

Notes
LSRPA Board of Trustees Conference Call
May 21, 2015
8:30 – 10 am

ROLL CALL

S. Posten, S. Boyle, J. Oberer, R. Ferguson, M. Fisher, D. Toder, S. Senior, K. Stetser, B. Call, C. Barnes, S. Drew, L. Watson. L. Voyce – absent.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Battelle summary

Summarizing the Battelle Conference, S. Posten reported that two hours were designated for the LSRP programs. During this session, D. Collins reported on the state of the practice throughout the US; J. Oberer provided a detailed comparison between the NJ, NY and CT programs and K. Stetser discussed the different models for LSRP practice in NJ, MA and CT. Also, S. Senior discussed the history and background on how the program was initiated, as well as the changes and challenges throughout the legislative process. J. Berkowitz spoke on the importance of the Licensing Board. There were between 20-40 people attending the session.

J. Oberer reported meeting a regulator from Kansas who mentioned that the Governor is considering the privatization process for Kansas. NJ would be happy to provide input. This was a great technical conference and our attendees were favorably impressed. The next conference will be held in Monterey, CA. The decision is up to the conference planners on whether a similar conference will be held again. We should improve some of our topics to make it more interesting for a wider audience.

S. Posten advised that all presentations will be available online as part of the proceedings. A decision was made to wait for the proceedings and circulate a link. J. Oberer will provide content for the email post.

S. Posten also reported that J. Berkowitz discussed the need to broadcast our successes more effectively and globally since one bad press could overshadow all the successes and urged the LSRPA to focus on this. The responsibility to advertise successes should also be upon the Licensing Board and the NJ DEP as well since they have more credibility and the staff to help. Senator Smith had the same opinion and S. Senior encouraged the Board to focus on our successes. This should be a topic of discussion with M. Pedersen. S. Boyle suggested testimonials from developers and companies on how the program helped them to move things faster and to contact municipal clients. Call suggested considering municipal clients for good press. S. Boyle can reach out during urban mayor's event; possibly have a joint program.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Lab course—next step

Inquiries received from labs on lab course status. Labs should reach out to R. Ferguson (but have not).

- Process for BOT and SC minutes

It was concluded that C. Barnes will take meeting notes, finalize and provide to L. Watson for final review and distribution.

- Memberclicks increase

S. Danyew advised that we are close to our Memberclicks under our present category, which is based on the number of individuals having profiles. Moving up to the next category will cost approximately \$30 per month. After discussion on whether to keep inactive files, it was decided to retain these files in order to have a record. There are 380 inactive and nonmembers who are taking courses in addition to 573 members.

- Free or low cost space for Continuing Ed courses

S. Boyle reported on two continuing ed courses, the recent GIS course and upcoming Thermal Remediation. Both courses, brought to us by partnering organizations, had low registration. Downside to low attendance is the difficulty getting registration and worry about whether to cancel the course and lose money. We are getting concurrence by other continuing ed providers, who are also experiencing low registration numbers. Members will be polled for possible free space for our use to minimize expenses. Contact S. Boyle with suggested low-cost venues. The Thermal Remediation course wasn't very well advertised by providers, rather relying upon LSRPA. C. Barnes stated that people may not be motivated in this licensing down period, since most LSRPs have met their CEUs and are not worried about upcoming cycle. S. Boyle reported that a Forensics course will be held on June 23, and again the numbers are currently low. Phil Brilliant is thinking about timing for putting together a CEU continuing ed extravaganza near the 2018 deadline.

B. Alter has a due diligence course planned for October.

- Process for BOT and SC minutes.

It was agreed that C. Barnes will take notes, finalize and provide to L. Watson for final review and distribution to group.

- MCSSS scholarship

The \$500 scholarship was increased to \$600 to include the six students who worked on our projects.

- SRAG prep

S. Boyle reported that professional judgment is the topic for the June 10th SRAG meeting. Dennis Toft and John Scagnelli are on the panel.

- B. Call's Video

B. Call volunteered for a 15-minute video taping by Rutgers Center for Urban Environmental Sustainability Carolyn Ehrlich, Chief of Staff of Woodbridge and Debbie Mans NY/NJ Baykeeper. Basic

LSRP information, such as the LSRP process, was provided. It was a positive experience. The video will be linked to the Association's website. Video is part of Sustainable Jersey and will be placed on their website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

R. Ferguson reported a \$252, 397 balance. He is in the process of putting together report for next Steering Committee meeting and submission to Finance Committee. What are we going to do with this cash? We hold even with this money. This is more than a year's operating expenses.

