

# Minutes

## Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Semi-Annual Governing Board Meeting March 19, 2005

### San Francisco, CA

*Approved 10-26-2005, Kansas City*

#### ATTENDANCE

##### Voting Members

**Present:** Chris Silver (Pres.), Mickey Lauria (Vice Pres.-Pres. Elect), Patricia Pollak (Secretary), Robin Boyle (NC), Elise Bright (SC), Jim Cohen (SE), Sharon Gaber (SC), Sanda Kaufman (NC), Praveen Kumar Maghelal (Stu.), Barry Nocks (SE), Connie Ozawa (W), Rolf Pendall (NE), Ken Reardon (NE). (13)

**Absent:** Thomas Clark (Treasurer)

##### Non-Voting Members

**Present:** Tridib Banerjee (PAB), Eugenie Birch (PAB), Karen Chappel (JPER), Karen Christensen (JPER), Cheryl Contant (Conference Chair), Charles Hoch (AICP, PAB).

**Absent:** David Brown (Canadian Liaison).

##### Guests:

**Barbara Becker** (U.AZ), **Alan Black**, **Jay Chatterjee** (Administrators' Conference), **Hemalata Dandekar** (Arch & Planning TF), **Donna Dodd** (ACSP Admin.), **Glenda Fisher** (ACSP President's Assistant), **Nancy Frank** (UPDATE and website), **Lew Hopkins** (PAB revisions Task Force), **Jo Looye** (2006 World Planning Schools Conference), **Mike Tietz**, **Fritz Steiner**, **Bruce Stiftel** (Academy & Profession).

**I. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** by President **Chris Silver** at 9:00 AM. An agenda was presented to the Governing Board by President Silver.

**Motion: To adopt the agenda. (E. Bright, moved; R.Pendall, second.) Passed unanimously.**

#### II. SPECIAL ACTION

**Motion: To reaffirm the decision to locate the 2005 Annual Meeting and Conference in Charleston, SC. (Barry Nocks, moved; Connie Ozawa, second.)**

Discussion: **Barry Nocks** reminded the Governing Board that the decision to locate the 2005 Annual ACSP Conference in Charleston, SC was first raised in Denver in 2003, and again at the

Governing Board meeting on Amelia Island in 2003. He described the serious commitment of and extensive resources invested by Clemson University to host the meeting. He reiterated that Clemson's desire was to assist ACSP to have its meeting in a city where planning is valued and its positive results are visible.

**Barry Nocks** reminded us of the recent history of the controversy about flying the Navy Jack flag on the capitol dome in South Carolina and of its 2000 compromise resolution. He stated that a great deal of political effort and capital was expended and that the compromise that was reached was supported by legislators as well as by a large number of groups and organizations, both civic and religious.

Although the NAACP and some others were not satisfied, the prevailing opinion is that the issue is resolved for now and won't be raised again for a very long time. Today, the salient issues in South Carolina have turned to developing and implementing successful ways to improve the lives of the people of South Carolina, many of whom are very poor.

**Barry** provided the members of the Governing Board with copies of an article, a memo to NAACP Branch Presidents and Secretaries and a letter to NAACP President Julian Bond by Congressman Clyburn (attachments A, B, and C.)

He also stated that without strong commitment from the ACSP Governing Board, Clemson will not be able to host a conference that will be beneficial for ACSP, its member schools, and the individuals who participate.

**Rolf Pendall** stated [that at the Denver meeting in Fall 2003] he asked for complete information about the NAACP boycott of South Carolina prior to the discussion and decision about the 2005 conference location. [Note: the discussion and vote at the Spring 2003 meeting determined Charleston, SC as the 2005 Conference site.]

**Rolf** said that he feels the Board has only heard heresay and that the NAACP boycott of South Carolina might still be a significant current issue. He asked for others to speak and to reopen the discussion about the upcoming Fall, 2005 conference site. **Rolf** reported that he called the Planning Schools in the NE region, last week, to ask if faculty and students are planning to attend the scheduled ACSP Conference in October. He reported that he was told the following:

SUNY Albany: 1 will attend, 1 will not.

