

MINUTES

Board of Landscape Architecture

**Embassy Suites Hotel
1100 SE 17th Street
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316**

**General Business Meeting
April 18, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Walter called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Collene Walter, Chair
Ms. Elizabeth Gillick, Vice-Chair
Ms. Elizabeth Marshall-Beasley
Mr. Paul Davis

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Juanita Chastain, Executive Director
Ms. Diane Guillemette, Assistant Attorney General
Mr. Stanley Hinde
Mr. Robert Wanas
Mr. Patrick Hodges
Mr. Gary Ward
Mr. Robert Dugan
Ms. Cara Critchlow
Ms. Emily O'Mahoney
Kevin Cavioli
Other Interested Parties

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 25, 2008 MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Gillick indicated that on page 5 line 193 it might read better if after the word candidates add "and comparing" the level of detail in the packets of the other six year candidates "found that detail" was a bit lacking...

On page 5 line 214 after the word detail “as presented” is typical.

MOTION: Mr. Davis moved to approve the minutes as presented.

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

Ms. Walter informed the attendees that the board welcomes public comments. She indicated that the board will discuss an item but if the public wants to participate in the discussion they will be recognized for comment.

Ms. Walter recognized Mr. Robert Dugan and Ms. Cara Critchlow, representatives from EDSA. Mr. Dugan thanked the board for allowing them to speak. He indicated their firm was based in Ft. Lauderdale and was the largest employer of landscape architects in Florida. They have 180 total staff in Florida with 30 registered landscape architects. Mr. Dugan stated their firm established a policy that advancement is tied to licensure. Mr. Dugan stated they have had problems with processing applications with the department. Mr. Dugan introduced Ms. Critchlow, the firm’s human resource coordinator.

Ms. Critchlow stated she was responsible for coordinating the application packages for employees. She indicated that she would submit the application along with all supporting documents and fees and would receive deficiency letters indicating documents were not received. Ms. Critchlow stated that checks were cashed but the department’s record would indicate fees were not received so she would send another check because the call center would tell them they could not accept credit card payment for examination fees. She also indicated that at times documents would have to be sent numerous times. Ms. Critchlow indicated that after all exam parts were passed it would at times take six months to a year for the individual to get their license.

Ms. Walter stated that former Secretary Benson came to the board’s January meeting to present some of the changes she had instituted at the department. Ms. Walter indicated she will be curious to see if the changes impact the processing of applications. Secretary Benson indicated that all documents are now scanned and hopefully that will help and she also indicated that the department is streamlining the applications. She apologized on behalf of the board and the department and applauded EDSA for recognized licensure as a means of promotion.

Ms. Chastain informed the board that she had talked with Mr. Paul Kissinger from EDSA and asked for a list of candidates that were having difficulty and she would research their records. Ms. Chastain stated that she met regularly with her Division Director and the Director of the Division of Service Operations to identify issues of concern.

Ms. Critchlow thanked Ms. Chastain for contacting Mr. Kissinger and expressed the firm's appreciation at her willingness to assist.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley stated she had been discussing this for years and appreciates EDSA who has the clout to bring this forward. She expressed concern about applicants that do not have the clout that EDSA has and is having the same problems. Ms. Marshall-Beasley commented the problems had been going on for years.

Ms. Gillick thanked EDSA for coming to the meeting but is shocked that these problems continue to occur. Ms. Gillick stated that some of the examples Ms. Critchlow presented were shocking and embarrassing and should not occur. Ms. Gillick stated that Secretary Benson went from a 45 minute hold to a 90 second hold and felt that was great but now she is gone. Ms. Gillick stated that taking six months to get a license after everything was complete is unacceptable. She asked Ms. Critchlow if she was sure that her documents were complete. Ms. Critchlow explained her application process.

Ms. Chastain asked Ms. Critchlow to provide the names and situations of the applicants having difficulty. Ms. Chastain informed the board that she meets with the Division Director over service operations on a regular basis and he is looking into every situation and conducting training with his staff to address the issues. He is diligently working on the issues to resolve them as they come to his attention and to train staff so the same issues do not continue to occur.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley indicated she is not shocked because she had to hire someone to walk her application through because it was lost twice. She indicated she is afraid they are not moving forward.

Mr. Davis thanked EDSA and apologized for the inconvenience. Mr. Davis asked about the department's reorganization and Ms. Chastain explained that applications go to a central intake unit for processing.

