INFLUENCE ACSA

ACSA has proposed a draft plan for conference reorganization. The plan offers three options:
1. Both the Technology and Administrators' Conferences would be rolled back into the Annual Meeting to save ACSA and member schools money and to reanimate the Annual Meeting.
2. Incorporate both conferences into the Annual Meeting, but allow for the possibility of a separate conference every other year.
3. Same incorporation, but allow for separate conferences every third year.
If you have an opinion, write or call any ACSA Board member or the ACSA Committee on Scholarly Meetings Conferences and Workshops—Diane Ghirardo, Frances Halsband, and John McRae.
—Bruce Hayland

ASES SOLAR '94—SBSE ANNUAL MEETING

The 1994 SBSE Annual Meeting will take place at the 19th National Passive Solar Conference in San José, California, June 25-30. The exact time and place of the meeting has not been scheduled, but will be in the conference program.

Agenda items for the meeting are:
- Mailing list policy
- Lifetime dues
- SBSE Workshop '95—Sustainability?
- Upcoming retreat topics
- Tenure issues
- SBSE in continuing education

The annual meeting will also be augmented by an SBSE hospitality room for slide and course material exchange, textbook previewing, and especially networking with colleagues. The room should be the hub of activity for the duration of the conference.
—John Reynolds

SBSE AT ACSA TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE '94

A small, but determined, SBSE contingent brought some warmth to chilly Ann Arbor in late January. A snowstorm nearly paralyzed Detroit airport—long distance flights landed, but short flights were turned away. On the first day of the conference the east and west coasts were well-represented, but only the midwesterners were those who drove.

Those of us presenting and/or listening to papers included chair-elect Mary Guzowski, Mike Utzinger, Jim Wasley, Lance LaVine, Nick Musso, Norbert Lechner, Gary Siebein, Ed Allen, Jack Kremers, John Reynolds, Jeff Cook, and of course the overworked but always gracious host. JJ Kim. I probably overlooked someone (with age, memory fades), but I hope to be forgiven. As you can see some great people were sorely missed.

A typically fact-filled inspirational by Amory Lovins was well-received and I gathered some nuggets from those teaching technology outside our immediate ECS area. One little surprise—before Jeff Cook and I presented the "Design for PV" project, several of the participants asked me what PV stood for. . . so many acronyms, so little time. [Ooo, ooo! I know, I know! PV = Puerto Vallerta! ed.]

So let's turn out in force at San José, OK? We have lots to talk about, and solar needs us as much as ever.
—John Reynolds

—Bruce Hayland
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What does the A's schedule look like for the end of June/beginning of July? Maybe a chance for a bunch of tickets for an SBSE outing/retreat at the park?

—Dale Bartrop

[Mr. Baseball agrees. The best seats at the Oakland Coliseum are the bleachers, especially for day games—real grass, real light, real baseball. No need to buy them in advance, unless the A’s surprise everyone with a great season. The day games are: Royals June 23, Tigers June 25 & 26, Angels June 29, and there are some intervening night games for the truly desperate.—ed.]

Bruce Haglund, John Reynolds,

Your newsletter arrived! SO I’m sending word—any word. Hope you realize that just because there is all this silence out here, it doesn’t mean we’re not moving. And fortunately some of our many thoughts (including those stimulated by SBSE) are not even immediately visible!

1. The summer retreat looks especially worthwhile.
2. No mention of Ann Arbor—I trust our profound leadership will organize some SBSE caucus events.
3. The “ecological architecture curricular materials” project also seems very worthwhile—but some of us are finding it hard just to keep up with the day-to-day.
4. Although there is almost a conflict of time, please include PLEA Dead Sea in your next announcements.

Bruce—our mutual student, Dave Thomas, has now finished a fine master’s and is back in Boise. John—that’s a nice paper on PVs! Hope to see you both in Ann Arbor.

—Jeff Cook

EBN AND MAILING LISTS

January 6, 1994

We learned recently that you are the editor for the Society of Building Science Educators newsletter. Our newsletter, Environmental Building News, is a bi-monthly 20-page publication for building professionals. EBN includes in-depth feature articles, news briefs, product reviews, construction details, checklists, thought-provoking essays, reviews of relevant publications and a calendar of events.

EBN is quickly becoming the source for quality, unbiased information on environmental building practices. We have subscribers in all 50 states, in 6 Canadian provinces, in Australia, Denmark, the Netherlands, Great Britain, and Japan. I have enclosed a copy of EBN for your interest.

We believe that EBN would be a valued resource for the SBSE newsletter subscribers. We are interested to obtain your mail list to use in a promotional mailing for EBN. Do you rent or exchange your mail list?

We look forward to hearing from you soon about obtaining your mail list.

Marianne Büttner, Business Manager

13 January 1994

Dear Ms. Büttner,

Thank you for inquiring about our mailing list and for sending the sample Environmental Building News.

