



AIA Southwestern Oregon

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2009

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

Meeting Place: Actors Cabaret, Eugene, Oregon

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Initials indicated within the body of the minutes represent action items by that board member.

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Meeting called to order: February 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.

General Agenda

A. Associate Member/Intern questionnaire results:

- See Associate Director's report in consent agenda for more information.
- Many people seem opposed to long meetings. The Board will look at options to try to compress meetings and see how people respond.

B. Emerging Professionals Group:

- See Associate Director's report in consent agenda for more information.
- It was suggested that a core group convene to discuss options and what an emerging professionals group might look like and do. Gabe Greiner has volunteered to help start the discussion with input from others in other firms.
- The Board could consider providing funding for some events in future budgets.
- *Action: KT to identify interested parties at PIVOT and coordinate with MB who will track the issue for the Board.*

C. Shortening Chapter Meetings:

- Discussed in item A.

D. Architects in Schools:

- There was discussion regarding re-starting the program. It was in effect up to about 10 years ago but has since been abandoned.
- Is there interest in the membership? Is there interest in the schools? Is Douglas Beauchamp at Lane Arts Council a possible contact or liaison?
- *Action: Direction to proceed was undetermined. RN will include discussion in his next President's Message to gauge interest of the membership.*

E. E-newsletter in lieu of random e-mail blasts:

- RN included an example of AIA/NJ's e-bulletin in the consent agenda. They collect pertinent membership related information for the week and send as a single email at a designated time each week rather than multiple updates throughout the week.
- Questions were; who would be in charge of collecting information and formatting into bulletin? Possibly a new recruit? Could we instead be more organized about when we send email blasts? Are there other programs like "Constant Contact" that could be used instead that might be less time intensive?
- Discussion was tabled for now.

F. Ian Parkman research regarding Architectural Firms and Organizational Identity?

- Refer to President's report in consent agenda.
- RN says it's about a 10 minute survey. He will mention in announcements at beginning of general meeting.

G. Possible conflict between EWEB Riverfront and Walnut Station charrettes?

- John Lawless was present for discussion. The intention of the charrette is generate images of what could be developed under the City's new form based code for development standards.
- The draft code is expected to be ready for testing this Fall. Public comments and charrette on the code will occur at the end of April.
- The EWEB charrette is likely to also slide to the Fall.
- Walnut charrette would consist of pre-selected participants and could be 2 ½ day Saturdays with a more limited scope of work than the past I-5 charrette.
- *Action: The Board agreed to move forward with planning the Walnut Station charrette. DK to negotiate fees with the City.*

H. Save Civic Stadium:

- The Board decided against taking a formal stance on the Civic Stadium issue. The dead presidents committee could discuss if they felt so inclined.

I. Legislative Day in Salem, April 23:

- Lobbying would be centered around encouraging legislators to pass bill for greening of public buildings.
- Carpooling or bus options will be available for those interested in attending.

Other items:

1. CORA:

- Richard Shugar has been active with Committee on Residential Design (CORA) and has written a letter to the City regarding their new infill development standards.
- The Board felt that there were not enough professionals representing and reviewing potential policy and code changes proposed by neighborhood groups.
- The Board voted to support CORA in their endeavors to respond to the City in writing, encouraging a proactive approach to City planning.

2. 2010 Conference:

- The Board voted to formally rescind a motion passed last March directing that a letter of credit be issued to the Hilton for the room reservations, thereby transferring the reservation of the rooms from Jody Heady to AIA/SWO. The letter of credit was never issued and Jody's name has not been removed. After further review, the Board determined that the Board never authorized Jody to enter into a contract and therefore didn't have the authority to agree to a transfer of credit.

3. ODOT charrette funds:

- DK reported that the ODOT charrette netted \$22,500, \$4,500 above the budget estimate of \$18,000.
- DK proposed taking the proceeds and sponsoring a kinetic sculpture at DaVinci Days in Corvallis.
- *Action: DK to bring formal proposal to Board at the next meeting.*

Adjourned: Next meeting time: 4:00 pm, Wednesday, April 15th at Actors Cabaret Eugene OR

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