

**National Organization of Minority Architects
Washington DC Chapter**

P.O. Box # 77174
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Meeting Minutes

24 APRIL 03

Attendees:

Michelle Chin, Treasurer	Reuben Hameed
Kathy Dixon, Sec	Trelane Patrick
Virgil Green, Pres	Chris Pierce
Damon L. Greene	
Lakeisha Henderson, 2 nd VP	

Meeting brought to order at approx. 6:10pm

Introductions

Old Business

-Recap of **AIA Diversity Committee Data Summit** meeting this month attended by Virgil and Kathy. AIA, NCARB, NAAB, Archvoices, NOMA, McGraw-Hill, and ACSA met to discuss gathering of information regarding minorities in the profession. Lakeisha stated that it is important that all parties bring something to the table.

-building and office tour opportunities: possible second tour of Nat'l Museum of the American Indian to be planned (Virgil will coordinate w/ Aaron). Still need to develop list of other potential building/sites for tours as well as architectural offices for student tours

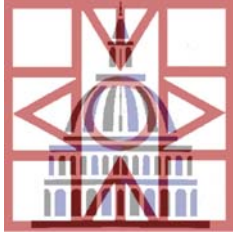
-Membership dues national and local: Everyone is encouraged to pay their 2003 membership dues. Also to pay advanced registration fees for the Oct conference. Deadline is April 30 for early registration and then price increases from \$250 to \$300; Ideally DC NOMA would like to sponsor students to attend the conference. Could assist schools in providing sponsorship to students to attend. Or pay membership fees for students once chapter has adequate funding.

-Mentorship program update: Damon and Michelle presented rough draft of Professional/Student Mentor Program outline. Please review attached draft outline and provide feedback by next meeting. Kick off event/charrette at the beginning of next semester will be planned. Could be coordinated with IDP workshop.

-Conference Update/National Conference Registration – (see also membership above) Hyatt McCormick Place, Chicago, Illinois, Oct 23-25, 2003. Forms are available online at <http://www.noma.net/conf/index.htm> Sponsorship packages are also available if you know of a company that might wish to sponsor a booth.

-National Black Caucus participation – Reuben has possible lead to get DC NOMA involved. He will gather some information and let us know how best to proceed.

-Portfolio & Image Workshop last week was successful and greatly appreciated by the Howard University faculty. Attendance was modest due to finals...Fall Semester workshop should be coordinated with school calendar to avoid conflicts.



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-Summer Internships – If your company is looking to hire summer interns please let DC NOMA know. We get regularly request from students seeking internships.

New Business

-DC Government OPM is seeking project managers & site inspectors. Contact Virgil if you are interested virgil.green@dc.gov

-IDP Workshop needs to plan for Fall Semester. Prof. Dunson & Prof. Laurie at Howard would like to be involved. Also need DC NOMA members to participate and share their experiences in the program. Virgil will contact NCARB/IDP about having someone attend this workshop and the national convention.

The question was raised how to satisfy Community Service credits in the IDP program: Suggestions ranged from CANstruction, Habitat for Humanity, Architects in Elementary Schools (ARCHES), EcoVillage Project, and church programs.

-GSA/NOMA Partnership – A partnership charter will be signed by GSA and NOMA to promote excellence in design of public buildings next week at the AIA Nat'l Convention. (see attached charter document)

General Discussion

-Officers Meeting planned for May 15th, 2003 at 6.p.m.

-DC NOMA must encourage and **develop NOMAS chapters at local universities**. We have a contact at Howard Univ (Rashad Willingham), need to follow up with him.

-Everyone is encouraged to fill out the **Minority Architects Database** at the national website. No payment is required. Its goal is to accurately account for number of African-American/minority architects nationally <http://noma.net/join/nomadb.asp>

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50p.m.

Next Mtg:

Thursday, May 29, 2003
6:00 pm
One Judiciary Square
441 Fourth Street – Room 1030