

**MINUTES**

**BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE**

**TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL  
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**GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING  
September 25, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Walter called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Collene Walter  
Elizabeth Gillick  
Elizabeth Marshall-Beasley  
Paul Davis

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Diane Guillemette, Board Counsel  
Linda Tinsley, Government Analyst  
Judy Sineath, Board Staff  
Marcus Carnegie

**APPLICATION REVIEW**

**Marcus Carnegie**

Mr. Carnegie was present on the conference call.

Ms. Walter advised the board that Mr. Carnegie had answered yes to question one (1) on the application have you ever been convicted of a crime.

Mr. Carnegie advised the board that during his first year of college he had a charge of disorderly conduct.

After discussion by the board the following motion was made.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gillick made a motion to approve Mr. Carnegie's application.

**SECOND:** Mr. Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## **REVIEW OF CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES**

Ms. Walter advised the board that the Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Association had submitted applications for the FNATS short course. She stated that similar to what they had done in past years they had submitted several applications that broke the conference into parts so attendees had the option of attending the whole program or one session.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley advised the board that she wanted to split the courses into two parts. She stated that she did not recommended approval for (a) through (d) on the agenda and on the addendum the Great Southern Tree Conference she stated that she recommended approval for that course. Ms. Marshall-Beasley advised the board that (a) through (d) on the agenda the courses did not have an expanded outline and they did not have a bibliography. She stated that she did not have a good understanding of what the course outlines were. She stated that the provider should re-submit the courses or the board should not approve them.

Mr. Davis advised the board that to expedite the approval process the board could approve contingent upon additional submittals to the satisfaction of the continuing education committee.

Ms. Guillemette advised the board that a contingent approval was not a problem. She stated that she puts in the order the approval is contingent upon submitting additional information such as a course outline and delegate to Ms. Marshall-Beasley to assess compliance or the course is denied.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley asked Ms. Tinsley to ask the Bureau of Education and testing to send the courses to Ms. Marshall-Beasley when the courses are sent to the board office to be placed on the agenda for full board review.

Ms. Tinsley stated that she would work with the Bureau of Education and Testing and ask them to send the courses to Ms. Marshall-Beasley when courses are sent to the board office for full board approval.

After discussion by the board the following motion was made.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gillick made a motion to approve the following courses contingent upon proper outlines being submitted by the provider within a certain time line and approved by the review committee of one.

**SECOND:** Mr. Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Florida Nursery Growers & Landscape Association**

***2007 FNATS Short Course - Landscape Management Track – 2.5 hours***

***2007 FNATS Short Course – General Session – 2.5 hours***

***2007 FNATS Short Course – Green Track – 2.5 hours***

***2007 FNATS Short Course – Landscape Design Track – 5 hours***

Ms. Walter advised the board that the next course was on the addendum and it was the second course submitted by the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association. She stated the course was the 2007 Great Southern Tree Conference and Ms. Marshall-Beasley had stated that the application had a detailed outline but was short on resource material and bibliographies. Ms. Walter advised the board that she and Ms. Marshall-Beasley were ok with the level of information that was provided based on the instructor's experience based on the bibliographies.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley stated that a lot of the instructors were published.

Ms. Walter asked Ms. Tinsley to ask Bureau of Education and Testing to let Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Association know that they could use the outline for this course as a guide for the FNATS Short Courses.

Ms. Tinsley stated that she would forward the information to the Bureau of Education and Testing.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gillick made a motion to approve the application for the 2007 Great Southern Tree Conference.

**SECOND:** Mr. Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley stated that she recommended that the board approve the following course applications submitted by the American Society of Landscape Architects.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gillick made a motion to approve the following continuing education course applications.

**SECOND:** Mr. Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## **American Society of Landscape Architects**

***Inside the LA Studio: Peter Lindsay Schaudt – 1.5 hours***

***Green Streets Integrating Sustainable Stormwater Management – 1.5 hours***

***Environmental Noise Impact on Land Formations and Buildings – 1.5 hours***

***Creating Landscape for Marginalized Populations – 1.5 hours***

***Inside the LA Studio: SWA Group – 1.5 hours***

***Inside the LA Studio: Andrea Cochran & Associates***

Ms. Marshall-Beasley advised the board that the continuing education course applications in the addendum material submitted by the American Society of Landscape Architects were complete.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gillick made a motion to approve the following continuing education courses applications.

