

TRUSTEE REPORT ON SAN JOSE BOT MEETING

President Swink opened his portion of the meeting with two one dollar bills in his hand and said that much like the main character in the movie "It's a Wonderful Life", he (we) had weathered the storm of 2002, and we finished the year with a bit of money, but not too much. ASLA finished the fiscal year with a \$900,000 deficit.

Nancy Somerville gave a rather astonishing Program and Operations report which I've attached, if you have not seen it.

There was a vote on licensure subpolicies that were rejected last spring and re-submitted for consideration. The academic contingent strongly opposed this policy as they felt licensure should not be an emphasis for undergraduate programs. Go figure. Although the vote had more yeses than no's, there were not enough yeses to carry the day. The policy was modified on the floor to exclude the clause "...to support registration..." This passed with enough votes to become policy. I along with 6 or 7 others, abstained as a protest and also not wanting to vote against anything that remotely supports licensure. The way this policy is now worded makes it support fairly remote.

- Reports that were presented:
 - CLARB
 - Security Design Coalition and Related Initiatives
 - Code of Conduct on Invasives
 - Strategic Planning Review 2004-05
 - Code of Environmental conduct Revisions
 - Constitutions & By Laws Update
 - Medal/Awards Advisory Committee Actions
 - CELA Leadership Training

I can provide info if you like...

- A new award for LA Firms was approved to recognize significant bodies of work by individual firms.
- The Ban on new chapter formation was lifted.
- A By Laws Amendment was also approved that will allow the Idaho-Montana chapter to break into two separate chapters when we are ready. Multi chapter states were grandfathered. No more multi chapter states will be allowed.
- Capital Expenditures for Information and Technology, FY 03-04 were approved.
- The FY 03-04 Budgets were presented. In light of the deficit, and the proposed reimbursement to the reserve account As well as conservative projections related to the various revenue streams, the proposed budgets were approved. A rather quiet approval, I might add. President Rodney thought it was the food and drink (read:

tacos and tequila) from the night before at the BOT/CPC reception that made us so accommodating. It was the numbers. The numbers are what the numbers are and rather gloomy as well.

- A Fiscal Year change was approved so that the FY now runs January to December.
- AIA President Gordon Chong addressed the BOT, emphasizing communication, collaboration. He noted that basic Architect Services have grown 136% in the 90's. Extra Services (LA & other) have grown > 300%. One BOT member noted that AIA is engaged in a campaign to steal a portion of that 300%. Lots of grumbling on this.
- The open forum produced some additional discussion points.
 - Regional Representation – Government affairs is assembling a list of ASLA members to speak in an expert capacity on various issues – i.e. bike paths, stormwater, wetlands, security design.
 - The notion of Topical Meetings was endorsed for professional growth, pr, and collaboration.
 - Code of environmental ethics was tabled for more work.
 - Student representative with a BOT vote was also discussed. Messy to accomplish, but general support. 2-year term was discussed as well.

This meeting was not as eventful as last spring in terms of action items. The BOT did graduate 15 trustees, representing a substantial loss in institutional memory. Next spring 30 trustees will have 1 year or less experience.

Personal Note –

I have been appointed to the Policy Committee and to the Professional Practice Institute. Both provide interesting opportunities for input.

Projects I would like to pursue in the PP I are:

- Standard Client Contracts
- Standard Subcontract Agreements
- Standard Contracts for Construction
- Frontal Document or Frontal Document Check List

If you have any additional thoughts about a practice benefit that could be provided, let me know.

I also attended the Licensure and Governmental Affairs committee meetings. I've asked to be placed on the Governmental Affairs Committee as well.

San Jose was a good meeting, much better than St. Louis. If you want any additional info, email.

Bow Wow Ciao,