



Idaho-Montana Chapter
of
American Society of Landscape Architects

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2007 @ 1:00 MST, 12:00 PST

Teleconference Attendees:

1) **Call to Order:**

- A. **Present:** Keith Dixon, Molly Shanahan, Bill LaRue, Jolene Rieck, Kent Watson, Eirik Heikes, Fred Ogram
Absent: Jon Mueller, Jim Mihan
- B. **Approval Prior Meeting Minutes** – Motion made by Jolene and second by Fred to approve December meeting minutes.

2) **President's Report** – Keith Dixon

- A) Chapter membership status:
1. Current chapter membership: 104
 2. New Members:
 3. Lapsed Members: 1

Trustee Report - Jon Mueller: no report

4) **Treasurer's Report** – Bill LaRue:

- a. Investment Account status: To be reviewed at a later date.
- b. Financial Report: Distributed separately. \$750 deposited into account from 2005 Rendezvous in Lewiston. Bill would like to begin tightening up the Rendezvous expenses. Kent will need to forward these items when they are available.

5) **Section Activity Reports**

- a. Northern Lights – Fred Ogram;
- School educational project: "LA Kids" will begin next week. Jon, Keith and Fred will be leading classes once a week for an hour of the next 8 to 10 weeks.
- b. Olmsted Group – Jim Mihan; Post-meeting Jim indicated the group will meet on the 30th.
- c. Western Montana – Kent Watson; Rendezvous moving ahead. Discussion below.
- d. Eastern Montana – Eirik Heikes; Montana Association of Nurserymen and

Landscape Contractors having meeting January 11-12th. CTA will be giving a graphic presentation.

6) **Liaison Officer's Reports:**

- a. Idaho Board: Keith; no report
- b. Montana Board: Jolene: Bob Throssell hired as lobbyist to represent us. Motion to approve hiring Bob as lobbyist for \$2,000 made by Eirik and seconded by Kent. Bob will attend committee hearings, meet with the AIA lobbyist and the architectural board, and help diffuse any situations within hearings.

AIA is concerned about having 2 landscape architects on a board with 3 architects and one public member. Our board members have told Jolene that if the bill goes forward with less than two landscape architects they are not in favor of the bill. Jolene feels that ASLA needs to take a formal position on this. Some draft points are having member overlapping terms for institutional history, if an absence occurs we have a greater chance of having one landscape architect present at meeting, and the biggest reason to have two landscape architects on the board versus one is in case of a disciplinary process where a special committee is set up. The reason being is that if the landscape architect is chair of the overall board then he/she cannot serve on the disciplinary committee.

Part of AIA's argument is the cost side of two landscape architects versus one. It is our understanding that the professions will maintain separate budgets in a merged board. This results in no cost for the architect's. However, this is the understanding based upon verbal discussions between our current Board members and the Dept. of Labor and Industry. Jolene has asked Carl Thuesen, current Board member, to follow up with the Department to provide a written detail of what costs are shared and which are not.

The bill will be heard in committee on Thursday, January 18 at 9 am. Kent made motion that chapter support bill as written, second made by Jolene.

- 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; Lists submitted to national by Kent and Jim. Jim's information to be posted on web site.
- g. Surface Transportation Partnership Program: Eirik & Jim; Jim will write a one-page summary for the package.

7) **Old Business:**

- a. News Letter – All sponsors interested in the newsletter advertisement package to submit information to Keith by February 1st for a mid-February distribution.

- b. Web site update – Keith; Please forward content to Keith. Keith would like the following to post on the site: Rendezvous Summary, list of past award winners, past newsletters. Once all the bugs are worked out between Keith and Jenny on the web site, the webmaster role will be passed over to Steve Davidson.
- c. Student Chapter – Keith/Molly; Mark Puddy, Chapter Treasurer, met with Keith over holiday break to discuss the upcoming rendezvous. The UI Chapter members will be at the rendezvous and have volunteered their services. They would like a booth to display some project boards and chapter information. They are also interested in having a sponsored student night out for all students.
- d. Committees:
- Sponsorship (Eirik): Many people and groups already submitted sponsorship information and more interested.
 - Communications (open):
 - Membership (Molly and each section leader): Keith requested Molly develop a membership recruitment letter for review by Keith. A welcome letter will also be developed for the new members.
 - Awards (Jolene): Secured jury exchanges with chapter out of Utah. Those in Billings will put together jury to review there applications and they will review ours. They are due Feb 23rd.
- Rendezvous – Kent & Keith: See below.
- e. Legislative (Stan, Jon Breckon): no report.
- f. Rendezvous (April 13-14th) - Kent and Jenny M. met with Lauren Miller, executive director for the Missoula Art Museum. She is very interested in us coming there for a reception and also involving membership, particularly students, in a student design/sketch problem for their public plaza. They have three Native American artists who will be involved in this design problem.

The arboretum idea came up at the last rendezvous committee meeting. Philip Maechling, the Missoula Historic Preservation Officer, also a landscape architect, has some connections to try and get an arboretum going on campus. The committee is working on getting someone to present on arboretums at the rendezvous. A possibility is a man in Michigan who is well reputed in that regard.

Secretary Kempthorne: Waiting on an update from Jon.

Over the holiday break Kent had talked with Steve Drown. He is interested in getting students involved in a problem statement. Steve had the idea of bringing the Emerging Trends: The Future of Landscape Architects panel that presented at the Minneapolis meeting to the rendezvous. Steve has been in contact with Bob Scarfo, an associate professor of landscape architecture at WSU in Spokane, to bring the panels to the rendezvous. Kent still waiting for a final cost until deciding.

The Committee would like to have a couple of sessions relate to land use planning and what is there to be done as well as what can the profession do to aid in good land use planning in Montana. Currently in Missoula there are an overwhelming number of subdivision applications being submitted. This is a topic that relates to Idaho as well. The committee is currently speaking with Dan Kemmis, Missoula former mayor, Wendy Ninteman, executive director for Five Valley's Land Trust group, and Jerry Sorenson, a local developer to speak at the rendezvous.

Jolene has e-mailed Ron Leighton, educational director for CLARB about doing a LARE prep session but has not heard back from him.

Next rendezvous committee meeting January 17th at 12:00 MST.

- h. Membership survey: Surveys will be distributed at the Rendezvous. Fred to put together.

8) **New Business:**

- a. New teleconference provider: Bill to look into new providers that may be less expensive.
- b. Keith asked Molly to work on membership recruitment by identifying and contacting licensed professionals in the area that are not members through a recruitment letter/welcome letter that touches on benefits of membership.
- c. Request from Idaho Department of Lands for 2 committee members for developing Idaho based standards for tree planting, including educational materials. Keith to scan document and e-mail to excom for review. Please send comments and thoughts to Keith.
- d. ASLA Advocacy Network: No discussion.
- e. Any opinions or comments, suggestions please send to Keith

9) **Adjournment:** 2:15 MST/ 1:15 PST

10) **Next Meeting: February 7, 2007 @ 1:00 MST and 12:00 PST**