

ACSP Business Meeting Minutes

Saturday, November 7, 1998

Pasadena, California

Member schools present: University of Arizona, University of California (Berkeley), California Polytechnic State University, University of Cincinnati, University of Colorado, Florida State University, Florida Atlantic University, Georgia Institute of Technology, University of Illinois - Chicago, University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign, Iowa State University, University of Kansas, Indiana University, University of Maryland, University of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Memphis State University, Michigan State University, University of New Orleans, State University of New York at Albany, State University of New York at Buffalo, University of Oregon, University of Pennsylvania, Portland State University, Pratt Institute, University of Rhode Island, Rutgers University, University of Southern California, Texas A & M University, University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Wayne State University, University of Wisconsin - Madison, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee.

Affiliate schools present: Appalachian State University.

Corresponding schools present: University of Manitoba, Ryerson Polytechnic University.

Meeting was called to order by President Rosenbloom at 5:20 pm.

Roll was taken by schools signing-in. A total of 35 member schools were represented at the meeting. A quorum of 28 was required to conduct business.

The minutes from the last ACSP Business meeting which took place in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on November 8, 1997 were passed out and reviewed.

Motion: to accept the minutes as written was moved by Ann Forsyth and seconded by Ed Blakely. The motion passed without dissent.

President Rosenbloom summarized the actions of the Executive Committee meeting that took place Wednesday, November 4, 1998.

Bruce Stiffler was elected President-elect this year. As a result according to the ACSP Constitution, Bruce will have to step down as Vice President in order to assume the position of President-elect. The Executive Committee does have the right to replace members through appointment. President Rosenbloom brought forward the recommendation of Wim Wiewel to replace Bruce as Vice President. This appointment will last for approximately one year until the election of a new Vice

President. The Executive Committee approved the appointment of Wim Wiewel as Vice President for a one year term.

Gary Hack is cycling off as a member of the Planning Accreditation Board. He will be replaced by Fritz Steiner from Arizona State University.

The Service Recognition Committee chaired by Chuck Connerly has recommended the development of a series of service awards in addition to Jay Chatterjee Distinguished Service Award.

Selection of Hosts for the ACSP Conferences in 2001 and 2002 have been approved. Based on the recommendation of the conference committee, the Executive Committee selected Cleveland as the conference site for 2001. The host school is Cleveland State University and the Conference Chair is Dennis Keating. The theme for the Cleveland conference is Central Cities, Suburbs, Regions: Urban Sprawl, Growth Management and Regional Planning. The conference site for 2002 is Baltimore. The host schools are Morgan State University and the University of Maryland. The conference chairs are James Cohen from University of Maryland and Siddartha Sen from Morgan State University. The conference theme is Rethinking the Post Industrial City: Community, Diversity and Change.

It has been agreed by the Executive Committee to work with AESOP to develop a joint congress in 2003. This will be the only conference that ACSP will sponsor in 2003. This joint conference will be held in Europe and the AESOP has been notified that in selecting a site they must keep in mind two critical points: (1) that the site chosen must be inexpensive and convenient from North America and (2) it must be a site of interest to North Americans.

The Ph.D. Committee has been charged with the following duties:

1. examine developing a summer school for Ph.D. students similar to AESOPs';
2. examine and identify sources of funding to assist Ph.D. students to attend summer schools; and
3. examine other ways besides conferences which would permit the exchange of Ph.D. students between Europe and North America.

A third ACSP Interest Group has been created. The first two Interest Groups were the Computer and the Faculty Women Interest Group. The third Interest Group is the Global Perspectives in Planning Education and is co-chaired by Ruth Yabes and Trid Banerjee.

The Academy and the Profession Committee currently chaired by Wim Wiewel examines ways to strengthen planning programs within universities. Its role is to help respond to programs and schools subject to possible closing. To that end one of

the activities this committee hosts is the Administrators Conference. The Administrators Conference will be held May 14-15, 1999 at the Chicago Athletic Association in Chicago. Invitations will be sent out shortly and if you have any suggestions regarding the conference please contact Wim Wiewel.

New Editors will soon be needed for the Journal of Planning Education and Research. The current editors are Mickey Lauria and Robert Washington at the University of New Orleans. A committee to search and recommend the new editors has been appointed by President Rosenbloom. The Chair of the Committee is Chuck Connerly. He is in charge of initiating a RFP process and coming back one year from now with a recommendation. Congratulations were also forwarded to both Mickey and Bob for a job well done!

