



CONNECTICUT GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL

MINUTES:

Board of Directors Meeting

7 July 2003, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Location:

CT Clean Energy Fund, 200 Corporate Place, Rocky Hill, CT

Attendees:

Susan Brandes (SB), Chair

Robert Maddox (RM), President

Ken Dreitlein (KD), Bryan Garcia (BG), Steve Murphy (SM), Kim Trella (KT), Mike Trolle (MT), Frank Gagliardo (FG)

Absent:

John Amatruda (JA), Secretary, Patricia Canevari (PC), Bruce Bockstael (BB), Bill Cowan (BC), Michael Smalec (MS), Katherine Faulkner (KF), Bruce Heyl (BH), Richard Rourke (RR), Richard Barredo (RB), Vice-President & Treasurer

Business Conducted:

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by SB at 4:10 pm. BG took meeting minutes in JA's absence.

2) Education Committee Report

KT discussed the green schools event and noted very positive evaluation results. 80 people were in attendance at the event in New Haven. KT has started to assemble e-mails and will be putting together a list serve. Presentations from the event will be posted on the website. KT to follow-up with presenters to determine whether or not they would like their presentations posted. KT discussed the Revest tour. KT discussed the up-and-coming lighting event at the end of the month at the Smart Living Center in Orange, CT. KT and MT discussed plans for a green homes tour/event. MT will be organizing a panel for this event to take place on a Saturday before Thanksgiving potentially at CCSU. A LEED event is tentatively scheduled for either December 2, 3, 9, or 10. Bill Reed, LEED trainer, has put a hold on these dates. KT, MT, FG, and RM will be looking for a place down in Fairfield County to hold this event. A limit of 70 people was set for the event. KT is looking to organizing a holiday event in January of 2004 for the membership. RM proposed a board picnic and will be looking into it.

3) Membership Committee

In BC's absence, BG gave an update on current membership at 77 members. This is above CTGBC's annual target given the new fee structure set at the beginning of the year by the Strategic Planning Committee.

4) **Website**

KD recommended that the board support a proposal to develop a database for the CTGBC that would be linked to our website. All board members are to get KD information that they may have on members, event participants, potential contacts, etc.

MOTION (SB) – To allocate up to \$2,500 for the development of a database system to manage membership and link to the CTGBC website. Seconded and approved by the board.

Board members are to get a list of data fields to Ken to be incorporated into the database structure.

5) **Strategic Planning and Finance**

In RB's absence, BG discussed the current finance situation of the CTGBC. To date the organization has collected \$7,100 from membership fees. The account currently holds \$14,400. BG noted the event detail that can be used for strategic planning purposes.

KD briefly discussed the strategic plan. The board decided that the plan should be brought up for approval at the next meeting. It was noted that to date, the CTGBC appears to be meeting most of the goals the strategic planning committee had drafted several months ago.

6) **USGBC Conversation Follow-Up**

SB and KD had a phone conversation with Alan Traugot of the USGBC. He mentioned that there are currently 15 chapters, 10 coming online, and 6 affiliates. He noted that the future of the USGBC resided in chapters. The USGBC will not recognize additional affiliates according to Alan. Alan is still interested in meeting with the CTGBC board, but mentioned that he couldn't attend Monday board meetings. SB will follow-up with Alan for an alternative date. At present, the board feels that there is no need to pursue becoming a chapter of the USGBC.

7) **Connecticut Climate Change Action Planning Process**

KT and BG asked the group questions about how green building design could reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases. SB stated that she has some people at UTRC checking into this and will get back to KT and BG. RM noted that 30% energy savings are standard for LEED certified silver buildings. JA was noted as a good contact for follow-on information.

8) **2004 Elections**

1/3 of the board is up for reelection next year. The strategic planning committee must begin to work with JA to start preparing for elections.

9) **Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 8th @ 4:00pm, at the CT Clean Energy Fund offices. Note that the August meeting has been postponed to September due to summer schedules and board availability.

10) **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by SB at 5:30 p.m.