Congress for the New Urbanism Winter Board Meeting 30 January 2020

Attendance

Board: Lynn Richards (President & CEO), Laurie Volk (Chair), Larry Gould (Chapter Representative), Matt Lambert (Treasurer), David Kim, Susan Henderson (Chair Elect), Emily Talen, and Frank Starkey (Secretary).

Staff: Abby Sheridan, Claire Strickland

Meeting was called to order at 1:05pm EST by Laurie Volk.

1. Welcome

Presented by Laurie Volk

- Declaration of Conflict of Interest: No conflicts were declared.
- Annual Board Documents: All documents were returned and all forms are completed; Laurie Volk will present the results from the board evaluation forms at the spring board meeting.
- Chair's Report: Included in the packet, no additional comments made.

2. President's Report

Presented by Lynn Richards

- No written letter included in the board packet.
- An EOY report will be published shortly.
- Several projects coming up in the new year around autonomous vehicles, project for code reform, etc.

3. Consent Agenda

Presented by Laurie Volk

Motion to accept the consent agenda by Laurie Volk.

Seconded was not completed.

Vote – motion unanimously approved, no abstentions and no opposition.

4. 2020 Budget (already approved by the Finance and Executive Committees)

Presented by Matt Lambert

Motion to accept the 2020 budget by Matt Lambert.

Seconded by Susan Henderson.

Discussion – specificity of budget line items depends on historical data and experience related to past operating costs and staff salaries.

Vote – motion unanimously approved, no abstentions and no opposition.

5. Term Extension for Larry Gould:

Presented by Susan Henderson:

Motion to extend Larry Gould's term as Chapter Representative to the board by one year to allow him to mentor the incoming Chapter Representative to the board by Susan Henderson. **Seconded** by Frank Starkey.

Discussion – The new Chapter Rep will be elected by the Chapters this spring, and the new rep will attend the Congress board meeting as a visitor and participate fully at the September board meeting.

Vote – motion passes with six in favor, none opposed, and one abstention (Larry Gould).

6. CNU Fellows Nomination

Presented by Susan Henderson

- Three names were put forward for nomination: Phyllis Bleiwis, Gianni Longo, John Massengale.
- Votes will be cast individually.

Emily Talen nominated Jeff Speck – seconded by Laurie Volk.

Jeff Speck

Motion to approve Jeff Speck as a CNU Fellow by Susan Henderson Seconded by Laurie Volk Vote – motion passes with no abstentions and no opposition.

Phyllis Bleiweis

Motion to approve Phyllis Bleiweis as a CNU Fellow called by Susan Henderson **Seconded** by Laurie Volk

Discussion – Phyllis' contributions are noteworthy, but she is retired, and not a current CNU member. The board will think about what to do for retired members at the March board meeting.

Vote – motion fails with five abstentions and two opposed.

Gianni Longo

Motion to approve Gianni Longo as a CNU Fellow by Laurie Volk, as nominated by Todd Zimmerman.

Seconded was not completed.

Vote – motion passes unanimously with no abstentions and no opposition.

John Massengale

Motion to approve John Massengal as a CNU Fellow by Laurie Volk, as nominated by Peter Katz. **Seconded** was not completed.

Vote – motion fails with three abstentions, 4 opposed, motion does not pass.

Next Steps

- Laurie Volk will notify Gianni Longo.
- Emily Talen will notify Jeff Speck.
- The induction ceremony will take place at the Congress.

30 minute meeting extension requested by Lynn Richards. All approved.

6. Strategic Plan

Presented by Lynn Richards

- Board reviewed the document in real time by section.
- Lynn, Susan, and Matt took notes in the document.

Next Steps

- Emily Talen will rewrite strategic area #1 in the next two weeks.
- Each strategic area will be on its own page.
- Susan Henderson will create icons to illustrate each strategic area.
- Board will either hold a conference call to approve the Strategic Plan before the next board meeting in March, or conditionally approve it via email and approve the final formatted version at the next board meeting.

Meeting concluded at 2:33pm EST.