The Guide to Planning Schools is typically published every other year. It is not going to be published this year. It has been decided upon the recommendation of the Institutional Data Collection Committee and the Executive Committee to make the next Guide (11th Edition) a consolidated one, listing Bachelor, Master and Ph.D. programs. In addition, to publishing the Guide, institutional data will be collected on each of the schools and programs. This information will be made available to schools to help with planning purposes. A call for proposals was sent out and one was received. Barbara Becker at the University of Arizona will be responsible for publishing the Guide and collecting the institutional data. The target publication date for the Guide is fall 1999. The actual format for the Guide is still uncertain but will be worked out in the next few months. It is expected that the Guide will eventually be available both in print format and on the web. The 10th Guide will shortly be available on ACSP's official web site at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. Any changes to this information can be made by Nancy Frank. Nancy will also link ACSP's web site to member schools, however, it is difficult to keep this up-to-date as addresses change.

PAB Guidelines

The Executive Committee accepted the new PAB Guidelines as proposed by the PAB. The new guidelines concern two areas: length of program and diversity. There was a great deal of concern and discussion regarding the new guidelines, particularly those concerning the diversity issue. Therefore, President Rosenbloom suggested the following alternative. President Rosenbloom would send out to all the Chairs copies of the PAB Guidelines complete with old and new language along with a summary statement from the PAB outlining the rationale for the changes proposed. In addition a summary of the minutes outlining the Executive Committee discussion would also be included. A 30-day limit would then be set which would permit each school to reply to the Guideline. Any comments regarding the Guidelines should be sent to both President Rosenbloom and to the PAB. If the issue cannot be resolved through discussion then a mail referendum will be held. Any comments received will be circulated among the member schools so that all may participate in the debate.

Modified ACSP criteria for PAB Educator Site Visitor Pool

Last year Mike Brooks's committee recommended changes to the criteria for selecting people for the PAB Educator Site Pool. The Executive Committee approved the following language: To be eligible, an applicant must be a full-time, tenured faculty member with a program currently holding PAB accreditation. Exceptions may be made by the ACSP site visitor pool committee. The applicant must have a record sufficient to demonstrate that s/he is an active and respected participant in the nation's community of urban planning scholars, and is therefore well-qualified to represent that community in the accreditation process. It was asked if the Executive Committee considered the fact that this language excludes retired faculty. President Rosenbloom replied yes, that the Executive Committee was aware of this but that exceptions could be considered and that this only covered adding someone to the site visitor pool. Presently there is no procedure for removing people from the pool, therefore retired faculty can remain in the pool just not added to it.

Best of the ACSP

For several years there has been a Joint APA/ACSP/AICP Committee on the Future of Planning Education and Practice. Among other activities this committee selects three papers from the ACSP conference which become known as the Best of the ACSP and are then presented at the APA conference in the spring. This activity will continue for at least one more year.

Spring ACSP elections

Elections will be held this spring for Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and three regional representatives (northeastern, north central and southeastern). Bill Siembieda is the Chair of the Nominating Committee. Please send any nominations to him. An expression of thanks was given to Margot Garcia for serving six years as Chair of the Nominating Committee.

Global Planning Conference, Shanghai, 2001

Last year there was a discussion at the ACSP Business Meeting concerning the possibility of holding a World Planning Congress in 2001. Concerns about the congress included cost concerns and acknowledgements that attendance might be limited especially for junior faculty. It was then suggested that ACSP needed to consider several options including holding a domestic conference that year which has since been approved (Cleveland 2001). The Executive Committee has endorsed the selection of Shanghai along with the other three planning organizations involved (AESOP, APSA, & ANZAPS) with the following guidelines. The Global Perspectives in Planning Education Interest Group will assist in program development. They have been instructed to (1) build a program that will be of interest to North Americans

and (2) to examine means of securing funding for members to attend the conference.

Concerns were then raised about the selection of Shanghai, China as the conference site. These concerns focused on ethical issues regarding China's actions in Tibet, its record on human rights abuses and its persecution of educators. It was discussed that instead of focusing on the location of the conference that we should pay attention to the structure of the program so that human rights regarding planning can be illuminated and addressed. There is still time and room for discussion of how to approach this issue and make sure that these issues are incorporated into the program.

Timing of the Business Meeting

President Rosenbloom opened the floor to suggestions of moving or rescheduling the Business Meeting. She noted that it needs to be held after the Executive Committee meeting but perhaps another time (rather than the traditional Saturday night) or an alternative format would be more effective. It was suggested that perhaps the Executive Committee could be shortened and the Business Meeting lengthened. If anyone has any suggestions regarding changes to the Business Meeting they should contact President Rosenbloom.

Other Business

Nancey Green Leigh announced that her Committee has a new name. The former Strategic Marketing Committee is now called Strategic Communications for Planning Programs. This committee will be circulating a survey to program chairs in the new year.

Motion: to adjourn the meeting was made and approved at 6:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Bradbury

ACSP Secretary/Treasurer