

November 8, 2000

ASLA Idaho/Montana Chapter

Executive Officers Meeting

Officers In Attendance: Debowden Bauer, David Koga, Jim Mihan, Bill Dial, Don Brigham (by phone)

Members In Attendance: Awards Committee: Kim Meyers, Bruce Taylor, Rodney Evans

Board of Landscape Architects: Mary McGown

Minutes: October minutes not available due to transition in secretary position

Treasurer's Report: None available for this meeting. Last month Mr. Davidson reported a balance of 6,896.01. Debowden Bauer reported receipt of \$7,500.00 for the C.I.P. national program from national ASLA which she will send up to the treasurer.

Old Business: No old business was brought up from the previous month's agenda. The president's introduction letter to the glossy newsletter mailing was produced and is ready for printing. QBS was attended by Jim Mihan.

New Business: Following discussion for each agenda item.

1. C.I.P. Award and agenda:

- A. Debowden has received \$7,500.00 check from National in award of our chapter's Chapter Initiative Program (CIP) proposal. She will forward it to Steve Davidson.
- B. This CIP will need some immediate attention in achieving the purchase of an exhibit board, and in establishing the format for exhibit submittals.
- C. Don suggested Bhronwhyn Dean in Moscow who, if we offered an honorarium, would be able to put this proposal in action and keep track of its progress. He said he would follow up and have this person call Debowden.
- D. It was determined that only members can exhibit on the display, and that each section leader would be responsible for determining appropriate exhibits as it came into their region.
- E. It was also determined that the display shall always host the national ASLA information regarding Landscape Architecture, and the annual award winners would receive priority, if they wished to submit display boards.

2. Rendezvous Projections and scheduling:

- A. Scheduling: In order to encourage maximum student participation we should plan for no later than the first week of April. This is affected by the winter season, and the ability of members to travel then.
- B. We are desiring to run two concurrent workshops; one Bill Truby and one Mike Lin workshop. This will appeal to professionals and students alike, no matter which option is chosen. Both of these speakers require approx. \$3800 to run this event.
- C. Location: Previous discussions regarded various location options; inclusive of Yellowstone, Boise, SE Idaho retreat areas. Additional

comments from Northern Idaho members suggested that it should be in Missoula or Bozeman. Today's discussion addressed still others: Moscow, McCall, or Boise. Moscow presents a more centered location geographically, encourages very strong student participation, and offers facilities already in place and accessible by the landscape architecture department. Discussion regarding the cost of the rendezvous, and where historically most attendance comes from is an important aspect to consider. The majority of membership is in the Treasure Valley (Boise), 10-15 in north Idaho, 20-25 in Montana, 15-20 student members, and 45-50 members in southern Idaho. If we move the event out of the Boise area, we may lose the ability to cover the cost of the event, if too many members are challenged travel from this area.

We agreed to achieve the following by the next meeting:

1. Debowden will talk to Sherry McKibbin on using the IURDC studio space in Boise and collaborating with her Architecture students.
2. Debowden will ask Steve Drown to consider utilizing the department to set up such an event. Someone there would have to handle local logistics while ASLA Ex-Com would handle overall logistics from Boise.

3. Awards Committee: Kim Meyers, Bruce Taylor and Rodney Evans

- A. The group presented their ideas, with three varied approaches to the awards program. These options presented a format exactly like National ASLA's, one a bit varied from National ASLA's, and one offering more categories, more closely resembling San Diego Chapter's efforts.

