



# N Y S C L A

NEW YORK CHAPTER & NEW YORK UPSTATE CHAPTER - AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS  
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## WINTER MEETING

Date: January 23, 2010

Location: Albany, NY / Teleconference from various locations

Present: N. Bateman -President  
D. Conklin- Upstate  
A. Hart- Treasurer (TC)  
R. Gibney - Downstate  
K. McAndrew- Downstate  
R. Gass- Downstate (TC)  
E. Reynolds- Secretary (TC)  
P. Lester- Downstate (TC)  
D. McCord- Upstate (TC)  
C. May- Downstate  
B. Restaino – Upstate

Absent: J. Thompson- Upstate  
E. Farrell- (NYSCLA Executive Director)

### General Business:

1. NYSCLA Board Members - At 10:30 N. Bateman opened the meeting and verified the teleconference attendees (see above). N. Bateman welcomed new Upstate Board Member Barbara Restaino who runs her practice Restaino Design in Grahamsville.
2. Previous Meeting Minutes – N. Bateman made a motion to approve the minutes from the Nov. 7, 2009 meeting, R. Gass seconded.
3. Treasurer's Report – A. Hart presented the 2009 and 2010 budget and compared the year to date data. Interest income was slightly lower than expected. Not included was a \$200 check which NYSCLA will receive from Mainstreets. It will show up as a credit to the Chapters and will then be included when the contributions are re-assessed for the actual number of members. R. Gibney suggests that the increase in income could go toward website work. The notation " '07 income" will be changed to " '09 income" on the budget. The website budget is currently \$1,750. A. Hart will revise and re-send the budget. R. Gibney made a motion to approve the 2010 budget, P. Lester seconded.
4. Legislative Tracking - Ed Farrell will contact R. Gibney on the OP letter. Extra funding for enforcement of illegal practice is frozen in the OP due to a hiring freeze. R. Lopez is trying to remove the freeze to hire new staff to facilitate the advancement of enforcement of LA / RA title /practice laws. R. Gibney will check with E. Farrell on AIANYS's letter of support for new OP staff as NYSCLA should also draft one. R. Gibney is meeting with R. Lopez in 3 weeks and will update us. E. Farrell related that there are no new major legislative issues and they are working on the budget.

a. Lobby Day - April 20 is Lobby Day this year. For our 2010 Legislative Agenda which is presented in our Lobby Day brochure, C. May is the point person and K. McAndrew will assist. The

Board is to have all legislative agenda comments to C. May and K. McAndrew by Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. Emails should be kept to a minimum, comments could be color coordinated by member for clarity. D. McCord suggests that we focus on issues that are sponsored, not those that are almost through legislation or are not sponsored. C. May and K. McAndrew will coordinate our points with the consulting engineers agenda which was distributed by K. McAndrew recently. E. Farrell needs all the information by early April for Lobby Day. R. Gibney believes we need to focus on 5 issues.

b. Lobby Day brochure - The firms highlighted in the Lobby Day brochure are not for publicity but to show consistency by region and focus on municipal projects which will impact the public, not residential work. To date, a requirement has also been they must be award winners. The board agreed the less firms the better. P. Lester points out that a lot of these issues with projects selected for the brochure have been ongoing.

5. Website – J. Thompson is happy with eSolve’s proposal, she reviewed it with R. Gibney. A couple non-necessary costs have been eliminated. NYSCLA editing capabilities will be set up, and the CEU interface updated. R. Gibney suggests reserving \$250 of the \$1,750 budget for a contingency. Changes to LA listings will be verified by R. Gass first, then updated on the website by J. Thompson. J. Thompson will continue to take the lead on all website issues and make suggestions for all website improvements.

6. By-Laws + Constitution – P. Lester has compiled and emailed the draft version. She requests members address items in purple. Comments should be sent to P. Lester, D. McCord, or D. Conklin by Feb. 19. P. Lester will take the lead on this assisted by D. Conklin and D. McCord.

