

MEETING MINUTES – April 2005

AIA/SWO/Board Meeting Minutes

4:00 – 5:30 pm, April 13, 2005, Actors Caberet
Prepared 6/11/05 by Eric Gunderson

Attending:

Scott Stolarczyk, Chelsea Cannon, Art Paz, Tricia Berg, Lana Catlin, Eric Gunderson,
Jim Lavagnino, Dan Toole, and Richard Shugar

Approval of minutes:

Minutes from March were approved.

Chapter Executive's Report

Chelsea Cannon

- Chelsea reported 28 confirmations for tonight's chapter meeting.
- Provided a copy of the most recent financial statement.
- She has received \$300 for website sponsors of individual firm profiles. There are many slackers who have not paid up. She will call firms to remind them. Richard suggested a separate budget line item for firm profile fee income.
- 164 have renewed their AIA membership. 17 have let their membership lapse.
- Chelsea said Tim Sealy reported termination of AIA Group Insurance due to low participation.

President's Report

Scott Stolarczyk

- Scott suggested we should create a budget for contributions and have a reserve.

President Elect's Report

Art Paz

- The Board welcomed Art to his first meeting as our new president elect.
- Art reported that tonight's program is a presentation from Roy Orr of McKenzie Willamette regarding their possible relocation to the EWEB site.
- Art suggested that the new U of O Basketball Arena (aka Big Mac) would be a good subject for a future AIA program.

Past President's Report

Richard Shugar

No report.

AIAS Liaison's Report

Dan Toole

- Dan reported on AIAS activities. He recently visited Columbia University. He plans to attend AIAS Grass Roots July 21 to 24.
- Dan had recently received a scholarship and noted that there are many opportunities for scholarships in the design field. Some are competitions, others academic or need based. Congratulations to Dan!

- Local AIAS meetings are going well. There are 12 current AIAS members at U of O and 50 more interested.
- Dan said that he had heard comments from students about the AIA Reverse Design Crit held recently at U of O. Students reported that local firms and practitioners seemed approachable and open to discussion.

Associate Director's Report

Lana Catlin

- An Intern meeting is planned for May 12.
- Lana noted the People's Choice Awards are planned for October 1 and 2 along with the Eugene Celebration.

Director's Report

Jim Lavagnino

No report.

Treasurer's Report

Tricia Berg

- Discussion of an AIA charette had been postponed from the last meeting so that Richard could participate.
- She asked if our goal is to raise money through sponsors or to advocate for projects of our own choosing. We have charged \$5000 in the past. Another \$2000 has been charged in some cases for expenses and report printing.
- There followed a long discussion of alternative charette topics.
 1. City of Eugene, City Hall & Police: Mike Penwell of the City expressed interested some time ago. This would be an opportunity to follow up on earlier site alternatives charette moving and focus on more specific architectural planning. Tricia noted that Mike had recently reconfirmed interest.
 2. City of Springfield, Police: City of Springfield is interested. Some concern that a project solely for police and jail would raise enough interest.
 3. West Eugene Rail Yards Redevelopment: This was also the subject of a charette at the recent U of O HOPES conference.
 4. Booth Kelley Site in Springfield: Art noted there is Federal Money for millrace and pond improvements. He suggested contacting Team Springfield.
 5. Glenwood redevelopment: Eric had heard rumors that Springfield is planning to issue a planning RFP for Glenwood. It is an area of interest to both cities.
- Eric advocated for choosing what the board felt was the most exciting topic, one that would attract participation and public interest. He also noted that choosing project in Springfield is a good balance since others have been in Eugene.
- No decision. There was no consensus on which topic to choose. Art will investigate Springfield options and Chelsea will review chapter membership to see how many Springfield members there are.
- Schedule: Originally planned for the fall it was decided to move to spring of 2006. This will avoid conflicts with design awards and people's choice in the fall. It will also allow us more time to keep talking about this.

Secretary's Report

Eric Gunderson

Eric reported he was seeking committee members to help with the Newspaper Insert. Andika Murandi and JF Alberson of TBG worked on the project last year and offered to help. Eric will try to get his butt in gear before the next meeting. Fall is coming.

General Discussion

None

Adjournment

The next Board meeting was planned for Wednesday, May 18, 2005. It was later cancelled since several people were at the AIA National Convention.

The real next meeting will be 4:00 to 5:30 pm, Wednesday June 15, 2005, at the Lane Arts Council offices.