properties, or index funds as part of their savings plan.

It is unsure if this is something that the Chapter can engage in and Karla has contacted our CPA to find out.

## **V. CHAPTER INFORMATION/UPDATES**

### **A. Communications**

Nothing to Report

### **B. Board of Trustees Report:**

Aaron attended the mid-year meeting and reported the following:

- There are nominations for special awards.
- Revisions are being reviewed for student chapter bylaws.
- Paperwork is being submitted for policy revisions.
- ASLA’s official stances on a variety of topics can be found on their website.
- ASLA National is attempting to fundraise to redo I street in Washington DC (where the new HQ is located) as a complete street.

**C. Alliance:**

Nothing to report.

**D. SHADE/Education:**

Justin Azevedo has volunteered to become the AzASLA SHADE representative. Thank you Justin!

**E. Emerging Professionals:**

Nothing to Report

**F. Advocacy/Government Affairs:**

A. Lobbyist: See Section II above

1. Galen reported that the Arizona chapter has been awarded the Chapter of the Year for Advocacy by ASLA National.
2. Three main issues were targeted for ASLA's Advocacy at the Capitol day, Tiger Grants, the Land Conservancy Fund, and the State Clean Water Revolving Fund. Aaron, Galen and Rick spoke with Arizona legislators and were received well in Washington DC.

B. 2017 ASLA Licensure Committee

1. The ASLA Licensure Committee meeting has been postponed.

**G. HALS:**

Nothing to report.

**H. Fellows:**

Nothing to Report

**I. WLAM and Public Awareness**

Valerie reported the following:

- The Award Exhibits are currently in Tucson
- She is working with the Design Primer Program to get landscape architecture representation in K-12 school programs.
- She is working on creating informational packets that support landscape architecture. Once a solid framework is developed in Central Section it can be mirrored and championed in Southern Section.

**J. Section Updates**

1. Central Section

- Alex is attending a Nursery Tour organizational meeting.
- A lighting tour of Sanctuary at Mountain Shadows will be held May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- FX Luminaire to host a happy hour and lighting tour on May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Alex has been in contact with several landscape architects in Flagstaff who are interested in getting more involved in AzASLA: Emily Hunt-Larson, Janel Lynn Wilcox, Aaron Hayne and Jeff Stein. They as a group are looking to hold potential events under AzASLA's Central Section in northern Arizona.

2. Southern Section

- Nothing to Report

**K. University Relations:**

1. Arizona State University: Joe is researching award winners.
2. University of Arizona: Nothing to Report

**L. Student Chapter:**

1. ASU Chapter
  - Toni reported that she had met with the new student board and set goals for the year in order to mobilize membership. These include holding events, reaching out to the UA student chapter, connecting students to professionals and updating the student website.
2. U of A Chapter
  - U of A is gearing up for Student Chapter elections.

**VI. EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION/UPDATES**

**A. Events**

- Golf Tournament September 30<sup>th</sup>
- Appreciation event at Kornegay is November 16<sup>th</sup>

**VII. CHAPTER BUSINESS**

**A. Secretary Report:** Motion by Aaron to approve the April 2017 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Galen. Report Approved.

**B. Treasurer Report**

**April 2017**

Checking balance	\$44,904.69
Savings balance	\$20,001.16
Receivables	\$ 333.28
Income month	\$71,435.45
Expenses month	\$53,363.03
Net Income month	\$18,072.42

The 2017 Budget was reviewed by EXCOM.  
Rick moved to approve the April Treasurer's report and 2017 Budget. Seconded by Laura.  
Report and Budget approved.

**VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

AzASLA Bylaws Committee  
EXCOM Elections  
Review and edit LAM proclamation language

Rick moved to end meeting and Laura seconded the motion.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.**

**To add items to next month's meeting e-mail Rick with "ASLA Agenda Item" in the subject.**