

**SC LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT ADVISORY COUNCIL
1000 ASSEMBLY STREET, ROOM 205
COLUMBIA, SC 29201
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2009
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Members Present:
Morgan D. Grimball
J. Parks McLeod
John A. Tarkany
Barret D. Anderson

Others:
Sherri F. Moorner
Jan B. Simpson

Vice-Chairman Grimball called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

Council welcomed Barret D. Anderson. Mr. Anderson is serving the unexpired term of Gerald A. Vander Mey.

Ms. Moorner introduced Jan B. Simpson of the SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) to council. Ms. Simpson is the Administrator for the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors and the Board of Architectural Examiners.

MOTION: Motion to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2008 meeting as read was made by Parks McLeod. John Tarkany seconded the motion. Council unanimously concurred.

Old Business

1. Ms. Moorner noted that council nominated Sheila Wertimer, Amanda Barton, and Kyle Theodore as possible council members to fill Mark Baker's term when it expires on June 30, 2008. She will contact them and get the appointment processed now, so they can attend the next council meeting.

New Business

1. Ms. Simpson told council that the SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation is working on legislation to move the SC Landscape Architect Registration Program to their agency. Currently, the landscape architect law is similar to the law for engineers and architects. The first priority is to make sure the sections of the law match the template that is currently used for other licensure programs. Ms. Moorner has also submitted other potential changes to the law that more accurately reflects how the program operates.

Ms. Simpson said the Landscape Architect Registration Program would have a great deal of administrative support with LLR. There are sections for Human Resources, Personnel, Finance, Renewals, IT support, and Legal, which includes advice council and litigation council. LLR handles the administrative functions of the programs, and the advisory councils handle professional issues. LLR is also imaging their files. Although they are not paperless, efforts are underway to reduce the amount of paper files retained.

Mr. McLeod asked if the advisory council would remain the same. Ms. Simpson said it would, but council members for the programs under LLR are appointed by the Governor. Under DNR, the council members are appointed by the Department. She is not sure if this will change.

Mr. McLeod asked about a possible continuing education requirement. Ms. Simpson told him that Ms. Moorer had asked about it. The first thing they would need to decide is how many continuing education hours to require for each renewal cycle. Since LLR would like to move the landscape architects to biennial renewals, they would need to determine how many hours they want registrants to gain in a two year period. Generally, the number of hours are written as a requirement in the law, and the specific requirements are written in the regulations. This would be where the hours are broken down into specific areas, such as limiting how many hours can count from on-line materials, or how many must be in certain areas. Mr. Tarkany told council that CLARB is suggesting that states with continuing education requirements should make 75% of those hours mandatory for health, safety, and welfare courses. Mr. Anderson agreed that we need to make sure the CEU's are relevant to the field and will strengthen individuals in their practice. Mr. Tarkany asked how LLR verifies that their registrants are meeting the continuing education requirement. Ms. Simpson said applicants must indicate on their signed renewal form that they have met the requirement, and random audits are done on registrants to verify their accuracy.

Mr. Tarkany asked if LLR would support attendance at CLARB Regional and National meetings. Ms. Simpson said they would approve one or two council members and the administrator to attend the meetings.

Ms. Simpson told council that she would forward a draft copy of the new legislation to Ms. Moorer and the council members as soon as it is available. Council thanked her for her time and the information on upcoming changes for the program.

2. Ms. Moorer gave the council members an updated list with their contact information, a current copy of the SC Code of Laws and Code of Regulations, the changes she proposed to the SC Code of Laws for Landscape Architects, and a chart showing the continuing education requirements for states in the Southeast Region. She told council she would keep them apprised of the progress with their potential law change and will notify the registrants when they have more definite information and a timeline for implementation.

