



Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday April 19, 2016

1. Call to Order at 6:06 PM

Attendees: Galen Drake, Jacob Miller, Craig Coronato, Jim Coffman, Karla Hunt, Rick Campbell, Aaron Allan. By phone: Robert Shuler, Ellen Alster. No quorum was met.

CHAPTER BUSINESS

2. Secretary Report:

No quorum was met. Discussion, voting and review postponed until May meeting.

3. Treasurer Report

March 2016

Savings: \$17,503.21

Checking: \$51,938.89

Receivables: \$10,500.00

Expenses FOR March: \$13,712.69

Income FOR March: \$20,338.81

Net Income FOR March: \$6,626.12

Expenses through March: \$33,097.85

Income through March: \$79,838.26

Net Income through March 2016: \$46,740.41

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CHAPTER DISCUSSIONS

A. Sunset and Lobbyist Update

Robert updated the EXCOM on lobbying efforts:

- The Governor's office has indicated that as the legislature is still working on the budget no more bills will be addressed until the budget is finalized. Speculation is that it should be finished by the end of the week (April 22, 2016).
- SB1119 is the continuation bill; currently at the House and then should move to the Governor once budget is finalized.
- HB263 – Licensure bill; Currently at the Committee of the Whole in Senate. This is where amendments are added and proposed. Geologists are put in, amended in the Senate and goes back to the House.
- SB1422 – Omnibus bill. Read as final in the House. Back to the Senate, then House. Recap: One week to 10 days after budget is final the session is expected to come to an end.

Craig asked Robert for suggestions going forward. Robert suggested outreach to the Champions and advocates for the profession such as Yarborough and A. Wayne Smith. Need to facilitate a meeting with Wayne. Could continue to request donations from individuals and partnerships but cannot solicit from other non-profits or firms. Primarily, know who your legislators are – if you like them, support them.

B. PAC Formation

Discussion is that this is good at a National level, however, Robert does not suggest at a State level. From an ASLA National perspective, National supports the concept.

CHAPTER INFORMATION/UPDATES

A. Communications

Received a proposal from Nicole with Z2 Media for website update to allow multiple years of Gala winners along with other website 'maintenance' updates. Cost is \$400.00 which was authorized by Rick Campbell, Treasurer.

B. Board of Trustees Report:

Aaron participated in a survey; reviewed 30 pages on strategic objectives in preparation for the mid-year meeting which is May 18 – May 20th, 2016. The identified advocacy topic is transportation.

C. Alliance:

Two alliances were in attendance at the Awards Gala – Arizona Landscape Contractors Association (ALCA) and Arizona Nurserman's Association (ANA). Other alliances were invited but were not able to attend (ACEC, AIA and Arizona Forward).

D. SHADE/Education:

Jim reported that they are working on a nursery track and perhaps could get input and involvement from Tucson as they need a native plant track. Ellen suggested to reach out to Jessie Byrd who currently does public projects only but is looking for partnership with private nurseries. Jim, Jessie and Ellen will discuss on 4/20

E. Emerging Professionals:

Nothing to report.

F. Advocacy/Government Affairs:

Craig reported that he will be attending Advocacy Day. Participated in training last week and has more training scheduled for April 21, 2016. This session should be more specific.

G. HALS/SHADE:

Jim reported that Gina & Helen are working on a Southern Section project with students. Caryn Logan-Heaps, Steve Venker, Peter Price and Jim have selected Cattle Track Arts District in Scottsdale. GBtwo Landscape Architecture firm, where Alex Buckley (Central Section Chair elect) works, are in this area. As a student Alex participated in the HALS program. Theme for the year is National Register Landscapes which is perfect for Scottsdale. Both Justin and Jim think the plan to concentrate on one good location and project will help its success.

H. Fellows:

A list of potential Fellowship candidates has been received and a shortlist identified. Craig will ask Kris Floor if she would be interested in becoming the Chair for this committee for the next session.

I. Section Updates:

Central Section

Karla read off a few ideas that Alex Buckley provided in her absence from the meeting. Central Section Event Ideas:

1. ANA Nursery Tour
2. Luncheon: Singh Farms
Speaker – Ken Singh and / or Kirti Mathura
Tour and talk about how the land was established and brought to life

3. Wine and Cheese: Desert Botanical Gardens
Speaker: Local artist – Mary Lucking
How to incorporate public artwork into landscape projects around the valley
4. Book Exchange: (talk to Southern Section)
Changing Hands Bookstore
Professionals hand down references to students

Southern Section

Tucson held their luncheon at the Tucson Botanical Garden today. About 23-24 guests attended. They are planning a May event which will be a tour of the restoration project, Paseo de Las Iglesia. Also working on a tour of the Rainbird facility and concrete designs toward the end of summer.

J. University Relations:

Nothing to report

K. Student Chapters:

Nothing to report

III. Chapter Elections.

Karla provided the timeline to provide to National the required elected officers for appointment effective the day after the Annual Meeting in New Orleans. With that, Craig had to provide his upcoming resignation from taking office as the President as he will be relocating back to Colorado. Craig will continue on as the President-elect until that time and the election will handle the open President role. No special election will need to be held.

Suggest that everyone start to create a mental short list of potential candidates and recruits as this election will need to seek candidates for: Treasurer, Secretary, President, President-elect, Central Section Chair-elect, and Southern Section Chair-elect.

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION/UPDATES

A. Events

- A Cinco de Mayo Warm Up will be held at Dave Bangs Office on April 28th.
- Appreciation Event is scheduled for November 17 at Kornegay Designs
- The annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 23.
- Anova has expressed interest in organizing an event.

Updates on the Gala were provided with nearly 250 guests and an net result for the Chapter just under \$66,000.00 The Gala is the Chapters largest fundraiser for the year's events and this was a good foundation to continue the program.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Approve March Treasurer's Report
- Approve March Secretary's report.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11PM.

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