



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

**Executive Committee Agenda**

July 8, 2009 @ 1:00 MST, 12:00 PST

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- 1) **Call to Order:**
  - A. **Present:** Jolene Rieck, Keith Dixon, Neil Kiner, Molly Teal, Jim Mihan; Kent Watson  
**Absent:** Jon Breckon; Bill LaRue, Toby Norton,
  - B. **Approval Prior Meeting Minutes** – Motion made by Neil and second by Keith to approve the May meeting minutes.
- 2) **President's Report** – Jolene Rieck
  - A. **Chapter membership status:**
    1. Current chapter membership: 122!
    2. New Members: 5: Bradley Bond, Kimberly, ID; Leslie Lowe, Bruce Boody, Whitefish; Richard Shaw, Design Workshop, Aspen; Jonathan Smith, Mosaic Land Design, Moscow; Alex Stone, NPS, Seattle
    3. Lapsed Members: 0
  - B. **Council of Fellows**
    1. Nomination process – Steve Drown indicated an interest. Jolene to contact Steve about application process.
  - C. **Constant Contact**
    1. June's email update had an opening rate of 44.8%.
- 3) **Trustee Report** – Jim Mihan:
  - A. Nationals is currently losing money. Had a teleconference meeting last week to review revenue projection and are about \$900,000 short of the budget projections at the beginning of the year. Staff has identified funding to make up the difference. Some programs will be cut back and staff will also take longer breaks (3 weeks). Unfortunately, they can't tap into reserves because of a clause in mortgage.
  - B. ENR article "Not Just Another Pretty Place" and editorial link has been good press for landscape architecture. There have also been a number of successful legislative efforts recently.
  - C. National Annual Meeting in Chicago – doing well in regards to vendors.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report** – Bill LaRue: Balances: no report.
  - 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; working on getting speakers lined up for upcoming events. Will meet July 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30am at the Red Lion Downtown.
  - C. Western Montana – Kent Watson; no report.
  - D. Eastern Montana – Neil Kiner; The Eastern Montana Community Forestry conference will be held in Laurel, MT on Oct. 1-3<sup>rd</sup>. Guest speaker James Urban will give 3 lectures on urban planning, soils and streetscapes. Excom has decided to wait and see what their sponsorship levels/packages are before deciding if we will help sponsor them. Agenda will be posted to the website.
- 6) **Liaison Officer's Reports:**
- A. Idaho Board: Jim Thomas; no report.
  - B. Montana Board: Shelly Engler;
  - 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; Going to the Sun Road Centennial: Landscape Architecture Day to be August 14<sup>th</sup>. A public event will be held at Logan Pass with a reception at the Johnny MacDonald's residence (near Glacier). Kent has contacted Carol Guthrie, author of "Going to the Sun Road, Glacier National Park's highway through the sky," about participating with us on the event.
  - G. Surface Transportation Partnership Program: Jim; no report.
  - H. Webmaster: Steve Davidson [steve@thelandgroupinc.com](mailto:steve@thelandgroupinc.com); no report.
  - 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): no report.
- c. Membership (Molly): no report.
- d. Nominating Committee (Keith):
  - President Elect: Neil Kiner
  - VP Idaho: Toby Norton
  - VP Montana: (Keith/Jolene to coordinate)
  - Secretary: Rachel Volesky
  - Treasurer: Greg Baer

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Section Chairs:

Eastern Mt.: Anthony Pratt

Western Mt.: (Kent to coordinate)

North Idaho: Stephanie Koch

South Idaho: (Jon Breckon to coordinate)

e. Pend d'Oreille Bay Trail (Keith & Kent): no report.

**B. Rendezvous 2009 Update (Jim and Toby):**

a. **Schedule:** Participant letters to be mailed out tomorrow. Working on finalizing speakers. At present we have Gary Scott, Angela Dye and Jack Carman as speakers.

b. **Graphics:**

c. **Public Relations:**

d. **Sponsorship/Vendor Coordinator:** local vendor support from Rainbird, Hunter, 2M, Western United, Land Forms, and Idaho Power. Call for vendors to go out soon.

e. **Program Development:** 3 field trips,

f. **Accommodations:** Toby Norton

g. **Budget:** no report.

h. **Students:**

i. **Awards:**

i. Deadline is today at 5:00 PM. As of 10 AM, we have received at least 10 entries. Alaska board to serve as judge panel.

C. **2009 Licensure Summit:** (Neil Kiner & Jon Breckon); updates to nationals due August 15<sup>th</sup>.

8) **New Business:**

A. Park County Conservation District Conference (Livingston, Montana); September 14 or 17. Lynn Chan is seeking professionals who are interested in providing assistance to private property owners in the Paradise Valley Montana area to assist with property development and/or conservation planning. Lynn is also looking for potential speakers at their 3-hour workshop to be held in Sept.

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

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at 1:00 PM  
MDT/12:00 PM PDT**