



## OHIO BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT EXAMINERS

Meeting Date: May 18, 2012

The Meeting was called to order at 9:05 A.M. by President Behnke in Room East B on the 31st floor of the Riffe Center.

### 1. ATTENDANCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Present: Lee Behnke, President; Patrick Beam; Secretary, Tim Schmalenberger, Amy M. Kobe, Executive Director; Cheryl Thaxton, Administrative Assistant; Chad Holland, Investigator; Barry McKew, Asst. Attorney General.

Absent: Louis Capobianco

Guests: Jeannie Martin-OCASLA and Scott Sonnenberg

Scott Sonnenberg has been reappointed to the Board; however, is unable to vote until all the paperwork has been received and completed.

### 2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.

On motion by Mr. Beam, second by Mr. Schmalenberger and a vote of 3-0, the Consent Agenda was approved.

- A. MINUTES- February 3, 2012
- B. BUDGET FINANCE- Financial Status Report
- C. REGISTRATION.
  - 1. Certification to CLARB -None presented at this meeting
  - 2. Reciprocal Registration



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<u>Cert. No.</u>	<u>Name</u>
1262	HEIBERT, John W.
1263	ROACH, Jeremy D.
1266	GREGORY, Robbin L.
1267	BOLINGER, Jeffrey L.
1268	CIRRITO, Vincent A.

3. Reinstatements-None

4. Ratification of Registration-Examination-None

<u>Cert. No.</u>	<u>Name</u>
1259	DUGAN, Elizabeth A.
1260	EGBERT, Brett R.
1261	MEARS, Michael R.
1264	FRANCIS, Brandon
1265	RUTH, Maisha

### D. EXAMINATION

1. New Applications-None

### F. CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORIZATION

#### 1. Applications

The following landscape architecture firms have applied for registration to practice in the state of Ohio. They have met all of the ownership requirements, and have shown proof of registration with the Ohio Secretary of State. These have been reviewed by the investigator for the Board and approved by the Executive Director. Formal certificates have been issued. The board's approval ratifies those actions.

CEI ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES INC.  
UPSTUDIO LANDSCAPES, LLC  
SWA GROUP  
VISIONSCAPES LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, INC.  
RETTEW ASSOCIATES INC.



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### 3. REPORTS

A. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**- Director Kobe submitted a written report. She added that a proposal has been submitted to CLARB to do a presentation at the Annual meeting in September.

B. **CLARB**- Mr. Schmalenberger reported that he recently toured the new CLARB offices in Reston, VA. Noted the facility was in a better location, near the new transit stop that is under construction and due to the market was less expensive and has a little room for growth. Noted two mega issues CLARB is studying, first is Standard Setting on a Global Scale based on the many requests CLARB has received from other countries looking to establish certification standards for Landscape Architects. The CLARB BOD authorized staff to explore this opportunity through a pilot program to study the pros and cons of expanding the LARE internationally. One challenge will be translation of the LARE for different languages if the pilot program proves successful. The second mega issue is Member Engagement on Critical CLARB Issues in order to continue to do their business as well as achieve the organization's strategic goals. It is a challenge when so many member boards have travel restrictions. There has been good feedback on the pre-meeting conference calls that have been used recently, but yet some member boards still do not participate. The CLARB BOD authorized staff to develop further the electronic ability to engage the member boards remotely.

C. **OCASLA**- Jeannie Martin attended on behalf of the association. In April, the Ohio Chapter celebrated Olmstead's birthday in Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Dayton. They passed out walking maps in Columbus Commons in the evening promoting Landscape Architects. Jeannie Attended Chapter President's Council National Advocacy Day in Washington, DC. They met with Sherrod Brown who supports the ASLA's position on the Transportation Enhancement Bill, as does Sen. Portman. Cong. Mike Turner is also a strong supporter.

This year's Annual Meeting had 168 attendees. OCASLA is down to 279 members. Highest membership was 320. National has challenged the state chapter to obtain 14 new members.

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

1. **PLA Designation**- On motion by Mr. Schmalenberger, second by Mr. Behnke, the Board voted to amend the statute to include the Professional Landscape Architect Designation. The motion passed by a 3-0 vote.



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## Executive Director Report May 18, 2012

### CLARB Spring Meeting:

Along with Tim Schmalenberger, I attended the Spring Meeting from February 23 – 25. I co-presented, along with several other MBE's, a seminar on structured internships. See the separate report on the meeting outcomes.

### MBE Committee:

The CLARB MBE Committee has a conference call scheduled for May 23.

