

AIASJ Executive Board Meeting Minutes

9 August 2006 – 6:30 PM @ PESC Boardroom

1. Members Present 9 August 2006.**Present**

- Theo Bluhm, AIA (President)
- Rod Andreasen, AIA (Vice President)
- Paul Stommel, AIA (Secretary)
- John Frost, AIA (Treasurer)
- David L. Phillips, AIA (AIACC Delegate)
- Bruce Poulsen, AIA (Director of Information /PR)
- Chris Johnson, AIA (Director of Membership)
- Claude Dechow, AIA (Director of Government Affairs)
- Arthur Dyson, AIA (Director Education)
- Rolando Gonzalez, AIA (Director of Education – COS)
- Ken Zamora, AIA (Director of Education – FCC)
- Mark Harold, AIA (Director of Continuing Education)
- Julie Jaurique-Chipps, Associate (Associate Director)
- Skip Carlstrom, AIA (Consultant to Sand Competition)
- Donald Landon, Student (Student Representative)

Staff Present

- Georgellen Bateman
- Paul Bateman, Jr.

2. Meeting called to order at 6:40p.m.**3. Attendance:**

The Board of Directors members were directed to the sign-in sheet.

4. President Report

Theo Bluhm, AIA mentioned wanting to discuss raising the local dues from \$65.00 per year. The current dues has been in place for at least eight (8) if not ten (10) years and it was thought that raising the dues would be a good way to also raise money for the scholarships for the students. The supplemental dues can be raised as well due to the fact that the chapter gets a portion of the money back. David Phillips, AIA was wondering how the non-firm owners feel about raising the fee. Bruce Poulsen, AIA stated that yes, Darden Architects pays for each of their architects and Paul Stommel, AIA stated that Associated Design and Engineering also pays for each of the architects; neither gentleman stated any objection to raising the dues. David suggested just raising the dues \$10.00 so the dues would go up to \$75.00 per year and it would then be inline with what each company pays National for staff members. David later recommended raising the dues \$35.00 up to \$100.00. It was asked if the Board could wait and make a decision on raising the dues for another month, but Theo mentioned that this has to be decided upon as soon as possible because there is a 30 September 2006 deadline that National has for returning the form. David mentioned that he would be finding out what AIACC decides to do about the dues on Friday when he travels to San Francisco for the AIACC Board meeting and would know what the decision is concerning dues Friday evening. David then suggested that, after he gets back and can relay the finding to Theo and/or Georgellen, that either Theo perform a telephone poll of the Board

or Georgellen perform an email/internet poll of the Board, to find out what all the Board members feelings are about raising the fees. Theo recommended, at this time, a \$10.00 increase in fees and David made the motion. Bruce mentioned that the extra money should go to a specific item, such as the student scholarships. It was decided that if State and National were raising theirs, then the chapter would not raise their dues at this time.

Theo mentioned that the motion on the table was to raise the dues from \$65.00 to \$100.00, with the understanding should State and National significantly raise their dues, then the local dues would remain the same at \$65.00. Theo also mentioned that the poll that Georgellen would be emailing out to the Board members would state that the extra \$35.00 would be going to the student scholarship fund and that she would include in her email that the dues have not been raised in close to ten (10) years. David Phillips, AIA made a motion to raise the dues and Bruce Poulsen, AIA mentioned the amendment to the motion from the original statement, AIA, and Rod Andreasen, AIA seconded the motion.

A motion was duly made by David Phillips, AIA, and the amendment was made and noted by Bruce Poulsen, AIA, and the motion was seconded by Rod Andreasen, AIA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Treasury Report

John Frost, AIA reported that he was looking at his AIA National transcripts and realized there have been four months, February, April, June, and July have not been submitted or at least are not showing up on his transcripts. It was recommended that Georgellen Bateman check with National to see if the Learning Lunches are actually being sent into National for the Learning Units and she can offer to volunteer to fax in the sign in sheet form to National, if the speaker is willing to let her do that for them. David Phillips, AIA asked if it was true that the Board members no longer get credit for the Board meetings. It was confirmed by the Board that it is true, that the Board meetings are no longer considered to be available for credit. David mentioned that he would bring the question of getting credit for Board meetings up at the AIACC meeting on Friday.

