



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

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2011 @ 12:00 MST, 11:00 PST

Please download Skype to your computer and make sure you have a microphone.  
Contact Jon if you have issues: 208-376-5153

### 1) Call to Order:

- A. Present: **Jon Breckon, Neil Kiner, Jena Ponti**, Toby Norton, Greg Baer, Lynda Wightman, **Jolene Rieck**, Anthony Pratt, Brian Strand, Kent Watson, Steve Davidson, Justin Bell, Yousef Zadegan, Jim Mihan, Ben Semple

Absent: those not highlighted

- B. Approval Prior Meeting Minutes – Motion made by Neil and second by Jolene to approve the **April** meeting minutes.

### 2) President's Report – Jon Breckon

- A. Chapter membership status:
1. Current chapter membership: 119
  2. New Members: (3)  
Shay Lundvall, Affiliate ASLA, City of Gillette Parks Dept., Gillette, WY  
Ryan Daniel Smith, Associate ASLA, Missoula, MT  
Gary Young, ASLA, Verdis, Coeur d'Alene, ID
  3. Lapsed Members: (1)  
Stephanie Koch, ASLA; Landscape Architecture Firm, Spokane, WA
- B. Chapter positions (sept 30<sup>th</sup> election results and deadline to submit chapter leadership)

June 2<sup>nd</sup> issue call  
July 3<sup>rd</sup> select  
August 1<sup>st</sup> approve  
August 15<sup>th</sup> send out ballots  
Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> election results

1. In-coming President: Neil Kiner; Billings, MT
2. Candidates for President Elect: Jena Ponti; Whitefish, MT
3. Candidates for VP of MT: **Michael Verseman**; Billings, MT – needs to be a full member, Neil to contact
4. Candidates for VP of ID: Robin Demmer; Boise, ID
5. Candidates for Treasurer: Don Brigham? or Jay Gibbons?
6. Candidates for Secretary: Dave Phillips?
7. Candidates for western MT: Jennie Meinershagen; Missoula, MT or Johnny McDonald?
8. Candidates for northern ID: Molly Teal?
9. Other names floating around - Jacob Thomas, Jared Fehringer, Kurt Eggers

- C. Add UI student chapter facebook page to chapter website  
D. Add ISA Spokane workshop to chapter website.  
E. Chapter facebook page  
LARE facebook page

### 3) Trustee Report – Jolene Rieck

Licensure for full membership? Mostly not necessary so was voted down.  
international membership requirement? Loop hole closed.

Mid-year meeting, will post to website.  
National convention was most successful to date.  
National licensure committee, should nondegree programs be reviewed by LAAB?  
Digital interest in the LA magazine.  
Sustainable sites initiative is going well.  
ALSA.org is the main resource page.  
Public awareness campaign, aug. 17<sup>th</sup>.  
See Jolene's report for more detail.

**4) Treasurer's Report – Greg Baer**

- A. Balances:
- B. Investment Account:
- C. Taxes:
- D. Budget Report:

Previous months checking balance was \$22,355.86, current balance is \$22,686.22. Current Savings balance is \$5,166.28, we gained a whopping \$0.42 last month in interest. Total account balance is now at \$27,852.50.

**5) Section Activity Reports**

- A. Northern Lights – **VACANT**
- B. Olmsted Group – Brian Strand
- C. Western Montana – **VACANT**
- D. Eastern Montana – Anthony Pratt, still waiting for a bill from Alta for Mia Birk speakers fee.

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

- A. Idaho Board: Jon Breckon
- B. Montana Board: Carl Thuesen
- C. QBS: Jim Mihan
- D. Idaho Forestry Council: Jim Mihan
- E. Chapter Public Awareness: Jim Mihan  
With the completion of NLAM, we were able to have our mediation garden design charette in partnership with the Idaho Botanical Garden. We are following up on this with refinement of the two conceptual plans that came out of that meeting as well as developing a preliminary planting palette to assist with securing future materials.

Additionally, I was able to give a lecture to the USGBC Idaho Chapter on water conservation outside the building which went over well. I am following up with the group by publishing an article for use in their electronic newsletter.

In coordination with the national public awareness campaign, we had our first webinar to collaborate on the message to put out and the tools to implement this campaign.

- F. Idaho Smart Growth: Ben Semple
- G. Historic American Landscapes (HALS):  
Montana - Kent Watson  
Idaho - **(Vacant)**
- H. Webmaster: Steve Davidson
- I. Student Chapter UIILA – Justin Bell
- I. Student Affiliate Chapter at MSU – Yousef Zadeگان

**7) Standing Committees:**

- A. Communications:
- B. