

**SC LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT ADVISORY COUNCIL
1000 ASSEMBLY STREET, ROOM 205
COLUMBIA, SC 29201
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2008
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Members Present:

Mark L. Baker
Morgan D. Grimball (until 10:45 A.M.)
J. Parks McLeod
John A. Tarkany

Others:

Sherri F. Moorner
Derrick Meggie

Chairman Baker called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

MOTION: Motion to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2008 meeting as read was made by Parks McLeod. Morgan Grimball seconded the motion. Council unanimously concurred.

Old Business

1. Mr. Vander Mey notified Ms. Moorner by E-mail that he no longer has time to serve on council and resigned his term on October 21, 2008. His term expires on June 30, 2010. Council nominated the following individuals to fill his unexpired term:

Mary Haque

Barry Anderson

Mr. Baker said he would also like to consider nominees to fill his term on council when it expires on June 30, 2009. Council nominated the following individuals:

Sheila Wertimer

Amanda Barton

Kyle Theodore

New Business

1. Derrick Meggie of the SC Department of Natural Resources – Executive Section informed council that the DNR Board made a motion at their October 16, 2008 meeting to move the SC Landscape Architect and SC Soil Classifiers Registration Programs to the SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. Mr. Meggie will talk to the director and legal staff of Labor, Licensing and Regulation to get feedback on this proposal and find out what kind of setup would be necessary to make the move. The next step would be to draft legislation to move the board to Labor, Licensing and Regulation. Mr. Tarkany asked if there is a possibility that the Landscape

Architect Registration Program will be combined with another board, like the Architecture Board. Mr. Meggie said Labor, Licensing and Regulation would research how other states have their board structured. Mr. Baker asked if it is possible to add a continuing education requirement to our law, since we are already opening it up to revisions. Mr. Meggie said this would be a good time for council to look at the law and make changes to the practice act. If they want to require continuing education, they need to have the statute changed to allow the board to establish the requirement. Once the statute is established, the council can determine the specifics of the requirement. He said this would likely result in a fee increase. Mr. McLeod suggested that this increase could be implemented through the license renewal fees. Mr. Meggie said he would keep Ms. Moorer apprised of his progress with this issue. Currently, there is no specific time frame for this move.

2. Mr. Tarkany gave a report from the CLARB National Meeting. CLARB would like to make efforts to improve their relationship with the individual landscape architects. They would also like to establish more standardized testing through the LARE to make sure the knowledge, skills and abilities they test for are transferrable to every state. They discussed the issue of voting for officers on line or in person and determined that the meetings were the best place to vote because people have the opportunity to meet with the nominees. Mr. Tarkany showed council thumb drives that were distributed with the meeting materials stored on them. CLARB was able to buy the thumb drives at a deep discount because they bought them in bulk, and saved a lot of money by not printing the meeting materials. This was the first paperless meeting and overall it was very successful.

Mr. Tarkany spoke with several members from other states in the region about continuing education. While they were supportive, Mr. Tarkany was informed that the first thing the board needs to do is determine if we have the money, resources, and staff to support such a requirement. For example, North Carolina has a stringent continuing education requirement that takes three committees to run, and 75% of the courses must relate to life, safety and welfare. Mr. Baker suggested opening a dialogue with ASLA and contacting other states to find out about the costs and resources involved in implementing such a requirement. Ms. Moorer said that if the move to Labor, Licensing, and Regulation goes through, they might want the landscape architect program to implement a system similar to other boards within the state, like the architects or engineers. Mr. McLeod agreed that it would be beneficial to keep it uniform with other programs within the state. Perhaps it would provide more credibility for the profession, both with other SC boards and with other landscape architect programs. Currently, SC is one of three or four states that do not have a continuing education requirement. Mr. Tarkany said he would research how other states are handling continuing education and E-mail their requirements to council and Ms. Moorer.

Candidates for Review

Council approved candidates as follows:

Candidates for Registration

1. Joshua D. Dunn: BLA 2004 – University of Georgia
Passed LARE – SC – June 2008
CLARB Council File #5192
RLA – SC License #1068

2. Valerie Forth Foster: BLA 2003 – Clemson University
Passed LARE – SC – September 2008
CLARB Council File #6931
RLA – SC License #1070

3. Kelli Ragan Franklin: BLA 1999 – Auburn University
Passed LARE – SC – June 2008
RLA – SC License #1069

4. Kristina G. Geronilla: MLA 2004 – Virginia Tech
Passed LARE – SC – June 2008
RLA – SC License #1071

5. Margaret Holt Mackintosh: BLA 2004 – NC State University
Passed LARE – SC – September 2008
RLA – SC License #1072

6. Corey D. Mason: BSLA 2006 – Texas A&M University
Passed LARE – NC – June 2008
RLA – SC License #1081

7. Curtis Randall Morin: BLA 2003 – Washington State University
Passed LARE – SC – June 2008
RLA – SC License #1073

8. Susan Bradford Robertson: BLA 1983 – University of Georgia
Passed LARE – SC – June 2008
RLA – SC License #1074

9. Jefferson Ladon Waters:

BLA 1999 – University of Georgia
Passed LARE – SC – June 2008
RLA – SC License #1075

Candidates for Reciprocity Registration

1. John Michael Brock:

BLA 2000 – University of Georgia
Passed LARE – GA – August 2004
GA License #1390
RLA – SC License #1076

2. Michael Duane Browning:

BLA 1978 – University of Georgia
Passed UNE – GA – June 1983
CLARB Council Record #1677
GA License #619
RLA – SC License #1077

3. Thomas Cooper Jones, Jr.:

BLA 2000 – University of Georgia
Passed LARE – GA – December 2005
GA License #1441
AR License #309
RLA – SC License #1080

4. Alissa J. Noguez:

BSLA 1985 – California Polytechnic State
University
Passed UNE – CA – June 1991
CA License #3676
RLA – SC License #1978

5. Mark A. Wilson

BLA 1995 – University of Georgia
Passed LARE – NC – December 2000
CLARB Council Record #2846
NC License #1171
RLA – SC License #1079

Candidate(s) for Reinstatement

1. James Edward Thrower:

BLA 1986 – University of Georgia
Passed UNE – SC – June 1987
RLA – SC License #476

Candidate(s) for Certificate of Authorization Reinstatement

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| 1. WilsonMiller, Inc.: | Steven Paul Sammons
SC License #1066
Certificate of Authorization #175C |
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Candidates for Landscape Architect Registration Exam (LARE)

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| 1. Maya Ararwal: | MLA 2004 – University of Minnesota |
| 2. David Russell Seamon: | BLA 2003 – University of Georgia |
| 3. Kenneth Shaun Tooley: | BLA 2002 – Virginia Tech |
| 4. Catherine Louise Wisian: | BLA 2006 – Kansas State University |

Other Business

1. Ms. Moorer told council there will be a delay in processing their travel reimbursement for this meeting, due to a software conversion in the Accounting Section.
2. Next scheduled meeting: To be announced.

There being no further business:

MOTION: Motion to adjourn was made by Mark Baker. Parks McLeod seconded the motion. Council unanimously concurred. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.