1992 SBSE Curriculum Retreat—Planning for the Future

The 1992 retreat will be held on June 18–20 near the ASES/National Passive Solar Conference Cocoa Beach, Florida, site. Our retreat activities will begin Thursday evening and continue through Saturday noon; to encourage informal interaction a generous amount of time will be “unscheduled.”

These dates were selected to accommodate those teaching on the quarter or late semester system who will finish exams the previous week and the economic realities of airline supersaver schedule restrictions (stay-over Saturday night).

In response to discussions at the SBSE meeting during the San Diego ACSA Technology Conference, the focus of the 1992 retreat will be Planning for the Future. More specifically, each applicant for the retreat must submit a one-page paper proposing a goal statement and five specific objectives (tasks) for SBSE to pursue for the next three years. Your proposal may cover both our general activities and specific research.

We will begin the retreat Thursday evening by having each participant present her or his goal and objectives. Small group discussions about implementing these objectives will continue through Saturday morning. We will reconvene and report progress before lunch on Saturday, have a free afternoon, and have a summary meeting after supper.

Fuller Moore is organizing the retreat and, while several alternatives (ranging from the Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn to an off-season fishing camp) are being considered, at press time no selection has been made (“Hey, trout streams are hard to find in central Florida!”). In previous years we have had sufficient funds from the Department of Energy to cover retreat costs for meeting space, lodging, and meals. Unfortunately, these funds are nearly exhausted and are inadequate to cover another meeting. We are trying to obtain new funding, but it doesn’t look imminent. Therefore, it will be necessary for participants to cover their own lodging and meal expenses; this is expected to be between $100 and $200 total for the three days, depending on the site selected.

In order to make the retreat productive, the number of participants will be limited to 20. To apply for participation submit a one-page goals and objectives statement with a $35 deposit check (payable to SBSE) to Fuller Moore, Architecture Department, Miami University, Oxford, OH 45056, (513) 529-6426. Application deadline is April 1 with notification by April 15.

---F. Moore

Passive Conference SBSE Activities

As in past years, SBSE will hold its annual general meeting during the National Passive Conference (June 13-18) at the Cocoa Beach Howard Johnson. In addition, we will provide our SBSE hospitality room at the conference hotel—slide copying and exchange, written course material exchange, browsing bookshelf, and “most excellent” discussions—“The place to be” in Cocoa Beach. See the conference bulletin board for details. Send Fuller suggested titles for the “SBSE browsing bookshelf” soon, and he’ll try to get them donated by the publishers.

---F. Moore

ASES 1992 Passive Scouting Report

The Cocoa Beach Howard Johnson Hotel is 1950s funky and comes with operable windows. Ask for a room on the south side or listen to the kitchen air-conditioning all night. The conference rooms are daylighted and have sliding glass doors. The adjacent beach offers a beautiful place for a cool dip or a long run. Small motels in Cocoa Beach offer great off-season rates ($20-$30) for the adventurous. Visit Ron Jon’s 24-hour Surf Shop for architectural overload.

---V. Cartwright/B. Haglund
SBSE Election Results

Last fall's election seated John Reynolds as chair-elect and re-seated Dale Brentrup as secretary/treasurer. Fuller Moore has succeeded Gail Brager as chair.

Dues Update

1992 SBSE dues are due. At the last annual meeting individual dues were raised to $25 per year. A dues reminder is due to you soon. Do pay your dues.

—D. Brentrup

Technology Conference Report

A throng of SBSE attendees at the 1992 ACSA Technology Conference in San Diego enjoyed a marvelous meeting. "The storm of the season" which was busy washing LA into the sea, parted for two days over San Diego to add festive 70°F weather to a scene that featured the best keynote foursome ever assembled—Sally Ride with provocative views from space, Walter Monk with a proposal for measuring global warming via the speed of sound in the ocean, Steve Badanes with gonzo environmentally sensitive design-build work, and Jonas Salk with a talk about Kahn's masterwork and a proposed addition as well as tours of the institute. In between there were plenty of paper sessions and experimental, "making and doing" sessions, which everyone enjoyed. An SBSE informal lunch meeting drew about 25 members and curious on-lookers. Discussion centered on planning for the summer retreat. The conference ended as we sipped fine wine, nibbled cheese and crackers, and watched (in vain, too cloudy) for the green flash as the sun sank into the western terminus of the Salk Institute courtyard.

—B. Haglund

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Seen in San Diego, the definitive SBSE tie—a club pattern featuring incandescent lamps—worn by Dale "my wardrobe is my work" Brentrup.

1993 ACSA Technology Conference Rumor

A chorus of boos resounded at the Technology Conference when ACSA announced that next year's event would be rolled into the Annual Meeting. Upon further review ACSA has decided that next year's Technology Conference will not be combined with the ACSA Annual Meeting, but will be a stand-alone event in January 1993. The rumor is that it will be held at Arizona State University in Tempe in January. Hmmm.

—S. Ubbelohde

SBSE Focus Session at ACSA Annual

At the Orlando meeting on Sunday, March 15 SBSE will present a panel discussion on teaching environmental technology and design. John Reynolds, Mary Guzowski, Fatih Rifki, and Gary Siebein will be on the panel.

—D. Brentrup
SBSE Cartoon Archive

The entire cartoon collection or a cartoon update is available if you send me a note or give me a call: Bruce Haglund, Department of Architecture, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID 83843, (208) 885-6781. The cartoons will also travel to Cocoa Beach for browsing and copying. The newspapers were engulfed with a rash of environmental satire during January/February 1991.

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CONNECTOR

Ed Allen has launched a newsletter that is "a new, informal forum for exchanging ideas and materials related to the teaching of all areas of technology in schools of architecture." Its existence depends on articles contributed by technology teachers. If you haven't seen it, subscribe at no cost. Send your name and address to Edward Allen, Acting Editor, Connector, 129 Eliot ST, South Natick, MA 01760.

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Call for Papers

Carl Bovill is organizing a paper session devoted to teaching environmental controls in a studio format at the ACSA Western Regional meeting at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, October 23–25. One-page abstracts should be submitted by March 15, 1992 to Joseph Amanzio, Architecture Department, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407. Call Carl for more guidance at (805) 756-8052 or 1316.

—C. Bovill

SBSE News Items

The SBSE Newsletter begs for input from the membership. Anything that you think that SBSErs need to know or might want to hear about is appropriate for the newsletter—faculty position openings, calls for papers, stuff you need, stuff you have to share, book reviews, opinions, whatever. Volunteer op-ed or how-to columnists are among you, check the mirror. Write volumes on the joy of being in this field under our first self-acclaimed environmental/education president. Send me stuff or tell me stuff—Bruce Haglund, Department of Architecture, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID 83843, (208) 885-6141 or leave messages with Cheryl Wheaton at 6781. We ain't got no answering machine!

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