### KSA Presentation:

Tim Schmalenberger and I met with the students in the Landscape Architecture Professional Practice class at Ohio State. We presented the Welfare and Determinants of Success studies and answered questions about registration.

### OCASLA Annual Meeting presentation:

Our proposal to share the Welfare Study at the OCASLA Annual Meeting was accepted, and Tim Schmalenberger and I did a presentation at yesterday's Annual Meeting.

### Rules:

The rules from the five year rule review will be final filed on May 21.

### Statutes:

I met with Senator Tim Schaffer on May 2. He is willing to sponsor our bill.



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5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-None

6. ENFORCEMENT-

Mr. Schmalenberger moved the Board go into executive session, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 121.22 (G) 3, for the purpose of discussing pending or imminent litigation. Mr. Beam seconded the motion which passed by a roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Beam	Yes
Mr. Capobianco	Absent
Mr. Behnke	Yes
Mr. Schmalenberger	Yes

The Board returned to regular session at 10:09 AM.

### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS

1. File # 2012-1 On motion by Mr. Schmalenberger, second by Mr. Beam, the Board voted to accept the Settlement Agreement. The motion was passed by a 3-0 vote.
2. File # 2012-2 On motion by Mr. Schmalenberger, second by Mr. Beam, the Board voted to accept the Settlement Agreement. The motion was passed by a 3-0 vote.
3. File # 2012-4 On motion by Mr. Schmalenberger, second by Mr. Beam, the Board voted to accept the Settlement Agreement. The motion was passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. File # 2012-5 On motion by Mr. Schmalenberger, second by Mr. Beam, the Board voted to accept the Settlement Agreement. The motion was passed by a 3-0 vote.

### NEW CASES-

1. File # 2012-3: Mr. Beam abstained; therefore no action was taken on this case due to lack of quorum.



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2. File # 2012-9: Mr. Behnke abstained; therefore no action was taken due to lack of quorum
3. File # 2012-18: On motion by Mr. Beam, second by Mr. Schmalenberger, the Board voted to issue a notice of opportunity with a Settlement Agreement with offer to surrender firm and individual license. In the event license is reinstated at a later time, it will be required that a \$1,500 fine be paid in addition to the back fees for the period of time the license has been lapsed and to complete the CE hours as required. Motion passed by a 3-0 vote.
4. File # 2012-19: On motion by Mr. Beam, second by Mr. Schmalenberger, the Board voted to issue a notice of opportunity with a Settlement Agreement with offer of \$1,500 fine and completion of an Ethics course. Payment is to be made within 6 months. Motion passed by a 3-0 vote.
5. File # 2012-20: On motion by Mr. Beam, second by Mr. Schmalenberger, the Board voted to issue a notice of opportunity with a Settlement Agreement with offer of \$500 fine, and completion of an Ethics course. Fine is to be paid within 2 months. Motion passed by a 3-0 vote.
6. File # 2012-21: On motion by Mr. Beam, second by Mr. Schmalenberger, the Board voted to issue a notice of opportunity with a Settlement Agreement with offer of \$500 fine, and completion of an Ethics course; fine to be paid within 2 months. Motion passed by a 3-0 vote.
7. File # 2012-24: Mr. Schmalenberger abstained; no action was taken due to lack of quorum.
8. File # 2012-25: Mr. Behnke abstained; no action was taken due to lack of quorum.
9. File # 2012-26: On motion by Mr. Beam, second by Mr. Schmalenberger, the Board voted to issue a notice of opportunity with a Settlement Agreement with offer of \$1,500 fine, complete deficient hours of CE, and completion of an Ethics course. Fine is to be paid within 6 months. Motion passed by a 3-0 vote.



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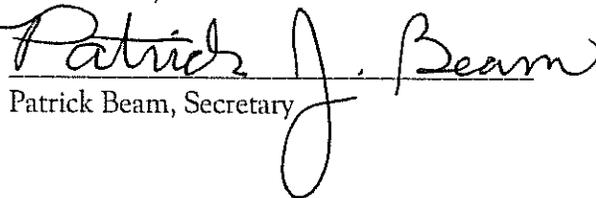
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10. File # 2012-27: On motion by Mr. Beam, second by Mr. Schmalenberger, the Board voted to issue a notice of opportunity with a Settlement Agreement with offer of \$500 fine, completion of deficient CE hours, and completion of an Ethics course. Fine is to be paid within 2 months. Motion passed by a 3-0 vote.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board at this time, Mr. Beam moved the meeting be adjourned at 10:20 am. Mr. Schmalenberger seconded the motion which passed by a 3-0 vote.

  
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Lee Behnke, President

  
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Patrick Beam, Secretary