SUNY Buffalo: some will, some will not attend

MIT: some will, some will not attend.

Harvard: cannot take a stand

Pratt: 1 will not go

U Penn: Maintain the Charleston site.

Temple: NR

Rutgers: NR

Rutgers-Cook: NR

S.Maine: NR

NJ Tech: NR

New School: NR

URI: NR

**Jim Cohen** requested an explanation for the late date of the strongly worded resolution (circulated by **Rolf Pendall** and **Ken Reardon**) about the boycott, in light of the stated lack of information.

**Ken** said that he had a conversation with someone at SC NAACP and he was told that the State organization supports the boycott, although individual members may not.

**Chris Silver** stated that there is unlimited information on both sides of the matter. The gist of what was presented at the Amelia Island meeting was accurate. At that time it was not clear if the State or Local NAACP chapter still supported the boycott. During the discussion the Board was made aware of the issue.

**Rolf Pendall** stated that going to Charleston required pro-active actions, though he did not state what those might be or how what he had in mind differed from the suggestions that the Governing Board had already discussed and agreed upon.

**Mickey Lauria** stated that we, as an organization, did not compile and distribute information and he requested that Chris set up a committee to determine a process for investigating and approving conference venues in the future.

**Rolf Pendall** stated that we have economic criteria for the selection of sites, but we do not address ethical/moral issues.

**Elise Bright** said that similar to **Rolf**, she did not have enough information to determine the value and virtue of the NAACP boycott. She suggested three possibilities.

1. We could establish a list of organizations whose boycotts we would support,
2. Regional representatives could provide information about sites in their region,
3. We consider every site.

**Connie Ozawa** heard from the other West region rep., **Dowell Myers. Dowell** polled 9 schools in the West and got responses from faculty at 6 schools. Only one school reported that the faculty are split in opinion. The others support the Board using its best judgment and do not want further discussion at this late date.

**Sanda Kaufman** reported that Cleveland State faculty are evenly split.

**Robin Boyle** reminded us that the issue and the pro-active agenda we would pursue was discussed a great deal in Amelia Island. He asked:

If anyone was requesting that the conference agenda be changed?  
Is the conference program committee planning a special agenda?  
Will the doors be open to the public?  
Will there be media exposure?

**Mickey Lauria** reported that he has scheduled two special sessions. One on historical symbolism, the second on demographic and racial issues in the South.

**Chris Silver** reported that he has submitted a proposal for a roundtable on race.

**Ken Reardon** reported that the South Carolina State NAACP chapter says that it needs the moral suasion of economic support to make further progress. [At this point the Governing Board learned that a representative of the South Carolina State chapter of the NAACP was listening to the Governing Board discussion via Ken Reardon's cell phone.]

**Mickey Lauria** reminded us that the article by Congressman Clyburn that **Barry Nocks** circulated take the position that the SC compromise is a victory for SC blacks. He also reported that research shows that 85% of boycotts are never declared "over."

**Tridib Banerjee** offered a PAB perspective and stated that because schools have diversity goals, it might be difficult to recruit minority students and faculty if the planning field is not seen as sensitive to racial issues.

**Cheryl Contant** asked what the alternatives and implications for ACSP are? She stated that we cannot make decisions without knowing what alternative sites there are. **Cheryl** does not want a "no conference" option. This would be a disservice to faculty, students and the organization.

**Chris Silver** said that regardless of feelings we are obligated to have a conference in 2005. Regardless of the location, the divisiveness within ACSP of raising the issue of the NAACP boycott of Charleston again at this late date will have a significant economic impact on ACSP. Not having a conference would be the worst option for ACSP financially. In addition, if we do not locate in Charleston, **Donna Dodd** reported that ACSP will have a \$75,000 hotel penalty.

**Charlie Hoch** reminded us that ACSP is an organization of schools and not of individuals. The damage to the organization (ACSP) is significant and he agrees with **Patricia Pollak** that each of us has opinions about other organizations that we do and do not support and this is an issue for all of us as we go forward.

