

**NY UPSTATE CHAPTER of the AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2004
SUNY ESF/SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
SYRACUSE, NY**

Present- Andy Labruzzo, George McKibbon, Eve Holberg, Matt Johnson, Dan Aken, Rocky Ferraro, Michael Long, Gary Black, Diane Carlton, Frank Evangelisti, Marcia Barry, Judy Breselor

A. President- Rocky Ferraro

Rocky had everyone introduce themselves to the students that were in attendance. Rocky will give Angela Ellis a call to see if she will be able to attend more meetings to take our minutes. Rocky noted that Mary Kopaskie has resigned from the Board. She is starting a new job in January. She recommended that Eve Holberg replace her as the membership officer. A motion was made by Mike Long and seconded by Frank to accept Mary's resignation. All agreed. A letter will be sent to her thanking her for her many years of service on the Board.

Marcia Barry reported that the conference in Rochester had about 15 students and 73 registrants. Rocky congratulated Marcia on a fantastic job. Marcia noted that there were nice evaluations on the conference. There was lots of variety in the sessions. Judy noted that she enjoyed it. Andy said the sessions were good and asked if it would be possible to get everyone's PowerPoint presentations so they could be shared with those who could not attend. It would be good if APA could get these ahead of time. It was noted that if the powerpoints were converted to PDF format there would be no issue with proprietary rights.

Gary Black gave a short presentation about next year's conference in conjunction with the National APA Leadership Conference. Western Section is working to schedule a social event between the National Leadership group and the Upstate APA. There isn't a great deal of chance for overlap with the sessions. The hotel has been reserved. "Community by Design" is the tentative theme. There may be sessions for architects and landscape architects in order to encourage them to attend. The Section hopes to have a time line and budget by the end of the year.

Eve noted that University registration isn't a good idea because the university takes 10% off credit card orders and insists that everyone place orders for conferences via credit cards. ASLA is interested in a technical session on Friday afternoon. OPPI's conference in Hamilton is the same dates as ours. Maybe we could share speakers. Mike Long noted that Mike Krasner had promised a Sabers game for everyone at this conference. It was also suggested that other social ideas might be Finger Lake Wine Tasting or going to Niagara Falls. The dates for the conference are set for September 21st through September 23rd. Training sessions for citizen board members on Friday afternoon has also been suggested.

The Chapter Plan will be discussed at our meeting in January. Drafts are being put together by several of the Board members. Rocky asked all those who are involved with this to get their section of the plan to him as soon as possible.

Rocky handed out the work program that Mike Krasner had put together last year. Rocky congratulated everyone who helped finish all of the goals in the plan. Rocky went over all of the work that we had accomplished to bring the Board and the students up to date. The awards program

is on the web site. Andy discussed local training for AICP exam again through the Board. It was noted that the Western Section is the only section that does training every year. There was a discussion about doing training live on the web. Andy noted that it needs a team of people to do it well. It's too much for the Professional Development Officer to work on alone. The Board congratulated and thanked Rocky for taking over as president from Mike Krasner this year and for doing an excellent job under very sad circumstances.

The meeting schedule for 2005 was passed out to everyone. The next meeting is January 21, 2004 in DeWitt. The school meeting will be in Buffalo this year.

B. Past President- Jean Waterbury

Jean was not in attendance. Matt was there in her place and had no updates on the web site.

C. Treasurer-Mike Long

Mike reported on the rebates from national. He noted there will be one big check before the year's end. Mike passed around the PDO memo that he gets as the CPC and gave checks to each section.

D. Secretary- Angela Ellis

Angela was not present

E. Professional Development Officer- Andy Labruzzo

Andy submitted the PDO survey on time so the Board should not lose money from National this year as we had in the past. Forty chapters responded to the survey. We are supposed to be conducting "ethics training" as part of our AICP rebate. Patty Salkin has agreed to write articles for our newsletter periodically to meet this requirement. The first one will be in our next newsletter. One can now report credits for AICP on line. There is also a one step application for the exam next year instead of two. You will be able to get your answers right away before you leave the exam. Andy noted that we sponsored one person this year for the AICP exam.

Andy reported on the "Planning for Agriculture" grant that we got this year. The training session for this was held at the Upstate Conference (and several other places as well). There is a workbook and Powerpoint slides as well. Andy noted that he worked with American Farmland Trust on this and they were very good to work with. Our chapter was one of only six nationally to get an award. Andy said he is trying to get the workbook scanned to get it on line. Mike Long suggested that we submit the final product to National for an award.

Andy handed out information from a Department of State meeting he attended " Green Community Technologies" from Yellow Wood Associates in St. Albans, Vermont.

F. Director of Legislative Affairs- Judy Breselor

Judy noted there is not a great deal of news from the Legislative Commission on Rural Resources. The group is looking at affordable housing more closely. They will probably put together round tables on how to link comprehensive plans and affordable housing. Rural preservation companies are in jeopardy of losing funding this year because the State has zeroed out their budgets.

G. Membership Officer- Eve Holberg for Mary Kopaskie

Eve gave a report on the section's membership. We now have 682 members. She passed around a list of members who have not paid their dues this year. She suggested that if any Board members know people on the list who have not paid their dues, to give them a call.

H. Education Officer- Dan Aken

Dan reported that about 30 students were expected to attend our session today.

I. Pubic Relations Officer- Gary Black

Gary noted that press releases for the awards have been prepared. He will get them out this weekend.

J. Member at Large-Diane Carlton

Diane reported on the election results for the Upstate APA Board. Thirty-five (35) persons returned ballots. All persons who ran were elected. There were only a few right ins and a few people not checked. Diane reported on the votes as follows:

President	
Mike Long	32
Jim Kent	1
Mike Krasner	1
Vice President	
Dan Aken	35
Treasurer	
Rocky Ferraro	33
Secretary	
Angela Ellis	33
Diane Carlton	1
Prof. Dev. Officer	
Judy Breselor	35
Dir. Of Leg. Affairs	
Andy Labruzzo	34
Membership Officer	
Eve Holberg	2
Mary Kospakie	31
Jason ?	1
Education Officer	
Kris Hughes	34
Public Relations Officer	
Gary Black	32
Member at Large	
Diane Carlton	32
Angela Ellis	1

A motion was made by Marcia to accept the ballots and the vote and it was seconded by Judy. All agreed. Dan noted it was a dismal response, 35 out of 682 persons. Mike Long made a motion to have Eve replace Mary. Marcia seconded the motion. All approved.

K. Canadian Officer- George McKibbin

OPPI is willing to collaborate with us our conferences that are jointly running at the same time. He passed around a Greenbelt Plan that is one of many efforts going on in Canada at the provincial level. In Canada communities must comply with the plans that are prepared; it's the law. Sprawl has been the impetus for mandated plans. The full plan is on the web.

Section Directors Reports

Southern Tier- Frank Evangelisti

Frank noted that the Section has made a donation to a planning project for children

Central- Matt Johnson

Matt noted there are people who are interested in serving as officers for the next two years in the Central Section. It was noted that 2/3 of those who responded to the survey we sent out wanted to continue the section. Paul Young will be stepping down by the end of January. Matt noted that he is going off too. Matthew Richard is interested in being president. The section needs to scale down the number of officers; they can't get six people to serve.

There were no student representatives president.

A motion was made by Andy to adjourn. It was seconded by George. All agreed

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Carlton
Acting Secretary