



# N Y S C L A

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

**Date: April 5, 2008**  
**Location: Albany, NY**

**Present:** R. Gibney-President  
E. Misztal- Secretary  
A. Hart- Treasurer  
E. Farrell- (NYSCLA Executive Director)  
R. Gass- Downstate  
C. May-Downstate  
D. McCord- Upstate  
S. Marshall-Paetzel - Downstate

**Absent:** D. Conklin- Upstate  
J. Thompson Upstate  
N. Bateman- Upstate  
R. Kraft, Upstate

### General Business:

**NYSCLA Board Members** – R.Gibney opened the meeting and it was determined that we did not have a quorum.

**Previous Meeting Minutes** - the draft minutes from the 19 January 2008 meeting previously submitted by E.Misztal need to be sent for review/approval via email ballot due to a lack of a quorum.

**Treasurer's Report** - submitted in writing and presented by A.Hart. The 2007 budget year ended with a surplus, which may be used for the Lobby Day brochure. The webmaster (Jeremy Young) is paid hourly. A.Hart will ask him to submit a current invoice, and to continue to do so quarterly, citing email as an acceptable form of communication. After reviewing M.Goff's expenses for graphic design, another consultant will be considered for next year. R.Gibney may have a contact. D.McCord received a bill for \$200 for rent of the Lobby Day display space from OGS. It should have been on last year's budget. A.Hart will investigate for the next meeting.

**Lobby Day** – Appointment form will be distributed to the Chapters so that members can facilitate appointments and organize timing of visits. AIA form was distributed by E.Farrell for reference and use. R.Gibney may organize carpooling to bring people from downstate. AIA has prioritized issues to concentrate on 4 of 12-13 in their version of the brochure, LA's should consider format for their brochure. Wicks Law will not be included in this year's budget. 500 brochures have been printed. Board members should each take some for distribution.

### Old Business:

**L.A. Board Meeting in NYC, May 7th:** - R.Gibney will attend and bring up the following issues:

- Where is the line between Architect, Engineer, Landscape Architect? Professional definitions will be discussed.
- Are there policies for credit approval, or is it a case by case basis?
- CEU update
- R.Gass will provide issues about SWPPP's and Architects trying to get on board.
- Discuss the example letter from PA regarding CPESC's and which professions can do what tasks.

**Website information & Letterhead update:** No board members names should appear on the regular one. R.Gibney will create another one with officers names, titles, and board members. It will include E.Farrell. The website needs to be updated with new officers information, minutes, etc. Refer to Treasurer's report for additional website information.

**Position Paper Update:** Nothing has changed from last year's papers. R.Gibney will draft the surveyor one. See below for details. Michelle Brown has updated the legislative numbers and we should check into it earlier next year for printing.

**Tool Kit Update:** The template is the #1 goal. It will begin with a common list of barriers to practice nationally. Then, each state will customize it for their needs. Each member can find individual issues. The first step is to make a list for NY issues. The data may include case studies, brief examples, and also include success stories of a problem and the solution. A list of municipalities that accept / don't accept L.A. licenses may be helpful. Other regulatory agencies should be included, i.e. DOT, housing, etc.

**Goals for 2008:** R.Gibney wants to represent NYSCLA on the Firm Finder website. S.Marshall-Paetzel suggests contacting Angela Dye about credentials for inclusion in the Firm Finder service. R.Gibney suggests that diligence practiced in reporting illegal practice and title activity to the Office of Prof. Dev. S.Marshall-Paetzel will put the issue on the agenda for the National Committee conference call. Progress should be made on the Tool Kit in 2008, and preparation for Lobby Day should be started earlier to accommodate the earlier date trend. R.Gibney nominates S.Marshall-Paetzel to go the Licensure Summit in Madison Wisconsin in June based on last year's success. ASLA National will cover the expenses.

#### **New Business:**

**LaValle Bill... Relating go the practice of Land Surveying:** - The word "design" is used in the definition, and is a problem point for competing professions. Engineers will probably oppose the bill; the AIA currently has no opinion. E.Farrell asked for the Board to prepare a position for use in preparation for Lobby Day. Curriculums from regional schools will be collected for determination of the threshold for what is acceptable as a minimum for accreditation. Thresholds must also be set for grandfathering in existing professionals. It was suggested that an insert could be used in the Lobby Day brochure.

**NYSCLA Board Members:** Do the board members have to be ASLA to participate? Do they need to be licensed? R.Gibney to research in by-laws. S.Marshall-Paetzel suggests that nomination to the board, and officer position be on person by person basis. Then no by-law change is necessary. R.Gibney to update Upstate / Downstate contacts for recommendation to the board.

**Design in the Future:** Panel that will discuss design issues for seniors, i.e. assisted living. Is the board interested in having a site representative on the panel? Obligations include a 20 minute overview, and then Q&A. 3 credits will be available to the presenter. The panel is from 1-3pm during the AIA Convention September 25-27 White Plains, NY. C.May suggests that traffic patterns are an example of differences. He may be able to attend. D.McCord suggests a contact and will give R.Gibney his name. Refer to the Call for Presenters on the ASLA website for additional information.

The next meeting is on July 19, 2008 at 10:30 am.  
Meeting Adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Submitted by E.Misztal.