**Jim Cohen** reminded us that we have no agreement on facts.

**Karen Chappel** raised a practical matter that could lead to a compromise: Can we move the conference over the border from SC and would Clemson host it?

**Nancy Frank** reminded us that 762 abstracts were submitted as of the deadline two weeks ago, just before this issue was raised.

**Patricia Pollak** stated that it will be extremely difficult to establish criteria for honoring boycotts for ACSP as an organization. In addition to the various interests and affiliations among us, When there are conflicts among these whose interest do we support? Do we go as far as considering the practices of suppliers to hotels, etc., to the practices within the countries of origin of hotel ownership, food suppliers, materials used, labor practices. etc., **Jim Cohen** added that we must address when do we respect boycotts. If we make a location change now, how will we finance the added costs?

**Elise Bright** raised a procedural question: Can we make a decision about the conference site at this late date without ratification of the membership? Could we make a scholarship announcement or a donation to a civil rights organization?

**Chris Silver** called the question.

**Rolf Pendall** asked if we have a way to determine conflict of interest?

The motion passed. [Yes: 7 + 2 Proxy, No: 5, Abstain. 1]

[The 2 proxy votes were disallowed since we have no current policy on proxy votes.]

**Barry Nocks** stated: Clemson University made an offer in good faith to host the conference and planned events to make it special. In light of the vote, Clemson withdraws its offer to host the conference.

**Chris Silver:** Since we need to have a conference, the Executive Committee will make the site decision.

**Cheryl Contant** said that this was an honorable and intelligent thing to do in light of the conflict. We owe Clemson a debt of gratitude for a decision that will not split the organization.

**Chris Silver** said that since the effort to put the conference together is centralized with **Donna Dodd**, we can have a conference at any site that can accommodate us and we do not need a local host organization. [Note: It was generally agreed that the ExCo would determine the conference site.]

**Connie Ozawa** stated that we should consider accommodations to Clemson and their affiliates because of this late change in plans.

[**Patricia Pollak** announced that she is trustee of funds that the friends and colleagues of **Marsha Ritzdorf**, both within and outside of ACSP have donated in Marsha's memory. She will offer the funds to Clemson University for the purpose of establishing a Diversity in Planning Scholarship in Marsha's honor.]

### **III. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** Minutes circulated on paper, motion for approval tabled until later in the day.

### **IV. OFFICER'S REPORTS**

**Secretary's Report:** No additional items to report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer **Tom Clark** is absent due to illness.

**Vice President's Report:** **Mickey Lauria** reported:

1. A Call for Proposals for the 2008 and 2009 conferences has been issued. We have received two (2) letters of intent. One, from Wayne State for either 2008 or 2009. The second from the University of Minnesota, for the Joint Congress with AESOP in 2008.

2. We have a new Student Representative, **Lester King**, from Texas Southern University in Houston.

3. We will not be receiving any support from the Fannie Mae Foundation Inc. this year. We had expected \$30,000.

4. We will look into restoring the Lincoln Institute support of approximately \$10,000.

### **President's Report:**

A: Regrets

**Chris Silver** announced with sorrow the loss of our colleagues:

**Gil-Chin Lim**

**Brit Harris**

**Barry Cullingworth**

**John Baldwin**

**Motion: To recognize and communicate our condolences to the families of our departed colleagues. Sanda Kaufman**, moved; **Patricia Pollak**, second. Passed unanimously.

### B. World Congress

The first volume of the Dialogues book (**Bruce Stiftel**, ed. Published by Taylor and Francis) of Best Papers from Around the World has arrived at **Donna Dodd's** office. Each member school will receive a copy soon.

**Bruce** is now looking into the possibility of a Dialogues II. A committee will be put together to look at *JAPA* and *JPER*.