Ms. Gillick asked how realistic is it to ask for a change from going to a central intake unit to the respective board office. Ms. Chastain stated that is the department's structure and the way applications are handled. She assured the board that the division directors are very responsive and that she would bring the issues to their attention.

Ms. Gillick stated the board has a responsibility to the applicants and the process is unacceptable.

Ms. Walter asked Ms. Chastain to give the board a report at the next meeting. Ms. Chastain offered to have the Division Director attend the telephone conference call and the board asked that he attend the July meeting.

Ms. Gillick recalled going to Tallahassee and touring the call center. She recalled thinking it was a lovely presentation but wondered where the details were. She recounted how the Secretary indicated the call wait went down and now she is gone. She indicated that the board needs accountability and wants someone from service operations to attend the July meeting. Ms. Gillick commented she does not want to micro-manage the department but feels it is a serious problem.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley stated that applications should be reviewed and deficiency letters sent out immediately. Ms. Chastain explained that the department must respond to deficiencies in a certain timeframe. However, if a file is deficient and the applicant responds but does not cure the deficiency another letter must go out and that process can take time. Ms. Marshall-Beasley recounted her experience in that she sent in a complete application and items were lost in the department.

Ms. Gillick asked if the board could get an executive summary on what went wrong. Ms. Walter stated they could ask but would rather have the Division Director attend a meeting and explain the process.

Mr. Davis asked if there was a flow chart that describes the process that has control points and monitoring. Ms. Chastain indicated that the division has a process for handling applications. Mr. Davis asked for a process outline.

Ms. Walter stated she would be curious to know how many applications a month are being processed. Ms. Walter indicated that it was not an excuse but she would like to know the numbers.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley stated that she has heard that the department cashes checks and there is no record.

Ms. Walter indicated they keep being told that it is going to get better but is staying status quo and she would like an explanation as to why it isn't getting better.

Ms. Gillick indicated it is staying status quo but a lot of money is being spent to make it better and more efficient and it is wasteful.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley stated the process is so emotional anyway and to have to go through this with the department is unacceptable.

Ms. Walter thanked EDSA and indicated they may be invited back.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley asked them to attend because it may appear that the board is beating up on the bureaucracy and it is much harder when you are looking at someone who is actually trying to go through the process.

Mr. Dugan stated he will be in Jacksonville at the conference.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley stated that a couple of years ago they invited CLARB to attend a meeting because two applicants had taken and passed the exam but CLARB sent them failure notices. The applicants retook the exam and later were told they had already passed. She indicated that it makes more of an impression when you see someone and know how your decisions have impacted them.

Ms. Critchlow explained that applicants become very anxious and she attempts to reassure them.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley stated they should be investing their energies into studying.

Ms. Walter asked that the Division Director of service operations attend the July meeting to analyze the EDSA applications and identify the process and identify some opportunities to approve it.

APPLICATION REVIEW

Stanley Eugene Hinde – Six Year Candidate

Mr. Hinde was present. Ms. Walter informed the board she had reviewed Mr. Hinde's plans and indicated they were complete. The board members reviewed the submitted plans.

Ms. Gillick complimented Mr. Hinde on his work and stated the plans were very complete.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley commented that Mr. Hinde should look closely at grading and drainage.

MOTION: Ms. Gillick moved to approve the application.

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

Mr. Robert Wanas – Six Year Candidate

Mr. Wanas was present. Ms. Walter informed the board she had reviewed Mr. Wanas' plans and indicated they were complete. The board members reviewed the submitted plans. Ms. Gillick complimented Mr. Wanas on his work and stated the plans were very professional.

MOTION: Mr. Davis moved to approve the application.

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

DISCUSSION OF STORMWATER PRACTICE

Ms. Walter indicated that Mr. Hilton Meadows asked that the item be placed on the agenda but he was not able to attend the meeting.

Ms. Walter recalled that the last time the board met in Ft. Lauderdale, where Mr. Higgins from the Florida Engineering Society, Jeff Castor from the American Society of Landscape Architects, appeared and brought the board up-to-date as to their discussions at that time.

Mr. Patrick Hodges, representing the Florida Society of Landscape Architects and Mr. Gary Ward, representing the Florida Engineering Society were present.

