



US Green Building Council
Idaho Chapter

June 7, 2006
Board and Chapter Meeting Minutes (combined)
Integrated Design Lab
Boise, ID

Board Members:

Present: Bruce Poe, Steve Benner, Selena O’Neal, Sue Seifert, Cheryl O’Brien, Doug Cooper

Absent: Bob Tikker, Matthew May

Quorum: Yes

Others Present:

Erica Voss, Student and Ada County Intern
Erin Wiedmeier, Student - University of Utah
Angela Wood, Boise City
Spencer Shepard, CTA
Maria Walker, Cole + Poe

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 a.m. by Chapter President, Bruce Poe.

II. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Last month’s minutes were reviewed. A change was made to the meeting date on page 2 of the May 19 strategic planning session minutes: “the next board meeting, June 1, 2006” was changed to “June 7, 2006”. The minutes were then approved by the Board.

III. Treasurer’s Report

Gary Childe reported that the chapter lost about \$150 on the lunches for the last program. The chapter bought 40 lunches from Idaho Power, but only had 23 people pay to eat. Gary will send an email to update the Board on the exact figure. The Board discussed other options such as having attendees bring their own lunch or buy their own from the Idaho Power cafeteria. No decision was made. The Events Committee should discuss and make a recommendation to the Board.

IV. Progress Reports – Committee Chairs report on Strategic Plan progress

Selena reviewed the overall changes to the strategic plan resulting from the May 19th workshop. The Board adopted the strategic plan with the understanding that it is a work in progress and that more action items need to be identified by the committees. (The Committee Chairs did not report on their individual action items at this meeting.)

V. Issues that Merit Discussion or Decision

1. The USGBC is looking for a speaker on June 15th in Sioux Falls, SD. Bruce Poe will attend and speak on behalf of the USGBC Idaho Chapter.

2. Cheryl O'Brien is organizing a noon-time event in Idaho Falls on June 21st to address people in eastern Idaho and talk about green buildings. Is inviting 15-20 people and will be happy to get 10. Bruce Poe will attend and speak on behalf of the USGBC Idaho Chapter.

3. The Real Estate Board is looking for a speaker on October 11th, in Boise. Bruce Poe will attend and speak on behalf of the USGBC Idaho Chapter.

4. LEED for Homes

The USGBC has identified 12 organizations to push LEED for Homes. Portland, OR based OnPoint is one of those companies selected to do this. Tad Duby (local home performance test specialist, formerly promoting Build America and ENERGY STAR homes) is now working for OnPoint and is very actively rolling out LEED for Homes in Idaho. We need to get Tad plugged into our Chapter and find a time/day that he can come meet with the Board. Tad wants to setup a workshop in Boise. (It is unclear who from the Idaho Chapter Board is going to contact him.)

VI. Focus on the Future – pick one issue and discuss it thoroughly

Sun Valley Sustainability Conference

Bruce invited Morgan, a representative from a Hailey-based company, Developing Green, to call in and discuss the Sun Valley Sustainability Conference with the Board. Morgan ran through the list of possible speakers for the conference to be held in October 2006. Morgan described the levels of sponsorship: \$10,000 platinum, \$5,000 gold, \$2,500 silver, and \$1,000 certified. Bruce suggested that the Idaho Chapter may like to be a platinum sponsor, but asked Morgan the ramifications of falling short of raising the full amount. Morgan explained that they would hope that organizations would not fall short on their pledges, but that they would make changes to the programs accordingly.

The phone call ended and the Board continued the discussion of how we might be able to get sponsors to help raise the funds. Sue suggested that the Chapter get a marketing person to help get memberships. Bruce suggested that the Chapter hire a marketing person to get the sponsorships for the conference, believing that the conference would bring in the memberships. Selena asked if the Chapter needed to sponsor at a platinum level or if it would get the same benefits from the lowest sponsorship level. Bruce will get more information out to the Board so the Board can discuss it further via email, and vote on whether the Chapter will participate and at what level.

Other

Bruce reminded the Board that Rick Federizzi is coming to Boise in May 2007. He would like to have an Events subcommittee to begin planning an event for that time.

Bruce talked about the USGBC Emerging Green Builders group for students and young professionals, and how we need to organize a green bus to take Idaho students to volunteer at GreenBuild in Denver, CO in November. Erica Voss and Erin Wiedmeier agreed to help begin planning.

Selena mentioned that Green Build is not in the Strategic Plan and that it should be added if we are to have a committee work on the green bus idea. Same for anything that is discussed by the Board. If we are going to work on it, it must be part of the strategic plan. If it's not, then we don't spend time working on it.

VII. Announcements

Next Board meeting is July 5, 2006 at 11:00 am at the Integrated Design Lab.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Selena O'Neal.