



**Executive Committee Meeting/Retreat
Saturday, October 17th, 2009
Savannah, Georgia
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

- Executive Board
 - Trustee - Ed Czynscon – Absent
 - President – Adam Ragsdale – Present
 - Past-President – Jamie Csizmadia - Present
 - President-Elect – Brandon White - Present
 - Secretary – Tanya Mandel - Present
 - Treasurer – Scott Douglas - Present
 - Treasurer-Elect – Brandon Setchel – Absent
 - Member-at-large – Scott Tanner – Present
 - Member-at-large – Chuck Taylor – Present
 - Member-at-large – Carlyle Rood – Present
- Chairs
 - Atlanta Section – Scott Jones – Present
 - Northeast Section – Madie Fischetti - Absent
 - Savannah Section – Charles Anderson – Present
 - Acting Middle Georgia Section – Zan Thompson – Absent
 - Events Committee Chair – Kamara Williams – Present
 - Honors and Awards Committee Chair – Charles Sears - Absent
 - UGA Chapter President – Kevan Williams – Absent

CALL TO ORDER 10:30

Roll call and introductions were made.

GAASLA Orientation and Overview (Adam):

- Reviewed Chapter Operations Workbook
- Reviewed Chapter Activities and Logistics Framework: Discussion on Schedule of Meetings and Locations, need for additional members to fill positions for this term, and the need to replace yourself for next term.

Old Business

Executive Committee Officers Reports:

President: (Adam)

- Chapter President's Council Meeting (National)
 - Roundtable Discussions at National centered around Local Level Advocacy, Professional Allied Organizations, and Connecting with Unemployed Members. The executive committee discussed these items and how we can better connect. Suggested ways of reaching out included: getting our projects out there, publicity for the profession through media outlets/press releases, writing articles for publications, involving our local politicians, sending subscriptions to LA magazine to politicians, organizing our own in-district advocacy day
 - Discussion on Logo: It is the desire of ASLA National that all chapters conform to their logo standards. Brandon showed a couple of new logo options.

- Connecting with Students: Discussion about how we can do a better job of connecting with our LA student body.
- Fundraising: What additional outlets are available for fundraising?
- Chapter Executive Directors: Discussion on the need for an executive director.
 - Discussion on why this is needed and how we need to go about hiring and executive director. Adam produced a proposal for the executive director position from Stephanie Hall for discussion.

Motion to continue discussion on hiring an Executive Director (Motion: Chuck T, Second: Scott)
Approved.

President-Elect: (Brandon) Proposed GAASLA budget will be revealed at next meeting.

Break for Lunch

Immediate Past President: (Jamie)

- LARE Budget: Jamie has received a simple budget from David Spooner for the LARE review (forwarded to Adam). Discussion on the LARE review, how it is and has been handled and some possible changes to the system. GAASLA should be promoting.
- Legal Defense Fund/Letter: Jamie gave an update on the Legal Defense Fund situation and the grant letter/application that she is writing to apply for matched funding.

Secretary: (Tanya)

- 2010 Elections: Call for Nominees going out in April.
- Suggestions for format for submissions? Survey Monkey.

Treasurer's Report : (Scott D./Scott T): ScottT. provided a summary of where income comes from and a snapshot on where we stand. Transfer of treasurer duties has been made. Scott Douglas discussed submission of expense reports.

At Large Member Reports: (Chuck T., Scott T, Carlyle): Each member at large discussed what their goals are for the upcoming year and how they can be of use.

Savannah Section Chair: (Charles) Discussed what is happening with the Savannah Chapter, some events planned for the year, and the decrease in interest in socials due to the economy.

Atlanta Section Chair: (Scott J.) Discussed his goals for the Atlanta Chapter including a monthly or bi-monthly social, and growing the Chapter and communication within.

NEW BUSINESS:

Standing committees discussion, appointment, and handoff. (Adam)

Nominating Committee: (un-chaired) Tanya will take over this committee since the Secretary sends out the ballot, and since there is an electronic way to accept nominations.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee: (Tanya) This must be chaired by the Secretary.

Tellers/Audit Committee: (Brandon Setchel): Brandon volunteered to chair this committee.

Government Affairs Committee Chair: (Adam): In-District Advocacy Day is cancelled this year, will need to be a grass roots effort. D.C. Advocacy day is April 28-30.

Events Committees (Kamara W.):

GAASLA Awards/Conference: Discussion on whether or not to have a conference with the awards dinner. Consensus was to not have a conference due to the tri-state conference happening in Georgia next year.

Honors and Awards Committee: (Charles S.): Charles has volunteered to lead this committee.

FLO Luncheon: Adam would like this to be an event in all of the sections. This event needs a chair.

Golf Tournament: (Brandon W.) Discussion on the profitability of this event and the need for some changes to the event.

Green Cuisine: (Stella W. – Absent) Adam would like this to be an event in all of the sections. Event participation is waning due to the economy.

Earth Day: Adam would like there to be an event for Earth Day in each section.

Public Relations Committee (Ed C.)

Legal Defense Committee: (Bobby Bullard)

Sponsorship Committee: (Brandon W./Scott Jones): Discussion on committee duties. Scott volunteered to co-chair with Brandon.

Communications Committee: (Scott D., Tanya, Carlyle)

Website: (Carlyle, Tanya): Tanya passed out current pictures and email list for approval, new web form for postings, and discussed anticipated needs for website and reported on status. Discussion on co-chairing the committee due to Carlyle's previous web experience.

Newsletter: (Scott D.) Discussion on newsletter/411 deadlines and assignments.

Fellows Committee: (Ed/Adam)

Motion to Adjourn (Motion: Charles A. Second: Scott) Approved.

Adjourned: 3:45