

IDAHO/MONTANA ASLA EXCOM

August 13, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

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

Begin 4:15pm.

Minutes from last Meeting (Beth Chandler)

- The minutes from the June meeting were not discussed and are therefore accepted unless further comments are made.

Treasurer's Report, Sections Reports, Trustee Report

- All new information can be found in the 2002 Annual Report that has been recently completed by Dave Koga.

Montana Tech Council

- There is no new information to report at this time.

QBS

- The Excom needs to evaluate whether or not we should request that our funding be raised from \$137 to \$250. For now, Jim will investigate what the funding amounts are for varying groups to see how we compare.

OLD BUSINESS

Excom Election (Jim Mihan)

- The nominees for the next Executive Committee term for the Idaho/Montana ASLA Chapter are as follows:
President-Elect: Keith Dixon
Vice President (Idaho): Fred Ogram
Vice President (Montana): Jolene Reich
Treasurer: Kyle Hemly
- The only office that has not been filled at this time is Secretary. Jim will talk to Kim Siegenthaler to see if she would be willing to take the position.
- Jim has decided to create an additional Vice President position, one for Idaho and one for Montana, so that it is easier to keep both states involved in what is going on in the chapter.

Annual Report

- The 2002 Annual Report has been completed. Much of the information found in this report can be found in the upcoming Newsletter.

Newsletter

- Dave met with Toby and discussed that we want to have a quarterly newsletter. Issues should now come every March/April, June/July, September/October, and December/January.
- Toby has been waiting on the recently completed annual report before releasing the next newsletter. The latest newsletter should be available within the next two weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

New York Awards Program

- Local members of our Idaho/Montana ASLA Chapter recently met to provide a jury for the Upstate New York ASLA Chapter's Awards Program. Approximately \$180 was spent on dinner for the jury, and \$134 was spent to rent a power point projector. Danny Sundell of New York had discussed with Dave that the New York Chapter would pay for the jury to meet, however, his budget allowed for \$150. Danny and Dave discussed the costs and agreed to split the bill. After discussions with Excom, Dave will finalize this with Danny.

Indian Creek Charette

- Lesa Stark recently sent out an email to ASLA members asking for volunteers to help with the Indian Creek Charette at the end of September. She is still looking for help, and will be working with Jim on strategy for how to get the people she needs.
- Dave will ask Toby to put an additional request in the upcoming Newsletter.
- Deb suggested that we get the press, i.e. The Idaho Statesman, to show that local Landscape Architects are involved in this Smart Growth project. Alex Stone, the project manager of the Pathways project, has already written an article on Indian Creek. There was discussion of asking her to modify the article slightly and submit it to The Idaho Statesman.

Golf Outing

- Concern has been expressed that the golf outing, originally set up as a fundraiser for our ASLA Chapter, has become an advertisement event for Silver Creek Irrigation. We would like to make some policy changes in order for the chapter to take over administration of this event again, which would allow more vendors other than those associated with Silver Creek to take part.
- Jim suggested that Dan Meeker of Silver Creek, who has set up the outing in recent years, continue for one more year because time has run out again for this year. Then he will talk to Dan about passing the information on how to go about setting it up to someone else in the chapter. We will need to find someone who is willing to take on this responsibility, and Deb has agreed to ask Greg Bauer.
- This years outing is currently set for October 3, 2003.

Scholarship Goals

- As discussed at previous meetings, we would like to set up a scholarship fund using the excess budget that we have accumulated in our chapter account. The first step in doing this would be to get guidelines from Nationals and find out what we want our criteria to be based on the other scholarships that are available at U of I. (It was discussed that Montana may or may not have a Masters program for Landscape Architecture, and that we will need to investigate this before designating all funds to Idaho.)
- At this time, we have decided that it will be a minimum of \$500, and probably just be referred to as the ASLA scholarship. Some discussion came up about choosing a person associated with U of I (or other) to name it after, but that is yet to be decided.

Calendar Schedule

- Jim suggested that for the next term it may be helpful to have a calendar of events or schedule laid out in order for the Excom and members to follow what will be coming up for the Chapter. Dave brought up the fact that Steve Davidson will be taking over as full time web-master, and maybe we could just add this to his list of duties. There is potential for it to be updated on a weekly basis.

Membership Recruitment

- Dave recently came across a pamphlet from Washington which describes why it is beneficial to become a member of ASLA. He kept this in order to help us with our membership recruitment efforts for the future.

Fundraising Opportunity

- Jim has committed a number of ASLA members to participate in designing a booth for the Flower & Garden Show next April. It is a potential fundraising opportunity because we will be given \$5600 to design and the booth and labor as well as some materials will be free. (Any materials that are unusable after the show we will have to pay for.) **Is this correct Jim??**

Board of Landscape Architects

- Dell Hatch has stepped down from the Board, and Dave will write a letter to the Governor nominating Stan Griswald of Coeur d'Alene to take his place.

End 6:00pm.