



ASLA

Idaho-Montana Chapter
of
American Society of Landscape Architects

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2008 @ 1:00 MDT, 12:00 PM

A. Call to Order:

1. **Present:** Jolene Rieck, Toby Norton, Eirik Heikes, Kent Watson, Olivia Spyra, Bill LaRue, Neil Kiner, Keith Dixon
2. **Absent:** Jim Mihan
3. **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Toby and second by Bill to approve May meeting minutes.

B. President's Report– Jolene Rieck

1. Chapter membership status:
 - a) Current chapter membership: 125
 - b) New Members: Ezra Williams (CTA -Lolo, MT), Brandon Francis (CTA, Billings, MT)
 - c) Lapsed Members: 0
2. ASLA Annual Conference, Oct.1-3: Eirik will give a 10 min. presentation on sustainable projects within our chapter.
3. NDSU, planning a 25th anniversary the same weekend
4. Carhill Publishing is coming out with "Inter-Mountain Contractor", in which the top design firms in Idaho will be featured, there is opportunity for press release of our chapter to be included

C. Trustee Report – Jim Mihan

1. Report:

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D. Treasurer's Report – Bill LaRue Balance: \$15,686.15

1. Investment Account status:
2. Financial Report:
3. Budget Report: No areas where we need to be concerned about at present.
4. Tax Filing:

E. Section Activity Reports

1. **Northern Lights** – *Keith Dixon*, no report
2. **Olmsted Group** – *Toby Norton*, initial Rendezvous meeting held
 - a. Dates: April 16-18th **OR** April 23-25th)
 - b. Location: Red Lion Riverside, Grove Hotel and Convention, or the Power Center
 - c. Theme: “*Sustainable Sites as Healthy Communities*” - theme would look at sustainable design as part of a holistic approach site design, would encompass such issues as storm water, therapeutic spaces, urban agriculture, approaches at the county and city scale
 - d. Program Elements: beach cocktail party, golf scramble, speakers, awards banquet
3. **Western Montana** – *Kent Watson*, no report
4. **Eastern Montana** – *Neil Kiner*, no report

F. Liaison Officer's Reports

1. Montana Board: *Shelly Engler*; Board approved having a LARE test center in Montana, location TBD
2. Idaho Board: *Bill Dial*; no report, will be attending the upcoming CLARB meeting
3. QBS: *Jim Mihan*;
4. Idaho Forestry Council: *Doug Russell*;
5. Idaho Smart Growth: *Jon Breckon*;
6. Historic American Landscapes (HALS): *Jim Mihan- ID, Kent Watson-MT*;
The House Subcommittee on Interior and Environment Appropriations approved a funding measure to provide \$27.9 billion for the Dept. of Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Smithsonian, the National Park Service, which oversees HALS. Funding for HALS this year looks promising. The bill in NOT currently available to the public. ASLA will continue to follow the legislation and encourage funding for the program.
7. Surface Transportation Partnership Program: *Eirik & Jim*; funding being placed into Montana and Wyoming with language about context sensitive design, puts LA's in a better position to be involved with streetscape, trails, transportation enhancements

G. Old Business

1. Website update- *Keith and Eirik*
 - a) For all: web site updates should be sent to Webmaster Steve Davidson at sdsd26@verizon.net
2. Student Chapter UILA – *Keith*, Jon and Keith are to visit with students on Sept. 6th for a pro-practice presentation
3. Student Affiliate Chapter at MSU –*Eirik*

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- a) student affiliate chapter has asked for chapter support to sponsor an event to kickoff the initiation of the student chapter by hosting reception, Nationals expresses strong support (will fly Angela Hanson up for event)
- 4. CIP GRANT -
 - a) Jolene applied for \$1000 – Our proposal (out of 31 total) received a *'neutral'* response
 - b) Comments: Task force is confused as to what the money will go towards, we need to further identify goals and details of the event
 - c) Final applications due Oct. 24th- CIP does NOT grant awards to past events
 - d) We will continue with application process and find sponsorship, will reapply for a spring event
- 5. Standing Committees:
 - a) Sponsorship *Eirik*;
 - i. Verbal commitment from several sponsors has been received
 - b) Communications *Keith*; No report
 - c) Membership *Olivia*; No report.
- 7. Licensure Summit –*Toby Norton & Eirik Heikes*
 - a) Toby will write up an outline

H. New Business

- 1. Rendezvous dates: *tabled to next month*
NPS Charette - Oct. 24th/25th, Alex Stone has asked for a \$250-\$500 support level from us
- 2. “Sustainable Happenings” - collect images and narratives from chapter members to be sent to Keith for October Annual Meeting
- 3. Kim Nelson expressed interest in leadership service with ExCOMM
- 4. Jolene to send out information on WASLA- everyone to respond as to our monetary level of support

I. Adjournment: 1:55 MDT/12:55 PM

Next Meeting: Teleconference Wednesday, September 10th at 1:00 MDT/12:00 PM PDT