Mr. Ward indicated that the matter would be discussed at the July 31, 2008 meeting in Jacksonville. Mr. Ward stated he has been a coastal engineer since the 1970s. He indicated he had a relationship with FES and is representing the conservation and environmental quality committee. Mr. Ward stated that was the technical side of the 1486 rule development that is underway with the Department of Transportation (DOT). Mr. Ward stated that it was the first time that DOT has redone the rule which was developed in 1986 and he was the chair of that committee at that time. The objective that Mr. Ward had was to answer technical questions that FES might have. He indicated that he was the owner of a state road parcel in Rivera Beach. He stated that it was a unique parcel the furthestmost east point in the state of Florida and the only place that you have Atlantic Ocean straights of Florida frontage.

Mr. Ward stated that they really want a solution. He handed out a copy of the Florida Engineering Journal with a title of how the profession has changed. He stated he is not the "profession concern" side of the FES bureaucracy but the technical side.

Mr. Hodges thanked the board for their hard work and stated he served on the board in the late 80s and early 90s. Mr. Hodges stated he was representing the Florida Chapter of American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) as the chairman of their governmental committee also as a member at large of the executive committee. He stated he had been a member of the ASLA since 1983 and a licensed landscape architect since 1982. He stated he had been involved in the stormwater issue since early in his career and during his tenure on the board. He indicated he did not anticipate the issue raising its head again. The ASLA is changing its legal and lobbying firm and did not meet in January as they had hoped. He believes that delay may have caused some consternation on the part of FES. He indicated they have had two productive meetings since that time.

Mr. Hodges commented there are differing view points within the two organizations. As Mr. Ward pointed out he is dealing with the issue from a technical perspective and from a concern for the environment which is of course the utmost importance to any registered landscape architect. On the ASLA side there are many practitioners involved in stormwater practice and than many others that are not except on the peripheral sense. He stated that it is difficult to get a consensus on what should or should not be done.

Mr. Hodges advised the board that the meeting in December was due to the rule change that FDOT advertised and the public meeting workshop in Tallahassee. Mr. Hodges stated that the workshop initiated the need for further discussions. There are members of FES that feel very strongly that landscape architects are practicing stormwater in a manner that they think inappropriate. He stated the Florida Engineering Society believes the practice of stormwater past a certain threshold is inappropriate.

Mr. Hodges feels that the objectives and discussions are to identify what the concerns are. FES has suggested that they go back twenty years to the agreement that was reached by the joint committee of the Board of Landscape Architecture and Board of Engineers stormwater committee. He further stated that many things have changed since that time.

Mr. Hodges stated it became clear from the early meetings with FES that certain members felt the best way to address the problem was to go to the Legislature and change Chapter 481, Part II, F.S. He indicated that he did not agree with that and that fortunately some members of FES do not agree with that. He did not think their executive director, legal counsel and lobbyist thought that was the most effective way. To date they have avoided that approach and discussed in some detail the feasibility of additional continuing education for landscape architects and establishing an agreed upon threshold of stormwater practice that would require landscape architects to have additional continuing education, additional testing and successful passage of the examination and be able to demonstrate experience and expertise within the area of stormwater practice. These are things discussed conceptually and are similar in concept to the agreement reached in 1988. The discussions are ongoing.

Mr. Hodges commented he had been out of the country for the past two weeks and had just reviewed Mr. Higgins' comments about continuing education. Hr. Hodges indicated he does not believe that Mr. Higgins comments would be acceptable to FES in its current form. Mr. Hodges stated that there are landscape architects that feel strongly that the wheel is not broken and does not require repair with regard to this issue. He commented many landscape architects do not practice in this realm but at a conceptual level but those that do practice at a very detailed and extensive level feel strongly that they had over the last twenty years through diligence gained ground with the various water management districts and DEP and do not want to go back in history. He stated

that landscape architects should practice freely and essentially landscape architects are a regulated profession in the same manner as engineers are regulated. Mr. Hodges stated that they do not want to be restrained any further and would like to pursue that same approach that has been used in the past to obtain recognition in the 1486 DOT rule.

Mr. Hodges stated that the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee determined that the agreement that was struck between the boards was not lawful. Their statement was to the effect that landscape architects already had the statutory authority and that additional requirement in terms of examination, education and experience could not be asked of them because they already had entitlement through their licensure.

Mr. Hodges commented landscape architects have the authority to practice stormwater design and would like to continue a good relationship with FES and would hope they would not take any action against Chapter 481, Part II, FS. Mr. Hodges informed the board he was grateful that Mr. Ward serves on the committee and appreciates his history and knowledge of the subject and his more moderate point of view with respect to the profession. Mr. Hodges comments he is trying to be open minded and work this out between the two professions. Mr. Hodges commented he would like to see the matter resolved.

