

**USGBC-STL Executive Committee Meeting**  
**August 24, 2006, 7:30 – 9:00 am**

**Agenda**

**Attendees:** Emily Andrews  
Ralph Bicknese  
Deb Frank  
Jordan Heiman  
Punit Jain  
Dan Jay  
Pat Justis  
Mary Ann Lazarus

**Apologies:** Gary Adelman  
JoAnn Brookes  
Rich Janis  
Suzanne Johnson Crocker

**Opening Round**

**Administration**

1. Approve June Executive Committee meeting minutes - This was tabled as Emily accidentally copied the June agenda instead of the June minutes! Board will review minutes & approve by e-mail.
2. Mid-year Retreat: Saturday, September 23, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm at POE  
Next Meeting: Thursday, September 28, 2006, 7:30 – 9:00 am at EarthWays Center

The mid-year retreat will primarily focus on two items – checking in on our goals and finances. Dan can only be there from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, so that's when the group will discuss finances. Steve Andert will also attend, and we should also invite Bob Zagar. Steve and Bob (and anyone else we invite outside of the Executive Committee) will be invited as special guests, but will not have voting privileges.

3. Finalize Agenda – Pat asked to add a brief discussion about Greening the Heartland. Emily asked to add a discussion about nominations of officers for 2007.

**Content**

1. Committee Reports & Updates (7 - 8 minutes per committee)

Finance

- Ameren updates:
  - Ameren should be invoiced again
  - Emily & Deb met with Greg Lovett and Cindy Bambini on Monday (8/21) morning to discuss future funding. The door is open as long as Ameren has funds. Greg suggested having several proposals ready when/if Ameren has funds to disburse.
  - Emily suggested three proposals: 1) continued support to offer LEED education, 2) expanding the incentive program so that LEED-H and LEED-ND projects are eligible, and 3) a research project to collect and demonstrate the use of metrics, tools and methods that can be used to measure green building performance. Demonstration will focus on local LEED buildings. **Anyone interested in helping develop the proposals, please contact Emily.**
- Punit provided an update on the USGBC matching grant. USGBC had a bad experience with the last round of grants and the Chapter Steering Committee has been re-working the grant program. There is only \$100,000 available – Chapter can potentially apply for up to \$25,000 towards staff salary (if award is matched) or up to \$5,000 for a special event.

Programs

- The Program Committee recommends staying at the Monsanto Center for Programs as long as the cost of the space is financially feasible. Deb will work on negotiating costs for 2007.
- The winter social will be November 28 at 21 O'Fallon (near the landing). Since Peter Raven is unavailable to attend that evening, we will recognize the Chapter founders and celebrate the Chapter's 5-year anniversary! (We became a provisional chapter in August 2001).
- Ed Mazria will speak on September 11 at Wash U's public Monday night lecture series. Mary Ann will get information to Emily to share with the Chapter.

#### Outreach

- Emily & Pat continue to participate on the Greening the City Task Force.
- There was some discussion that many cities out there are using accelerated permitting as an incentive for sustainable building. This wouldn't work in the City because the process is already very streamlined. Perhaps St. Louis County and other municipalities might be better targets for this kind of incentive.
- Greening the Heartland – Punit will recommend to the Heartland Regional Council that St. Louis be the next City to host the conference. Wisconsin will host (in Madison) in 2007 (September 13 – 16). We will take the lead from the Regional Council on the timing of the conference.
- The City of Clayton has amended its PUD (Planned Unit Development) District to include LEED certification as a “public benefit.” The City of Clayton has also written a letter to Centene asking their development to be green.
- Ralph proposed a new goal for the Chapter – to get on the list of Top Ten Sustainable Cities. The Executive Committee can discuss this further at the September 23 retreat. For more information: <http://www.sustainlane.com/cityindex/citypage.php?name=ranking>.
- Emily & Dan met with Alderman Wessels a few weeks back – he's interested in passing legislation to support green building. Emily will follow up with him before the Board is back in session.

#### Membership

We currently have 333 members (as of 8.23.04). Once national's new computer system is up and running, we'll be able to start membership renewal.

#### Communication

- Two articles about green building recently ran in the Post-Dispatch
  - The new website is up – if anyone has suggestions, please contact Emily. The new URL is <http://chapters.usgbc.org/stlouis>. If you go to the old URL, it will redirect you to this new one. The site is also accessible from national's website.
  - We have reached our goal of 40 LEED certified or registered buildings and need to issue a press release on that.
2. Discussion on establishing a task force to determine long-term and sustainable funding for the Chapter - - This item was tabled until the September 23 retreat, where we will focus on finances for the second half of the morning. **If you would like to be on this task force, please contact Emily.**
  3. USGBC Chapter Awards - - Chapter awards are due September 15. USGBC-STL won in the LEED category in 2004. We can submit nominations in up to three categories. Emily passed around very rough drafts of nominations in the Education, USGBC as a Community and LEED categories. **Please contact Emily with your input on the Chapter Awards.**

#### 4. Other Items

Nominating Committee – **Contact Emily if you would like to be on the nominating committee.**

Elections will be held at the Winter Social on November 28. Membership, Program and Finance Chairs and Vice Chair are up for reelection. We have candidates for Membership and Program Chairs.

#### **Closing Round**