

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE**

**General Business Meeting  
June 28, 2012**

**Renaissance World Golf Village  
500 South Legacy Trail  
St. Augustine, FL 32092  
9:00 a.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Delate, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Joseph Delate, Chair  
Mr. John Ribes, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Paul Kissinger  
Mr. Michael Pape  
Mr. David Powell

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ms. Elizabeth Marshall  
Mr. Charles Lambeth

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Ms. Juanita Chastain, Executive Director  
Ms. Linda Tinsley, Government Analyst  
Ms. Lynette Norr, Assistant Attorney General  
Other interested parties

Mr. Delate explained that Ms. Marshall was ill and Mr. Lambeth had flooding in his home and were not able to make the meeting.

**MOTION:** Mr. Pape moved to excuse Ms. Marshall and Mr. Lambeth's absence.

**SECOND:** Mr. Ribes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 7, 2012 MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Delate asked that on page three Mr. Steven Garrett's middle initial be capitalized. He also asked that on page four the title Professional Landscape Architect be capitalized.

**MOTION:** Mr. Powell moved to approve the minutes as amended.

**SECOND:** Mr. Ribes seconded the motion and it passed with Mr. Kissinger abstaining due to his absence from the meeting.

## **CLARB PRESENTATION**

### **Examination Transition**

Ms. Veronica Meadows, CLARB Communications Director, gave an overview of the examination transaction. She indicated CLARB reached out to applicants that were in the examination process in an effort to assist them with the transition. She indicated the examination has gone from a five section examination to a four section examination and all four sections will be administered on the computer. The two graphics sections that were previously administered in paper and pencil are now administered on the computer.

Ms. Meadows stated there were three Florida candidates that were adversely affected because they were lacking one section and now because of the transition they are required to take two sections. She indicated they have talked with two of the candidates and have agreed to only charge for one section of the exam. They have not been able to reach the other candidate but that individual had not been in the exam system since 2006 and she indicated they are probably not an active candidate.

Mr. Kissinger asked about the grading process since the examination will be computer only.

Ms. Meadows stated the grading will be on the computer. The graphic questions had been formatted as advanced item types so the candidate is manipulating onscreen graphics. The cut score process will not change because the test still must have the review process until they can build a data base of questions that have performed well over time.

Ms. Meadows commented that CLARB's communication effort has been extremely important. She indicated they have gone through great lengths as far as usability testing on the item types. They had candidates take the exam and provide feedback regarding the item types.

### **Professional Designation**

Ms. Meadows stated that through a consensus of the Board of Directors there was endorsement to use the Professional Landscape Architect (PLA) designation. She explained that the PE behind an engineer's name is universally recognized as a professional engineer. She indicated that there is not a universal designation for landscape architects. She acknowledged that if CLARB adopted a standard that it would be up to the jurisdictions to adopt the use.

Ms. Chastain explained that Florida statute did not speak to the terminology used to identify licensure. Ms. Chastain explained that she would contact engineers and ask about the designation.

Mr. Pape expressed support of an official designation.

An audience member expressed concern that landscape architects do not have a designation for graduates.

## **REVIEW/APPROVAL OF APPLICATION**

### **Guillermo Gonzalez – Six Year Candidate**

Ms. Chastain presented the application. She indicated Mr. Gonzalez was not present due to a financial hardship. Ms. Chastain informed the board the plans had been reviewed and approved by Mr. Delate. The full board reviewed the plans.

**MOTION:** Mr. Pape moved to approve Mr. Gonzalez's application.

**SECOND:** Mr. Kissinger seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **REVIEW/APPROVAL OF TRANSCRIPTS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT**

### **Robert E. Marini**

Ms. Chastain explained Mr. Marini was requesting approval of two college courses he took in the fall of 2009 to go toward his 2011 renewal. Based on the courses he could obtain 10 hours of continuing education credit. She indicated to the board Mr. Marini is currently delinquent and still must complete 6 more hours of continuing education. Of the six two must be in an approved advanced building code course and two must be in an approved laws and rules course.

After discussion by the board the following motion was made:

**MOTION:** Mr. Ribes moved to deny.

**SECOND:** Mr. Pape seconded the motion. The motion failed.

After further discussion the following motion was made.

