



# N Y S C L A

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

**Date: November 07, 2009**

**Location: Albany, NY / Teleconference from various locations**

**Present:** R. Gibney-President  
D. Conklin- Upstate  
A. Hart- Treasurer  
N. Bateman- Upstate  
K. McAndrew- Downstate  
R. Gass- Downstate  
E. Reynolds- Secretary (TC)  
E. Farrell- (NYSCLA Executive Director)  
P. Lester- Downstate (TC)  
J. Thompson- Upstate (TC)  
D. McCord- Upstate

**Absent:** C. May-Downstate

### General Business:

1. **NYSCLA Board Members** - At 10:30 R. Gibney opened the meeting and verified the teleconference attendees: J. Thompson, E. Reynolds, and P. Lester.
2. **Previous Meeting Minutes** - the minutes from the Apr. 18, 2009 meeting were approved by email ballot. The July 18, 2009 minutes were approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** - submitted in writing and presented by A. Hart; we can do 1 more website update within the 2009 budget. He will issue N. Bateman a check for \$100 for past meeting expenses and include \$15 per quarterly meeting for refreshments.
4. **Legislative Tracking** - Ed Farrell, Executive Director for AIANY, was absent and provided hard copies of his report as follows:
  - a. **Lobby Day** - April 20 is Lobby Day this year. E. Farrell feels larger numbers of people are more effective so LA's having their own day may not be desirable. The brochure will go to print the first week of April; all bill numbers are staying the same. M. Goff is ready and willing to work on the brochure. We should review award winners for the brochure at the next meeting. Ed will provide updates on the bills for the January meeting so we can choose which 10 we are interested in. From this list we will choose 3-4 as priorities.
  - b. **AIA / NYSCLA Agreement** - E. Farrell provided R. Gibney with a sample agreement for next year. It shows the copy charges removed. Either R. Gibney or N. Bateman will sign it. Members can contact AIA staff directly for help, it is not necessary to go thru the President. For information on the DEC bill, speak directly to E. Farrell. If anyone knows the outcome or details of the DEC public hearing on October 27<sup>th</sup>, please share them.
5. **Website** - The budget for the website needs to be updated. Possible goals for the new year include: potential LA's to be listed could upload the applications for review; J. Thompson could update the CEU information herself in batches; R. Gass will review the list yearly for deaths, people who didn't renew their registration, etc; once a CEU listing is updated an email could be sent to those signed up on

our list which will help get word out. J. Thompson will get a price from eSolve for configuring the website so she can edit it, and send out emails to people signed up. We should charge vendors \$100 to post CEU classes on the website.

### **Old Business:**

- 1. Tool Kit Update** - Stacy Marshall Paetzel will hopefully have a draft by January 2010. R. Gass will verify. P. Lester will email information about a database of municipalities which do / don't have issues with LA licenses.
- 2. Office of Professions Update** - The fee increase was approved. R. Gibney will contact R. Lopez about how the revenue will be spent. R. Lopez will be in NYC on February 23<sup>rd</sup> for a CE class on "Corporate Entities" for LA / AIA. R. Gibney suggests NYSCLA be represented.
- 3. Surveyor's Bill** - R. Gibney sent a letter to LaValle explaining that surveyors are not educated in design and should not be allowed to practice it. There has been no response yet, but he will follow up.

### **New Business:**

- 1. ByLaws request** - D. Conklin and D. McCord will review several items with P. Lester for accuracy. R. Gibney and N. Bateman suggest each member make 2 in person meetings per year. They will prepare a draft for next meeting. It was suggested that the last meeting of the year be ear marked for any Upstate / Downstate members to actively participate. It could rotate between Upstate and Downstate. This will be revisited at the January meeting.
- 2. New Board Officer and Member nominations-** The email ballots were received which concluded that N. Bateman will be the next President. Members are encouraged to find replacements for themselves and perhaps a couple on a waiting list. There is currently an Upstate vacancy and N. Bateman will contact those who have expressed interest. We need 5 each of Upstate and Downstate and Officers.
- 3. DEC Change of Authority** - NYSCLA's position letter was discussed. The group agreed to watch it and see how things progress before acting further.
- 4. AIANYS Rochester Conference Sept. 23-25** – NYSCLA needs to be more involved in the selection of speakers and credits available for LA's at AIA Mainstreets Conferences. Next year it is in Buffalo, October 14-16, 2010. Joy Keubler is on the committee already. We should contact LACES ahead of time for approval of courses. P. Lester explained that at the Build Boston conference they have LA "tracks" which align courses for specific topics like LEED. She will email information to D. McCord. E. Farrell explains that it is mainly professionals giving courses and we should encourage LA's to do the same. It is easier to approve these over vendor courses. N. Bateman suggests consolidating LA classes into blocks so it is convenient and more LA's are likely to go. It was noted that 2009 Mainstreets had ~400 attendees and came out where expected financially.
- 5.** R. Gass will look into the issues resulting from the clearing along parkways downstate. There are design, safety and liability issues.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

### **Calendar:**

January 23 - NYSCLA meeting in Albany  
March 27 - NYSCLA meeting in Albany (tentative)  
July 17 - NYSCLA Teleconference meeting (tentative)  
November 6 - NYSCLA meeting in Albany (tentative)  
October 14-16 - AIA Mainstreets in Buffalo

Submitted by E. Reynolds.