

Nebraska State Board of Landscape Architects
Board Meeting Minutes
October 29, 2013
215 Centennial Mall South, Small Conference Room, Lincoln, NE

8:30 a.m. – CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held at 215 Centennial Mall South, Fifth Floor, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chairperson Bryers called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. and informed the public of the location of the Open Meetings Act. Notice of the meeting was published on the Board's website and in the Lincoln Journal Star in accordance to the Open Meetings act.

Roll Call: Eileen Bergt, Dennis Bryers, David Ciaccio, Todd Maiellaro, and Gary Wells, Absent: JoAnne Kissel

Staff Present: Sandra Weaver, Interim Executive Director (ID); Jean Lais, Administrative Assistant (AA)

Public Comment/Appointments

No members of the public were present

A Consent Agenda

July 30, 2013, meeting minutes were approved as presented

Late PDH Submittals - None

Action Motion by Wells, second by Ciaccio to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Voting Yes: Ciaccio, Maiellaro, Wells, Bergt, Bryers; Voting No: None; Absent: Kissel

B Financial Matters

Budget Status Report – July, August, September 2013

ID Weaver informed the Board three larger than normal bills came due this quarter, resulting in the need to request a larger appropriation for this quarter. Normally the yearly appropriation is split evenly amongst the quarters. Encumbrances from FY12/13 have been added back into the FY 13/14 appropriation.

MTD General Ledger Detail Report – July, August, September 2013

Personnel and Financial Center Reports provided for review.

Fund Summary Report – July, August, September 2013

Personnel and Financial Center Reports provided for review.

Financial Profile FY 2013/2014 – July, August, September 2013

Report provided for review. Wells inquired about the effect a two year license renewal would have on the Board's appropriation. ID Weave explained the budget request is only based on expenses. A two year renewal may have an effect on the cash fund in the first couple of years.

Other Financial Matters – None

Action Motion by Ciaccio, second by Bergt to approve the Financial Matters as presented. Voting Yes: Ciaccio, Maiellaro, Wells, Bergt, Bryers; Voting No: None; Absent: Kissel

Weaver left the Meeting at 8:43 a.m.

C Applications

Licensure/Examination

Applications for Licensure by Reciprocity

Approved: Michael Stanley

Applications for Initial Licensure

Approved: Kristina Engler

Action Motion by Ciaccio, second by Maiellaro to approve the applications for licensure by Reciprocity as reviewed and discussed. Voting Yes: Ciaccio, Maiellaro, Wells, Bergt, Bryers; Voting No: None; Absent: Kissel

Action Motion by Wells, second by to approve the applications for initial licensure as reviewed and discussed. Voting Yes: Ciaccio, Maiellaro, Wells, Bergt, Bryers; Voting No: None; Absent: Kissel

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D Compliance

New Cases

13.01-Summary & Documentation

Per discussion, Board directed CO Mathews to proceed with her recommended action.

Pending Cases - None

Compliance Issues

City of Lincoln not allowing Landscape Architects to stamp certain drawings

No Discussion or action taken.

E Committee Reports

Officers Report - None

Statute Revision Task Force - August and September Meeting Minutes

Maiellaro reported the Task Force would like to continue meeting to work on the areas not yet discussed and to work on recommended statute language.

The Board reviewed the responses from the survey sent out by the Task Force on revisions they are looking at making recommendations to the Board. The largest amount of comments received were related to the Task Force's recommendation that two-thirds of the required professional development hours (PDH) be health, safety, and welfare (HSW) related. The biggest concern was who would be defining what is HSW related. Members felt 22 PDH was too much as many of the currently offerings are HSW related. The concept was well received, but they still have questions as to how it would be implemented. The members conferred that the concept should be discussed more and need to look at the definition of what will be considered HSW. AA Lais suggested the Board inquire of other states about the number of hours required, if they have a minimum HSW requirement, and how they define HSW. Chairperson Bryers suggested contacting ASLA to see if they already have this information.

CLARB

The Message from the President and Post Meeting Survey Results were provided for review.

Chairperson Bryers reported the meeting received the highest approval rating of any meeting since CLARB started tracking. The Council of Licensure Enforcement and Regulations (CLEAR) gave a presentation on what a board should and shouldn't do. Paul Meyer gave a session on Strategic Planning.

CLARB is now able to track all LARE candidates in the testing process. The first time passing rate is increasing - it is retakes that are pulling down the overall passing rate. There is a misconception that you must wait five years before beginning the exam.

Wells reported on the regional meeting. Oklahoma legislature wants to deregulate the interior designers and the architects changed some wording that killed the bill at the last minute. They are also looking into requiring fingerprinting and background checks as part of the application process as well as how to look at military experience. Also being considered is an exception to continuing education when on active military duty.

Kansas reported they are still working on their statute revision after four and half years.

ASLA - None

Office/Staff

AA Lais gave an update on the search for the new director for the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects (NBEA). She also informed the board the NBEA's Staff Assistant has also left the agency and the staff is currently in the application process to select a replacement.