### C. APA Relations

**Chris** will speak briefly at the APA Conference. He raised the issue of the cost of attending the APA Conference. He will raise the issue of the costs to the APA leadership. **Chris** reported that the proposed APA Educators Division was not adopted. He reported that **Rolf Pendall** is Co-Chair of an APA committee to broadly address two committees within APA about education. **Ken Reardon** reported that Cornell, as some other schools are, is involved with an Urban Youth Outreach effort in Planning and related design fields. He would be interested in working with APA on this.

## **V. PUBLICATIONS**

### **1. Journal of Planning Education and Research (JPER)**

**Karen Christensen** reported that **Karen Chappell** has been informally advising her and will move into the Journal Co-Editor role. She thanked **Seymour Mandelbaum** and **Ruth Yabes** who have been extremely helpful. She reported that the electronic submission system was working well. **Chris**

**Silver** informed us that our Sage representative, Eric Moran is here at the APA Conference to talk with Sylvia Lewis about perhaps moving Planning Magazine to Sage (since JPER is a Sage publication.) (written report attached)

## **2. UPDATE/Website**

**Nancy Frank** reported that all is going well with the exception of the lack of sufficient “news” from the schools. (No written report.) **Genie Birch** thanked **Nancy** for including the obituaries of our colleagues in UPDATE. **Chris Silver** reported that the Executive Committee discussed the presentation of UPDATE on paper v. UPDATE on the website, and the four members of the Executive Committee preferred paper copies.

**Chris Silver** suggested that the regional representatives remind their constituents to submit “news” to UPDATE.

## **3. Guide/Institutional Data Project**

**Chris Silver** and **Mickey Lauria** reported for **Sandi Rosenbloom**. **Mickey** reported that **Sandi Rosenbloom** is committed to finishing the Guide, but she would need more money to complete the Institutional Data Project. **Chris** felt the data would be useful for his presentation on diversity but the Executive Committee recommended terminating the project. **Chris** would like minimal support of \$3,000 to do the whole thing. **Genie Birch** pointed out that the PAB collects data on all member schools annually. We could add a few questions to this ongoing data collection mechanism. **Charlie Hoch** reminded us that we have been discussing this for ten or more years and we have still not found a way to collect data about ourselves. **Patricia Pollak** reminded **Chris** that **Marsha Ritzdorf** did an early study on diversity in planning schools and the report is available.

# **VI. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership:** **Elise Bright** reported that the committee discussed recruiting new members and will bring proposals to the 2005 conference.

**Nominating and Elections:** **Chris Silver** reported for **Randy Crane**. (Written report attached.) **Jim Cohen** suggested that new Governing Board members receive early notice so they can make appropriate travel plans. We will have 3 new officers and 5 new regional representatives.

**Institutional Governance:** **Patricia Pollak** reported that the IG Committee will discuss the issue of proxy voting when the committee meets in the Fall.

## **Conferences:**

**2005 Administrative Conference:** **Jay Chatterjee** presented the program for the New Chairs School and the Administrators Conference in Cincinnati. He expects the conference to be intellectually exciting and to break even financially.

**2005 Charleston: Chris Silver** reiterated that ACSP will break the contracts that we have in Charleston which will cost ACSP approximately \$75,000. He stated that our MOU with Clemson is now null and void.

**2006 Dallas/Ft.Worth: Cheryl Contant** reported that when **Elise Bright** was a member of the faculty at UT-Arlington, she headed the local host group for the 2006 Dallas/Ft.Worth conference. Now that she has moved to Texas A & M, we will have a new Chair for the Local Host committee. ACSP has signed contracts with hotels in Ft. Worth.

**2007 Milwaukee: Donna Dodd** reported that she will go to Milwaukee in mid-April to see potential conference sites.

**Rolf Pendall** asked if there were any problems with the Marriott Hotel Chain of which we should be aware.

**2006 World Planning Schools Congress: Chris Silver** reported that he will request that a report on this conference be sent to the Governing Board members in the next month or so.

**Review and Appraisal: Mickey Lauria** reported that the committee met in Portland and will meet again in Cincinnati.

**PAB Advisory Committee: Chris Silver** reported that this is the new name of the former PAB Site visitor Pool Selection Committee, Chaired by **Chuck Connerly**.

