



American Planning Association  
**New York Metro Chapter**

*Making Great Communities Happen*

Executive Committee Meeting 04/07/14

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

- Fred Yaeger joined the Executive Committee via telephone to discuss the Yaeger Public Relations proposal to provide services for the Chapter.
  - i. Motion by M. Sokol to pursue his services for a 2-month period in the Spring and strategizing for the annual conference in the Fall, seconded by P. Lozito, approved by all.
- Gary Brown, Chair of the Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization committee, joined the Executive Committee meeting.
- Next LPC Chair: Chapter committee members, J. Rausse, and others to reach out to the Municipal Arts Society (MAS), Fine Arts Federation, and potentially other organizations, to discuss a position paper on the next Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) chair and commission.
- A “Welcome Back Mitch” event is being planned for the new NYC Parks Department Commissioner Mitch Silver.
- If/Then: potential event to see the Broadway play about a city planner.
- Nominating Committee: a committee has been chosen for the upcoming election. Incumbent executive committee members should decide whether or not they are running again, and nominations will go out in May or so.
- National Conference: a Chapter delegation has been formed. There will be a Chapter/California Chapter/Transportation/GALIP joint-party at Sidebar on April 28 (79 Poplar Street, Atlanta, GA).

- The Staten Island Economic Development Corporation is forming a clean tech zone and would like our support. J. Rausse to refer to relevant committees.
- Region I Planning Conference to be held in Saratoga Springs in June.

#### **B. Secretary**

- Motion to adopt the prior month's meeting minutes as amended (to note M. Sokol's attendance by phone) by M. Levine, second by S. Yackel, T. Lund abstained.

#### **C. VP Programs**

- S. Kovid reported on planning for the annual conference on Friday, October 17 at Scandinavia House. To be determined whether it will be a full or half day conference. Planning to invite CPC Chair Carl Weisbrod, HPD Commissioner Vicki Been, DOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg, and Parks Department Commissioner Mitch Silver.
- Working committee of the Executive Committee for the conference to be formed.

#### **D. VP Committees**

- S. Yackel thanked P. Lozito for organizing the forum of the committees event on 4/4/14.
- April 21 event is being planned for committee chairs and co-chairs at 6 pm at the offices of BFJ. T. Lund and M. Sokol to attend.
- For the annual conference, S. Yackel is suggesting having tables for the committees to recruit new membership.
- Awards: student awards have been moved to the studio presentation event on May 9.

#### **E. VP Professional Development**

- T. Lund registered several sessions and multi-part events for CM, including the Suffolk County Planners conference from last Fall, which had partially been registered by the Upstate chapter.
- AICP "What to Expect" session was held on March 25<sup>th</sup> at Urbanomics' offices. 14 attendees for 2 hour session. For the first time in several years, there was a greater ratio of City employees to consultants. T. Lund thanked Wes Sternberg, AICP for sharing his exam experience.

- AICP for Grad Students. An all-school session was held at the Puck Building on March 27<sup>th</sup>, with roughly a dozen in attendance. T. Lund explained that the exam measures professional experience, not just academic knowledge. Only two of the attendees qualify to take the exam upon graduation.
- T. Lund sent out reminders to AICP members short credits. There appear to be several glitches in the CM log system that are being worked through.

#### **F. VP Intergovernmental Affairs**

- M. Levine has been working on white papers for the delegate assembly to vote on at the national conference, and has forwarded orientation info to Chapter delegates
- M. Levine will work on papers for affordable housing and landmarking positions.

#### **G. Treasurer**

- R. Harris to work with P. Lozito to reconcile some SRC expenses.

#### **H. School Relations**

- P. Lozito reported on events including a Skycraper Museum event and committees.
- Elections for SRC to be held in August.
- Studio presentations to be held on May 9 at Lerner Hall at Columbia University.

#### **I. Young Planners Group**

- K. Ouellete reported that was a tour of the High Line and happy hour with visiting students from the Université de Montréal.
- April 26 distillery tour to be held in Brooklyn.
- Event to be planned for after the student studio presentations
- G. Holisko to represent the Chapter YPG at the National Conference
- Youth in Planning: a week-long program in July is planned. K. Oullete is proposing to hire an intern to coordinate the program, to be onboarded as soon as possible to plan for the July event.
  - i. J. Rausse proposes to provide the funds and also pursue grant opportunities.
  - ii. P. Lozito moved, and T. Lund seconded, to provide \$2,400 for YIP, for program costs and a \$2,000 intern. Motion passed by all.

**J. Long Island Section**

- E. Dokonal was absent.

**K. New York City Section**

- M. Sokol reported on the Transportation Trivia event being held tomorrow night.
- Sunday, May 18: annual Scavenger Hunt event will be held.
- June 12: an event on design and social change is being planned, particularly focused on waterfront development and affordable housing. There will be speakers and afternoon tours. J. Rausse to be both the moderator and planner for the panel.

**L. Hudson Valley East Section**

- L. Herbert was absent. T. Lund reported that his parking event was very well-attended.

**M. Hudson Valley West Section**

- D. Gilmour was absent. The Belleayre event that was planned has been cancelled due to an insufficient response.

**N. Chapter Administrator**

- A. Witkowski followed up on the Université de Montréal student trip, and noted that she will follow up on whether they would like help with setting up a Young Planners Group.
- The Chapters Presidents Council Grant application was submitted for YIP in coordination with Dan Compitello. We will also apply for the State Farm Grant for YIP. A. Witkowski also noted that she is available to research and apply for other grants.
- A. Witkowski also reported on her general administrative duties, including email management and posting job listings on the chapter website.

III. ADJOURNMENT [8:32 pm, motion: T. Lund ; seconded: M. Sokol]