



**Idaho-Montana Chapter**  
*of*  
**American Society of Landscape Architects**

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
December 10, 2008 @ 1:00 MST, 12:00 PST  
Please call into 1-800-591-2259, then enter the pass  
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**Teleconference Attendees:**

- 1) **Call to Order:**
  - A. **Present:** Jolene Rieck, Neil Kiner, Olivia Spyra, Eirik Heikes, Jim Mihan, Bill LaRue  
**Absent:** Keith Dixon, Toby Norton
  - B. **Approval Prior Meeting Minutes** – Motion made by Neil and second by Olivia to approve October meeting minutes.
- 2) **President's Report** – Jolene Rieck
  - A. Chapter membership status:
    1. Current chapter membership: 120
    2. New Members: 2- Jessica Clement, Assoc. ASLA, Ball State Univ; Adam Johnston, Assoc. ASLA, Breckon Land Design, Boise
    3. Lapsed Members: 1- Robin Demmer, Boise
  - B. Council of Fellows
    1. Nomination process – Greg Sturtevant, Don Belts, Carl Thuesen, Shelly Engler & Steve Drown will be asked if they would like to be considered. Jolene sent emails to them. Carl Thuesen has expressed interest.
  - C. Advocacy Day
    1. This year, ASLA In-District Advocacy Day will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2009. Commitments received from Kent Watson, Anthony Pratt, Neil Kiner, Keith Dixon and Jon Mueller Commitments are due December 11.
- 3) **Trustee Report** – Jim Mihan:
  1. Trustee report will be done shortly
  2. Sustainable sites are due by January 5<sup>th</sup> 2009
  3. Dialogue is happening as to the phase out of irrigation vendor use for design services.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report** – Bill LaRue: Balances: \$14389.11
  - A. Investment Account:
  - B. Budget Report: Bill has sent a check in the amount of \$125 to the Vermont Chapter in support of their licensure goals, \$700 came in from sponsor, 2M Company

5) **Section Activity Reports**

- A. Northern Lights –Keith Dixon; No report.
- B. Olmsted Group – Jim Mihan; Met Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss rendezvous and reinvigorate the legislature committee. Elections will be held in January 2009 for the new Chair position.
- C. Western Montana – Kent Watson; Kent has recommended a \$100 sponsorship for the “Children and Nature Summit” to be held in Missoula. The event is hosted by Montana Parks & Recreation and Fish and Wildlife to bring public awareness to the importance of our children’s connection to the natural world.
- D. Eastern Montana – Neil Kiner; spoke with J.D. at Hardy Construction in regards to organizing a workshop of a mock bid, perhaps as a one day event or luncheon get together. The goal would be to educate local landscape architects on the process the contractor is involved with during the bidding process of a project.

6) **Liaison Officer’s Reports:**

- A. Idaho Board: Bill Dial; Jolene forwarded the October meeting minutes to EXCOMM. There is concern in Southern Idaho of landscape architect rights taken away for stormwater and drainage plans. How can we at an advocacy level promote grading and drainage plans as landscape architects? The chapter could assist Olmsted Group by providing support materials such as sample letters. At national level literature is being developed to address these issues as well. Jolene will send out a web-based survey for fellow professionals (Is it an issue for you? How often? What % of your work includes grading and drainage?)
- 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, Jim Mihan – ID; Looking for a new lead for Idaho.
- G. Surface Transportation Partnership Program: Eirik & Jim; No report.
- H. Webmaster: Steve Davidson [steve@thelandgroupinc.com](mailto:steve@thelandgroupinc.com); No report.
- I. Idaho Board Liaison (Vacant); Jolene will contact, Jon Breckon, David Koga, Debowden Bauer

7) **Old Business:**

- A. Student Chapter UILA – Keith; No report.
- B. Student Affiliate Chapter at MSU – Eirik; the student affiliate chapter in Bozeman was successful overall. ASLA national has asked Eirik for a summary of the event to include in its publication. As a chapter we could follow-up with the

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student affiliate chapter and offer our support. (Perhaps t-shirts if they can get membership up!!!)

- C. Standing Committees:
  - i. Sponsorship (Eirik): No report.
  - ii. Communications (Toby Norton & Lance Foster): The revised brochure cover has been emailed to EXCOMM and will be circulated to vendors and award winners for input shortly.
  - iii. Membership (Olivia): Continuing to send out welcome packages

8) **New Business:**

- A. Rendezvous 2009 (Jim and Toby): Finalized date: October 23,24<sup>th</sup> in Boise
  - i. Double Tree Downtown – 175-200 people expected, approximately \$185 full price, \$75-92 for students
  - ii. Budget cost and revenue will be formed and sent out to EXCOMM for review along with thematic and speaker ideas
- B. Awards Committee (Jolene and ?): Our call for awards will be pushed to Spring-early summer and presented at the fall Rendezvous
- C. Children & Nature Summit Sponsorship Support – Motion made by Eirik Heikes and second by Neil Kiner to sponsor the Children & Nature Summit in the amount of \$100.

9) **Adjournment:** 2:00 MST/ 1:00 PST

10) **Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 14, 2008 at 1:00 PM MDT/12:00 PM PDT**