

AIASJ Executive Board Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2006 – 6:00 PM @ Professional Exchange Service Corp.

I. Members Present November 8, 2006.**Present**

- Theo Bluhm, AIA (President)
- Rod Andreasen, AIA (Vice President)
- Paul Stommel, AIA (Secretary) (excused)
- John Frost, AIA (Treasurer)
- David Phillips, AIA (AIA CC 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 of 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 Event)
- Donald Landon, Student (Student Representative)

Staff Present

- Debra Thompson

Meeting called to order at 6:25 p.m. by President Theo Bluhm.**Attendance:**

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

II. President:

- Minutes were tabled until next meeting.
- Theo recommended the New Business item be heard prior to President's Report.
- Motion by Theo Bluhm second by Art Dyson to approve Debra Thompson's attendance at the AIA National Grassroots Conference February 2007 in Washington, DC (at a rate not to exceed \$3,000 per person). Debra to make arrangements for herself and Rod Andreasen.
- Theo provided an overview of the November 29th Christmas at the Ballroom event and indicated he and Debra would be attending a meeting this upcoming Friday.

VXIII. Other Business –Executive Director Report – Washington DC trip

Debra Thompson, Executive Director, provided an overview of her experience in attending the AIA National Institute Resource Training. Debra provided the board with copies of the AIA National Strategic Plan outline and 2006-07 Organizational Structure. Debra discussed the grants awarded by AIA National for the 150th year anniversary and shared the week of April 8-14, 2007 is National Architecture Week. Art Dyson, Education Chair emphasized a need for the local chapter to hold an event for Architecture Week. Debra to research other activities planned and bring ideas to

the next board meeting. Debra provided an overview and shared copies of the resources available for upcoming architects. Debra gave an overview of Knowledge Communities and shared resources available for the local chapter to establish a roundtable. Debra shared with board the Urban Design Assistance Team grant application is now open. The board requested Debra send copies to each member. Debra provided an overview of the various types of Continuing Education resources available to receive education credits. John Frost requested Debra send him copies of PodCast series.

V. Vice-President:

No report given, however, Rod Andreasen, Vice President to meet with Theo Bluhm, Art Dyson and Dave Phillips to get overview of their DC experience.

VI. Finance/Statement of Account Balance and Budget:

John Frost, Treasurer reported the current checking account balance is \$10,985.07 and investment account with UBS is \$50,906.97. John distributed copies of financial documents on each account and shared AIASJ's previous account executive is no longer with UBS, however, he met with new manager today. He indicated there is a likelihood our investment may change to a no fee at 8%. John inquired if there was a prior board policy for billing individuals who make a reservation and fail to attend the meeting. It was decided to send an invoice to the 3 no-shows at the November luncheon. John also indicated IRS to credit \$200 back to chapter for overpayment of 2005 filing.

Theo indicated AIASJ would like to have President's lunch in early January at the Downtown Club for all past presidents and requested a budget allotment of approximately \$500-600. Motion by John seconded by Rod to approve event budget. Motion passed unanimously. Mark Harold, Director of Continuing Education inquired if event would be open to all members, Theo indicated no, only past presidents with Debra and possibly Rod in attendance. Theo stated this event would be a good networking opportunity and provide visibility for the chapter.

VII. Secretary:

No report given.

VIII AIA CC Delegate:

No report given.

IX. Director of Information and Public Relations:

No report given.

X. Membership:

No report given.

XI. Director of Education:

Art Dyson, Director of Education indicated John Powell's final paperwork for consideration for an Honorary Award with AIA National is being completed. He also

stated the City of San Joaquin project is being finalized and will be discussed with Ken Zamora.

XII FCC Education

Ken Zamora, Fresno City College Education Chair provided a report on the trip with students to the DeYoung Museum, California College of Arts, and St. Mary's Cathedral. Ken indicated he took a group of students to Ayer elementary school where they built skyscrapers with students and provided Age of Architectural books to students. Ken advised Steve Zurigian, Photography Instructor is taking a group of students to Italy on an educational trip in the summer of 2007. Valda Cruz and Kurt Wong, FCC students were in attendance and presented the chapter with a gift basket and card as appreciation for waiving their entry fee at the annual Sandcastle event. The students reported the Architecture Club is having a roof-decorating contest. Art suggested the Club conduct short trips around town to different types of sites (wood, steel, etc.) to see how connections are made. Ken indicated the students are currently looking at construction projects in process on campus. Donald Landon, Student Representative, also suggested students see the library project at Fresno State. Art provided an overview of meeting with Chandler West of Washington Union High School and suggested an Association be formed and luncheons be held. John to provide contact information for Chandler West to Ken.

XIII CE Report

Mark Harold reported he had provided Debra with two leads for Continuing Education luncheons. Mark indicated participating on PG&E conference call regarding rebates, etc. Mark had discussion with Mr. Rice on other CE opportunities. Mark shared web-based programs are way of future. Julie provided other contacts for CE's and will make contact to schedule training sessions. Debra to provide training calendar to Julie.

XIV. Sand Event – No report given.

XV. Associate Director- No report given.

XVI. Student Representative report

Donald Landon, CSUF Student Representative, indicated they are looking to establish an Advisory Committee to provide leadership and advice the students in the areas of architecture. Donald stated there is a new full-time Architecture Instructor at CSUF who is developing new curriculum as part of Construction Management Department. Donald will provide Debra with contact information for distribution to board. Doug Halderman is teaching drafting at Fresno State through Interiors Program. Construction Management department would like to be involved in the scholarship award process.

Theo indicated there is a need to determine what AIASJ will be funding this year. Art suggested discussion occur with education committee and report to board next month (agreed by board). Theo stated FCC has inquired whether AIA will be funding any scholarships this year.

Ken indicated FCC Foundation publishes a book with available scholarships. Ken shared there are several different accounts where funds can be distributed. Theo expressed concern regarding how dollars are distributed to ensure architecture programs benefit.

Art suggested funding be provided for students interested in touring other schools of architecture and suggested utilizing instructors to determine what schools would fit the needs of the student. AIASJ to review possibilities through National for partial funding of student-based projects. Art suggested local chapter research developing annuity and obtain investors who can contribute to the fund.

John suggested seeking fellow architects who could contribute to an endowment.

XVII. Website

Theo provided authorization for Debra to post meeting agendas and approved meeting minutes to website. Debra informed board Georgellen Bateman to meet with Dave Phillips regarding job board.

XVIII Other Business (continued)

Theo indicated a need to have someone from this chapter become more involved in the CalcPAC program as recommended by AIACC e-mail sent to Debra and JoAnn Bluhm. He stated this individual is required to participate in conferences calls and assist with fundraising.

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: _____
SECRETARY

DATE: _____