Three tasks were identified

1. Pinning down the timeline in relation to rendezvous.
 2. Defining the layout of the awards program in draft text form for review by the ExCom, by the next ExCom mtg.
 3. Establishing an alternating schedule of awards, to result in an annual program, within which every other year offers one of two groups of categories.
- B. Kim will work with the CTA graphics dept to achieve a cost for doing a splashy graphics layout, after the group brought up the idea of alternative formats. The potential of use of a poster "Call for Entries" was discussed. Jim brought up the idea of having a competition amongst the membership for creating the poster graphics as it could showcase someone's graphic talent. This could also take off some of the projected expenses. The committee will research these options and get back to the Ex-Com.
 - C. When addressing whether or not the awards should be based on an annual or biannual basis, Don and Debowden emphasized that these awards are meant to reward chapter members, and give them a marketing tool in their offices, while recognizing that only quality projects should receive awards. The rendezvous year on a biannual

basis can implement an awards dinner, and the off year can do so via section awards events, to encourage participation and awareness of peer work and accomplishments.

- D. It was also determined that these awards are for chapter ASLA members, only. This is a clear benefit of membership. The entry criteria needs to reflect this attitude.

4. Legislative Workshop Committee: Mary McGown

- A. Mary is assembling members for this work.
- B. At the last board meeting, it was shared that CLARB is in the process of finalizing a model law, and therefore wants to discourage use of what's been called the ASLA model law.
- C. The timeline involved in revising the Idaho state law from a title act to a practice act extends into the 2001 legislative session.
- D. The Board Director, through the support of the Registration Board, has decided it can carry and present the legislation.
- E. Mary has committed to providing information to the Board Attorney by mid December, as regards our desires and concerns regarding the writing of the new law. We have opted to rewrite the law, vs. revision, in keeping with a model law. The attorney will then develop necessary draft for the legislative workshop to be held in January. Mary will provide information to chapter members by November 15th, and will expect all feedback returned by Nov. 29th. She will then work to collate all feedback, for issuance back to chapter members by the 1st of December, for any final concerns/clarifications back to her by the 8th of December. She will then transmit the information to the Attorney.

5. Foothills Ordinance – Stormwater issue

- A. Debowden had recently submitted a foothills residential stormwater grading and drainage plan to the city for approval, and had it rejected because the Foothills Ordinance requires the stamp of a Civil Engineer for such plans. This is very similar to the stormwater issue challenge, involving local Landscape Architects and the Boise City Engineer, which resulted in language allowing LA submittal of grading/drainage plans.. Bill recommended that she file a complaint with the Board so they can act accordingly. Debowden will also set up a meeting with Chuck Mickelson, Don Belts and Dave Koga to talk following through with similar and necessary changes to the Foothills Ordinance.

6. Idaho Public Works Listing and ISPWC restrictive language

- A. Debowden was recently notified by Mark Dooley of the Boise City Parks & Recreation Department that the recent issue of the Idaho State Public Works Code book on Construction Standards uses language that limits public works projects to be done solely by engineers. Debowden is expecting a copy of this from Mark, and will review and forward onto the Idaho State Board of Landscape Architects for review and response.

7. Authorization and Officializing Sections

- A. David and Debowden will set up a meeting with Ross Rooper to define process of incorporating the Olmsted Group into the Idaho/Montana Chapter as an official section. We will be ready to present this idea before the next Olmsted luncheon which will be held November 14th.

8. Funding for Montana Sections for upcoming luncheons and Christmas Affair

- A. It was decided by email by the Ex-Com that the chapter shall cover postage and mailing costs incurred by the landscape architects in Montana, as they attempt to rally section activity in eastern Montana. This is considered an activity related to membership recruitment.

9. Download of National Information

- A. This was tabled till next meeting, due to time constraints.

10. CLT Design and Involvement

- A. Bill is heading this up and has a number of people ready to get together for a charette to finalize the plans for this project.

11. QBS Representation

- A. Debowden will attend the next meeting.

12. Officer Elections

- A. It was determined that no election is necessary to fill the vacated secretary position left by Lesa Stark. The position will be filled by appointment by the President, with the next formal election in Sept. 2001 to fill the position by member vote.
- B. All Ex-Com members are encouraged to identify potential officer candidates for next year's elections, and to develop ideas on how we can better recruit dedicated leadership to our organization.