**MOTION:** Mr. Kissinger moved to approve.

**SECOND:** Mr. Pape seconded the motion and the motion passed.  
Mr. Ribes voted no.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Approval of Continuing Education Providers and Courses**

Ms. Chastain explained the letter in the agenda from Mr. Jeff Caster, landscape architect, is requesting that the board consider granting various providers with automatic approval. Mr. Caster is an employee with the Department of Transportation (DOT) and he indicated DOT often offers continuing education and landscape architects cannot receive credit because DOT has not requested approval. Mr. Caster indicated submitting the paperwork to obtain approval is burdensome.

Ms. Chastain commented DOT is a Board approved provider and they do submit some of their courses for approval.

Ms. Chastain informed the Board they could make certain entities and their courses automatically approved by rule but the provider must obtain a provider number and the courses must be given course numbers. Providers would still be required to electronically submit the course attendance roster for licensees to obtain credit for the course. It would however save the providers, the Board and the department the time it takes to review all of the documents currently required.

Mr. Delate asked if there would be a decrease in revenue. Ms. Chastain commented she did not think so because there is no fee for courses and they would still have to pay for providership and receive a provider number.

Mr. Kissinger commented that licensees should still attend courses that are beneficial to their profession even though they do not receive continuing education credits but they are furthering their knowledge.

Ms. Mahoney offered assistance from the Florida chapter and indicated she was very supportive of the move and thought it would be a wonderful benefit to landscape architects.

Mr. Bohn, Executive Director of the Florida Chapter. He wanted the board to know that it was in the association's best interest that the integrity of the course content be kept intact. Emphasis on quality education is one reason associations exist. He commented that non-profits are to benefit members only and that may not be the case for profit providers.

The Board discussed various providers they thought would be good candidates for automatic approval and asked Ms. Chastain and Ms. Norr to work together to draft rule language.

Mr. Kissinger suggested the following organizations be possible automatic providers; DOT, DEP, ASLA, FLASLA, LACEEs, American Institute of Architects, and perhaps the American Planning Association. Mr. Kissinger commented it would be a very select group. Ms. Chastain reminded them that if the provider and courses do not receive provider and courses numbers attendees will not get credit.

Mr. Delate agreed that if the board makes it possible for providers to get the approval it is imperative to get the word out through outreach. It has to happen with both sides coming to the table or it would remain status quo.

Mr. Pape agreed this is a pro-active approach and if they can make it possible and easier it will stimulate more exchange of information that will benefit business.

**MOTION:** Mr. Kissinger moved to open the rule 61G10-18, FAC, for development.

**SECOND:** Mr. Ribes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Delate asked if the Board wanted to create a list or if they would like to discuss at the next meeting.

Mr. Kissinger said he had a good idea of a list and would like to finalize the list at a later date. Mr. Kissinger asked the Chapter President if he would put the item on the executive committee and continuing education committee to create a list.

Mr. Delate stated they could create a preliminary list.

Mr. Kissinger commented it should be a finite list and he suggested National ASLA, FL Chapter ASLA, DOT, DEP, AIA and APA as a preliminary list. Mr. Delate suggested all state agencies and stated that the courses they submit would have to have a nexus to their profession.

**MOTION:** Mr. Pape moved the list as previously discussed; National ASLA, FL Chapter ASLA, DOT, DEP, AIA and APA as a preliminary list

**SECOND:** Mr. Ribes seconded the list and it passed unanimously.

## **Fees**

Ms. Chastain explained that at the last meeting the Board asked that she inquire about a possible fee reduction. Ms. Chastain provided the Board with a copy of the email she received from finance and accounting indicated a fee reduction was not feasible at this time.

### **Legislative Update**

Ms. Chastain provided the Board with the legislative language passed in 2012 that would affect their profession. A brief recap is as follows:

- Review of continuing education providers and courses by department staff with expert review by the board when necessary.
- Inactive to Active Licenses requiring one cycle of continuing education.
- Review of Null and Void Licenses by department staff.
- Waiver of initial licensing fee, application fee and unlicensed activity fee for military veterans who apply within 24 months of an honorable discharge.
- Removal of language that a licensee who changes from inactive to active status is not eligible to return to inactive status until the licensee completes a licensure cycle on active status.

Ms. Chastain asked the Board to open Rule 61G10-13.005, FAC, for development to delete the provision that a licensee who changes from inactive to active status is not eligible to return to inactive status until the licensee completes a licensure cycle on active status.