Review of Candidates

Council approved candidates as follows:

Candidates for Reciprocity Registration:

1. J. Frank Braxton:
BS Recreation & Park Administration 1975 –
NC State University
Passed UNE – NC – June 1982
NC License #390
RLA – SC License #1082

2. Michael Joseph Dowhan: MLA 1993 – Harvard University
Passed LARE – RI – June 1998
RI License #329
MA License #1323
RLA – SC License #1083
3. David Raymond Gjertson: BSLA 1976 – University of Wisconsin
Passed UNE – MN – June 1981
FL License #1141
RLA – SC License #1091
4. David Plunkett Hill: MLA 1988 – Harvard University
Passed UNE – LA – June 1985
LA License #234
TN License #417
VA License #259
WV License #231
RLA – SC License #1084
5. Christine Churchill Magas: BA Architecture 1993 –
University of North Carolina
Passed LARE – NC – June 2000
NC License #1150
RLA – SC License #1085
6. Lance Brandon Muller: BLA 2002 – University of Georgia
Passed LARE – GA – July 2005
GA License #1424
RLA – SC License #1092
7. Katherine Orff: MLA 1997 – Harvard University
Passed LARE – NY – October 2005
CLARB Council Record #2575
NY License #1993
CT License #1053
NJ License #98300
RLA – SC License #1086
8. Linda J. Sims: BSLA 1985 – Pennsylvania State University
Passed LARE – GA – December 2002
CLARB Council Record #7781
GA License #1315
RLA – SC License #1087
9. Patrea St. John: BLA 1982 – University of Georgia
Passed UNE – GA – June 1985
GA License #701

FL License #LA0001117
NY License #002114-1
RLA – SC License #1088

10. David John Straub:

BLA 1987 – Kansas State University
Passed UNE – NC – June 1990
NC License #740
RLA – SC License #1089

11. Chau Ngo-Phan Wall:

BLA 1999 – University of Georgia
Passed LARE – GA – December 2006
CLARB Council Record #7623
GA License #1473
RLA – SC License #1090

Candidate(s) for Reinstatement:

1. Robert Reid Hewitt:

BLA 1996 – University of California
Passed LARE – CA – June 2004
CA License #5008
RLA – SC License #909

Candidates for Certificate of Authorization:

1. Landarc Associates, Inc.:

RLA – Alissa J. Noguez, SC License #1078
Certificate of Authorization #224C

2. Site Specific Design, LLC:

RLA – Susan B. Robertson, SC License #1074
Certificate of Authorization #225C

3. Tunnell-Spangler-Walsh & Associates:

RLA – Adam Williamson, SC License #1064
Certificate of Authorization #226C

4. Waterman Design Associates, Inc.:

RLA – Michael J. Dowhan, SC License #1083
Certificate of Authorization #227C

Candidates for Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE)

1. Richard Larry Brown:

BLA 2005 – Clemson University

2. Christina Tietje Carlisle:

BLA 2006 – Louisiana State University

3. Cameron B. Clements:

BLA 2007 – University of Georgia

4. Amanda Allen Huggins:

BLA 2005 – Clemson University

5. Townsend Craig Letson:

MLA 2006 – Auburn University

6. Susan Lea Maron:

BLA 2003 – University of Georgia

7. Jordan Thomas Noblin:

BLA 2007 – Clemson University

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| 8. Sean Patrick Paone: | BLA 2000 – Clemson University |
| 9. Andrew Moran Smith: | BLA 2006 – Clemson University |

Disapproved Candidates:

1. Council disapproved Alison M. Felschow for the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE). Ms. Felschow applied to take the March 2009 C/LARE, but she does not have a degree in landscape architecture or any experience under the direct supervision of a registered landscape architect.

Other Business

1. Ms. Moorer showed council the redesigned Certificate of Authorization. She is incorporating digital signatures to speed up the process of printing and mailing the certificates to the firms. She will also redesign the individual certificates. The SC Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism shut down their graphics department, so Mr. McCalla can no longer help with printing these certificates. Ms. Moorer said she would work with the SC Department of Natural Resources – Graphic Section to design a new individual certificate.
2. Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. The meeting will be held at the SC Department of Natural Resources, 1000 Assembly Street, Room 205, Columbia, SC.

There being no further business:

MOTION: Motion to adjourn was made by Parks McLeod. John Tarkany seconded the motion. Council unanimously concurred. The meeting adjourned at 12:35 P.M.