

# **IDAHO/MONTANA ASLA EXCOM**

## **September 4, 2002 Meeting Minutes**

### Attendees:

Dave Koga, President  
Jim Mihan, President Elect  
Debowden Bauer, Immediate Past President  
Beth Chandler, Secretary  
Mary McGown, Licensure Representative  
Doug Russell, Olmsted Section President

Begin 4:00 pm.

### **Minutes from last Meeting (Beth Chandler)**

- The minutes from the August 7, 2002 meeting were briefly discussed and approved.

### **Treasurer's Report (Steve Davidson)**

- A new report has not been received since the last meeting. We are assuming that we still have approximately \$10,300 in the chapter account.

### **Sections Reports (Dave Koga)**

- Northern Lights Section – There are plans to have another meeting in the near future to discuss the rendezvous, but there is no new report at this time.
- Big Sky Section – A new report has not been received since the last meeting.
- Olmsted Section – The Golf Tournament is at the end of this month, so the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Doug had two options for the meeting topic: 1.) the Langroise project on Warm Springs Road or 2.) the Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial next to Julia Davis Park. It is felt that the Langroise project should first be discussed with the Olmsted group to see if we want to become more involved, so we are currently leaning toward the Human Rights Memorial as the main topic for the next meeting.

### **Trustee Report (Jon Mueller)**

- Information from the latest report will be placed in the next newsletter.

## **Montana Tech Council**

- The next meeting will be held on Friday, Sept. 6. Dave reviewed the minutes from the last meeting and did not have any Landscape Architecture news to relate to Excom.

## **OBS**

- Jim will attend the next meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Licensure (Debowden Bauer/Mary McGown)**

- The modified law was reviewed by the engineering, architecture and nursery professions. For the most part no one had any problems with the law, but Dave Curtis from the engineers board did say that he had a few things that he wanted to discuss further.
- Mary suggested getting a group together to create an educational package to give to the engineers so that we can gain their support. In the past, the legislators have expressed that if there is any opposition to a proposal they want to know about it up front. It is our intention to send written letters of support from the other professions to the legislators as part of a package.
- The suggestion was again made that we get the chapters Landscape Architects involved by having them call the legislators and asking them to vote for our cause. We talked about the fact that this did not work very well last year because not many people actually made the calls. It was discussed that it may help to give all LA's a small script referencing whom to call if they have further questions.
- A committee will be meeting on Thursday, Sept. 12 to discuss and decide on the next action. Mary, Deb, Dave, and Beth, who were all present at this meeting, will attend. Dave will call Don Belts, Dan Baird, and Tim Mokwa, and Deb will call Lesa Stark to ask them to attend as well. Mary will make the agenda for this meeting.
- Mary requested that ASLA have a room available during the legislature during the week of January 13. We were given the 4<sup>th</sup> floor Rotunda, but do not have a definite date at this time.

### **Rendezvous (Fred Orgam)**

- The Northern Lights Section will be having a new meeting in the near future to discuss the rendezvous. At this time, it appears that they are leaning toward having a charette as the main theme, and incorporating several speakers. The

rendezvous is currently only about seven months away so Dave will be requesting a plan of action from Fred.

### **Chapter Budget (Jim Mihan)**

- Jim handed out a detailed budget to all Excom members present at the last meeting for their review. He will now be making a few changes to it so that we can have it out next month for approval.

### **Bylaws and Constitution (Jim Mihan)**

- Jim has been reviewing past bylaws and Chapter constitution information. Because Nationals is also reviewing the bylaws, it is not available for viewing, and we have no current model to work with. For now, we will use our old bylaws from several years ago as a model and wait to make updates official until the fall of 2003 after the National revisions have occurred.

### **National ASLA Meeting in San Jose**

- The next National ASLA meeting will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup> in San Jose, California. Members showed little interest in traveling to the meeting together, so Jim and Dave will be attending on their own.

### **Newsletter**

- The next newsletter has been put together by Toby and reviewed by Kim. It will be mailed to all members on Friday, Sept. 6.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **New Board Members/ ASLA Rep on State Board**

- Bill Dial has officially taken Greg Sturtevant place on the board. Dell Hatch will be moving up as Chair.
- Someone is needed to take Bill Dial's place as the ASLA representative on the State Board. Dave make put this out to all of Olmsted asking for volunteers, however, it is felt that at this time we need someone that really knows what's going on with the licensure. Dave will talk to Tom South about taking on this responsibility.

### **Your Home Expo**

- Bill Dial was asked to speak at this Expo on, “How to choose a professional landscaper.” He is unable to do it, but told the Expo committee that he would pass the request on to the President of ASLA. Dave asked Excom’s opinion on finding someone to speak, but made the decision that he will write the Expo and tell them that he will be unable to help them with this request at this time.

### **Licensure Summit Representatives**

- A representative is needed to go the Summit this year. Dave feels that this is a crucial time for us and that either Deb or Mary should go because we need someone that is knowledgeable within our chapter. Mary has already expressed that she did not want to go, so Debowden will go in her place.

### **Idaho LA Library**

- Charles Hummel, a board member with U of I, has stated that they are starting an Idaho Resources Library on the internet in which a person searching under “Idaho” can find information about a wide span of Idaho’s resources. Charles suggested that there should be a Landscape Architectural Category, as there is an Engineering and Architectural one. They asked what links would be appropriate for this information, and thus we are offering up our chapter website, enhancing it for this and other uses.
- The ASLA website will show chapter member ASLA award winners. Deb also suggested that student projects and practitioner interviews could help to illustrate the history and scope of Landscape Architecture in Idaho.

### **Langroise Project**

- BSU has acquired the Lanroise home on Warm Springs Avenue, of which the original landscape is an Olmsted design. While the house is currently under reconstruction, the site has not been afforded the attention it deserves as a legacy project. After discussion and input from Debowden, Don Belts, Mary McGown and others, the Excom has determined to bring the issue up at the next Olmsted meeting, as it is apparent that BSI has no financial ability to follow through with a professional services approach to this site. Debowden, Don Belts, Mary McGown and others have expressed interest in taking this project on as a professional community effort, gifting an assessment and preservation recommendations via a collaboration of ASLA professionals. Dave will call Dan Baird, and Deb will call Dean Gunderson to inquire about the existing research and materials available for

this effort. If there is then a consensus that we as a group should pursue this, a letter should be written to BSU stating that we would like to volunteer to work on this.

### **CIP Review**

- We have preliminary, though unofficial word that the CIP grant has been approved. In any case, the ExCom should pursue and incur the obligations of our licensing effort, looking for reimbursement of chapter funds by the CIP, should the official award come to fruition.

End approx. 6:00 pm.