Mr. Ward commented it was unfortunate that Mr. Higgins, from FES, and Mr. Meadows could not attend the meeting. Mr. Ward stated he thinks the JAPC comments were correct. Mr. Ward stated the boards should not be absolute about not going back to a joint committee. Mr. Hodges stated that may be true.

Ms. Walters thanked both for attending and commented she appreciates the continuing professional dialogue and recognition that the practice of stormwater management is that they practice better and better. Also to recognize that within those professions there is a lot of specialization. There are landscape architects that only do planning or only do landscape design. There are landscape architects that specialize in stormwater management. There are engineers that only do transportation and traffic engineering, others who do more broad civil engineering and others who specialize in coastal and stormwater management. She indicated that on both sides things have changed and we now have requirements for continuing education. Ms. Walter stated there are over twenty courses in stormwater management and that the Florida Engineering Society is an approved provider. Ms. Walters indicated that she appreciates the good relationship and would like to keep that relationship going. Ms. Walters commented she too would like to see the matter resolved. Ms. Walters asked that the issue be placed on the July agenda.

Mr. Ward indicated that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection has initiated the statewide stormwater rule 62-347 and that the board may want to encourage their licensees to get involved.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley commented she doesn't understand why it continues to be an issue as landscape architects are allowed to practice stormwater design. She also commented that the board reviews grading and drainage plans very carefully when reviewing six-year candidates.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley commented that if someone was practicing outside of their scope the board should know about it. Ms. Marshall-Beasley stated their responsiveness professionally is not to other professions whether it be architects, engineers, or designers. She indicated that their responsiveness is the people of Florida and if they are practicing in a way that is appropriate that is who they are responsive to and legislatively are doing what they are mandated to do.

Mr. Davis stated that in the seven years he has been on the board he has not had a complaint about a practitioner who has not performed grading and drainage improperly.

Mr. Hodges indicated he has asked FES and to their knowledge there are no examples or cases of malpractice or problems with stormwater practice by landscape architects.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley commented that the board had taken action against licensees but not for stormwater practice.

Mr. Hodges commented that while he cannot speak for Mr. Higgins he believes Mr. Higgins holds the belief that landscape architects in terms of their education and abilities are not equivalent to those of engineers to provide practice in this area unless they show beyond what is required by landscape architecture education and examination.

Mr. Hodges stated they will attend the meeting in July.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley stated that are specializations but to require additional education and testing for each specialty is not reasonable. Mr. Hodges agreed and commented he feels the same way about LEED as he has been practicing environmental stewardship his entire career. He thinks they should be available but not a requirement.

REVIEW OF CONTINUING EDUCATION APPLICATIONS

Ms. Walter acknowledged that the Florida Chapter of the International Society Arboriculture is back as a provider. She indicated they were once a provider and had some frustrations with the system and applaud their efforts to come back in because they have had good courses over the years.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley asked if they could take the review out of order slightly as she had questions about several courses. She asked if the providers could be approved in bulk.

MOTION: Ms. Marshall-Beasley moved to approve provider applications for Florida Chapter ISA, CADTech Seminars, LLC, and Sanchez and Maddox, Inc.

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

Ms. Marshall-Beasley commented she had questions about the course A Smarter Kind of Play, under the American Society of Landscape Architects. Ms. Marshall-Beasley stated she thought the course was a wonderful course but not sure if it was appropriate for landscape architects.

Ms. Walters stated that Ms. Marshall-Beasley mentioned that she had certification in therapeutic gardens and a lot of experience in playground and play and the fact that she would like to take the course makes it an applicable course.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley stated she would be fascinated by the course but not certain if it is appropriate for continuing education. Ms. Gillick commented she thought it was germane and that the understanding of age appropriate psychology and play would better assist the designer in the design. Mr. Davis quoted 481.301, FS and commented the statute makes reference to psychological and sociological well being and he thinks the course is consistent with the purpose.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley stated she had questions about the ASLA course Training Trees to Weather the Storm.

Ms. O' Mahoney, representing ASLA, stated there were courses on the agenda that the association did not turn in for approval. After closer review of the agenda it was determined that courses Managing Palms in the Landscape, Training Trees to Weather the Storm, Sustaining Landscapes New Rules for Fertilizer in Turf and Landscape, Designing Landscapes for Reduced Pesticide Use, Taking Steps in the Green Direction were submitted by the University of Florida Cooperative.

