



Idaho-Montana Chapter
of
American Society of Landscape Architects

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2009 @ 1:00 MST, 12:00 PST
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- 1) **Call to Order:**
 - A. **Present:** Jolene Rieck, Molly Teal, Jim Mihan, Jon Breckon
Absent: Bill LaRue, Keith Dixon, Neil Kiner, Toby Norton
 - B. **Approval Prior Meeting Minutes** – Motion made by Jon and second by Jim to approve the July meeting minutes.
- 2) **President's Report** – Jolene Rieck
 - A. **Chapter membership status:**
 1. Current chapter membership: 124
 2. New Members: 3: Kate Dinsmore, Associate ASLA, Hall MT; Kay Greeley, ASLA, Hamilton, MT; Zachariah Johnson, Associate ASLA, Moscow, ID
 3. Lapsed Members: 1: Doug Brooks, Boise, ID
 - B. **Council of Fellows**
 1. Nomination process – Jolene sent an application to Steve Drown and has not heard back yet.
 - C. **Constant Contact**
 1. July had multiple emails due to various topics, so the opening rate was lower at 40-46%.
- 3) **Trustee Report** – Jim Mihan: no report.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report** – Bill LaRue: Balances: \$18,435.87 (including awards deposit)
 - A. Investment Account:
 - B. Taxes: Tax deadline is in May.
 - C. Budget Report:
- 5) **Section Activity Reports**
 - A. Northern Lights –Keith Dixon; no report.
 - B. Olmsted Group – Jim Mihan; no activity other than rendezvous planning. Rendezvous Planning Committee will be meeting on August 18th, at 11:30-1pm.
 - C. Western Montana – Kent Watson; no report.

- D. Eastern Montana – Neil Kiner; no report.
- 6) **Liaison Officer's Reports:**
- A. Idaho Board: Jim Thomas; no report.
 - B. Montana Board: Shelly Engler; no report.
 - C. QBS: Jim Mihan; no report.
 - D. Idaho Forestry Council: Doug Russell; no report.
 - E. Idaho Smart Growth: Jon Breckon; no report.
 - F. Historic American Landscapes (HALS): Kent Watson – MT, (Vacant) – ID; no report.
 - G. Surface Transportation Partnership Program: Jim; no report.
 - H. Webmaster: Steve Davidson steve@thelandgroupinc.com; vendor posters are on website.
 - I. Student Chapter UILA – Keith Dixon & Nicole Helbing; no report
 - J. Student Affiliate Chapter at MSU – Yousef Zadegan; no report.
- 7) **Old Business:**
- A. Standing Committees:**
 - a. Sponsorship (_____):
 - b. Communications (Toby Norton):
 - c. Membership (Molly): No report.
 - d. Nominating Committee (Keith): Voting for officers closes on Friday, August 14th.
 - e. Pend d'Oreille Bay Trail (Keith & Kent): no updates.
 - B. Rendezvous 2009 Update (Jim and Toby):**
 - a. Schedule
 - b. Vendors: Jim is coordinating final details.
 - c. Registrations: E-mail registration to go out this week for registration. Hard copy mailing to follow in a few weeks.
 - d. Program: Has 8 speakers lined up and looking to fill 4 more spots. A potential speaker panel may include Jon Breckon on his licensure summit visit, along with Jon Mueller and Jolene Rieck. Jim is also looking at bankers and lawyers as speakers to discuss liability and the economy.
 - e. Awards: (Jolene). Alaska chapter wants to take another week to review award submittals. We will know results on August 21st. This year there were 16 entries with an entry in every category.
 - C. 2009 Licensure Summit:** (Jon Breckon): Jon found it interesting to see what is going on in other states and the battles they're dealing with in regards to legislature and litigation. Some reoccurring themes he heard at the summit are that you need to have a lobbyist and need to get involved with legislation. It is not a matter of "if" but "when" something will come up which involves involvement with the legislature. Two ideas that Jon brought back with him are to pursue an advocacy day and pursue getting a lobbyist.

- D. **Eastern Montana Community Forestry Conference (October 1-3 in Laurel, MT)**
 - a. Wyoming CEU Credits – Neil following up on this.
 - b. Jolene is not sure about sponsorship. It sounds like they may just want landscape architects to register and attend.
- 8) **New Business:**
 - a. **Constant Contact (Pre-pay balance):** our prepay balance is getting low. A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Jon to reauthorize payments for the program.
- 9) **Adjournment:** 2:00 MST/ 1:00 PST
- 10) **Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at 1:00 PM MDT/12:00 PM PDT**