

## APA NY UPSTATE CHAPTER

**Date: Wednesday, November 16, 2005**

**Time: 11:00 – 12:00**

**Place: University of Buffalo School of Architecture and Planning**

**Board Members Present:** Mike Long, Gary Black, George McKibbon, Mike Kayes, Jason Haremza, Jeffrey Lebsack

**Other APA Members Present:** Gary Palumbo

### MEETING MINUTES

1. Mike Long called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – Minutes from the Wednesday, September 21 Board Meeting and the Friday, September 23 Annual Meeting were approved.
3. President's Report: Mike Long reported on the following items:
  - a. The Chapter President's Council meeting held in Buffalo during the Annual Meeting was a great success. Mike noted that the Niagara Falls tour was wonderful. Gary Black reported that final numbers were not yet available, but about 270 people attended the Annual Meeting.
  - b. Chapter Work Plan – draft presented for review
  - c. Chapter Presidents Council Meetings in San Antonio – let Mike know if interested.
  - d. The 2004 tax return has been submitted. The 2006 budget will be reviewed in January.
  - e. An Elections Committee will be appointed at the January meeting.
  - f. George Homsey has been hired to produce the Chapter newsletter.
  - g. Rocky Ferraro will most likely continue as Awards Committee Chair.
  - h. The Chapter Conference is scheduled for next September in Auburn. Mike Long has a good committee and many ideas for programs. GIS/SIG will be a co-sponsor, and ASLA and AIA are also being considered as co-sponsors. The possible title is "Tomorrow's Technology Today". After a brief discussion about which days of the week are best for a conference, it seems that Wednesday to Friday are still the best.
  - i. There was discussion about a fund that APA has established for planners affected by Hurricane Katrina. The amount to contribute was debated, and Jeff Lebsack made a motion that the Chapter match any contributions made by Sections up to \$500. Jason Haremza seconded the motion, provided that March is the cut-off date. The motion passed unanimously.
  - j. Mike reported that Rocky F. was working on getting the Section rebates out.
  - k. A discussion about job notices on the Chapter website resulted in a motion by Jason H. that only New York positions be posted. This was seconded by Mike Kayes, and passed unanimously.
  - l. The treasurer's report was reviewed. Mike Long moved to accept, George McKibbon seconded, and the report was unanimously approved.
  - m. The Bylaws revisions will be included in the next newsletter.
  - n. The process of the Legislative Affairs Committee was discussed. Regarding the recent legislation about Eminent Domain, the Genesee Finger Lakes Section provided comments to Senator Alessi's office. The Chapter has not yet received Andy Labruzzo's ideas on how to prepare Chapter responses to legislative matters. George McKibbon noted that in Ontario, a separate committee monitors planning-related legislation.
  - o. George McKibbon provided materials on cross-border certification, and provided information about an Air Quality conference being held in Hamilton on February 27 and 28.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 for a luncheon with the University of Buffalo planning students.