

Texas Society of Architects Winter Board of Directors Meeting

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Friday, January 22, 2010.

The 2010 TSA winter board meeting was held at Sutton Hall at UT Austin Jan. 22-23. Highlights included a tour of the historic campus by Lawrence Speck Dean of Architecture.

Treasurer's Report

Wolf gave overview of the state of the Society's financial condition and noted the organization is in good financial condition due to the work by the 2009 Finance Committee and staff resulting in a surplus of unrestricted funds at the end of 2009.

Briefly reviewed Profit/Loss Analysis for 2009, Statement of Financial Position for 2009, and 2010 Budget, included in the board packet. Noted the 2010 Budget is listed as "Proposed" but is, in fact, Adopted. TSA is over half way to reaching goal of 50% of annual budget reserve fund.

Fundraising Request: Lancaster requested that board members solicit two sponsors at \$350 each for continuing education sessions at the Society's October convention. More information will be issued at spring meeting.

1. Annual Board Responsibilities



Student Union across from Architecture Building

Board appointee to the 2010 Nominating Committee

Lancaster noted the 2009 Nominating Committee did not recommend a fifth voting member for the 2010 Nominating Committee as described on page 6 of the board packet, therefore he requested three or four volunteers to identify a representative from the Board to be elected at the April meeting. Volunteers are: Tommy Upchurch, Val Glitsch, and Rob Clark.



Administration Building



Tour by Lawrence Speck 1

Board Policies

Lancaster reviewed Conflict of Interest Policy, Antitrust Policy, and Whistleblower Policy included in the board packet. Requested board members return signed copies of Conflict of Interest and Antitrust acknowledgement forms to staff.

2. Discussion: Historic Resources Committee - Chair, James Nader

James Nader gave a recap of the situation concerning the status of the Governor's Mansion restoration project and the subsequent fire, supplemented by a written report included in the Board packet.

Nader offered a draft resolution for discussion and consideration. A motion to approve the resolution will be tabled until tomorrow's session.



New AT&T Center

Lancaster suggested the resolution be issued along with a cover letter to the State Preservation Board (SPB) and the Texas Historical Commission (THC); with courtesy copies sent to the *Austin American-Statesman*, Texas Heritage Society, Texas Antiquities Committee and *Texas Architect*.

Saturday, January 23, 2010.

3. *Continued:* Historic Resources Committee sponsored Resolution

The Board approved the following Resolution (2010-01R):

Supporting Transparent Processes On Certain Public Projects

Whereas Texas' State Preservation Board (SPB) has been entrusted by the citizens of Texas through their legislative body with the custody and stewardship of three real properties, two of which, the Texas State Capitol and Governor's Mansion, are of incalculable importance to the identity and heritage of our state government, and

Whereas the SPB proposed to enlarge the existing 1856 Abner Cook-designed Governor's Mansion in order to meet the requirements of a program whose origin and implementation have been developed with little or no public comment or participation, which has lead to a significant lack of

confidence in the decisions related to the project, and



Historic Waggener Hall

Whereas there is significant consternation on the part of the memberships of many preservation-related organizations within our state, including the Texas Society of Architects (TSA), since the significance and value of the Governor's Mansion, as one of only two National Historic Landmarks in Texas under the SPB's purview, to the heritage of our State is far too great for there to be any lack of confidence in the processes by which it is restored and maintained,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: *The Texas Society of Architects, whose Mission is to be "the voice for Texas architecture in creating safe, beautiful and sustainable environments," commends the State Preservation Board's decision to withdraw from consideration the previously recommended extension to the Governor's Mansion because of the confusion and controversy that has surrounded the process by which the project was programmed and a design solution developed; and,*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: *The Texas Society of Architects publicly affirms its belief that the protection of recognized historically significant public structures can be ensured only through appropriate,*

transparent processes that use the best professional expertise available, free of personal and political pressures. ("Appropriate, transparent processes" are those where the rules are established in advance, and the best-qualified providers to meet the requirements of a clear, publicly established need are used for that purpose.) The Society also recommends that when this project is further considered, the Preservation Board adhere to such appropriate and transparent processes for this and all other projects under its custodial care. The Texas Society of Architects looks forward to participating in the appropriately programmed restoration of the Governor's Mansion as it proceeds expeditiously.

