

IDAHO/MONTANA ASLA EXCOM

November 6, 2002 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

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

Begin 4:00 pm.

Minutes from last Meeting (Beth Chandler)

- The minutes from the September 4, 2002 meeting were briefly discussed and approved.

Treasurer's Report (Steve Davidson)

- A new report has not been received.

Sections Reports (Dave Koga)

- Olmsted Section – It is time to appoint new committee members. The following people were discussed as options: President – Lesa Stark (or have Doug Russell act as President again while training someone for the following year), Secretary – Kim Sigenthaler, Treasurer – Telena ???.

Trustee Report (Jon Mueller)

In regard to National ASLA:

- It was reported that the ban on new chapters was lifted.
- The fiscal year is officially being changed to January 1 instead of October 1;
- Jon Mueller has been appointed to the policy committee and professional practice institute.

Montana Tech Council

- No news to relate to Excom.

QBS

- Jim attended the last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Rendezvous (Fred Orgam)

- The Northern Lights Section sent a preliminary schedule for the upcoming rendezvous which Excom reviewed. There was discussion of adding Tom Dunbar's Leadership Training on Sunday morning or in place of a proposed speaker if there is one that doesn't show. Dave will talk to Fred and John to see if this will work out.
- Excom also talked about the possibility of Olmsted sponsoring a break or even a speaker. This needs to be discussed further with the Olmsted committee.

Chapter Budget (Jim Mihan)

- Due to the fact that the fiscal year was recently changed to end in December, next month will be the official time to adopt the chapter's new budget.

Bylaws and Constitution (Jim Mihan)

- The National bylaws will be approved next May, and will therefore be ready to incorporate into the Chapter during the 2003 elections.

Awards (Rodney Evans)

- Rodney has agreed to be responsible for the awards again this year. However, he will need someone else involved that he can train to take care of it the following year. The people who were mentioned that would do a good job at this task are Jay Givens, Lesa Stark, or Bruce Taylor.
- Although it is typical to have other ASLA Chapters be the jurors for the awards, we discussed the possibility of using other local professionals (architects, designers, planners, city council, artists, developers, CCDC, etc.) It would be important to plan for too many people to jury the projects in case some back out as well as to write out the criteria much more carefully. This would give our professionals greater exposure to the surrounding public, and the jury

determinations would not be so much peer to peer, but come from a more 'public' view of our work. All agreed this would be a good idea.

Newsletter

- Any comments for the previous newsletter or anything new for the next one should be sent to Dave or Toby.

NEW BUSINESS

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- Dave brought up that Excom will be given two free passes to attend the INA Home show this year. It was decided that they will go to Debowden and Beth this year, as Dave and Jim already get passes.

Sources and Design Expo

- Lee Hudson contacted Dave asking if ASLA is planning to participate in the Expo this year. After discussion with Excom, Dave has decided to call him and offer our unmanned booth, letting him know that we cannot afford to have anyone there this year because it would pull efforts off work with the licensure update.

Licensure Summit (Debowden Bauer)

- Debowden attended the National ASLA Licensure Summit in Dallas, Texas late this October. She said that there were many improvements from last year and it was a very resourceful meeting.
- The Summit discussed the problem throughout the US with apathy in becoming licensed. Six reasons were given as benefits of licensure:
 - 1.) Protect health, safety and welfare of the public
 - 2.) Image enhancement (raise the bar and standards of the profession)
 - 3.) Open the door financially
 - 4.) Make the law consistent with the practice – many are practicing aspects that have no protection or coverage within current licensing language
 - 5.) Title law does not help an LA (The federal freedom of speech laws supersede title laws, and their effectiveness)
 - 6.) IBC (International Building Code) is being written so that works requiring a permit will also require a licensed individual be the applicant and/or support for the permit. Therefore, it is crucial that all local municipalities adopt

language that is not exclusive to Landscape Architects in their adoption process of the IBC.

- Debowden discovered that Idaho's licensure law is currently listed as a Title Act by National ASLA, despite the fact that our Board Attorney has determined it as a Practice Act. This is due to the fact that there is no specific language tying the title of Landscape Architect to the Practice of Landscape Architecture. In discussing our attempt to update our law, it was suggested not to expect smooth sailing after it passes due to the fact that the work really starts with defining the laws. She mentioned that she is worried about it passing because most other states haven't gotten changes to pass without a lobbyist. However, Ross Rooper recently talked with President Ruch of BSU, who offered to help us with the use of their lobbyist.
- Also mentioned was the need to be sending letters to practitioners who are out of state registrants of Idaho.

Membership Drive

- We plan to have some sort of membership drive after licensure and prior to Rendezvous. There was talk of working through Nationals to allow the principals of any office to get a deduction for all employees as an incentive to get more ASLA members.

End approx. 5:30 pm.