

**MINUTES**

**UTAH LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT  
LICENSING BOARD  
MEETING**

**September 11, 2012**

**Room 474 – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 2:00 P.M.  
Heber M. Wells Building  
160 East 300 South  
Salt Lake City, Utah**

**CONVENED:** 2:00 P.M.

**ADJOURNED:** 3:16 P.M.

**Bureau Manager:**

Richard J. Oborn

John Ellsworth, Chairperson  
Gregory Jolley  
Kevin Astill  
Troy Herold

**Board Members Absent:**

Lars Anderson

**Guests:**

Cody Brazell, Utah ASLA  
Dr. Sean Michael, USU Landscape Architect and Env.  
Planning, participated over the phone

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION.**

**DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

**Minutes**

The Board reviewed the minutes dated May 2, 2012. Mr. Astill motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Jolley. The motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. ASLA consideration of proposal to extend scope of LAAB accreditation to include certificate programs

The Board reviewed ASLA consideration of proposal to extend scope of LAAB accreditation to include certificate programs. The Board expressed several concerns regarding this change:

1. *Utah has a path to license in place for any individual from any state not holding an accredited degree in landscape architect.*
2. *The potential negative repercussion on existing accredited landscape architecture degree – granting institutions.*

3. *The potential to weaken the landscape architecture licensing process.*
4. *The current process of reciprocal licensure among states is working and there is no clearly established significant need to change the current system.*

Mr. Astill motioned to notify ASLA that the Utah Board does not support a proposal to extend scope of LAAB accreditation to include certificate programs, seconded by Mr. Herold. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Report from Greg Jolley regarding CLARB Annual Meeting

Mr. Jolley reviewed issues discussed at the CLARB Annual Meeting including PLA designation, the new CLARB exam, and CE requirements.

Mr. Oborn reviewed the transition to new CE requirements since May 31, 2012 end of license renewal cycle with the Board. Mr. Oborn noted that ASLA has been the only group to request for funds for help with covering the cost of offering continuing education courses. The Board would like to see other groups request funds from the Education and Enforcement Fund to help licensees complete CE credits.

The Board discussed additional use of the Education and Enforcement Fund. The Board feels it is worthwhile to send the same Board member to the different meetings to keep consistency with one person attending the meetings.

3. Update regarding transition to new CE requirements since May 31, 2012 end of license renewal cycle

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that as of September 4, 2012, there are 367 licensed landscape architects in Utah and 53 landscape architects licenses expired May 31, 2012. Most of these are out of state. The Board discussed the possibility of doing more education regarding the CE requirement.

4. Upcoming changes to Board membership

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that names of individuals that have been nominated has been forwarded to the Governor's office. There has not been an appointment made yet.

**BOARD MEETINGS:**

**The next Board meeting is scheduled:  
March 13, 2013**

2013 Board meetings have been tentatively scheduled:  
March 13, October 16

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 3:16 P.M.

*Note: This report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript, but is intended to record the significant features of what was discussed in the meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily arranged in chronological order.*

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Chairperson, Landscape Architect Licensing Board

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Date

(ss) \_\_\_\_\_  
Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &  
Professional Licensing

Awaiting Approval