



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

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
February 12, 2008 @ 1:00 MST, 12:00 PST

**A. Call to Order:**

1. **Present:** Jolene Rieck, Keith Dixon, Bill LaRue, Olivia Spyra, Lance, Eirik Heikes, Kent Watson
2. **Absent:** Jim Mihan, Angela Hanson, Toby Norton

**B. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes** – Motion made by Keith and second by Bill to approve December meeting minutes. Motion made by Eirik and second by Bill to approve January meeting minutes.

**C. President's Report**– *Jolene Rieck*

1. Chapter membership status:
  - a) Current chapter membership: 117
  - b) New Members: 4
  - c) Lapsed Members: 0
  - d) Truby Leadership Workshop
    - i. February 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> in Chicago
    - ii. June in Seattle
    - iii. Angela & Olivia expressed interest. Jolene to get back with more information.
  - e) Licensure Summit: June 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, Madison, WI, accounting report sent out and given to Julia Lent
    - i. Motion made by Keith to reimburse (at the 2007 IRS rate) Ron, Kent, Shelly and Jolene for the mileage to drive to Helena to speak on behalf of the Montana licensure issues and seconded by Bill.
  - f) Jolene to write letter to CLARB requesting to establish a test center in Montana

**D. Trustee Report** – *Jim Mihan*

**E. Treasurer's Report** – *Bill LaRue* Balance: \$20,020.06

1. Investment Account status:
  - a) \$5000 future legislative money to be placed in CD
  - b) Motion made by Keith to invest the balance of ASLA legislative money and add chapter funds to the amount for a total of \$5000 with Wells Fargo, second made by Eirik
  - c) \$2871.07 legislative balance
2. Financial Report: Jolene's name added to the account.
3. Budget Report:
  - a) Line Items:
    - i. Mid-year meeting hotel expenses will go over the budgeted amount

**F. Correspondence Report** – *Olivia Spyra*

1. Work on welcome letter- send to new members
  - a) To recognize vendors, note which section member in and copy

section leader, website

**G. Sponsorship Report – Eirik Heikes**

- a) Sponsor's still hope to be acknowledged on website

**H. Communications**

1. Website Updates, *Keith and Eirik*
  - a) Eirik spoke with Mark. We are a good candidate for their CMS system. Potential costs: \$2500.
  - b) Comments on current website: Need more graphic kick. Awards could be displayed.
  - c) For all: website information can be sent to Webmaster Steve Davidson at [sdsd26@verizon.net](mailto:sdsd26@verizon.net).
2. Lance: Has a background in archaeology, experience lies in cultural landscapes and historic preservation for the National Parks Department and Montana Forest Service. Wants to bring more Native American students into Landscape Architecture and offer his experience as a resource for the chapter.
  - a) Integrate awards into the website. Toby has all CD's.

**I. Section Activity Reports**

1. Montana Board: *Shelly Engler*
2. *Northern Lights – Keith Dixon*

*Olmsted Group – Jim Mihan*

- a) Met regarding local ordinances. Have a meeting on Friday, 15th.
  - b) Hosting a party with the dean and department head at UILA on Tuesday, 19th.
2. *Western Montana – Kent Watson*
    - a) *Designing the New West* Conference, in Bozeman, April 25<sup>th</sup> (similar to Sonoran Institute) Visit [www.newwest.com](http://www.newwest.com). Conference to focus on development issues.
    - b) Kent and Jolene working to see if we can get a landscape architect speaker.
      - i. Will try to get some representation via speaker (possibilities- Grant Jones and Jim Folly) or Kent's presentation board
  3. *Eastern Montana – Angela Hansen*
    - a) Working on a social.

**J. Liaison Officer's Reports**

1. Idaho Board: *Bill Dial*;
  - a) Jolene sent out the new report.
2. QBS: *Jim Mihan*; Heard from Carl Thuessen. New LA rules for educational requirements and new draft to be presented soon. Have approval to send someone to the CLARB meeting. Expect to make a decision for an exam site in Montana.
3. Idaho Forestry Council: *Doug Russell*; No report.
4. Idaho Smart Growth: *Jon Breckon*; No report.
5. Historic American Landscapes (HALS): *Jim Mihan- ID, Kent Watson-MT*; Lobby meeting in Missoula Wed. 20th

6. Surface Transportation Partnership Program: *Eirik & Jim*; No report.

**K. Student Chapter**

1. **UILA** *Keith*;
2. **MSU** *Eirik*; Interest shown at MSU to begin student affiliate chapter. Kent's proposal has finally reached the graduate dean for acceptance.

**L. New Business**

**M. Next Meeting: Teleconference Wednesday March. 12<sup>th</sup> 1:00 MST/12:00 PST**

**N. Adjournment: 2:05 MST/1:05 PST**