

IDAHO/MONTANA ASLA EXCOM

April 3, 2002 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Dave Koga, President
Jim Mihan, President Elect
Beth Chandler, Secretary
Debowden Bauer, Immediate Past President

Begin 4:10 pm.

Minutes from last Meeting (Beth Chandler)

- The minutes from the March 13, 2002 meeting were briefly discussed and approved.

Treasurer's Report (Steve Davidson)

- No new report. We are currently assuming that we are right around \$13,000.

Sections Reports (Dave Koga)

- Dave is still working on contacting each of the Sections to ask for a quarterly report.

Trustee Report (Jon Mueller)

- Dave received a memo from Jon stating that there has been discussion about increasing ASLA membership dues by \$10 this next year. Jon asked Dave to discuss this with the Excom to get our point of view on whether or not this was reasonable. We came to the conclusion that this was a 4% increase, and Deb mentioned that small increases more often are better than large increases not very often, as members could grow to expect and handle this more easily. The majority of the Excom present agreed with this conclusion.

OLD BUSINESS

Licensure (Debowden Bauer)

- Deb mentioned that the Landscape Architecture Board meeting that was held on Friday, March 15 was a good meeting. Although Dave Curtis was unable to attend, the group that was present worked through the comments that he had previously made. The main concern in the current revisions of our Idaho modified law was that the language was unclear, so after much discussion they decided to try and implement the CLARB model law to the extent possible, because it does not limit the various avenues of practice that a Landscape Architect is.
- The Nursery Profession has shown concern with the language in our current revisions of the Idaho modified law because there may be perception that it potentially threatens current business practices. Deb suggested at the above referenced meeting that someone make copies of the preferred exemption terminology used in the laws of other states, and ask the Nursery Profession to review and offer their preferences as well. She was unsure if anyone had taken this task on.
- As a side note to the licensure update, it was also discussed at the above referenced meeting, that because CLARB now allows the LARE to be taken through their organization, the state should provide exam fees and registration costs equal to those of CLARB, to provide uniformity.
- Excom reviewed a number of editions of Landscape Architecture Magazine to find the most appropriate one to send out to all the legislators in Idaho and Montana next fall. The Idaho/Montana chapter will request a CIP grant for the cost of the magazine and postage. The magazine will be used to educate

legislators and promote our licensure modification. It was decided that the November 1999 issue would be the best due to it's theme of "100 Years of Landscape Architecture" and the educational information it provides.

Rendezvous (Dave Koga - until further notice)

- Dave is planning to send a chapter-wide email asking if anyone wants to be involved in planning or have any theme ideas for the Rendezvous next spring.
- Dave mentioned a new idea for the program might be "Security in Landscape Architecture Design" due to all the heightened security issues in our country lately. However, he still is interested in a focus on the program around elderly and/or children's gardens. We as Excom still need to be thinking of other possibilities.

National Landscape Architecture Week (NLAW) (Dave Koga or Jim Mihan)

- IMASLA has achieved development of proclamations designating National Landscape Architecture Week in the following cities: Boise, Billings, Bozeman, Coeur d'Alene, Eagle, Meridian, Missoula, Whitefish, Kalispell, Helena, Post Falls, as well as the State of Idaho and the State of Montana.
- Kim is working on finishing the synopsis for the honorary service certificate for Dick Mayer, and Deb will then be taking it to have it penned. Dave will ship the certificate to Kent Watson, who will present the certificate to Dick.

Olmsted in conjunction with the Awards Ceremony (Doug Russell & Rodney Evans)

- It has been determined that the next Olmsted meeting will provide an Awards Program on May 9, 2002. Cost for the event will be provided by the Olmsted group.
- Kim, Deb and Dave all researched locations for the ceremony and determined that the places we were looking into were all too expensive for us at this time. Dave asked Kim before the meeting if she had any suggestions to which she responded that we just find a good restaurant, make it casual and have fun. Doug Russell, who briefly attended the meeting, mentioned that he knew of a great barbeque place in Eagle where we could make it a more casual bash. Excom agreed that this sounded like a good idea so Doug will look into to it further. He will be sending out an email before hand to get an estimate on the number of people that will attend.
- Rodney Evans, who also briefly attended the meeting, stated that everything is in good shape with the awards. The entries were sent to the Alaska Chapter for judging, and are now on their way back. He will take care of the presentation for the ceremony. Because Deb has an entry in the competition, she will provide Beth with the information needed to take over in getting the calligraphy done for the certificates.

NEW BUSINESS

Montana Tech Council (MTC) (Jolene Rieck)

- MTC has asked the Chapter for \$137 for annual dues. The Excom approved the dues.

Qualification Based Selection (QBS) (Dave Koga)

- Dave went to the last meeting where it was discussed that "contributions" are due. Although QBS had the ASLA Chapter down for \$250, to be fair, Dave suggested that Idaho should match with Montana MTC dues amount of \$140.
- Deb suggested that this amount seems low, and that the MTC contribution seems to vary from year to year. She suggested review of past accounting should support the amount we determine as an average.

Student Jury (Dave Koga)

- Dave was informed by Steve Drown that a jury of ASLA members has been put together for the Student Jury on April 13, 2002. However, others are welcome to attend.
- Dave received a form from Nationals for the Student Jury which he passed on to Steve to see how he wanted to proceed. At this time he is still waiting for a response.

Traveling Panel (Dave Koga)

- Dave mentioned that the traveling panel is currently in Montana, and when it comes back we had previously discussed sending it to the Boise Town Square Mall during NLAW. He has since found out that it will cost \$400/week to display it there and asked for thoughts on whether or not we want to proceed with this. Deb suggested that because we are at the end of our CIP grant for this effort we need to do a budget for each of the sections before determining how and when we can afford this. The general consensus was that we probably do not want to spend that much money at this time, so it is likely that we will send the panel to the Student Chapter during NLAW.
- Montana has asked for the panel back on June 12, 2002. Fisher and Associates would like to display the panel in a booth at the “Wyoming Association of Municipalities and Towns”, and split the \$400 cost of a booth with ASLA because of the exposure it will provide and the fact that the panel will actually be manned. Excom discussed this and determined that it would be a conflict of interest unless more than one company was displaying the panel.

Request for Sponsorship (Dave Koga)

- Jolene Rieck forwarded a request for sponsorship of \$250 to Dave for a lecture given by Daniel Nadenicek on the history of Landscape Architecture and historic preservation on May 16, 2002 in Billings, Montana. Dave discussed the request with the rest of Excom who decided that the Chapter would match what the other firms are contributing, to a maximum cap of \$125. It was then approved by Excom.
- It was briefly mentioned that this lecture would be another good place to display the traveling panel.

CIP Proposal (Dave Koga)

- The time for a new CIP proposal is approaching, and we should be expecting to have it complete by the end of June. Deb mentioned that Nationals should be forwarding information to Dave in the near future on how to proceed with the proposal.

End 5:45 pm.