



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

**Meeting Minutes**

**28May02**

**Attendees:**

Cheryl Amisial	Virgil Green
Isham Baker	Lakeisha Henderson
Michelle Chin	Louis Sinclair
Peter Cook	Umar Suleiman
Kathy Dixon	Derek Williamson

**Topics of Discussion:**

**Advisory Board**

- Virgil presented the slate of four advisory board appointees and their backgrounds/areas of expertise including:
  - Marion Thomas: potential job/project opportunity resource for NOMA members
  - Suman Sorg: firm growth, varied projects
  - Clarence Mobley: NOMAC Council member; organizational and motivational
  - Alfred Lui: NCARB and DC Board of licensing
- as past president, Peter Cook (public relations and newsletter) is "automatic" member of advisory board
- Executive board unanimously voted in the four advisory board appointees
- Advisory board members are tasked to host one meeting in their area of expertise over the next year
- Executive board and Advisory board need to meet sometime in June to create 2002-2003 calendar

**Member Benefits**

- Howard University School of Law Building Tour by Baker, Cooper & Associates will be June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002: visitors will meet in vestibule/lobby for briefing, then tour the building, then return to lobby for Q&A session. Regularly scheduled chapter meeting will be in conjunction with tour. Virgil to contact Isham Baker to reserve conference room. See below for HU School of Law address.
- Executive board is to plan and coordinate other building tours for summer and for when students are back in school.

**Networking Events Calendar**

- 1<sup>st</sup> VP proposed having design crits periodically after meetings for interested students; NOMA members could be available to do critiques at local schools
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP is seeking articles for Diversity newsletter sponsored by SmithGroup, contact lakeisha.henderson@smithgroup.com for further information



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- possibility of earning AIA learning units for building tours was raised. Requires syllabus of tour
- Potential building tours include: Carlyle Center, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Corcoran addition, GW Hospital, Nat'l Museum of the American Indian, Discovery Bldg -(currently June 6 2:30 pm)
- It was proposed that network events should revolve around architecture or design related events in the DC metro area; don't want to have low attendance at events so should distribute them throughout the calendar; locations should be accessible by metro.

**Dues & mailing addresses**

- Dues can be set to Avery Management c/o DC NOMA until P.O. Box is set up.
- Currently local dues goes solely to chapter, not to Nat'l NOMA

**Transfer of information to new officers**

- Virgil will contact Joe and get treasurer information to Michelle by end of week

**Membership certificates**

- 8 1/2" x 11" membership certificates will be given out to new members

**Website update**

- Still waiting to get ftp (file transfer) access to Avery Mngmt servers for permanent web address; to view temporary/ proposed site go to <http://members.bellatlantic.net/~kddaia/dcnoma> send any comments/suggestions to Kathy at [dcnoma.secretary@verizon.net](mailto:dcnoma.secretary@verizon.net)

**New business**

- Chapter should make efforts to build alliances with other professional organizations (i.e. OBD, NSBE, etc); make sure they have links to our website when we have permanent web address.

**Next Meeting:**

The next chapter meeting will be held in conjunction with the  
Howard University Law School Tour  
Tuesday, June 25, 2002  
6pm  
2900 Van Ness Street, N.W. (Van Ness-UDC Metro Station, Red Line)  
Washington, D.C. 20008  
202.806.8000