

**AIASJ Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

January 10, 2007 – 6:00 PM @ Professional Exchange Service Corp.

**I. Members Present****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 6:10 p.m. by President Theo Bluhm.****II. Executive Director Report:**

Debra Thompson, Executive Director distributed copies of the Executive Director report to all meeting attendees. The Board discussed the upcoming 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Valley Architecture Exhibit to be held in April during National Architecture Week. The board concluded the projects to be exhibited would be mounted on board only, no models will be accepted this year. The size of the projects are limited to 20”x30” to 30” x 40”. Debra informed board about the discussion held with Fashion Fair staff regarding event and tentative dates for exhibit are April 9-15, 2007 (hours to be discussed within the next two weeks). The Board discussed the possibility of having Architects staff the booth at the event from 6:00 – 8:00pm, however, no decision occurred. Debra to contact AIA National regarding available marketing materials. The Board agreed to send requests for projects to local schools and valley architects. Theo Bluhm and Art Dyson to meet and discuss details.

**III. President Report:**

- Motion by Paul Strommel, Secretary to approved meeting minutes second by Bruce Poulsen, Director of Information and Public Relations. Motion passed unanimously.
- Theo Bluhm inquired about request for school supplies. Bruce Poulsen updated the Board on supplies collected. Theo recommended the board make a donation to assist in this effort. Bruce would like to have Philip Ureno make a presentation to the board. Motion by Theo second by Art Dyson to approved \$500 donation to Phillip Ureno for program. Rolando Gonzales, Director of Education, College of Sequoias will contact Philip. Art suggested Rolando contact Washington Union as well.

- Theo provided an update on the Chapters dues and indicated the local increase did not appear on the report.
- Art discussed the Design Competition with Ken and Rolando today and indicated a conference call will take place soon. Rolando reported the colleges would prefer to have one program for competitive purposes, a 3-4 week process, and judging within one week of event at PESC. Possible venues: Planetarium and Cooley Gallery.

**IV. Vice-President:**

No report given.

**V. Finance/Statement of Account Balance and Budget:**

John Frost, Treasurer reported the current checking account balance is \$8,418.25 and investment account with UBS is \$51,986.13. John addressed concern regarding the need for a Mentoring program within the Chapter. John recommended a Mentoring program be added as an ongoing agenda item. Rolando suggested John obtain a list of firms interested in mentoring and provide to the students. John will make contact with potential mentors to speak with the board. Debra provided feedback on opportunities available for upcoming architects through the Young Architects Forum of AIA National.

**VI. Secretary:**

No report given.

**VII AIA CC Delegate:**

No report given.

**VIII. Information and Public Relations:**

Bruce Poulsen indicated CSI Fresno will be sponsoring their 19<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Tournament on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Fig Garden. He reported there will be 3 seminars in conjunction with the April 24<sup>th</sup> Product Show. He stated USGBC-CC monthly board meeting is scheduled for tomorrow in which the discussion will focus on chapter formation. Rolando inquired as to new Green certification for Architects.

**IX. Membership:**

No report given.

**X. Government Affairs:**

Claude stated he would be attending the Valley Blueprint forum scheduled tomorrow at 4:30 pm. Claude indicated several contracts would be available for bid based on old County contracts expiring. Nick Yovino's roundtable meetings have moved to Mondays at 10:30 am instead of Thursdays at 11:00 am. Art inquired when new Code will come into effect with the County; Claude indicated six months after State adoption.

**XI. Director of Education:**

Art Dyson expressed concern for lack of funding for non-NAABB accredited college programs. Art and Theo recommended Debra and Rod address this issue at the AIA National Grassroots conference.

**XII. COS Education:**

Rolando Gonzalez distributed a handout and introduced guest Carlos Lara, a student at COS. Rolando provided an overview of the study abroad program, in which students went to Spain and will be going to China this summer. Rolando requested board input for Student Design competition award amounts. Board agreed to provide \$1,000 to each of three schools (FCC, COS and CSUF) to disburse as scholarships for use at their own discretion. Motion by Art second by Claude. Motion passed unanimously.

**XIII. FCC Education**

No report given

**XIII CE Report**

Mark Harold, CE Chairman indicated the following companies and/or individuals are interested in being a presenter at the monthly luncheon: 1) TPG Technical Glass Products; 2) Mike Rice, a Specification Writer; and 3) Pacific Gas and Electric. The board discussed having a general session each year that is geared to serve the general public. Art Dyson suggested having John Swearingen. Mark indicated current board policy does not cover expenses for speakers. Board discussed developing policy for expenses to cover presenters for public forums. Theo suggested speaker for early May or June. Art suggested adding list of Past Presidents to website. Debra will research data for Past Presidents and send e-mail to Art for feedback. Bruce indicated CSI is creating a web page for Chapter Awards. Jerry to put placeholder for awards and scan bylaws and insert on website. Rolando suggested bringing in Eric Bobrow with Eric Bobrow Consulting Group to provide feedback to Mark. Rolando recommended AIA create a Travel Abroad scholarship for a student who is unable to go abroad (approximately \$1,000). Art suggested a capital campaign be established in which one time contribution and/or three-year pledge be given by local firms. Debra suggested the board have Cynthia Downing speak regarding fundraising opportunities and new AM software.

**XIV. Sand Event – No report given.****XV. Associate Director:**

Julie Jaurique-Chipps, Associate Director inquired about the dollars contributed by the luncheon sponsor. The board agreed the luncheon sponsor will be required to provide a \$200 donation.

**XVI. Student Representative report**

No report given.

**XVII. Website**

No report given

**XVIII. Other Business - None.**

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECRETARY**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_