

**AIA Board Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2009**

Attending: Greg Allen, Stanley Palmer, Ken Gallegos, Jay Cone, Jeremy Bastow, Kyle Hamilton, Linda Kelsey, Larry Benton, Kris Ellis, Connie Searles

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. The budget committee will consist of Ken Gallegos, Linda Kelsey, Stan Palmer and Connie Searles. The 2010 budget will be presented at the next board meeting.

At this point, President Allen introduced Martin Hahle of ZGA. Martin wanted the board to know that CSI will no longer be given complimentary CE provider status which he felt would jeopardize the free CE offerings that CSI had been offering to AIA members. The board urged Martin to work with the sections to co-sponsor his CE opportunities. Martin also asked those who went back to Grassroots to lobby for their free provider status.

Old Business

- A. Strategic Plan: There has been no progress on the strategic plan. Greg Allen would like to stay engaged with the process. Kyle suggested we have a retreat with the board and section officers invited to help with the planning process. Kyle and Jay will work on a time and location.
- B. PAC: It was moved, seconded and approved that AIA Idaho establish a state PAC. It will need a treasurer and someone who is enthusiastic about raising money. Greg Allen will contact Mike Simmonds to see if he is interested.
- C. Website: Ken reported that the website has begun to generate some revenue from affiliate links and "Architect of the Month." He is still looking for firms interested in being featured. Ken also suggested that as the website maintenance becomes more burdensome, AIA Idaho might want to look for someone to pay to do it.
- D. CSI Conference: Jeremy had no further information.
- E. DPW Memberships: Greg has not yet contacted DPW to see if they are interested or are allowed to accept such memberships. Kyle suggested that perhaps the same goals could be accomplished by inviting a few DPW people to the monthly Central Section luncheons. Greg will explore this possibility with DPW.

New Business

- A. Directory Listings: The board agreed that no firms will be listed in the "Firm" section of the directory that consist of only associates. Also, there should be an explanation of the difference between an associate and a full member in the directory.

- B. Legislative Report: Kris Ellis and Larry Benton of Benton, Ellis Associates reported that the Interior Designers will be coming to the Legislature with a licensing law this coming session. Kris and Larry do not yet have a draft of the proposed legislation and may not see it until the opening of the legislature. Larry noted that the board must be ready to review the legislation and take a position on it as soon as it becomes public. He will notify Connie when that happens and Connie will send it to the board members. Some legislators are looking at a sales tax on services, but Larry is not sure if that will go forward this session. Larry presented his contract for the coming year with an increase to \$5,000 for his retainer. The board approved the contract.
- C. Licensing Board Nomination: The board reviewed and approved the nominations of the Mountain Section for the Licensing Board opening. Connie will draft a letter to the Governor.
- D. Design Awards: 2010 is the year for Design Awards. Ken Gallegos and Kyle Hamilton will look for a chair for the Design Awards. Ken will serve on the committee to keep track of expenses. Ken and Connie will work together to draft a “working” policy for the committee.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Connie M. Searles
Executive Director