



**Executive Committee Meeting  
Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
ZT3 Placemaker Studio; Macon, GA  
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

- Executive Board
  - Trustee - Ed Czynscon – Absent
  - President – Jamie Csizmadia - Present
  - President-Elect – Adam Ragsdale - Present
  - Past-President – Dale Hall - Absent
  - Secretary – Tanya Mandel - Present
  - Treasurer – Scott Tanner - Present
  - Treasurer-Elect – Scott Douglas – Present
  - Member-at-large – Gregg Hudspeth - Present
- Chairs
  - Atlanta Section – Brandon White – Present
  - Northeast Section – Madie Fischetti - Absent
  - Savannah Section – Charles Anderson – Absent
  - Middle Georgia Section – Zan Thompson – Present
  - Member Services Chair – Kathrine Clark - Absent
  - UGA Chapter President – Kevan Williams – Absent
  - Environmental Stewardship Chair – Dennis Decker – Absent

**CALL TO ORDER 4:20 PM**

**Introductions**

**Discussion/Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** to approve February 2009 Meeting Minutes (Motion: Zan.,  
Second: Gregg) **Approved.**

**Unfinished Business**

**Website update:** Discussion about new website and additional items needed.

**Sponsorship:** We are really close to sending out our sponsor form for the conference. Get good legitimate addresses to Gregg. Gregg will let us know who we need to contact.

**Letter to the GA State Board of LA's:** Adam has written several letters. Nominating Gregg and Bobby Bullard to State Board.

**Letter on behalf of Georgia Coastal Greenway:** Done

**2008 Year-end report:** Will be finished Tuesday, sent to Hancock Askew. Book keeping process is being fixed.

**2008 Taxes:** Being filed.

**Treasurer's Report :** (Scott T.)

- Financial Statement provided by Scott
- Previous Month's Membership Dues : 1500 in membership dues this month, 3500 last month

- Merchant Account – Will be up and running by end of month

**MEMBERSHIP SERVICES CHAIR REPORT:** (Jamie for Katherine)

- Update on membership
- Website information for “Members” tab: Working with Tanya

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Standing Committee Chairs’ Reports

Nominating Committee Chair (Dale)

- Important Dates:
  - May 1st, 2009 – prepare election slate & determine voting template
  - May 18th, 2009 – provide Chapter President with completed slate of nominees

Tellers Committee Chair (Nathan Evans)

- Important Dates:
  - July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – count ballots and forward election results to Prez & Secretary

Constitution and Bylaws Committee Chair (Tanya)

Audit Committee Chair (Scott D.)

Other Committee Chairs’ Reports

Government Affairs Committee Chair (Jamie)

- In-district Advocacy Day report: had over 350 participants take place nationally. 1/3 to ½ of people did not show up. National is trying to figure out why that happened. Trying to figure out how to make it easier.
- Mid year in district Advocacy Day: coming up.

Events Committee

- GAASLA Annual Awards Banquet Subcommittee: Absent
- GAASLA Annual Meeting Subcommittee: Absent
- GAASLA Golf Tournament Subcommittee (Brandon):
  - Needs deposit for golf course.
  - We are committed for 30 golfers.
  - September 14<sup>th</sup> is tournament.
  - Golf course is Trophy Club.
  - Announcement will be in July at Annual Meeting – but sponsorship will be sought after in August.
- Green Cuisine Subcommittee Chair (Jamie for Stella): Getting 16-18 replies instead of 35-45 attendees.

Public Relations Committee Chair (Adam) :nothing to report

Honors and Awards Committee Chair (Zan)

- Confirmed that Alabama is doing our judging.
- Looking at new printer for awards booklets.
- Important Dates:
  - April 15th, 2009 – Project submittals due
  - May 1st, 2009 – award winners determined

Legal Defense Fund Committee (Jamie for Bobby Bullard): Status report: Bobby is diligently working to ensure our rights as a profession.

Sponsorship Committee (Gregg/Zan): Sending out forms.

#### Communications Committee

- Newsletter Subcommittee (Scott D.): April issue is going to be full newsletter. Lots of information. Four new members to be listed. Will include information about NLAM.
- Website Subcommittee (Tanya): NLAM Updates are on website. Elections announcement will be on Member page.

#### Fellows Nomination Committee (Ed)

- Important Date: March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 - Fellows Nominations due to ASLA: Jamie preparing and sending out.

Environmental Stewardship Committee (Jamie for Dennis Decker): Dennis working on Committee

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee (Ed): ASLA is having a rough financial year, revenues are being affected by the economy.

President (Jamie):

- NLAM: Everyone has something planned.
- Newsletter and Website will reflect.

President-Elect (Adam): Nothing to report.

Immediate Past President (Dale): Absent

Secretary (Tanya)

- Important Dates:
  - April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 – issue “Call for Nominees”: Put under heads up.
  - June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – provide voting ballots to members
  - July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – close voting and hand ballots to Tellers Committee

At-Large Member (Gregg): nothing to report.

Middle Georgia Section Chair (Zan): bed race is tomorrow.

Savannah Coastal Section Chair : absent

Northeast Georgia Section Chair: (Jamie for Madie):

- Clark High School Presentation: April 15th
- Boy Scout Merit Badge on April 5th.
- Has been in touch with Hands on Athens, trying to get a team to do Pro Bono work in the fall.

Atlanta Section Chair (Brandon): Free Social Next Month

UGA Student Chapter President (Jamie for Kevin): Labash: two carfuls of students went. Looking for pictures.

### **2009 ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS BANQUET (AMAB)**

Goals: Discussion about what we need to get out of this meeting.

- To provide CEUs for our members
- To make money, break even, or lose money? Aim for making money, expect to break even

Final Schedule: After discussion it was determined that the schedule will be revised to be a 2.5 day conference due to economic factors.

Hilton DeSoto Contract (Jamie): Discussion about contract, rooms, attendance – will need to change due to schedule change.

Sponsorship Brochure (Gregg): Discussion regarding sponsorship opportunities – will need to change due to schedule change.

Speakers (Jamie): Discussion regarding speakers that are signed up.

Budget (Brandon): Line by Line Discussion of Breakdown of Budget for Event.

Tours/Workshops (Jamie/Adam): Adam to help with tour setup.

Website (Tanya): Merchant account will allow registration.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS**

Next ExComm Meeting – 5:30-6:30pm, Wednesday, April 8th, 2009

May ExComm Meeting – 3:00-7:00pm, Friday, May 8th, 2009

**Motion** to Adjourn (Motion: Gregg, Second: Zan) **Approved.**

**Adjourn 9:45 PM**