John mentioned that the ending balance in the Bank of the West checking account is \$10,330.58 and the ending balance for the UBS Financial Services is \$48,390.19 for a total of both accounts of \$58,720.77. John mentioned that he spoke with Mike Lund about taking \$5,000.00 or 10,000.00 into another mutual fund, to produce extra finances in the UBS account. Theo Bluhm, AIA, requested that John get back in touch with Mike Lund and transfer the allotted money into a different mutual fund, such as energy stock.

Theo Bluhm, AIA requested the approval of the minutes as they were written. Bruce Poulsen, AIA made the motion to approve the minutes as they were written and David Phillips seconded the motion.

A motion was duly made by Bruce Poulsen, AIA, and the motion was seconded by David Phillips AIA.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. AIA CC Delegate's Report

David Phillips, AIA asked Georgellen Bateman if she would like to tell John Frost, AIA about the Addington Group check. Georgellen reported to John and the Board that Chris Addington, AIA, had returned his thank you check from last year's Design Competition, with

a note stating that it should be added to the student scholarship fund. John mentioned that the money would be added back into the account for the student scholarship fund.

7. Director of Information and Public Relations Report

Bruce Poulsen, AIA mentioned that Christmas at the Met is actually at the Banker's Ballroom on the 29th of November and since this chapter is taking care of the wine for the event, CSI Fresno is considering sponsoring the background music. Bruce also mentioned that the next CSI Fresno Presentation will be 19 September 2006 and he is the speaker. His topic will be "How to Compare Substitute Evaluations Properly". The October presentation will be an AIA CES accredited program on flooring products with Ed Easley of Compass Concepts and he will be speaking here in the PESC conference room. The November presentation will be at the Fresno Builders Exchange and it will entail a tour and demonstration of processing plans when they come into the Exchange. Bruce mentioned that CSI has their presentation schedule preset for the upcoming new year for the entire year and are now in the process of finalizing the scheduling with the speakers.

8. Director of Continuing Education

Mark Harold, AIA mentioned that today's program on concrete and the Ph levels due to the moisture coming through, was very informative and Theo Bluhm, AIA, commented that the speaker was very knowledgeable about all of it. Theo asked if there was any bookings for the new year as of yet and Mark mentioned that he and Georgellen Bateman, had not yet booked anyone for the Learning Luncheons yet but he had a couple of ideas and was making contacts for the new year.

9. Sand Competition

Theo Bluhm, AIA, mentioned that he would like to change the original Sand Competition submission form from the way that it was last year, although he is keeping the title of the competition as "The Sky's The Limit". Theo would like to decide how far the chapter would like to take the competition this year and also he is considering deleting the year sponsorship section. The event this year is in the very southwest corner of River Park by Michael's Craft Store on 30 September 2006.

Theo mentioned possibly doing a Golf Tournament and the Sand Competition on the same day and then having the awards ceremony all that day or just do the People's Award for the Sand Competition in the afternoon and give out the rest of the awards out at Summer Party in October. David made the recommendation of waiting on the golf tournament until the day of Summer Party and having the golf tournament in the morning to early afternoon with the Summer Party following it in the mid-afternoon to evening. Theo mentioned that the golf courses have typically let the chapter use their courses during the week and not on the weekend for the tournaments. Due to the response for the golf tournament in the previous years, David suggested that the golf tournament be possibly only Board members and their friends and/or staff members. It was decided that the golf tournament would start with a Shot-Gun shot so that all golfers start and finish at the same time. Theo decided that there would not be a golf tournament this year, but possibly next year for the Board members and their friends and/or staff members like David suggested.

Summer Party will be held on 14 October 2006 at Tenaya Park and Theo is going to confirm this with Cynthia Downing within the next couple of weeks. The Summer Party will also be a "Welcome to the AIA or back to the AIA" for the new licensees, returnees, and new firms, along with the awards ceremony for the Sand Competition.

Any additional funds from the Sand Competition would go to the AIA San Joaquin Scholarship fund and to Rotary Park Storyland. Theo mentioned that next year the event would be over at Storyland to help with the refurbishing of it. David mentioned that Michelle at the Fresno City offices, should be contacted due to Michelle stating that they would either like to get a team together or would like to be judges again for the event this year.

It was suggested possibly getting a disc jockey, like had been done in the past, to draw attention to the Sand Competition. It was decided that it might be something that will be done in the future.

10. General Comments

The chapter will be spending approximately \$1000.00 on the wine and three presents for Christmas at the Met.

11. With nothing further to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:11p.m.

Signed by: _____
Secretary

Date: _____