

**IDAHO-MONTANA ASLA EXCOM  
DECEMBER 2, 2003 MEETING MINUTES**

Begin 4:00 pm

1) Roll Call

ATTENDEES:

Jim Mihan, President  
David Koga, Immediate Past President  
Kyle Hemly, Treasurer  
Chuck Edwards, Secretary

2) Approval Prior Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting were not discussed. Jim will go over format with Chuck.

3) Treasures Report

Kyle needs to contact Wells Fargo on the status of the checks. 2 signatures are needed for the signature card. There are no new expenses & our current balance is approximately \$13,000-\$14,000.

4) Section Reports

- A) Olmsted – Golf outing \$2,000 revenue.
- B) Northern lights – New section – Chris. This will evolve into a VP role. Try to go thru section to bring in young blood. There is possibility to combine the groups – need to ask Jolene Rieck.

5) Trustee Report (John Mueller)

Taking a look @ Nancy Somerville report. We need to form a task force for fire wise planning.

6) Liaison Officer's Report

David Koga for Idaho --- no one for Montana  
Jim & David attended the QBS meeting  
Idaho LA board has issues with electronic stamp..... Nothing new to report.

7) Old Business

- A) Golf – all the results are back. All profits to go to U of I Scholarship. We need to put out a general e-mail to see what people think. We need to talk to Steve Drown to see how the scholarship will be passed out. Other options: Fly students to LABash? Cost for LABash? Registration cost? We need to set up a meeting with people from the golf committee (next week?) fro next year's golf outing.
- B) Flower & Garden Show 2004 – We need to design entry plus booth. We are given a flat fee to design build; we have a possibility to make \$5800.
- C) Officer Transition – general information is on the web site. Jim should have the info out before the next meeting. The role of the pres-elect is to get ready for their term. The role of the VP (last year ran the programs) is to focus on State issues & member recruitment. How has National focused on getting old ASLA members back? New affiliate member this year is John Deer Landscape Supplies.

8) New Business

- A) Excom planning summit – Jim will put out an e-mail for the kick off retreat. Location --- Lewiston, Coeur d'Alene, McCall..? It is a great value to get together face to face, we need to pick the best location for everyone. Dave mentioned that in the past we did evening workshops. It was helpful. Travel distance is a big issue & we should do it every 2 years. Jim thought it would be a couple of 4-hour sessions. Do we do it in McCall or U of I. Do we fly Jolene in? Jim will put out some dates to see what works best.

- B) Indian Creek Charette, Brochure & Lecture – The Olmsted Group participated in the charette. The brochure is done, we just need to be reimbursed. Last month Jim did the presentation in LA. Dave wanted to know if we have done a newsletter with the trail master plan & 2 site-specific master plans. Jim added that we could show these off to cities to show them what LA's can do for them. We will add it to the web site.
- C) Standing committees & positions to fill – Jim will do an outline that will note the positions we need to fill. The big questions are, what do we need to do for next years legislative issues & what issues will Montana face in 2005.
- D) Firewise Conference – Jim & Ross attended the conference, they are addressing the workshop format.
- E) Fellows Nominations 2004 – Jim noted that the information will not come out until March. Don Brigham is nominated from our chapter, this will be his 3<sup>rd</sup> nomination. A possible works category nominee Bruce Booty.
- F) U of I LABash Support – Jim talked to Don Brigham about how the funding works in the past years. We need to work in some scholarships & don & Steve Drown need to talk about specific dollar amounts.
- G) Idaho Community Forest Council – Jim just received a letter from Idaho Power. They would like us to nominate an LA to sit on their council / board. Jim will print off the letter & e-mail it out to see who is interested. There will be 2 meetings a year. 1 in Boise & 1 meeting that rotates locations. They will pay travel to the meetings.
- H) Idaho Smart Growth & transportation Coalition Council – ISG sent a letter to Jim requesting members --- what are the costs involved? North West Farmland trust workshop in Caldwell. Do we have the people or cash to help out?
- I) ILNA Show And the Sources & design Expo – The traveling display panel will go to the ILNA. Are there any conflicts with the dates? What do we do with the S&DE?
- J) Idaho & Montana Legislative Efforts – John mentioned that next year is an election year. We need to organize our efforts & focus on pro LA people. Dave added that money talks, how much will we need? Jim concluded with Jolene that the next Montana session is in 2005. John added that Montana is a practice State.
- K) 2004 National Conference – In Utah this year, we need to support the Utah chapter. We need to give the Chapter President a call to see what we can do. The focus this year is on public practice, outreach & recruiting members to ASLA.
- L) Montana Historic Preservation Board 'Traveling Trunks' – Jolene talked about the 3 trunks, 1 trunk deals with how towns are built (plots), another trunk deals with architectural building styles & the last trunk deals with LA (parks). Jolene e-mailed Montana members about the trunks but she received no feedback. We need to put the information into the newsletter.
- M) Membership recruitment – what is national doing to recruit old members back? Our membership has slowly dropped (down to 89 from 108/110). We need to give incentives to memberships & explain all the benefits.
- N) Annual Report – We done the annual report for 4 years, we should have reports hand in hand with the year.
- O) National bylaws & Constitutions – Jim said that they just came out & National has rewritten the process. John added that they have been sent out for chapter approval by next October. A Minimum % must approve it. We will put it up for an E-vote. David asked if we needed to physically hand them out. John concluded yes & there will be a 30-day review then an E-vote.

- Jim added that we need to get the past presidents involved in the big issues. We need to get more old Blood involved.

-LAWeek is now LA Month (April)

-Budget is a concern – no CIP grants this year

-ASLA is working with the Green Building Council on Green site development. There is a 2-part power point slide show (4 MB each)

- Students are future members

