

US Green Building Council - St. Louis Regional Chapter

Board Meeting

June 26, 2008, 7:30 – 9:00 am

Meeting Minutes

(Submitted by Thomas Schultz)

Attendees: Steve Andert
Emily Andrews
Hope Breidenbach
JoAnn Brookes
Rick Hunter
Pat Justis
Thomas Schultz
Kurt Thompson
Mark Woolbright
Bob Zagar

Regrets: Deb Frank
Jordan Heiman
Punit Jain
Paul Todd Merrill

Opening Round

Administration

1. We discussed board meeting participation while waiting for a quorum to arrive. Emily will check into whether there is an option for a conference phone at EarthWays Center for those who cannot attend in person.
2. The Board approved the following Board Minutes: May 22, 2008
3. Next board meeting – Thursday, July 24, 2008
4. Agenda Finalized

Content

1. PROPOSAL: Clean Energy Initiative

We discussed a proposal to endorse the “Clean Energy Initiative”, which requires Missouri investor-owned electric utilities (Ameren, Empire, Aquila, and KCP&L) to get 15% of their electricity from renewable sources by 2020.

BACKGROUND (see attached fact sheet on the Initiative for details and a list of endorsers):

The Board of Directors voted to approve the intention to endorse the “Clean Energy Initiative” upon creation of approved specific language. The Board members will exchange emails to finalize the actual statement and allow for quick approval and announcements. (Two abstaining: Pat Justis and Thomas Schultz)

2. PROPOSAL: USGBC-STL Sponsorship of Missouri Votes Conservation Fundraising Party, September 12, 2008:

The Board of Directors agreed to support the Missouri Votes Conservation Fundraising Party on September 12, 2008 by encouraging member attendance and through other partnership arrangements. We declined to provide specific funding for this event in order to allow flexibility in our approach to similar requests.

3. LEED 2009 Regional Credit Task Force Update:

JoAnn Brookes provided summary details of the LEED 2009 Regional Credit Task Force and invited participation at the June 30, 2008 planning meeting.

4. Website Redesign Update by Mark Woolbright

Mark Woolbright and JoAnn Brookes provided updates on the developments for our website redesign.

JoAnn Brookes (HOK) hosted four interviews from agencies seeking to provide our new website services and design.

We have narrowed down the finalists to two companies. A winner will be selected soon and announced by the next Board Meeting.

The Board acknowledged the exceptional assistance and support from Mark Woolbright and JoAnn Brookes.

5. USGBC Chapter Territory Discussion:

The Board discussed the needs of the national USGBC office and their intent to limit the number of new chapter designations. Therefore, regional chapters are considering expanding their territory. Our board will continue discussions of our territory expansion and possible branch member status. This is a very important issue facing our St. Louis chapter and the national program as well. There was a discussion of forming a task force to work on this issue, but nothing was finalized.

6. USGBC Greening the Heartland debriefing and follow-up:

The Board acknowledged the wonderful success of the Greening the Heartland event and expressed gratitude to the Steering Committee, especially David Bertorelli and Brandyn Jones, our volunteer co-chairs.

Closing Round (10 minutes)