

**APA New York Upstate Chapter
Executive Board Meeting
March 16, 2007**

Minutes

KEY ACTION ITEM: REVIEW CHAPTER WORKPLAN

Present: Judy Breselor (JB), Diane Carlton (DC), Frank Evangelisti (FE), Rocky Ferraro (RF), Jason Haremza (JH), Eve Holberg (EH), Mike Long (ML), George McKibbon (GM), Sandy Misiewicz (SM), Gary Palumbo (GP), Ellen Parker (EP), Rachel Selsky (RS), Holly Sullivan (HS)

1. Call to order – 10:49AM

2. Review agenda

3. Minutes. Table approval of minutes from the January 19, 2007 meeting. (*Subsequently in the meeting, ML moves, RF 2nds approval of the January meeting minutes, unanimous..*)

4. Officer's Reports

Pres.: ML financial report on Auburn conference. \$8501.92 profit to be split between APA and ASLA. APA portion is \$4250.96. Approx. 200 registrants.

Brief report by FE on upcoming Binghamton conference, "The Art of Planning." Sept 19-21. Three tracks. Joint conf. with NYS Heritage Areas. Discuss price break for students, need to establish a policy for this. FE open to ideas. Discussion item: charging cost per head (meals, breaks). JH noted conference dates are often tough with student timeline (i.e. start of semester).

Discussion of upcoming National APA Conf. in Philadelphia. ML attending CPC meetings. GP and EH attending delegate assembly. JB will be a floor manager. What about a joint NYU/NYM chapter get together?

VP: JB transitioning to VP position from PDO

Past Pres.: absent

Treas.: RF discusses previously emailed awards form/schedule. There are substantive changes in application form this year. Rocky emailing application form to all members and section directors. Section directors should send out to their membership as well.

Discussion of reciprocal awards review with another chapter? ML to solicit volunteers. RF points out, however, that local awareness is important.

Financial report previously emailed. GM moves to accept, JB 2nds. Unanimous.

Sec.: JH circulates contact info sheet.

PDO: EP has concerns over new AICP continuing ed mandate. Would not permit local credits anymore. Proposed policy is not retro-active to include the “self policing” period of 1993-2007, so existing credits logged do not count.

GP questions why EP and FE should get 2007 Upstate Chapter conf certified if it won't count?

SM sees the point but notes it is important to get people thinking about this new program.

SM and EP foresees people dropping their AICP certification over this issue; would be just too onerous.

JB: is AICP more important for private sector planners?

RF: why opposition to new policy?

GP, DC: time commitment, cost, seen as money-maker for APA

GM, SM: what about establish a lending library of training materials?

ML offers \$1000 from Chapter for this. No action taken.

RF: in order to make AICP more valuable, communities should demand AICP planners

General discussion/consensus: need to have booth at Binghamton conf to show members how to register AICP credits. Other professions make it easier than APA/AICP does for its members to get continuing ed credits.

Consensus statement on AICP continuing ed credits, EP to circulate final draft via email:

The concept of mandated AICP training is positive but the current proposed structure is poorly conceived. It should be low cost, flexible, and simple to administer and participate in it. In addition, the APA should provide education and outreach to non-planners that explain the benefits of hiring AICP professionals.

ML moves to authorize EP to make statement to national APA. DC 2nds. Unanimous.

Leg. Affairs: HS reported on letter to governor. Received general response. ML will also speak with Spitzer's CNY rep. Too early to know what will happen with new

admin. Still working on transition. One rumor is that Spitzer is supportive of establishing an "Office of Planning."

ML commented on National Legislative Day, should we have a State Legislative Day?

JB: should sections have local Leg Affairs person instead of local PDO?

GB: could section director be doing this, rather than another position?

HS: need NYPF/APA coordination on leg affairs. Notes that APA all volunteer.

ML: should we hire a part time person to coordinate this?

General discussion: need to focus on governor now

Membership: EH noted jump in membership from Jan to March. Both the Chapter and Sections can send out letters to new members. EH will contact APA national re: any packets they send to new members.

Ed. Officer: absent

General discussion: where are we with November meeting at Cornell? Concerns in general with outreach to schools.

Public Relations: DC noted that newsletter is at the printer's, will be out soon. DC will get media list from Gary Black. DC will circulate to board for additions/corrections.

DC will send letter from chapter to Harry Willis at DOS re: his retirement. Should we nominate for award?

Member-at-Large: GP provided updates on Krasner Scholarship and memorial plaque at Hayes Hall at UB. Will announce next scholarship winner in early April.

Canadian Officer: GM reported on OPPI symposium on planning and public health last year. Outcome of that is training for planners, 4 issue papers. Looking for volunteers to review issue papers with regard to US air quality regs and tweak papers for Upstate audience.

Chapter Workplan: review at home; ML to email to board

5. Section Reports

CD: by law changes, funding students to go to New Orleans, purchasing CD-ROMs, audio conf. training. Workforce housing conf. in April. 2008 Chapter conf. will be in City of Albany.

CNY: absent

GFL: annual dinner/meeting/election in January. Organizational meeting with new board in April

ST: conference planning

WNY: absent

6. Student Reps

SUNY Albany: RS reports on upcoming New Orleans trip. Asks for Chapter contribution to help cover expenses. Offers a post-trip presentation to the board.

RF moves to contribute \$500 from chapter funds. ML 2nds. Unanimous.

7. Other business

none

8. Adjourn.

EH moves, GP 2nds, Unanimous.

The next meeting is set for Friday, May 18, 2007 at 10:30AM in DeWitt Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Haremza
Secretary