

DRAFT MINUTES

CSLA Board of Directors

Monday, September 12th, 2016 (by teleconference)

Present: Michelle Legault, Cameron DeLong, Margaret Ferguson, Nastaran Moradinejad, Gordon Smith, Robert Norman, Jean Landry, Arnis Budrevics, Vincent Asselin, Trevor Tumach, Monica Giesbrecht, Joanne Moran

Regrets: Jonathan Sagi, Dan Glenn

No.:	Item:
1	Call to Order and Welcome
2	<p>Approval of Proposed Agenda</p> <p>MOTION 2016-9-1: Moved by Robert Norman seconded by Jean Landry that the agenda for the 12 September 2016 Board meeting be approved as presented. Motion unanimously approved.</p>
3	<p>Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting</p> <p>MOTION 2016-9-2: Moved by Robert Norman and seconded Trevor Tumach that the minutes of the meeting of June 22nd, 2016, be approved as presented. Motion unanimously approved.</p>
4	<p>Executive Director's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor General's Medal in Landscape Architecture • 2017 World Design Summit and Congress: call for proposals <p>Michelle Legault provided an update on these items and the Evergreen Action List for September 2017.</p> <p>Gordon Smith noted that the hand-over of the presidency from Gordon Smith to Vincent Asselin would happen at a Board meeting in May 2017.</p>
5	<p>Finance Committee Report – Review of current financials</p> <p>Arnis Budrevics noted that we are on budget for the year. He noted the profit of \$65,000 from the 2016 Congress, to be shared equally with MALA. In addition, Mr. Budrevics also reported that our reserve fund was currently sitting at \$120,000 because of internal GIC re-allocations. As per our Reserve Fund Policy, the Reserve Fund will be increased by \$5,000 by a re-allocation of funds.</p> <p>Mr. Budrevics also noted that by the November meeting, the 2019 budget year would be added to our income and expense statement.</p> <p>Robert Norman declared a conflict of interest for the following item as Cynthia Graham was part of his staff.</p> <p>During the 2016 AGM, Arnis Budrevics invited interest in the Finance Committee, and Cynthia Graham volunteered. While the Chair is re-appointed every year, Ms. Graham, as a member, would participate in telephone calls and e-mail threads. Note that this position would not participate in in-person meetings at CSLA's cost.</p>

	<p>MOTION 2016-9-3: Moved by Arnis Budrevics and seconded by Nastaran Moradinejad that Cynthia Graham is added to the CSLA Finance Committee as an active member. Motion approved with one abstention (Robert Norman).</p>
6	<p>Canadensis – Project Update and Proposal for 2017</p> <p>Michelle Legault described the proposed project and the CSLA's potential involvement organizing the design competition. Conditions of participation would include: representation of all provinces and territories. The Board felt it would be a challenge to have one garden per province. Michelle Legault expressed that this initiative could give the CSLA large visibility. Another option would be to explore sponsorship opportunities. The Board noted that the Jardins de Métis example is a good one with very clear budgets in place and should be used as an example of good practices. Joanne Moran suggested that the ED discuss the minimum involvement wanted by the Canadensis.</p> <p>MOTION 2016-9-4: Moved by Nastaran Moradinejad and seconded by Joanne Moran to instruct the ED to explore the potential role of the CSLA with the Canadensis Garden Competition, with the budget, provincial representation, and staff resources questions at the fore, or whether a direct sponsorship to Canadensis would be more efficient. Motion unanimously approved.</p>
7	<p>Letter from Christ Grosset, President of NuALA, re advocacy</p> <p>Michelle Legault presented the letter submitted by Christ Grosset, president of NuALA. Members noted that further information would be appreciated, such as a comment on whether the discussion is political or practical, or whether he is suggesting a measure to improve relationships and knowledge of the practice. Is there the opportunity for CSLA to be a leader in this area? Following the discussion, the decision on this item was moved to the November Board meeting, where Mr. Grosset will be asked to call in to the meeting for the discussion.</p>
8	<p>The Gardens Promenade</p> <p>Landscape architects designed most of the gardens in the proposed list. It could also tie in to the 2017 World Design Congress, and suggest that the name of the landscape architects be recognized in their communication (or the designed by a landscape architect sign).</p> <p>MOTION 2016-9-5: Moved by Nastaran Moradinejad and seconded by Trevor Tumach that a letter of endorsement be issued for the Garden Promenade, asking them to note the gardens designed by a landscape architect. Motion unanimously approved.</p>
9	<p>Park People Proposal</p> <p>The Board requested that the Executive Director source further information on the organization. Who they are, goals of the conference, etc.</p> <p>Pan-Canadian Parks Conference 2017</p> <p>Gordon Smith is seeking a volunteer to sit on the planning committee for the March 2017 conference.</p>
	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.</p>