**MOTION:** Mr. Ribes moved to open Rule 61G10-13.005, FAC, for development.

**SECOND:** Mr. Powell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Annual Regulatory Plan**

Ms. Chastain commented that each board must identify rules that may be opened during the year to the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Regulatory Reform. She stated she identified the following rules that she thought the board may open based on recent legislative changes and the continuing education discussion.

- 61G10-13.003, FAC, Continuing Education Requirements
- 61G10-13.005, FAC, Obtaining Inactive Status
- 61G10-18.001, FAC, Continuing Education Credit Requirements
- 61G10-18.002, FAC, Board Approval of Continuing education Providers
- 61G10-18.003, FAC, Obligations of Continuing Education Providers
- 61G10-18.006, FAC, Approval of Continuing Education Courses

### **RATIFICATION LIST**

## **Continuing Education**

**MOTION:** Mr. Pape moved to approve the continuing education list.

**SECOND:** Mr. Kissinger seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **American Society of Landscape Architects – FL**

Re-Connecting- Creating and Organizing  
Landscape Irrigation Design  
Trails, Locally Resourceful Tourism  
Designing Performance Based Playground  
Building sustainable Splash pads  
Public/Private Partnership: Lessons From  
Social Media Strategies for Landscape  
Preserving Mount Lebanon Shaker village  
Rethinking Water Conservation Leadership  
Sustainability Best Practices for Florida  
Modeling Site Planning and Design  
The East Coast Greenway  
Behind the Green Door  
How to Submit State coastal Construction  
LED Lighting: Using Design, Understanding  
Green Wall Opportunities in Florida  
Irrigation Req. Analysis at the Early  
Endurance – Lessons of Survival  
Deal With It – How to Stay Calm  
What's Your Shape?  
Reflect – Behind the Scenes of 911  
Landscape Architecture & Public Welfare  
An Inside Look at the New LARE  
The Layered Landscape: Design Ethics  
Invest-Advancing the Profession  
Connecting-Interpreting History  
Connecting – SR 207

### **Florida Irrigation Society Inc**

Landscape Irrigation Laws and Rules

### **University of Florida Program for Resources**

Conserving Biodiversity in Subdivision

### **Licensure Candidates**

**MOTION:** Mr. Kissinger moved to approve the licensure candidate list.

**SECOND:** Mr. Pape seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Licensure By Exam**

Karen Devi Adhikari, Jack Wayne Wensell

### **Licensure By Endorsement**

Michael W. Kidd, Michael C. Wolf

### **Licensure By Certificate of Authorization**

EGS2 Corporation, Emerge Design, LLC, Landscape DE, LLC, Littlejohn Engineering

### **Licensed Temporary Landscape Architect**

Bruce f. Berger, Robert Lloyd Harville, Joseph L. Wilson, IV

## **REPORTS**

### **Chair's Report - Mr. Joseph Delate**

Mr. Delate thanked everyone for their attendance. He commented that landscape architects had been through trying times and hopefully the profession is best at these times and a promising future is ahead. He trusts the Board will continue to work with groups to foster and strengthen the profession and industry.

The Governor is pushing a pro-business agenda and all should work together to foster the profession and find ways to partner with different organizations and try to grow the profession as the economy grows. We are trying to make licensing and regulations more business friendly which we are showing today and we are attempting to do. Obviously regulation is needed but at the same time they do not want to be an impediment. Working together they can make the profession strong and relevant.

Mr. Delate asked if the Board had any legislative suggestions that could improve the business climate in Florida. Mr. Kissinger commented reciprocity with other states might be a way to enhance business in Florida.

### **Executive Director's Report - Juanita Chastain**

Ms. Chastain reviewed the 2011-12 third quarter financial report and indicated the Board was fiscally sound.

Ms. Chastain informed the Board that she and Ms. Tinsley were sitting with Ms. Meadows in the CLARB booth to assist anyone that might have questions about licensure requirements in Florida.

**Lynette Norr – Board Counsel**

No rules under development.

**Dustin Metz – Prosecuting Attorney**

Mr. Metz was not in attendance but Ms. Chastain explained there were no current cases.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Delete commented he is concerned about issuing licenses to individuals that are not legally in the country. Ms. Chastain explained all applications require social security numbers. Mr. Delete commented that did not prevent the fraud and asked Ms. Chastain to research further.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

Mr. Delate adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.