



Executive Committee Meeting 01/06/14

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

I. Procedural Duties

Call to order at 6:05 PM

II. REPORTS

A. President

- REBNY
 - i. Paimaan Lodhi, Vice President of Urban Planning at REBNY, was in attendance, and presented on REBNY's report titled "An Analysis of Landmarked Properties in Manhattan." J. Rausse explained that the exclusion of REBNY's recommendations regarding landmarking and affordable housing from the Chapter letter to Mayor De Blasio was not intentional. The Executive Committee agreed to review REBNY's proposals.
 - ii. J. Rausse will draft a letter to the president of REBNY to explain the mis-communication regarding the De Blasio letter, and circulate it amongst the Executive Committee before submitting it.
- Position Search
 - i. J. Rausse circulated a resume for Angie Witkowski prior to the meeting. The Executive Committee agreed to schedule a telephone interview with her for the following week.
- Bronx Parks 125th Anniversary
 - i. J. Rausse reported that this event will be held on 1/29, and that the program and list of speakers was being developed.

B. Secretary

- As the previous month's meeting minutes had not been reviewed by the group, a follow-up vote to adopt them will be held via email.

C. VP Programs

- K. Saxena was absent.

D. VP Committees

- S. Yackel discussed the proposal to form a Food Systems Committee.
- T. Lund moved to accept the application to form the committee, which was seconded by G. Holisko. P. Lozito abstained for the vote; all other executive committee members in attendance voted in favor, and the motion passed.
- S. Yackel is planning to organize a meet-and-greet for all of the committee chairs.

E. VP Professional Development

- T. Lund reported that CM credits were approved for the Chapter's Biennial Conference.
- T. Lund reported that Prof. Ellen from NYU Wagner had reached out to collaborate with the Chapter. NYU is interested in someone from the Chapter visiting the school to discuss APA with planning students.

F. VP Intergovernmental Affairs

- M. Levine discussed what our next position or topic should be.
- D. Gilmore raised the Tri State Transportation Campaign's position letter on bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. L. Hebert moved to endorse the position letter and P. Lozito seconded the motion. All executive committee members in attendance voted in favor, and the motion passed.
- Pursuant to this vote, J. Rause will write a formal endorsement statement for the Tri State position letter.

G. Treasurer

- R. Harris was absent.
- J. Rause reported that the recent events (the Biennial and Holiday Party) were successful for the chapter, although they were executed with modest operating deficits.

H. School Relations

- P. Lozito reported that SRC was going to hold a meeting in January.
- P. Lozito discussed student presentations, and the idea of selecting a studio to present at the Chapter's annual conference. J. Rause suggested that interested students could apply to present.
- Columbia University and the Pratt Institute's planning programs are up for re-accreditation this year.
- P. Lozito brought up the issue of chapter-only memberships, as he is asked about them frequently. It was agreed that this is something that could be accomplished when a chapter administrator is hired.

I. Young Planners Group

- K. Ouellete reported that the mentorship program was starting up in January, and was anticipated to include 21 pairs of mentors/mentees.
- A Happy Hour with the NJ chapter and other groups is planned for the week of January 20.
- Walking tours and a trivia night are planned for the spring.
- Dan Compitello was in attendance to report on the Youth in Planning program. Dan presented a budget for the program, in anticipation of working with the Gowanus Canal Conservancy. He noted that the minimum amount to run the program would be \$800, which could increase to over \$3000 if a stipend is approved for the coordinators of the program. He also requested a pre-paid debit card for expenses. The executive committee agreed to vote on the request at the following meeting and to determine the feasibility of the pre-paid debit card.

J. Long Island Section

- E. Dokonal reported that the section has issued an invitation for students to apply for scholarships, but has no applications yet.
- A walking tour in Farmingdale will be coming up soon.

K. New York City Section

- M. Sokol was not in attendance. He provided the following report via email prior to the meeting:
 - i. My most recent activity on behalf of the NYC Section was coordinating the 2013 holiday party, which I think was a success. Ryan can report on finances, but it seemed as though everyone had a good time. Thanks to all who helped with coordination, and it was great to see many of you there.
 - ii. Similar to last year, I intend to collaborate with the Transportation Committee as well as YPT and WTS to host Transportation Trivia early in 2014. Planning for the event is not yet underway.
 - iii. In keeping with the theme of inter-organizational collaboration, I will be looking to co-sponsor an event (details TBD) with ASCE.
 - iv. I am open to the idea of organizing a NYC happy hour if there would be interest in me doing so. Perhaps YPG would be interested in co-hosting? Also, a while ago, Lukas and I had briefly discussed the idea of a joint NYC/Hudson Valley happy hour in the Bronx.

L. Hudson Valley East Section

- L. Herbert reported on plans to hold a section happy hour at the Bronx Ale House in coordination with the NYC section.
- He also reported on plans to hold a micro-distilleries section event in Port Chester.

M. Hudson Valley West Section

- D. Gilmour reported that 4 CM-eligible sessions will be held by the section in mid-March.

III. ADJOURNMENT [8:10 pm, motion: P. Lozito; seconded: D. Gilmour]