

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS SECTION MEETING

MINUTES

The Landscape Architects Section of the Virginia Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects (APELSCIDLA Board) met on December 13, 2012, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR), 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present:

A. Cabell Crowther
Andrew M. Scherzer

Staff present for all or part of the meeting were:

Justin Garofalo, Board Administrator
Amy Goobic, Administrative Assistant

No representative was present from the Office of the Attorney General.

Mr. Scherzer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m..

Call to Order

Mr. Crowther moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Scherzer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Crowther and Scherzer.

**Approval of
Agenda**

There was no public comment.

Public Comment

The section members discussed proposed changes to ASLA's LAAB accrediting requirements. Specifically, the section members discussed the ASLA's Board of Director's acceptance of a recommendation from the Task Force on Accreditation and Reciprocity to authorize the LAAB to accredit non-degree granting programs.

**Discussion of
Proposed
Changes to
LAAB Scope**

The section members agreed that accrediting non-degree granting programs is not in the best interest of the future of landscape architect licensure. The section members agreed by consensus that a letter be sent to the ASLA expressing their concern that, were the LAAB to accredit non-degree granting programs, future landscape architects may not have the requisite education to competently practice landscape architecture. The section members do not support the proposed change to allow the LAAB standards to include accrediting non-degree granting programs. The Section agreed by consensus to have staff draft a letter to the ASLA, stating that they do not support the changes.

Mr. Scherzer inquired as to whether travel authorizations were approved for board members to attend NCARB and NCEES meetings and conferences. Staff indicated that as NCARB and NCEES typically provide funding for the Executive Director and a board member to attend, they are more likely to be approved than travel funded by the agency.

CLARB Update

There was no other business.

Other Business

Conflict of Interest forms were completed by all members present.

**Conflict of
Interest Forms**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Adjourn

Andrew M. Scherzer, Chair

Gordon N. Dixon, Secretary

DRAFT