7. NYSCLA LA Listings – R. Gass reviewed ASLA’s Firm Finder (FF) listings. Some people listed on FF (8) are out of state. R. Gass thinks Counties would be helpful for listing. N. Bateman suggests adding a section on the website that people are responsible for maintaining current info- including a 60 day grace period and NYSCLA will review the listings for current registration status. N. Bateman will assist R. Gass as need arises. There are 5 deceased listings and they should be removed. Based on ASLA we should give people 60 days to update their registrations or they will be removed and have to re-apply to be put back on. Some people are ASLA members but are not registered, so unlike ASLA’s Firm Finder, they should not be listed on our LA Listing. Some are also inactive with OP. R. Gibney will check with R. Lopez about this issue. R. Gass will continue to take the lead for LA listing issues and make suggestions for improvements.

8. Feb. CEU Mtg. – R. Lopez is coming to NYC for an Arch. Meeting on Feb. 24 and will speak on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> about Corporate Entities, Design Build, etc. covering what LAs need to know to practice. It will be from 6-8 pm at the Center for Architecture. At 3pm that day, R. Gibney will be meeting with him about current issues. Others are welcome to attend but need to contact R. Gibney ahead of time. R. Gibney is taking the lead on this.

9. Surveyor Bill – Surveyor’s curriculum only has one 4-credit course was found in design. R. Gibney has received no comments from Sen. LaValle on this after repeated attempts. The engineering profession is also fighting this issue. R. Gibney will continue to track this.

10. ASLA Firm Finder in NY - R. Gibney is still pursuing incorrect listings. He thinks once logistical problems are resolved, listing corrections will be addressed. Hopefully this will happen by July, so it can be on the ASLA agenda for the next meeting. R. Gibney will continue to follow up.

11. Lobby Day – See 4a.

12. Upstate June Conf. & AIANY Sept Conf. – The conferences will be combined and held in Buffalo on Oct. 14-16. ASLA Upstate will still do a 1 day CEU in June. They are still working on a location in Syracuse. N. Bateman suggests a Cornell Coop-Ext speaker. D. McCord will forward information to A. Hart, Upstate Director of Programs, and AIANY for getting them on board.

13. Tool Kit – Revisit in June. R. Gibney will check with Stacy Paetzel for updates.
14. New board members – the Board is happy to have B. Restaino back. We will fill one more Upstate slot soon. D. McCord will have an announcement in the ULE that we need a “passionate person who is willing to contribute”. Potential new Board Members should have ASLA membership in good standing and a resume showing active professional commitment.
15. 2010 NYSLCA meeting dates – March 27, July 17, and November 6 are confirmed.

New Business:

1. The APA is joining AIA for a program downstate. K. McAndrew was approached about ASLA being involved. CEU's would be offered.
2. P. Lester has requested from ASLA national zipcode maps of Chapter boundaries. She will try to put together a zip code map for the Chapters as Board members could live anywhere- the Board designation is based on which Chapter you have registered with. R. Gibney suggests a newsletter article about the difference.
3. Some CEU speakers may not be qualified. There are gray areas in defining the requirements. AIA is trying to minimize the overlap between vendors and CEU speakers. AIA is not always reviewing presentations like the Upstate Chapter always does. This is an issue that requires constant monitoring.
4. 2010 Goals (as noted by N. Bateman)
  - a. CEU's-announce courses and keep CE implementation improving
  - b. Website-keep improving this as our primary tool for communication especially with CEU listings and LA listings
  - c. Lobby Day-encourage more participation and continue with great promotion material
  - d. ByLaws & Constitution-reassess both and revise where necessary
  - d. Incorporation of NYSCLA-consider this as an option to benefit NYSCLA
  - e. Outreach – each Board Member should try to educate people about what we do. Attend more Chapter events, State LA Board meetings, etc. We should try to attend CEU courses and present and/or educate. E. Reynolds suggested contacting colleges so we can speak in professional practice classes to students. B. Restaino suggested we make sure colleges are identifying LA programs and feeder programs at career fairs for high schools.
4. The Board is concerned that it may be best to have AIANYS attend all NYSCLA meetings. D. McCord will contact AIANYS about this, however, their current contract allows 1 absence per year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Calendar:

March 27 - NYSCLA Spring meeting in Albany  
June – Date TBD, ASLA Licensure Summit  
July 17 - NYSCLA Summer meeting  
November 6 - NYSCLA Fall meeting in Albany  
October 14-16 - AIA Mainstreets & Upstate ASLA Conference in Buffalo  
December – Date TBD, NY Chapter Awards and Holiday Party

Submitted by E. Reynolds.