



Idaho-Montana Chapter
of
American Society of Landscape Architects

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2007 @ 1:00 MST, 12:00 PST

Teleconference Attendees:

- 1) **Call to Order:**
 - A. **Present:** Keith Dixon, Molly Shanahan, Bill LaRue, Jolene Rieck, Eirik Heikes, Kent Watson, Fred Ogram, Jon Mueller, Jim Mihan
Absent:
 - B. **Approval Prior Meeting Minutes** – Motion made by Jolene and second by Bill to approve May meeting minutes.
- 2) **President's Report** – Keith Dixon
 - A) Chapter membership status:
 1. Current chapter membership: 105
 2. New Members: 2
 3. Lapsed Members: 2
- 3) **Trustee Report** - Jon Mueller:
 - A) Colorado Law signed by governor making it the 49th state licensing LA's.
 - B) Licensure Summit in two weeks.
 - C) Licensure Committee to meet this summer on local ordinances.
 - D) ASLA finances are looking very good.
 - E) ASLA ExCom to meet in San Diego on July 9th.
 - F) Web seminar for chapter treasurers is in September.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report** – Bill LaRue: Balance:
 - a. Investment Account status: To be reviewed at a later date.
 - b. Financial Report: Distributed separately. Kent will review expenses from Holiday Inn to insure completeness.
- 5) **Section Activity Reports**
 - a. Northern Lights – Jon Mueller & Keith Dixon;
 - School educational project "LA Kids": Jon concluded his LA KIDS project by graduating the kids and providing them with LiveGreen wrist bands, LAM, and a newspaper article in the Cd'A Press. The chapter also received an award from ASLA.

- b. Olmsted Group – Jim Mihan; Meeting in July and may have dinner and drinks by sponsors.
- c. Western Montana – Kent Watson; Milltown Workshop is the 20th and 21st of September. The National Park Service would like to confirm LA's for assistance. Also, The Small Community Planning Act (SB 201) may provide funds for community planning in Montana for LA's.
- d. Eastern Montana – Eirik Heikes; Greater Yellowstone Partnership has developed a point system for 20 counties surrounding Yellowstone NP. Eirik to send a web link for posting to our web site.

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

- a. Idaho Board: Keith; Stan's seat will be open in July. Dale Gephart and Fred have expressed interest in the position. An issue has arisen in ADA County with regard to ordinances and clarity of services by LA's. Jim, John and the Olmsted Group will review this issue. Jon indicated the chapter needs a "quick reaction team" for legislative issues.
- b. Montana Board: Jolene; Shelly Engler is the only person that has applied for board position leaving one more board position open. Jolene to follow up if Carl Thuesen submitted his application. Jolene to write a letter of support on behalf of ASLA Chapter. Rick Cansteel from Helena has also expressed interest.
- c. QBS: Jim Mihan; no report.
- d. Idaho Forestry Council: Doug Russell; no report
- e. Idaho Smart Growth: Jon Breckon; no report. Will attend legislative summit for the chapter. Also, ISG has a new executive director.
- f. Historic American Landscapes (HALS): Kent Watson – MT, Jim Mihan – ID; no report
- g. Surface Transportation Partnership Program: Eirik & Jim; Jim will write a one-page summary for the package.

7) **Old Business:**

- a. News Letter – Lance Foster waiting for info from Keith. Our sponsors will need to be identified within the booklet.
- b. Web site update – Keith;

For all: web site information can be sent to Webmaster Steve Davidson at steve@hatchmueller.com
- c. Student Chapter UILA – Keith/Molly; Student awards certificates need to be sent out.
- d. Committees:
 - Sponsorship (Eirik): Status of receipts sent to all sponsors. Also sponsors will need access to membership. It was decided to

provide them with members and firm information only. Keith to provide to Eirik and Molly.

Communications (Lance Foster): no report.

Membership (Molly and each section leader): Keith to review membership recruitment letter. A welcome letter will also be developed for the new members.

Awards (Jolene): On hold till 2009!

- e. Legislative (Stan, Jon Breckon): Jon (ID) and Shelly Engler (MT) to attend the Legislative Summit in Michigan. Jon will be there too.
- f. Membership survey: Jim to develop for review by ExCom.

8) **New Business:**

- a. Alex Stone NPS is interested in being a member, but can't be an affiliate. Can she pay chapter dues only? Discussed but no resolution.
- b. Chapter elections are coming up. Please think of folks to replace current elected officers. If you would like to retain current positions or move to others please contact Keith.
- c. Bill Pond would like to have the support of the chapter for a Sustainable Site Workshop in Bozeman sometime in the fall. He would like to present to ExCom.
- d. Jim noted his interest in the Trustee position. He would appreciate any thoughts on this from anyone. He'd also like to see a multitude of candidates for all the positions and noted that we need to form the two election committees and advertise to everyone to come forward for nominations and then select candidates to go forth, etc.
- e. Keith is representing ASLA for Negotiated Rules for Septic Systems in Northern Idaho.
- f. Jolene would like to establish a policy with regard to giving scholarships to members or non-members to encourage participation in ASLA.
- g. Jim would like to establish a policy on sending Presidents and VP's to the National meetings.
- h. Jim indicated national will need to be notified in July of nominees for the chapter officials. Election forms are on the chapter CD and hard copies will need to be mailed to the membership.
- i. Jon would like for the July agenda to include direction from ExCom to send the president elect to SF for the national meeting. He would also like to send a student to the national meeting. Jon would like to spend chapter funds on members and students and would like more discussion on the issue.
- j. Any opinions or comments, suggestions please send to Keith

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

10) **Next Meeting: July 18th, 2007 @ 1:00 MST and 12:00 PST**