Ms. O' Mahoney stated that there were two Stormwater Design Workshops on the agenda, item a and item j. After board review it was determined that item a, Stormwater Design Workshop should be Preparing Trees for Storms through Design and Installation Practices.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley stated that what was missing from Training Trees to Weather the Storm was the bibliography. If Mr. Gilman had included the information from the ASLA course into the University of Florida course it would

be acceptable. Ms. Marshall-Beasley commented if it was the same course why was it being approved twice?

Ms. Walter commented it was the same course but being offered by different providers.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley commented that the hours differ and need to be consistent.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley asked if the English Gardens course offered by Sanchez and Maddox, Inc., for 12 hours was a trip to England. Ms. Walters commented she had the same question and Ms. Chastain confirmed that it was a tour in England. Ms. Marshall-Beasley commented that Mr. Sanchez is not a landscape architect but Mr. Maddox is a landscape architect.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley stated that there are four under the ASLA conference she would like the full board to review.

Landscape Architecture Student Charrette

Ms. Marshall-Beasley commented there was not a course outline, no reference materials and no bibliography.

Mr. Davis commented that the specific neighborhood has not yet been identified.

Ms. Guillemette explained the ninety day review requirement.

Ms. Chastain asked that the board hold a telephone conference call prior to the ASLA conference.

Ms. O'Mahoney, Education Chair for ASLA, waived the noticing requirements and stated she would provide the information to the board on the telephone conference call.

Ms. Walter explained that charretting is when you get a group of people together to workshop an issue. In landscape architecture it is more often going out to a neighborhood that is in decline to see what can be done to bring it back and everyone throws out their ideas and you work through them verbally in some cases and graphically in other cases to solve the problem.

Lighting Going Green

Ms. Marshall-Beasley commented the course did not have the source material and biography.

Ms. Walter commented that the outline does not appear to be product specific but the resource seems to be a product specific.

Ms. O'Mahoney, Education Chair for ASLA, waived the noticing requirements and stated she would provide additional information to the board on the telephone conference call. Ms. O'Mahoney commented she did not know enough about the course to say what the outcome might be but the issue may be it is a non viable course and he can change it.

Ms. Walter stated that they have had courses in the past that were sales presentations and if the outline could be more general to lighting design and reference to national standards vs. manufacturer standards.

Brownfield Redevelopment

Ms. Marshall-Beasley commented the course did not have an adequate bibliography.

Ms. O'Mahoney, Education Chair for ASLA, waived the noticing requirements and stated she would provide the information to the board on the telephone conference call.

Seeking Recognition/Promoting Your Work

Ms. Marshall-Beasley commented the course was lacking instructor and bibliography information.

Ms. Gillick commented it is self promotion and should be removed. She commented there is no reference to anything technically oriented toward Chapter 481 and the practice of the profession.

Mr. Davis stated he thought it fell under general business but understood Ms. Gillick's concern and would not argue for the approval.

MOTION: Ms. Gillick moved to deny Seeking Recognition/Promotion Your Work because it does not increase knowledge of landscape architects in the applicable practice.

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

MOTION: Ms. Gillick moved to continue Landscape Architecture Student Charrett, Lighting Going Green, and Brownfield Redevelopment.

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

MOTION: Mr. Davis moved to approve the following ASLA courses:

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

American Society of Landscape Architects/Florida Chapter

Preparing Trees for Storms through Design and Installation Practices.- 1.5 hours

Restoration of the St. Johns River Sustainable River – 1.5 hours

Case Studies in Green Roof Design – 1.5 hours

A Smarter Kind of Play – 1.5 hours

Chasing Leed – 1.5 hours

Highway Landscape Projects – 8 hours

Utilizing Native Grasses in the Landscape – 1.5 hours

Stormwater Design Workshop – 8 hours

Campus Planning Comparatives Urban vs. Suburban -1.5 hours

Street Cars the Sustainable new Urbanism Investment -1.5 hours

Water Resources Roundtable: LID Techniques – 1.5 hours

Water Economy – 1.5 hours

Creating Inclusive Communities – Urban Design and Affordable Housing – 1.5 hours

Drawing for a Digital Age – 1.5 hours

MOTION: Ms. Gillick moved to deny the University of Florida Cooperative course, Training Trees to Weather the Storm.

