

Minutes of the Meeting
State Board for Landscape Architecture
1411 Broadway; Regents' Room
New York, NY 10018

Present: Stacy Paetzel, Chair
Adrienne Weremchuk, Vice Chair
Valerie Aymer (10:28 arrival)
Christine Colley
Nate Harris
Andrew Lavallee
Kimberly Lorenz
Christopher Nolan

Staff: Robert Lopez, Executive Secretary
Marci McKenna, Assistant in Professional
Education

August 16, 2023

OPEN SESSION

1. **Motion:** Harris/Lavallee: That the Board enter Executive Session. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
2. **Motion:** Weremchuk/Lorenz: That the minutes of the April 19, 2023 State Board meeting be approved as written. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
3. **Board Chair Report:** Chair Paetzel stated that the effort to modernize the continuing education (CE) requirements has not sufficiently progressed. The Executive Secretary emailed NYSCLA in late July but did not receive a response regarding status of pending legislation. She asked if any members have connections with NYSCLA and/or ASLA NY to see if an alternative approach may make sense. Member Nolan offered to speak with ASLA NY if it would be of assistance. The Executive Secretary will distribute an executive summary of the key talking points regarding CE modernization to Member Nolan and Vice Chair Weremchuk.
4. **Board Office Report:** The number of landscape architects in New York is at an all-time high. The Executive Secretary mentioned bills of interest pertaining to increased oversight by design professionals on design-build projects, the Department's ongoing efforts at implementing the increased ESOP ownership legislation, and the proposed engineering technology degree bill. He suggested that it may be an appropriate time for the State Board to review the current education requirements at a future meeting to determine if they are still valid.
5. **Old Business:**
Continuing Education Update: Discussed during the Board Chair Report.

Board Member Search: The Executive Secretary thanked Board members for the referrals they had given and several Board members offered additional names for future Board members.

LARE Transition: CLARB has communicated with candidates to try and help them transition without having to repeat content on the LARE. The August 2023 administration is the last time the current exam version will be offered.

2023 CLARB Annual Meeting: The Executive Secretary and Vice Chair Weremchuk will attend the 2023 CLARB Annual Meeting. Highlights of the agenda were discussed. Elections will be held for members of the Leadership Advisory Council, a body which assesses the nominations for CLARB

leadership positions on the Board of Directors and Leadership Advisory Council and produces a slate of qualified candidates. The Board viewed videos of the LAC candidates and chose those for whom NY will vote.

6. **New Business:**

ASLA Annual Meeting CE Review: The Executive Secretary thanked Member Colley, Vice Chair Weremchuk, and Member Lorenz for their hard work in reviewing the continuing education to be offered at the 2023 ASLA Conference. After discussion of the courses brought before the State Board, the following recommendations were made:

FRI-C07 -- OK, no HSW

MON-B02 --OK for HSW

SAT-B04 -- OK, no HSW

The Board accepted the other findings of the committee and thanked them for their work.

Architecture Practice Guidelines Review: The Executive Secretary explained that these were largely based on the Landscape Architecture Practice Guidelines which were updated in 2016. The Board discussed several of the Guidelines but had no suggestions for changes or improvements.

Architecture Exam Policy Changes: The Executive Secretary updated the State Board on emergency regulations enacted in May pertaining to the Architect Registration Examination and implementation of a new score validity policy and ESL accommodations. It is expected that final approval for the regulatory amendments will be granted by the Board of Regents at their September meeting.

CLARB/ICOR Meeting: The Executive Secretary included a summary of this meeting in the Board package. He stated that the work of the group could be most important in helping to define the boundaries of practice overlap between design professions and how that affects public protection.

CLARB Regional Meeting: This meeting will be held virtually on August 22 and all members are welcome to attend. Vice Chair Weremchuk may virtually attend if she is available.

2024 Board Meeting Dates: Dates for 2024 Board meetings in NYC were agreed to as follows: April 17, August 14, and December 4, all in NYC.

7. **Motion:** Colley/Aymer moved to adjourn. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Next meeting Wednesday, November 29, 2023; in NYC

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Lopez, RA
Executive Secretary

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1. The Board discussed experience for a candidate who was employed by a professional engineering firm and who was a “consultant resident engineer” to a government agency. Given that the candidate performed services related to landscape architecture such as the interpretation of drawings and management of construction, the Board recommended that credit as related experience under a professional engineer could be awarded. Members Weremchuk and Lavallee abstained from the final recommendation.
2. Motion: Weremchuk/Lorenz: That the minutes of the April 19, 2023 State Board meeting be approved as written. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
3. Motion: Colley/Harris: That the Board resume the Open Session. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

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