--Licensing Board

R. Ferguson reported on the Disciplinary Committee's decision on three cases, which are complex and more serious. The Licensing Board (Board) approved an internal policy for professional conduct punishments, but that doesn't change the process. R. Ferguson will circulate policy. The Board recognizes that by having a wide variety of penalties for other issues, this will leave them open for criticism.

A Board complaint resolved during the Board meeting and posted on the website dealt with an LSRP alleged to be the owner of a site. It was found not to be a violation, although decision is rather murky due to redacting. Second issue regarding licensure went into close session due to litigation potential.

The Board made a recommendation or motion to process the incomplete application of individuals with insufficient CECs by the April 7 deadline, allowed them to submit a supplemental application and pay a \$150 fee. Two of the individuals need the special ethics course being offered on June 8, at Riker's conference room in Trenton. Concern expressed that a precedence may be set by submitting applications after a deadline.

Anxiety by LSRPs on status of their applications. Does this take Board vote or are the applications automatically approved? Approvals are needed before deadline.

It was reported that Richard Dewling is not returning to the Board.. Constantine Tsentas will serve as temporary Chair of Finance Committee. Nominations were reannounced.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- Membership numbers

C. Barnes reported there are 573 members; 410 are regular, 146 Associates and 17 students. Ninety of the 573 are new members. The next Member Breakfast will be held on June 4 at Ponzios in Cherry Hill. A Member Breakfast will be scheduled for September in northern NJ area then the middle of November at Americana Diner in Hightstown.

We want to schedule a minor league baseball event for either mid-July or August for our membership and AEG and AHMP folks. Looking at Somerset Patriot, which offers two adjoining suites at \$1200, open to the three organizations and encourage new members who recently passed exam; Cost will be \$15 per ticket, which should cover cost of room and the three organizations will cover cost of food. Motion by C. Barnes and seconded by R. Ferguson to approve funding for this event. If all 80 tickets aren't sold to members, we could sell to others. Focus will be on new members and newly licensed LSRPs.

Reporting on the idea of a golf outing, C. Barnes noted there is much enthusiasm over this event, which would include the three organizations; speakers and dinner. It was decided to table until Sept 2016. A separate golf committee will be formed for this event. S. Boyle will email full membership to get volunteers and noted that representatives from each of our committees are needed. This event will also raise money for scholarships. A secondary financial account is needed since all proceeds will be split among three organizations.

Get our name out on the good things we are doing for the community. Maybe pair with community group. Habit for Humanity help. Maybe something more environmentally focused.

EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS COMMITTEE

- Upcoming events.

C. Barnes reported that the next Aspiring Professionals event will be planned for November. Need to find a venue in the Bound Brook area that could accommodate up to 100 people. The focus will be on junior lawyers. Robust discussion on whether it should be extended to other professionals, not necessarily RP types. We need two aspiring events a year and two events per year for established professionals. Invite J. Oberer to next call to discuss the SOPRO professionals group.

HOT TOPICS

- Reauthorization of Standards Rule – S. Drew

S. Drew reported the rule is now in Subchapter 8, developing regulations on alternative remediation standards. The DEP is now taking suggestions at this juncture and is struggling with this section. Discussion that the section does not mention the role of LSRP in the process. S. Drew mentioned the addition of the LSRP to be involved along with RP to collect information, etc. Debate within the Committee whether an LSRP should be in a position to take on responsibility for developing the standard. M. Pedersen asked whether we want this type of responsibility under the rule. DEP preapproval may not be necessary, rather professional judgement can be used. Follow up during our next meeting with M. Pederson. Do we want to advocate that the LSRP should sign off, etc. Argument on whether the LSRP should be able to work on alternative standards for later review by Department.

- Status/follow up on meeting with Senator Smith (M. Fisher)

J. Oberer has notes from meeting. Sen. Smith suggested sending a letter to him on our concerns before meeting. Send a separate letter regarding Licensing Board appointments. J. Oberer will draft and circulate letter to the BOT within a week. C. Barnes suggested including I. Kropp in the conversation.

- Technical consultation subcommittee concept progress (W. Call)

W. Call outlined the subcommittee's goals and mission statement. Currently working on a draft with a follow-up subcommittee call on the 27th, followed by a full Risk Management Committee meeting on the 28th. J. Scagnelli is working on the disclaimer.

- SWEP gala

S. Boyle announced that the LSRPA is a sponsor. She will circulate email since sponsors receive a certain number of tickets. C. Barnes is receiving this year's "Growing Great Women in the Garden State Award".

- ListServe on upcoming training. DEP needs to give us adequate notice to set up registration.