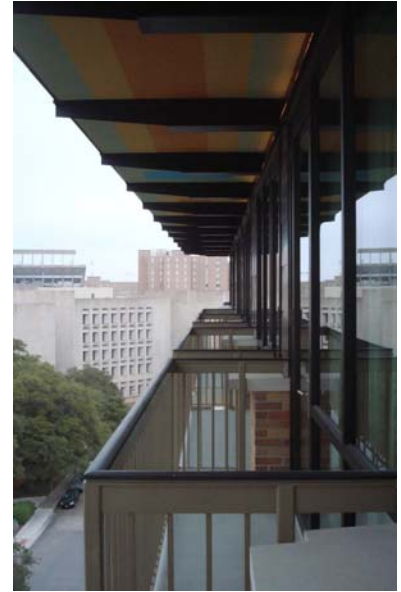
4. Government Affairs Steering Committee (GASCOM)

A. Speck introduced a revision of the previously tabled position statement originally initiated by GASCOM during the October 2009 Board Meeting. GASCOM Chair Debra Dockery provided summary of meeting between GASCOM, Sustainable Environment and Codes & Standards committee members to bring forward the revised position statement for board approval.

The Board hereby approves the following Position Statement (2010-01PS):

Sustainable Standards

The Texas Society of Architects/AIA (TSA) supports sustainable building initiatives and standards; therefore, we recommend TSA participate in discussions influencing development of sustainable standards, guidelines and codes.



New AT&T Center



Sustainable Materials lab addition

B. Speck reviewed the background of the AIA 2030 Initiative and asked the Board to begin thinking and discussing if the Society should undertake action specific to this initiative.

5. Briefing on International Green Construction Code (IgCC) Development



Campus Tour

Lancaster noted TSA's participation through Codes and Standards Committee in monitoring the drafting of the International Green Construction Code (IgCC).

A. Lancaster introduced guests Kurt Cooknick and Ravi Shah who discussed the development process of IgCC. Both speakers encouraged TSA to remain engaged in the IgCC development process.



Lawrence Speck and TSA President Heather McKinney

B. The final meeting in the development of IgCC will be held January 28, 2010, with final draft due in November 2010 and published for use in March of 2012.

6. AIA Regional Directors'

A. Durand-Hollis summarized actions from the AIA Board meeting December 2009, noting potential AIA Bylaws changes to be presented at the convention in June which include: dues payment plan; new designation of "AIA International"; and Associate AIA members able to serve as AIA Regional Directors.

B. Griggs reviewed actions of the National Associates Committee (NAC) and emphasized changes related to the Regional Associates Director (RAD) term of service with the NAC. The NAC annual meeting will now coincide with the National convention that is held typically mid-year. The RAD's term of service would also begin at that time, conflicting with the current calendar year term of service.

7. The Board convened into discussion groups.

8. Hart gave a brief update on the January 22 architect/engineer Joint Advisory Committee meeting he attended noting the discussion focused on a resolution to the Texas architects and engineers practice conflict.



Historic Details

ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Board subcommittee: Lancaster, Upchurch, Glitsch and Clark to set meeting (teleconference) to undertake task to recommend a nominee for the Board-appointed fifth voting member of the 2010 Nominating Committee, for approval at the April Board Meeting.
- 2) Policies: Board members return signed Conflict of Interest and Antitrust acknowledgements to TSA.
- 3) McKinney and Lancaster: Send Resolution on Transparent Process with Cover Letter to appropriate entities.
- 4) Board members: review the AIA 2030 Initiative materials for future discussion.
- 5) TSA to monitor the IgCC development process.
- 6) Staff to review NAC term change for Regional Associates Directors (RAD) for possible effect on TSA procedures/bylaws regarding the RAD position on the TSA Board.



Historic Campus with construction crane



State of Texas Capitol Dome