At this time the Society of Building Science Educators has no mailing list policy. As a result of your letter we’ve added the discussion of mailing lists to the agenda of our annual business meeting in June. It might be helpful to our discussion if you enlighten us about your intentions for use of our list. Will you sell it to or trade it with others? If so, whom?

In the meantime I will mention Environmental Building News in the spring issue of SBSE News. It seems to be a pertinent and useful tool for university teachers and researchers in our areas of specialization. I count three of my friends and colleagues among your endorsers, which also pursues me of the worthiness of your publication. I also found the lead article on heating fuel choices a valuable supplement to my fuel sources lecture for my environmental technologies course—it’s comprehensive, holistic, and current.

Personally, I’ve enclosed a check and a subscription form.

March 17, 1994

Thank you for your subscription to Environmental Building News and for your enthusiastic comment on the heating fuel feature article. It’s always rewarding to receive such positive comments as yours. We apologize for taking so long to get back in touch.

On the matter of using your mail list, we would like to find an arrangement with which your organization is comfortable. On occasion we exchange mailing lists with other, similar publishers. Such exchanges are generally for one-time use; and we would never share a list we obtained from you with other groups or publishers.

We will honor whatever conditions the Society of Building Science Educators requests.

We can work with lists in a variety of formats: computer disk (3½” IBM or Macintosh), pressure-sensitive labels, or photocopied pages in label format. The first two formats are our preference.
Once again, thank you for your subscription. I hope that I have adequately described how we use mail lists. If you have further questions, please feel free to call me at 802/257-7300 or write to Environmental Building News at RR1, Box 161, Brattleboro, VT 05301.

Marianne Büttner, Business Manager

OPPORTUNITIES


- Architecture of the Extremes—Eleventh PLEA International Conference—Dead Sea, Israel, 3-8 July 1994. For more information, contact Jeff Cook at ASU or PLEA Secretariat, P.O.B. 8388, Jerusalem 91082, ISRAEL.

- Assistant Professor Position in ECS and Design at Montana State University. Application deadline: April 15. Search Committee, School of Architecture, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT 59717, tel 406-994-2042.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (CONTINUED)

[Glad my plea didn’t go unheeded. I’m sure we all share your feeling of time pressure. My theory is that speed of light has increased, thereby compressing time. More daylighting will correct this problem. Check out the technology conference report (page 1) and the “Opportunities” section (this page).—ed.]

Your winter 1993 issue of SBSE News solicited new addresses for missing members. We found two of them:

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Department of Architecture
390 Wurster Hall
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Berkeley, CA 94720

Paul Weir
Don Thompson Associates
495 Miller Ave.
Mill Valley, CA 94941

—G. Z. (Charlie) Brown

[Thanks for finding half the missing members! Ouch! Membership, please take note; these addresses are not in the new directory.—ed.]

I sent this letter and check to Dale Brentrup on December 2, 1993. The check has been cashed and I have not received confirmation of my membership or the winter 1993 newsletter! Please reply immediately.

“Margot McDonald suggested I join the Society of Building Science Educators. She thinks the cost is $25 per year. Here’s a check. Please send me whatever recent information you’ve got. Call me if I got the dues wrong.”

—Am Wiedensky

[Yipe! You might have us confused with the rocket science educators—SRSE? Since we all volunteer our time to SBSE, response time at the speed of light is unusual. You should have received both the fall and winter issues of SBSE News in response to your letter. I also see that you’re in the new directory. Okay now? We aim to please.—ed.]
PEOPLE NEWS

Cris Benton and Howard Heemstra presented a continuing education workshop entitled, "daylighting in architecture," at Iowa State University and co-sponsored by AIA Iowa.

Rob Peña was faculty sponsor of an "additional selected project" by Cameron Hall in the Eleventh Annual Student Design Competition, "An Environmental Summer Camp and Visitor/Education Center," sponsored by ACSA/American Wood Council.

Bruce Haglund and the rest of the Idaho architecture department (faculty, students, staff, and faculty spouses/partners) seem to have somehow survived the NAAB accreditation team visit—which is why this issue of SBSE News is late. [wonder how long he’ll milk this excuse!—ed. ’s ed.]

BOOK REVIEW

I recently read A Natural History of the Senses by Diane Ackerman hoping it would be as insightful and rewarding as Lisa Heschong’s Thermal Delight in Architecture. In the author’s own words, “One of the real tests of writers, especially poets, is how well they write about smells.” For example: “They (monarch butterflies) prefer to winter in eucalyptus groves, which are deeply fragrant. The first time I stepped into one, and every time thereafter, they filled me with sudden tender memories of mentholated rub and childhood colds.” Test failed, insight unavailable, no comparison. The author confesses to writing in the bathtub. I infer that her research occurred there as well.

—B. Haglund

SEND WORD—ANY WORD!

Thanks to all of you who contributed letters, announcements, or articles! Keep ’em comin’! Send to: B. T. Haglund, SBSE News, Department of Architecture, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID 83844. Or fax him something interesting at 208–885–9428.

SBSE Members Zheng Hui, Harvey Bryan, and you? in Green Gables Zen Farm Guest House Living Room.

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