## **VII. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Academy and the Profession: Jay Chatterjee** (for **Bruce Stiftel**.) No report.

**Practice in Planning Education: Rolf Pendall** No report.

In regard to the APA Committee on education, **Rolf** will attempt to organize a presentation on the core requirements for a planning education. **Genie Birch** stressed the importance of incorporating the PAB guidelines in the core curriculum, which must coordinate with the educational needs of planners.

**Doctoral Committee:** (A written report is attached.)

**Faculty Mentoring:** (No report.)

**Planning Globally Task Force: Chris Silver** (for **Ruth Yabes**) Planning Globally will be one of the themes at the 2005 conference.

**Strategic Communications: Chris Silver** (for **Nancey Green Leigh**) All but 70 people on the mail list received a copy of the new brochure. It should be on the web site.

At the last meeting **Chris** combined the functions of this committee with those of the Academy and the profession and Reassessing Scholarship. He now feels that it is important to keep Strategic Communications, for the time being, as a separate committee. **Chris** will discuss the functions of the two committees with **Bruce Stiftel** to clarify the roles of the committees.

**Task Force on Architecture and Planning: (Hemalata Dandekar, Co-Chair)** (Written report attached.) **Hema** reported that the committee met for the first time in Portland and conducted an exploratory survey. She said that the survey showed a broad based student interest in design and physical planning. The committee is considering exploring the various ways schools and programs do this. She requested \$5,000. to conduct a survey on current practices.

**PAB: Genie Birch** reminded us that **Shonagh Aylsworth** was introduced to the Board in Portland and she has been learning quickly. She has done an excellent job of closing the Des Moines office and moving to the new quarters at the APA offices in Chicago.

Genie reported that there are four new members of the PAB. PAB is now requiring that all new members go on a site visit. This year all 15 site visits were completed. Next year there are 22 visits scheduled. The scheduling of visits is somewhat complicated because programs get different length accreditations.

**Charlie Hoch** Chaired the group that prepared a response to the PAB changes document. He expects to bring recommendations to the Board in the Fall.

## VIII. INTEREST GROUP REPORTS

**Global Planning Educators (S.Sen/K.Pezzoli)** This group will need to find a source of funds if it intends to continue to provide scholarships.

**FWIG (Patricia Pollak)** There will be a networking luncheon at the Fall Conference. New officers will be installed at the business meeting in the Fall.

## IX. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

**(Praveen Maghelal)** (Written report attached)

## X. NEW BUSINESS

**Budget** **Chris Silver (for Tom Clark)** presented a draft budget. The following items were added or adjusted:

A \$5,000 contribution to the Marsha Ritzdorf Diversity in Planning Scholarship at Clemson was added. If finances will permit, we will contribute an additional \$5,000 next year.

\$2,500. was added for ACSP PhD Student Travel.

Up to \$5,000 for an Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture studio survey contingent upon the Architecture and Landscape Architecture Schools Associations each contribute equally and participate in the survey.

\$75,000 in expenses for renegeing on our Charleston hotel contracts.

**Motion: To approve the proposed budget as amended. (K. Reardon moved, S. Kaufman second.)** Motion passed unanimously.

It was agreed that all present at the meeting with refrain from discussion of today's deliberations until the announcement of the change in our conference plans is made by **President Silver**. It was also agreed that **Barry Nocks** will make a statement to the ACSP membership about Clemson's withdrawal of its offer to host the 2005 Fall meeting. **Patricia Pollak** will notify the ACSP membership and others about the Ritzdorf Diversity in Planning Scholarship at Clemson University.

**MOTION To approve the Minutes of the October 20, 2004 Meeting in Portland.** Moved by **Patricia Pollak, Connie Ozawa** second. Passed unanimously.

**MOTION To adjourn.** Moved by President **Chris Silver, Mickey Lauria** second. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Patricia Pollak**, Secretary