

COTE^{dc}

ATA/DC committee on the environment

Reuben Hameed	:Chair
Pete Whitehead	:Vice Chair
Christian Gillette	:Secretary
Jay Wilson	:Treasurer
Jaime Van Mourik	:Fundraiser

Chapter Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: March 12, 2008

Location: The SmithGroup

Date of Report: March 17, 2008

Report by: Christian Gillette

Participants:

Reuben Hameed
Hal Bolton
Christian Gillette
Peter Whitehead
Jaime Van Mourik
Monika Smith
Jay Wilson
Mark Lean
Frank Mobilio
Steve Teiler
Gerardo Rivera
Lee Cramp
Joseph Hannah
Carlton Eley
Andy Quathmier
Helen Lanes
Amy Averill
Chris Graves
Gregory Long
Greg Mella
William Nutter
Jason Hercules

Presentation- Carlton Eley, US Environmental Protection Agency on the EPA's Smart Growth Initiative. See COTE^{dc} Website for a copy of the presentation.

Discussions-

- 1) **Jay Wilson, Treasurer 2008-** Reviewed treasurer information. Total funds in for 2008 are \$11,500, which includes \$4,000 of 'In Kind'. Goal is to have \$14,000 total by the first of April.
- 2) **Jaime Van Mourik, Fundraiser 2008-** Have received checks from the following sponsors for 2008- David M. Schwarz, HSMM, Sustainable Design Consulting, ZGF. Money has been committed from the following firms- SmithGroup, Wiencek + Associates, Wisnewski Blair.
Please contact Jaime should you have a potential sponsor for COTE^{dc} 2008.
- 3) **Christian Gillette, Secretary 2008-** COTE^{dc} website is up to date. New site has a fresh look and now contains the following- contact

information and photo's of officers, calendar of events that will also show our meeting locations and presentation schedule, meeting minute postings, COTEdc brochure attachments. Website will be updated with new 2008 sponsors starting April 1.

- 4) **Reuben Hameed, Chair 2008- [Seeking volunteers](#)** for the 2008 **[National Sustainable Design Expo](#)** to be held April 20-22 on the National Mall. See more information at <http://es.epa.gov/ncer/p3/expo/> - COTEdc to have a booth at the expo. Need people to man the booth, pass out brochures, and speak with attendees about our programs. Hours- Sunday 12-5pm, Monday 9-5pm, Tuesday 9-3pm. Please contact Reuben if you can lend even an hour of your time.
- 5) **Comments from the Board on upcoming COTEdc events and tours-**
 - Sidwell Friends tour to take place in May, Tour of new LEED-CI space in September.
 - April meeting location is HSMM. May is off site at Sidwell Friends. June to be held at Gensler of DC. July meeting location is OPEN. August to be a Staubach. September will be LEED-CI tour. October, November, and December meeting locations are OPEN.
 - Networking event with Emerging Green Builders (EGB, a sub-chapter of USGBC- NCR) to be held the first or last week of May. Details to be announced
- 5) **Reuben Hameed and Hal Bolton** reviewed discussions from the AIA East Coast chapter chair meeting held in early March. Richmond chapter is focusing on the 2030 challenge and advocacy toward local government. North Carolina chapter is hoping to build a green chapter house.
- 6) **Pete Whitehead, Vice-Chair 2008-** announced the need for volunteers to help with local Builder without Borders group from May 1-22 at the National Botanic Garden. Builders without Borders are seeking our help. See the website for more info and contact Pete Whitehead if you are interested in helping in any way. <http://builderswithoutborders.org/>

OPEN REMARKS-

Monika Smith- DC Environmental Film Festival is running through March 22. <http://www.dcenvironmentalfilmfest.org/home.php>

Jaime Van Mourik- Catholic University is starting a Masters program in sustainable design to start this Fall, 2008.

Jay Wilson and Reuben Hameed- Keep your minds eye on the opportunity to make an impact on this year's renewal of the DC zoning laws. How can it be made with sustainability in mind? The zoning regulations in DC haven't been updated in 50 years. Contact Reuben Hameed or Jay with your input.

END OF MEETING- Next Meeting April 9th at HSMM, see COTEdc Webpage for presentation content and more information.

<http://www.aiadc.com/01-5%20COTEdc.asp>