



Executive Committee Meeting 3/4/13

Location: Offices of AKRF Inc. – 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, 440 Park Avenue South, New York, NY

I. Procedural Duties

Call to order at 6:05 PM

II. REPORTS

**A. President**

- SImagines Event
  - i. A “train the trainer” event for the AIA sessions was held at the Staten Island Museum
  - ii. Approx. 20 planners, 20 architects, and representatives from FEMA, and APA attended
- AIA: 5 workshops on resiliency strategies will be held in April (3 in New Jersey and 2 in New York)
- An AIA charette was held with the housing committee to discuss topics including housing typologies. This will be available mid-March, and we may want to consider signing off on it.
- CPAT: there was discussion regarding how to fund CPAT efforts in the region.
  - i. J. Rausse suggested keeping the chapter's contribution to 50% of the cost and T. Lund suggested tabling any motions until a full budget has been presented to the executive committee.
  - ii. It was agreed that there would be future discussion on how to handle, including the idea of committing a certain amount per participant.
- NID: an email vote was held, which resulted in 6 yay votes, 1 nay note, and 3 abstentions. J. Rausse reported that the chapter's recommendation would go out within the week.
- By-Law Committee: D. Burns reported that the first meeting of the new by-law committee had been held. A draft set of new by-laws is expected to be developed by the end of 2013.
  - i. The Executive Committee will get a chance to review in June, followed by the membership, and then submission to national APA for concurrence.
  - ii. An Executive Committee vote is expected in September.
  - iii. New guidelines to be included will address financial management, greater transparency, updating the electoral process, and formalization of other policies.
- Meeting with related organizations: J. Rausse reported on meeting with the “five (well, dozen) families.” The goal of the discussion was to bring together related professional organizations and minimize conflicts.

- Sections: J. Rausse suggested planning events with each Section of the Chapter so that the president gets a chance to meet and connect with the membership. There was broad approval for this approach.

**B. Secretary**

- 2/4/13 meeting minutes approved by all.

**C. VP Programs**

- Biennial conference: theme will be Planning after Sandy, venue will be Columbia University.
- K. Saxena and M. Sokol have sent out a sponsorship request letter, and will also solicit session proposals.

**D. VP Committees**

- S. Yackel reported that a Sandy Recovery Committee is being established
- A Credit Crisis Panel will be held on March 14th
- The Section is encouraging the recruitment of co-chairs for each committee to ensure continuity
- The Urban Design Committee has appointed Matt Bernstine as co-chair
- The Diversity Committee has a new chair, Nicolas Ronderos
  - i. J. Rausse noted that N. Ronderos (Regional Plan Association) will be asking us to comment on a permit for Madison Square Gardens
- Recruitment efforts continue for the Diversity and Aviation committees

**E. VP Professional Development**

- T. Lund reported that there are new templates for CM sponsorship, and a new CM provider handbook, including a quality improvement program
- T. Lund noted that the new initiatives include the possibility of an audit of CM programs
- There was no input from PDOs on the revised rules and processes

**F. VP Intergovernmental Affairs**

- M. Levine recapped the email vote on resolution on the Hudson River Park Trust's Neighborhood Improvement District proposal.
- M. Levine reported on the State's progress on issuing hydrofracking regulations
- M. Levine discussed the rules for disbursement of recovery funds, including what sort of activities would be eligible
- National Conference: 4 delegates for the chapter are required, need names by April 2.

**G. Treasurer**

- R. Harris reported that \$100 is available for each of the 8 Student Relations Committee representatives attending the national conference
- The Chapter is receiving a disbursement of \$7,595 from APA National, increasing the Chapter's bank balance to approx. \$125,000
- Progress continues to move our accounts to JP Morgan Chase
- The Fine Arts Federation has requested a contribution of \$300

**H. School Relations**

- P. Lozito reported that the Student Relations Committee is holding a student symposium on March 13 at the Puck Building at NYU.

- J. Rausse will provide the keynote speech
- National Conference planning is ongoing, including Chapter events
- P. Lozito mentioned a discussion on professional planning tiers in New Jersey (no date set yet).

**I. Young Planners Group**

- K. d'Erizans reported on recruitment of new Events Committee Co-chairs.
- Youth in Planning: a March event is planned, and there will be a panel at the national conference on the program
- Mentoring: there will be some changes in the program this year, including more frequent/regular check-ins

**J. Long Island Section**

- E. Dokonal reported on efforts to standardize communications protocols.
- There will be an East End conference in June, including discussions of post-Sandy efforts
- 2 scholarships will be available for Section members to attend the National Conference
- They are looking for a subscription to the Planning President's Journal
- The Steering Committee is proposing a pro bono program on Long Island to provide planning services for communities in need, which will be coordinated with the Chapter's overall efforts.

**K. New York City Section**

- M. Sokol reported that the Section is collaborating with the Women's Transportation Seminar to co-host a Transportation Trivia event.
- M. Sokol is discussing other NYC events with R. Haris, perhaps including working with a committee

**L. Hudson Valley East Section**

- No report.

**M. Hudson Valley West Section**

- D. Gilmour reported on by-laws and a March 19 session
- An annual event for the Section is planned for April

III. ADJOURNMENT [8:04 pm, motion: T. Lund; seconded: S. Yackel]