

MISSISSIPPI LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAAC)

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

January 22, 2020, 10:04 AM

Ridgeland, Mississippi

Members Present: Jon Milstead (by teleconference), Gary Haygood, Alan Hoops, and Jim Jackson

Also Present: Ellie Word and John Cothron

With a quorum present, Mr. Jackson called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item	Explanation	Actions Taken/Planned
1. Officer Elections	Mr. Jackson announced the need for officer elections in light of Chris Hoffman's recent resignation from the LAAC.	<p>Motion was made by Mr. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Hoops to elect Mr. Jackson as Chair. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motion was made by Mr. Hoops and seconded by Mr. Milstead to elect Mr. Haygood as Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Mr. Jackson stated that he would check on the status of nominations for Chris Hoffman's position.</p>
2. Minutes		Motion was made by Mr. Milstead and seconded by Mr. Haygood to approve the minutes from the November 2019 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Approval of Certificates		Motion was made by Mr. Milstead and seconded by Mr. Haygood to approve certificates issued since the October 2019 meeting (attached). The motion passed unanimously.
4. CEU Hardship Exemption Request	Members reviewed a continuing education hardship exemption request submitted by Leslie A. Dean. Mr. Cothron noted that Mr. Dean had requested and received exemptions for his 2013 and 2015 renewals for similar hardships.	Motion was made by Mr. Haygood and seconded by Mr. Milstead to grant an exemption to Mr. Dean for his 2019 renewal, but to state that exemptions will not be granted to Mr. Dean in the future unless he submits documentation from a physician that his condition has substantially worsened. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Cothron stated that he would also provide Mr. Dean with a list of CEU providers that offer continuing education courses at little or no cost.
5. Late CEU Fine Process	Mr. Cothron reported that the Attorney General's office recently determined, in reviewing rules presented to the Occupational Licensing Review Commission (OLRC), that the Board lacks statutory authority to assess a penalty for late continuing	Motion was made by Mr. Haygood and seconded by Mr. Hoops to issue letters of admonition for late continuing education hour violations and to assess fines based on the existing formula in Rule 4.7: Base penalty of \$200.00 + (\$25 penalty x number of CEUs late x number of months late). The fine would be capped at

	<p>education hours through the renewal process. He outlined a proposed process to assess fines for failure to complete continuing education hours in the prescribed period, in which a consent agreement would be sent with a notice of violation. Such actions would not be reported to CLARB or other jurisdictions.</p>	<p>\$400.00. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
6. Rulemaking Update	<p>Mr. Cothron reported that rule revisions approved by the LAAC in October and November 2019 will soon be filed for public comment.</p>	
7. Legislative Update	<p>Mr. Cothron reviewed Senate Bill 2117, which would amend <i>Miss. Code Ann.</i> § 73-50-1 to require prompt licensure (within 4 months) for military spouse applicants and to require issuance of a temporary practice permit for military-trained or military spouse applicants if the application requires longer than 2 weeks to process. He reported that this bill would have minimal impact on the Board of Architecture (BOA) and its committees since applications are already processed within these timeframes.</p> <p>Mr. Cothron reported that legislation proposed by the Board is currently on hold pending further discussion by the BOA.</p>	
8. Firm Ownership Discussion	<p>Members discussed the firm ownership requirements in <i>Miss. Code Ann.</i> § 73-1-19.</p> <p>Mr. Jackson reviewed reasons why the landscape architecture program at Mississippi State University is housed within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences rather than the College of Architecture, Art and Design. The Department of Landscape Architecture has elected to remain within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in part because this provides more funding for research and scholarships.</p>	<p>The consensus of the LAAC was to continue dialogue and build relationships with the BOA. Members expressed their desire to form a subcommittee composed of members of the LAAC and the BOA to discuss issues common to both professions. Mr. Hoops and Mr. Haygood volunteered to serve on this subcommittee, if one is formed. Mr. Cothron stated that he would communicate this information to the BOA at their next meeting.</p>
9. ASLA Twin States Conference		<p>By consensus, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Haygood were designated to attend the ASLA Twin States Conference in Tupelo on March 5-7, 2020.</p>

10. Meeting Schedule	Mr. Cothron noted that the next LAAC meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2020.	
11. Open Discussion	Continuing education audits were distributed to members to review.	Members reviewed and approved a reciprocity application for William A. Hargrove.


There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with unanimous consent at 11:47 AM.

4/28/20

Date Approved by MSBOA



Jim Jackson, Chair, LAAC



Gary Haygood, Secretary, LAAC



Prepared by John Cothron, Executive Director, on 1/23/20

Landscape Architect Certificates Issued for Approval			
Lic Number	Name	License Date	Method
709	Jon Fritz Breckon	1/7/2020	RECIPROCITY
707	Jordan Loch Crabtree	10/16/2019	RECIPROCITY
141	Cullen Alan Ray	1/6/2020	REINSTATEMENT
708	Michelle Ye	12/30/2019	RECIPROCITY