



Idaho-Montana Chapter
of
American Society of Landscape Architects

Executive Committee Agenda

February 11, 2009 @ 1:00 MST, 12:00 PST
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- 1) **Call to Order:**
 - A. **Present:** Jolene Rieck, Neil Kiner, Keith Dixon, Toby Norton, Eirik Heikes, Jim Mihan, Toby Norton, Bill LaRue
Absent: Olivia Spyra
 - B. **Approval Prior Meeting Minutes** – Next meeting date for Excom was same as day of the meeting, Continuing education session should be placed under Eastern Montana instead of Western Montana. Date for the session should read February 20, instead of February 10. Motion made by Keith and second by Neil to approve the January meeting minutes as corrected.
- 2) **President's Report** – Jolene Rieck
 - A. Chapter membership status:
 1. Current chapter membership: 116
 2. New Members: 1, Lynn Bickerton-Chan, Yellowstone National Park
 3. Lapsed Members: 2, Donna Erickson & Devin Gardiner
 - B. Council of Fellows
 1. Nomination process – Shelly Engler has since declined to participate at this time. Others?
 - C. Constant Contact
 1. January email update obtained an opening rate of 55.4%.
 2. 30.5% of people clicked on a link for additional information. The most common click-through was the New West Conference information, followed by Yousef's paper on people's perception of native plants.
 - D. Advocacy Day
 1. In-District Advocacy Day: Wednesday, February 18, 2009.
 2. Packets: Did anyone receive packets from ASLA?
 - E. National Landscape Architecture Month (April);
 1. Committee? Eirik, Keith, Toby
 2. Party for the Planet for Zoo Montana (Eirik): \$100 contribution with booth
 3. MET transit Facility – April 22nd –hosting tours, MT Transit Administrators
 4. How can the chapter give recognition or do a community service event?
- 3) **Trustee Report** – Jim Mihan:
 - A. Focusing on In-District Advocacy Day; MI got their license upgraded to a practice act. Concerns about California licensure board and university accreditation.

- 4) **Treasurer's Report** – Bill LaRue: Balances: \$17,305.85
 - A. Investment Account: \$5000.00
 - B. Budget Report: Bill cleared the YTD columns and adjusted budget.
- 5) **Section Activity Reports**
 - A. Northern Lights –Keith Dixon; No report.
 - B. Olmsted Group – Jim Mihan; Meeting on February 24th from 12:00-1:30 at the Red Lion Hotel, Rendezvous preparation and ideas for National Landscape Architecture Month are topics for the agenda. Section officers will be solicited.
 - C. Western Montana – Kent Watson; No report.
 - D. Eastern Montana – Neil Kiner; Irrigation Continuing Ed Seminar, February 20th at CTA starting at 10:30am. Hunter will present a ½ day seminar on scheduling, 2-wire systems and the latest irrigation technology. Approved of 4 hours of continuing education credits for Wyoming licenses. RSVP by February 16th to Neil Kiner
- 6) **Liaison Officer's Reports:**
 - A. Idaho Board: Jim Thomas; Jim is the new chairperson for the Idaho Board.
 - B. Montana Board: Shelly Engler; Carl Thuesen attended the board meeting. LAR and ARC budgets still remain separate, LAR budget is a mess and will discuss with Jeannie the positive cash balance, grossly inadequate appropriation for 2010/2011 biennium, ability for the Board to have input into the budgeting process, and ability to build up and retain cash reserve funds. Athletics Board is no longer in existence, money continued being spent and now there is a cash shortfall. The bill will be split among the remaining Boards. Our share is about \$150.
 - C. QBS: Jim Mihan; No report.
 - D. Idaho Forestry Council: Doug Russell; No report.
 - E. Idaho Smart Growth: Jon Breckon; Jim Mihan reported that they invited us to coordinate lobbying efforts for transportation.
 - F. Historic American Landscapes (HALS): Kent Watson – MT, Vacant – ID; No report.
 - G. Surface Transportation Partnership Program: Eirik & Jim; No report.
 - H. Webmaster: Steve Davidson steve@thelandgroupinc.com; Jim will email the awards brochure for posting.
 - I. Idaho Board Liaison (Vacant):
- 7) **Old Business:**

- A. Student Chapter UILA – Keith; Discussed possibility of the MLA program subject for removal. It's a small program, 8-10 students per year.
 - B. Student Affiliate Chapter at MSU – Eirik; Kent is moving forward with accreditation information. Have not heard from the student chapter and membership numbers. Eirik does plan on attending a session in March, what do you do with a career in landscape architecture?
 - C. Standing Committees:
 - i. Sponsorship (Eirik): Waiting for Rendezvous details for another contact of our uncommitted sponsors. Thanks to Hunter for the shooting star sponsor & hosting the irrigation seminar. Our current obligations are 2M Company and Hunter. Jim indicated the need to coordinate between chapter-wide and rendezvous vendor solicitation.
 - ii. Communications (Toby Norton): No report.
 - iii. Membership (Olivia): Sent out welcome packages to new members.
- 8) **New Business:**
- A. Rendezvous 2009 Update (Jim and Toby): The executive committee received the draft contract for the facility. The EXcom will review the contract and provide comments to Toby by February 18th.
 - B. Awards Committee (Jolene):
 - C. Sponsorship Request: ZooMontana Party for the Planet -\$150-tabled until March meeting.
 - D. Sponsorship Request: New West Conference - \$1500, \$750 was offered – Tabled until March meeting
- 9) **Adjournment:** 2:00 MST/ 1:00 PST
- 10) **Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 1:00 PM MDT/12:00 PM PDT**