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Potomac Chapter ASLA - EXCOMM Meeting Monday May 19, 2008

Attendees:

Ron Kagawa	Karen Kumm-Morris
Marci Drury	Melissa Rainer
Lisa Siri	Mike Hill
Lamuel Hancock	

Presidents Report: Ron Kagawa

- Members-at-Large: ExComm wants to find members who are reliable and will show up to monthly meetings and participate.
- ASLA Green Roof Question: Years ago the chapter pledged \$1000 toward the national green roof. We are going to pay this year to make true to our pledge. Ron is to send information to Lisa S.
- R. Tilson: Ron Tilson is running for national president. ExComm suggests sending out an email to the chapter informing the members that he is on the ballot and is in the Potomac Chapter.

President -Elect's Report: Karen Kumm-Morris

- NLAM Follow up: The content of the event was what we were striving for. The turn out was good for the issues that we had prior. People might have thought the speakers were boring. Having speakers who can attract more people shouldn't be a problem for next years event. We will be having contemporary big names. Expenses were for caterer, Brookside, and tent rental (\$500 credit).
- Bill Thompson wants to do a write up about major landscape architecture projects. Possibly have national backing and sponsorship.
- Consolidation of Committees: Karen to email out list for electronic vote. Email due by next Tuesday (May 27).

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Siri:

Taxes are supposed to be filed this month. Lisa has filed for an extension.

The money market has \$31,705.65

Non Profit checking is \$15,678.47

Scholarship has \$23,058.58

Total: \$70,442

Lisa is to set up meeting for Don from Smith and Barney to attend our next meeting.

Secretary's Report: Marci Drury:

- 2 new members and 2 lapses members.
- Marci to send Mike list of student members.
- Read results of lapsed member's survey. Results were minimal. Received one response from about 15 surveys.
- Check to see if Rachel Newhouse is a member and on the email list.

Trustees Report: Faye Harwell

We passed around Faye's report from the National Trustees Meeting.

Student Chapter Report:

- The student chapter held a blood drive in the beginning of April. It was organized by the vice president of the chapter and they worked together with the AIS student chapter. The turn out was small. The VT Northern Virginia alumni chapter set up the blood drive and would like more time to plan the next one.
- Movie night at Morgan State was on April 17. They showed films that the Potomac Chapter bought and donated to the students. Tours were held at Cylburn Arboretum in Baltimore who supplies plants for the city of Baltimore. Bio-habitats and Mahan-Rykiel were also toured. The attendance was good but there weren't many VT students in attendance.
- Student Reception for thesis students was held this month. There was a big turn out but a challenging budget. Facility made donations to the student chapter to cover expenses for the event.
- Ron, Mike and Lamuel had a discussion prior to the meeting to discuss ways to get more money coming into the student chapter. Possible suggestion is to access the student fees at the university. They would like to find a dedicated funding source. Members of the student chapter would like to attend the August retreat to propose events for the year and set three-way funds needed (Potomac chapter, VT and student chapter). They would like to hold a fundraising event in August or September off campus and charge a small fee. With funds they would like to send 2-3 students to LaBash, the national convention and the holiday banquet.
- Student members are to research and compare other schools to gain information on how much money other programs are getting.

Old Business:

Website: Melissa has found a few alternatives for our current website hosting. For a web hosting service where we can make changes, it costs \$50 a month. Content management is another option which costs \$2,000. And a \$5,000 option allows everyone to have easy access to the website to make changes.

Karen tasks everyone to come up with ideas to energize the website for the next meeting.

New Business:

- Happy Hour is on June 19 at LAB in D.C. Lisa is to see if Amy needs any help with final coordination.
- Lisa D volunteered to chair the nominating committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm. Motioned my Marci and Seconded by Lisa S. Next meeting is June 23 at RHI.