



AIA Southwestern Oregon

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2009

Chapter Headquarters, Midtown Arts Center 1590 Willamette St: Eugene, OR

Meeting Place: Actors Cabaret, Eugene, Oregon

Board Members 2009:

	Initials	Present:
President: Randy Nishimura, AIA rnishimura@robertsonsherwood.com	RN	X
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Administrator		
Component Executive: Don Kahle dk4aia@gmail.com	DK	X

Initials indicated within the body of the minutes represent action items by that board member. The Minute report contained within is not a literal transcript of the meeting; however the Chapter has now begun to digitally record the meetings and may be accessed at the chapter headquarters.

Meeting called to order: January Minutes Approved, Consent Agenda Approved

Please reference the Consent agenda distributed prior to the meeting for additional information. In an attempt to streamline the meetings, a consent agenda is being utilized for board reports and other regular business. The intent is to allow more time for discussion on other items.

AIAS members attending the meeting: Kevin Koenig, Nick Lopez, Michael Fisher

AIAS report:

- The AIA/AIAS reverse crit is the primary focus now. The crit will occur Monday, February 23 starting at 5:00pm.
- Projects from 2Form, Rowell Brokaw, and Nir Pearlson will be presented.
- DK to do press release on reverse crit.
- Firm visitation day is February 25. Most local firms were not contacted by the UO for participation.

General Agenda

A. Tiered rate structure for monthly meetings?

- DK proposed raising monthly charge to \$20 but giving AIA members and associate members 15% off, thereby keeping costs the same for members but increasing the perception of the value

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of membership.

- Possibility of an intern rate was discussed. Students currently get a discount.
- *Action: MB will poll other Associates for their input. Discussion will continue in the future.*

B. Arts & Letters nomination for Michael Marczuk:

- Dick Williams is working on his 5th nomination submission for an Arts & Letters award for Michael Marczuk – formerly of WEGroup – and would like the AIA Board to write a letter endorsing the nomination.
- Nominations are due next month.
- *Action: The Board moved to have RN write a letter on behalf of the Board.*

C. Walnut Station – a third Charrette?:

- City staff (Lydia McKinney) working in conjunction with John Lawless have approached the AIA about having a charrette to test the design guidelines being developed for the Walnut Station area.
- The proposed charrette would occur in October or November.
- Concern was discussed about stretching the membership to do three charrettes in one year. Conversely, being approached by the City and having our input seen as valuable is one of the goals of the AIA.
- *Action: RN to pursue more information and keep the Board informed on developments.*

D. Co-Sponsor with AIA Portland for OSSC Appendix SR seminar:

- AIA Portland has a contract with the State to do seven OSSC update seminars throughout the year. If we co-sponsor and get at least 20 local members to participate, we would share the revenue, approximately \$500 - \$700.
- The SR section of the Code is not a prevalent area of work for local professionals but perhaps local code officials and inspectors would be interested.
- AIA Portland did not give us choices on dates and proposed the week of March 17 which is between our two charrettes.
- *Action: DK to contact AIA Portland about the possibility of alternative dates or topics. He will also check with City staff on their interest.*
- *Action: RN to raise the subject at the next AIA Oregon meeting.*

E. Portland Architemporaries:

- AIA Portland has implemented a new program called “Architemporaries” aimed at assisting their unemployed members find work opportunities with firms looking for short-term help. PE wondered if this was something AIA-SWO should do as well.
- The Board is not aware of major lay-offs in our area and thus deemed a service of this type is not necessary at this time.

F. Design Awards Collaborate with AIA Salem and/or AIA Southern Oregon?

- RN proposed the idea of collaborating with other nearby chapters for the Design Awards to enable us to share costs and perhaps draw more high-profile reviewers.
- The shared awards also provides better opportunities for learning more about other projects and professionals in the other Chapters.
- The Awards program could be held in Corvallis as our yearly meeting in Corvallis and would be half-way between Eugene and Salem.
- *Action: RN to discuss the issue with the Award committee and continue looking into options.*

G. Robin Hostick, City of Eugene – AIA-SWO on retainer?

- Robin is a City of Eugene Planner looking to better unite the local designers and the City officials toward common urban design values. Specifically, how the AIA-SWO might be able to help with development Codes.
- This is one of the goals the AIA-SWO has been working toward and would help to over-ride some of the “vocal minority” opinions the City generally is flooded with in developing new codes.

- Organizing a committee that could be available to advise the City on land-use and other policies (much like a legal advisor) was discussed.
- *Action: DK to continue discussions with Robin.*

H. Transition Meeting Objectives:

- Discussion ensued on a potential monthly article in the Register Guard and who would write and for how long. MF was nominated for his writing skills and because he wasn't at the meeting. A year commitment was seen as a minimum in order to be attractive to the RG.
- It was noted that in order to be effective, the article should be based on local events not from a World Press or AP article.
- Discussion tabled for next meeting.

Other items:

- PD passed the new lease agreement to DK.
- DK has an article to be published in the RG that he would like Board approval on so he can author it as a representative of the AIA. He needs approval tonight so all members will review after the meeting.

Adjourned: Next meeting time: 4:00 pm, Wednesday, March 18th at Actors Cabaret Eugene OR

Respectfully submitted, Kari Turner, AIA, Secretary AIA-SWO 2009