

IAWA Executive Committee Meeting

**Dean's Conference Room, Cowgill Hall
January 29, 2007**

Present: Donna Dunay, Kristine Fallon (by phone), Marcia Feuerstein (by phone), KC Arceneaux, Marilyn Casto

Invited guests: Milka Bliznakov, Rachel Malchow, Nicole Shiaris, Amy Vilelle, Jackie Woodyard

Meeting convened at 12 Noon by Donna Dunay, Chair. Introductions were made around the table.

Agenda: The agenda was unanimously approved.

Minutes: Donna asked for everyone to review the 2006 Annual Meeting minutes and review and email the corrections to Jackie Woodyard (woodyaj@vt.edu).

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- IAWA Annual Meeting:

The Annual Meeting Fall 2007 was briefly discussed. The advisor spreadsheet was passed out for corrections. It was requested that Marcia Feuerstein, Secretary, prepare the spreadsheet with the corrections and email out. [The official copy maintained by the IAWA Archivist].

- Special Election:

Donna suggested holding a special election mid-year. The IAWA can have five advisors from the college per the by-laws. Presently advisors from the college are Marilyn Casto, Donna Dunay, Kay Edge, and Marcia Feuerstein. KC Arceneaux is an advisor but is not from within the college.

Donna discussed nominating Bill Galloway for the board and has spoken to him regarding his interest in the IAWA. He presently teaches in the Graduate Program in Architecture + Design and is the past Chair. She mentioned that he would be a good addition to the board. Donna asked for other suggestions for nominees and there were none at this time. There will be a check for number of advisors to make sure it doesn't go over 17. Kristine moved that if there were not currently 17 advisors, a special election should be held. Marcia seconded the motion.

- Annual Meeting:

Milka suggested having the Annual Meeting in Romania this fall since the UIFA (International Union of Women Architects) will be holding their meeting during this period and some IAWA advisors would be attending, including Ute Westrom and Junko Matsukawa-Tsuchida. Milka mentioned that IAWA Solange d'Herbez de la Tour chairs UIFA. Milka suggested combining meetings at the urging of advisors from Europe and Japan. She mentioned the meeting in Toulouse where many international architects were in attendance as invited guests to the IAWA meeting.

Kristine suggested tabling the discussion about holding the Annual Meeting in Romania and suggested the Annual Meeting should be here on campus due to the work that needs to be done regarding finalizing the charter. It would be useful to have the Deans present to work on the charter, and they cannot attend the meeting in Romania

- Rupp Bequest:

Donna Dunay read the letter that was sent to Virginia Tech President Steger, signed by herself as Chair of the IAWA, the Dean of the Library and the Dean of Architecture and Urban Studies that the IAWA Board of Advisors had voted at the October 2006 Annual Meeting to accept the S L Rupp Bequest for the IAWA.

The Rupp Bequest states that the gift shall be distributed to the International Archive of Women in Architecture for the development and maintenance of the IAWA library archives. The trustees of the Rupp Estate are attempting to move the money to other beneficiaries. The deans of CAUS and the Library are both supporting a legal challenge to the trustees' petition.

- IAWA Charter:

There was a discussion of the IAWA Charter coming into compliance with university policy 3020. At this point, the Provost has not signed off on the IAWA Charter. He has reviewed it in the spring 2006, and forwarded suggestions through the dean's office. Kristine mentioned that the motion to make the IAWA Center a University Center was passed during the Annual Meeting 2007. Donna has spoken with Interim Dean Jack Davis. He asked Associate Dean Robert Schubert to oversee the process to become a University Center and assess what the charter needs. Donna mentioned that Robert Schubert will be getting back to us, and that the work on the charter needs to happen this spring.

It was suggested to use the structure of the Housing Center at CAUS as a model for creating the IAWA center -- state funding supports them. There was concern expressed about the ability of the IAWA to secure funding to function at the level a University Center.

Kristine reiterated her concern about holding the Annual Meeting in Romania when work maybe needed on the charter. She favored sending an IAWA delegation and making a presentation about IAWA at the UIFA meeting, but having the Annual Meeting in Blacksburg.

Milka raised a concern about what will happen if the IAWA becomes a University Center.

- Other reports:

Kristine mentioned that IAWA Advisor Martha Thorne has contacted Chicago Architect, Natalie du Blois who would like to donate materials to the IAWA. Kristine went over Natalie's credentials.

Natalie du Blois wants to donate materials to the archive. Kristine requested information from Amy Vilelle on what procedure to follow to have these materials donated.

Milka received a card from Susana Torre from Spain saying Aleksandra Kasuba who is in her seventies may want to donate some of her work.

Next Meeting February 26th, noon in Cowgill Hall

The meeting adjourned with the agreement to continue the agenda during the next meeting.

Minutes submitted by J. Woodyard