



AIA Southwestern Oregon

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2009

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

Meeting Place: Midtown Arts Center, Eugene, Oregon

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Initials	Present:
RN	X
MF	X
JH	
EG	X
KT	X
PD	X
PE	X
MB	X
JG	
BS	
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: December 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.

2009 AIA –SWO Budget review:

- Randy presented a proposed budget for 2009. Minor revisions were suggested primarily on the Design Awards expenses and income assumptions.
- There is a significant contribution coming in from ODOT for the Charrette.
- **The 2009 proposed budget was approved allowing for minor revisions by Randy.**
- *Action: RN to revise budget.*

Staffing Committees:

- Some members have renewed their registrations with the discounted rate for volunteers but have not yet signed up for a committee or other volunteer position. Especially some firms in town are under-represented.
- *Action: RN to contact those who have not yet volunteered.*

AIA-SWO website:

- The current website is woefully out of date and has multiple pieces of incorrect or outdated information. Randy created a list of the defects that he will pass along to Jessica for updating.
- AIA National is supposed to be rolling out a new web system called NetForum that will provide templates for individual chapters. The new system should make updating the website simpler but it won't be available until at least April 2009.
- We also need to work on a link or separate website for the Regional conference.
- *Action: JG to update current website per Randy's list.*
- *Action: Secretary, KT, will act as liaison to webmaster to post monthly minutes.*
- *Action: DK to continue looking for an alternative vendor for the Regional conference website while keeping an eye on Net Forum. A final decision on NetForum or an alternate website vendor will be made in May.*

UO Reverse Crit:

- Coming in February. \$200 from President's discretionary funds will be given to AIAS to assist with the event.
- The Board would like to continue to work on ways to better reach-out to AIAS but the discussion was tabled for another time.
- *Action: MB to contact AIAS chair Nicolas Lopez regarding the reverse crit.*

Collaboration with other professional organizations:

- Yes, we want to strengthen ties with other groups but not compete including; CSI, NAWIC, DIVA, ASLA, USGBC, EcoBuilding Guild, etc.
- *Action: Brainstorm how we can do this at the next meeting.*

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AIA-SWO Educational Scholarships

- Two \$150 scholarships are still in budget.

Advancing Transition Meeting initiatives

- Options discussed on how to better reach out to the community including; perhaps a letter or editorial in the RG every month. Would an article from the AIA President have
- We need to better make the general public aware of what the AIA does and the value that Architects can bring to the community.
- *Action: DK to follow-up with opportunity ideas.*

Grassroots

- RN will attend Grassroots. There will be a vote to increase dues \$2 per member intended to support leadership development.
- **The Board approved RN to vote "yes" on the issue.**

Legislative Day in Salem

- April 23.
- *Action: RN to check with Curt Wilson on plans and keep the board informed.*

Regional Conference Planning

- **The Board authorized DK to attempt to re-negotiate with the Hilton on the room agreement.**

**Adjourned: Next meeting time: 4:00 pm, Wednesday, February 18th at Midtown Arts Center
Eugene OR**

Next Chapter Meeting Joint with CSI on January 29th

Respectfully submitted, Kari Turner, AIA, Secretary AIASWO 2008