



## KC APA Board Meeting

Monday  
March 24, 2014  
4:30 PM

KCAIA Office  
1801 McGee, Suite 100  
Kansas City, MO 64108

Attendees:

Diane Binckley  
Stephen Lachky  
Amanda Anderson  
Shawn Strate  
Ryan McKay  
Vanessa Spartan  
Doug Hermes  
Tobias Thompson  
Shawn Partain

Absent:

Jim Potter  
Kathy Kem  
Shannon Jaax

### Meeting Minutes

- **Approval of Minutes** – February  
Motion by Amanda to approve, second by Vanessa, approved unanimously.
- **Treasurer's Report** – K. Kem  
Kathy sent out the report prior to meeting, includes payments to Teocali and Go Daddy. There was a \$170 profit on the Boulevard event. There are still several sponsors who have not yet paid.
- **Committee Activities**
  - Programs/Professional Development Committee – S. Lachky
    - Symposium: June 13, with Carol Coletta as speaker. Stephen is in contact with Carol's assistant regarding the speaking fee and schedule.
    - KC Design Week Recap: Diane reported that the event was so well attended that there weren't enough lunches. The content was mostly for landscape architects, but was one of the best sessions of the week.
    - Speed Networking: Good event; thank you notes have been sent to all volunteers. There have been discussions about ways to improve the event next year, such as by including a resume workshop.
    - Boulevard Event Recap: There were 101 attendees. No photos were taken at Boulevard event; consider hiring a photographer next year.
    - May Event: Walking tour of streetcar line, being coordinated by Joe. Shawn will check with KCRTA as they are planning a similar event.

- 4th Internship fair: Shannon is looking for more organizations in addition to the 10 that are now involved. Many organizations already have interns lined up.
- Communications Committee – A. Anderson/S. Strate:
  - Newsletter status – Next deadline March 26<sup>th</sup>. Include recaps of recent events on newsletter. Stephen has typed up a recap of the Speed Networking. Ryan and Doug will provide info on legislative updates. Include a “save the date” for the streetcar walking tour; Joe can provide some text. Shannon will provide another piece on MindMixer.
- Development Committee – J. Potter:
  - Sponsorship for 2014 request: No discussion.
- Public Outreach/Education Committee
  - Public Official Training – D. Hermes / D. Binckley: Good response from MARC survey of planners; still need to meet to figure out details. The training will just include Planning Commissioners at this point; Ryan suggested expanding to Board of Zoning Appeals in the future. This might be a track for the bi-state conference. Doug and Diane will discuss budget and other ideas and bring item to the board.
- Legislative Committee- D. Hermes/R. McKay:
  - Kansas anti-sustainability bill didn’t make it out of committee. Ryan has a list of other items and will provide an update. Missouri telecom bills approved and sent to governor who will sign. The bills restrict the ability of local government to regulate cell towers. Look for briefs and summaries about the impact, from lawyers and the Missouri Municipal League.
- **Other Business**
  - Mind Mixer Survey – S. Jaax: Low participation so far. Board needs to get active on the website to spur interest. More questions will be added that can lead to more discussion.
  - Membership trends – D. Binckley: Missouri APA chapter continues to lose membership. Shawn will review recent and historical membership lists to determine the changes in membership levels, types, and locations. Membership loss in Kansas has been less noticeable, but will review those numbers also.
  - Internship Fair – S. Jaax: 10 employers are participating; everything is set up and ready to go.
  - Student scholarship to national APA conference – S. Partain & T. Thompson: Five students are planning to go to Atlanta.
  - Annual contract for office space: Jim and Diane will meet with Dawn to finalize the contract before the next Board meeting.
  - UMKC AUPD – Funds for Summer Camp, Scholarship, Volunteers discussion/ decision: Vanessa has drafted an application and reviewed with the Board.

There are two \$500 scholarships annually, one for a junior and one for a senior. It was determined that KCAPA Board should be involved in the selection process. Students can be recognized in a newsletter and at the annual event. Some minor changes to the form were made. The amount will be determined annually; no update to bylaws needed. The scholarship will go through Financial Aid at university first, for enrollment costs, then disburse what is left over. Vanessa will coordinate with UMKC and will make changes per comments and redistribute to the board.

- Bi-State Conference – Little to report; still planning for Fall 2015. Ryan made comments based on Kansas APA feedback and expressed interest in participating on the committee.
- APA Missouri Chapter Advocacy Committee – Jaax: Diane offered to reach out to Dustin Smith to see if interested in representing the KCAPA section. Group agreed that the representative should come to board meetings to discuss any position that might be taken prior to participating.
- Consolidated elections: Ryan reported that KS is participating in the consolidated elections with National. MO is considering. Group questioned how this affects the section. If the Section were affected, then the bylaws would need to be amended to align with national.
- UMKC students presented their project which they intend to present at the national conference. The board provided feedback.

## **Adjourn**

**Next Meeting: Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30PM**

Respectfully submitted,



Shawn Strate  
KC-APA Secretary