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

MOTION: Ms. Gillick moved to approve the following University of Florida Cooperative courses:

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

University of Florida Cooperative

Managing Palms in the Landscape – 2.5 hours

Purchasing and Planting Quality Trees – 1.25 hours

Sustaining Landscapes new Rules for Fertilizers in Turf and Landscape – 1.25 hours

Designing Landscapes for Reduced Pesticide Use – 1.25 hours

Taking Steps in the Green Direction – 1.25 hours

MOTION: Ms. Marshall-Beasley moved to approve Advanced Autocad Techniques presented by CADTech Seminars, LLC.

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

MOTION: Ms. Marshall-Beasley moved to approve English Gardens presented by Sanchez and Maddox, Inc.

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

MOTION: Ms. Marshall-Beasley moved to approve the following courses presented by RedVector:

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

Red Vector

Basic Concepts of Photogrammetry – 3 hours

Flood Mitigation and Special Flood Hazard Areas – 4 hours

Florida Landscape Architect's Laws Chapter 481, FS – 2 hours

GIS the Very Basics – 1 hour

Landscaping with Native Plants – 1 hour

Renewable Energy Generation – 1 hour

Sustainable Design – A Primer – 2 hours

Understanding Subsurface Utility Engineering – 4 hours

MOTION: Ms. Marshall-Beasley moved to approve Low Impact Development Practices for Florida: Stormwater presented by the University of Florida Program for Resource Efficient Communities

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

Mr. Davis inquired about evaluation forms of a course.

Mr. Kevin Cavioli commented instructors keep the forms.

Mr. Davis stated the website might be a good venue for feedback.

The board set a telephone conference call for May 29 at 2:00 p.m.

RATIFICATION LIST

MOTION: Ms. Gillick moved to approve the ratification list as presented.

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

Exam Applicants

Seth Baker, Shawn Michael Balon, Natalia Barranco, Michael P. Bradley, Christina Burton, Robert Edward Cantu, Mark A. Connelley, Aaron Davis, John A. Del Vitto, Aaron R. Emerson, James Fruechtl, Thomas Green-Whitehead, Monique Venesa Hall, Melanie Gildore Harris, Weh-Chu Amanda Huang, John Benjamin Hutchens, Gregory Thomas Kaeuper, Maria Esperanza Kelly, Swati Khimesra, Chad Richard Kovalski, Nicholas David Kuhn, John Lee Lorg, Steven Joseph Lumpkin, Jason Lee Mihalovits, Maria Gabriela Patocchi, Ken Allen Ray, Christopher Sutton, Kristen Marie Sweatland, Anne George West, Jessica Lynn Simpson,

Endorsement Applicants

James K. Gillan, Mark Thomas Inglert, Lane J. Ledbetter, Michael Anthony Green, Salvador Impastato

Business Applicants

Bonnett Design Group, Land Use Consulting LLC, Landscape Architectural Design , Inc., I.G.E. Design Studio, Inc., George & Associates Consulting Engineers

Business Name Change

(From) Land Architectural Technologies, inc. (To) Land Architects, Inc.

REPORTS

Chair's Report – Collene Walter

Ms. Walter did not have a report.

Board Counsel's Report – Diane Guillemette

Ms. Guillemette presented the rules report indicating: Rule 61G10-12.001, application and examination fees, was adopted on March 24, 2008 and became effective on April 13, 2008. This rule increases the fee for Section C and E as required by CLARB.

Executive Director's Report – Juanita Chastain

Ms. Chastain presented the 2007-08 second quarter financial report.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Walter asked that the election be postponed until the July meeting at which time she is hopeful new members will have been appointed. Ms. Walter indicated her term ends in October and she thinks it is time for her to step down.

MOTION: Ms. Gillick nominated Ms. Marshall-Beasley as vice-chair.

SECOND: Mr. Davis seconded the nomination and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Davis commented that he attended the CLARB meeting and it was overall the most uneventful CLARB meeting he had attended.

Ms. Chastain stated she also attended the meeting and felt it was informative. She commented it was a pleasure meeting the CLARB staff and other state representatives.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley informed the board she could not go to the CLARB meeting in September.

The board requested that Mr. Davis and Ms. Chastain attend.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley stated she thought CLARB's interim director idea was brilliant. He was able to make changes knowing he was only in the position for a short term.

OLD BUSINESS

None

The next board meeting will be a telephone conference call on May 29, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. and the board will meet at the Omni Hotel in Jacksonville on July 31, 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

