

ASLA IDAHO/MONTANA CHAPTER  
MEETING MINUTES FOR 10 JANUARY, 2001

In attendance:

Debowden Bauer, David Koga, Bill Dial, Jim Mihan and Meg Roberts

Agenda Items:

1. Treasurers Report
2. Old Business

- CIP Progress:

\$7,500.00 has been granted by Natl. ASLA towards our Chapter Initiatives Program proposal to purchase a roving display board. David Koga has ordered the board and it should be arriving by the end of the month. The display board will show a general description of ASLA explaining what we are about as well as a display of the past years' annual awards based on the glossy awards flyer that will be produced each year. Additionally, the board will provide space for member firms to display project oriented work, primarily for educational purposes, though the visibility will also provide marketing value, as a benefit to membership.

Dave is working on a format and guidelines for the display boards and he will be sending out a flyer to ASLA member firms in the near future, to explain the requested boards and their required format.

- Rendezvous projections and scheduling:

Mike Lin has agreed to come for the Rendezvous, scheduled for the weekend of April 20-21 in Moscow. Although there is a conflict with the National ASLA's Board of Trustees meeting at that time, committing Don Brigham and national offices elsewhere, the schedule will not change and those that cannot make it will be missed.

- Awards Committee Update:

Kim Warren is moving forward on the final draft, and will have something to Debowden by the 18<sup>th</sup> of January, for final printing and postage by the end of the month. Idaho/Montana ASLA members will then have a period of time to submit award proposals, with the awards program to be held in Moscow, as part of the Rendezvous program.

- Idaho LA Law/Legislative Workshop Progress:

Progress on reviewing the current Idaho Landscape Architectural law, and potential changes, has been delayed due to the lack of the Model law being circulated for review. Debowden and Bill will follow up with Mary McGown and Gregg Sturtevant, to update on whether or not we will still meet a conceived January 19<sup>th</sup> workshop date.

- Boise Foothills Ordinance: Nothing new to report
- Formal Authorization of southern Idaho/Olmsted Section:  
Next Olmsted meeting is Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 11:30-1:00 at the Botanical Gardens, INDOORS. Formalization of this group as an official Idaho/Montana ASLA Section will be discussed, and hopefully voted upon and ratified by the membership. If this passes, this section will be the first and only official ASLA section of the chapter. Ross Rooper has distributed the ASLA bylaws regarding Section activity and administration to the Olmsted members for their review in advance of the meeting.
- CLT completion:  
Bill has become the default chairman for this effort, and reported that 100 people have signed up for relative classes in an upcoming Nampa area seminar. Cloverdale will be accomplishing the site grading for the actual CLT site, and other contractors have assisted as well. Irrigation plans and other relative drawings have been achieved, and Gary Mowen has been of valuable help with the educational aspects.... Several construction crews are committed to do the work and Bill is developing a work plan for them.

There seems to be positive support coming from the established landscape contracting companies, which is a very good sign.

- Awards Glossy transmittal:  
The chapter has been working on a transmittal that will include the annual awards glossy issue, a cover letter from the chapter president, and an info sheet to members explaining the overall circulation of this transmittal. It will go to legislators, policy makers, etc., as given to us by various members of the chapter, and engendered from different government websites. Jim is working on getting a set of addresses for the new Idaho Legislators to send out these packets, due to the recent elective changes, and already has the new listings for the Montana legislators. Jim will let folks know if he needs help getting that out.
- Rendezvous Guide Book:  
Over the course of the past year and a half, Jim has developed a guidebook for the development of rendezvous, and will share with Steve Drown and Don Brigham to assist in their efforts to plan the rendezvous in Moscow in April. Jim will also get this out to the committee some time next week, for permanent record.

#### Additional Old News Items:

- The Executive Committee has discussed the election process, and the terms ending this next October. With Dave Koga on the ballot as the Chapter President at that time, we will need to confirm nominees for the other offices of President Elect, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. While we have confirmation from current officers regarding their interest in continuing their involvement with

ASLA, other members should inform the Executive Committee of any interest they may have in becoming involved in this fashion. Past years have typically offered only one name on the ballot for ASLA chapter office, though we are happy to consider more than one nomination if there are members at large who wish to get involved—AND we STRONGLY ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO DO SO!!!

While we have at least one nominee for all other offices, we are lacking any nominees for the secretary position for the chapter Executive Committee. This position is now temporarily fulfilled by Meg Roberts, and requires monthly minute taking, documentation, and other similar tasks.

- The Qualifications Based Services Council (QBS) will be meeting next Wed.; Debowden will attend on behalf of the chapter.
- David Koga will be going to the Mid-year National ASLA Meeting in Washington, D.C. in February. Debowden has asked him to follow up on Don Brigham's Governance Report, and expressed that review of it by the Excom should occur in advance of the February meeting. Don should be circulating it for feedback ASAP. Additionally, Dave should find out the status of National ASLA's work on developing an inventory of licensure status, laws, and process in each state, as requested by the Chapter President's Council in St. Louis this past autumn.

### 3. New Business:

- Newsletter – Toby Norton has volunteered (YEA TOBY!) to take this on, with the great appreciation of the chapter members. All members are encouraged to forward to him anything that should go in the next newsletter, as he will work to collate all information.
- Secretary position – this is currently being filled by Meg for the next few months though she is not able to take this on permanently, so another person needs to be found...
- Excom Conferencing Expense – Debowden reported that the conference calls to include the Treasurer and the Trustee in Northern Idaho in ExCom meetings have been expensive, so she proposed that individual calls be made for specific needs, eliminating these calls to pre-identified times deemed necessary. We will opt to have the distant ExCom members comment on the minutes of the meeting via e-mail, and work to communicate effectively on all current matters.

Additional New Items:

- Chapter Membership Report – Jim’s latest tally shows 117 members; which includes a count of 30 students, 17 associates, 6 affiliates, and 64 full members.
- Rendezvous progress – Debowden will send out a “tickler” e-mail to chapter members ASAP. More detailed info. will follow.