**SECOND:** Mr. Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## **American Society of Landscape Architects**

***Landscape Architects Digital Toolbox – 1.5 hours***

***Reclaiming Significant Landscapes – 1.5 hours***

***San Francisco Therapeutic Gardens – 6.5 hours***

Ms. Walter advised the board that in the addendum materials was a continuing education course submitted for a second review by the Continuing Education Academy. She stated that the course was considered at the July 2007 meeting and the board was under the assumption that the course was a laws and rules course. She stated that the course was approved contingent upon the provider amending the course to include additional information that relates to landscape architecture in Florida. Ms. Walter advised the board that the provider responded to the Notice of Intent of Contingent Approval/Denial and they did not intend for the course to be a laws and rules course they intended for it to be approved for optional credit.

**MOTION:** Ms. Marshall-Beasley made a motion to approve A Journey through Your Business Lifecycle for four (4) continuing education hours for optional credit, submitted by the Continuing Education Academy.

**SECOND:** Ms. Gillick seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## **RATIFICATION LIST**

Ms. Walter reviewed the ratification list with the board.

**MOTION:** Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the ratification list as presented.

**SECOND:** Ms. Marshall-Beasley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Certificate of Authorization**

Mactec Facilities Design, Inc.

### **Exam**

Ryan Clark, Ivy Clinton, Braford Collett, Brandon Huffman, Heather Kinkhead, Kyle Lufken, Matthew Majors, Brian Nolan, Jane Padelford, Jeong Y. Park, Eric P. Quay, Kimberly Ranshaw, Damian Sanchez, Joslyn Schmidt, Kevin Steele, Darlene Strickland, Tara Titone, Jack W. Wensell

### **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Davis advised the board that he attended the CLARB meeting in Cleveland, Ohio. He stated that CLARB had decided on a type of program for continuing education and ASLA did not like the program and they were going to do something different. He stated that CLARB was now working with ASLA to decide what form continuing education and continuing education record keeping will take nationwide. He stated whether it would be taken over by CLARB or ASLA is still to be resolved. He stated they both had their own program and it made sense to merge the two (2) programs in some way. Mr. Davis stated that Florida's system is not one that most of the landscape architects nationwide feel serves their interests well in terms of pre-approval for the courses and the computer data base and everything else Florida had in place. He stated that they may follow the AIA system for architects. He stated that ASLA and CLARB are discussing it. He stated that there is a new executive director at CLARB and changes are being made. He stated that the organization is in good condition right now.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley advised the board that she received a letter from ASLA and she was unhappy with the tone of the letter. She stated that the letter announced the ASLA continuing education initiative would be ready in October or November of 2007. She stated that the letter said that the ASLA would be the clearing-house for all continuing education credits nationally and the keeper of record. She stated that any state anywhere could use the ASLA pieces and that ASLA tried to work with CLARB. She stated that the tone of the letter was not good and the letter was inaccurate. Ms. Marshall-Beasley advised the board that she called Ms. Chastain and sent her the letter and she contacted the author at ASLA. She stated that Ms. Chastain explained to the author of the letter that they could be a clearing-house and record keeper but it had nothing to do with

Florida. She stated that Ms. Chastain told ASLA the letter was very misleading. She stated that the dialogue had started with their executive director and she would talk to the board about it at the October 2007 meeting.

Ms. Walter advised the board that the letter talks about the ASLA landscape continuing education system and it will meet the needs of all (underlined) states by identifying the subjects and assuring that all continuing education course work meets the standard upon which state licensing board and landscape architects can rely. She stated that the letter was extremely misleading.

Mr. Davis stated that he did not think that any organization could get fifty two (52) jurisdictions to automatically sign on to any program right now.

Ms. Walter stated that the licensees were going to be very confused by all of this. She stated that it would be very interesting at the end of October when the licensees are faxing in their certificates from CLARB or ASLA because their continuing education credits are not showing up on the web site. She stated that ASLA was issuing certificates with the ASLA logo.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley stated that she did not want the licensees to think the board was grasping on to some sort of power. She stated that the continuing education requirement was statutorily mandated by the legislature and the licensees and the board did not have a choice.

The board asked Ms. Tinsley if something could be put in the Bottom Line to let the licensees know that the courses that they will get credit for are those that are only approved by the board of landscape architecture pursuant to Florida statute. She stated that if the providers are not approved by the board, even if they are national organizations, credits cannot be granted.

Ms. Tinsley advised the board that she would find out.

Ms. Walter advised the board that she received an e-mail notification for some continuing education courses. She stated that they were approved by the board but one was approved as a five (5) hours course. She stated that on the course announcement they show the course being taught between nine (9) and twelve (12) which obviously is not five (5) hours.

Ms. Guillemette advised Ms. Walter that if she feels comfortable she can call the provider and ask them if they are sure they want to do this. She stated that if Ms. Walter feels if it is fraud she can report it to the Department.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

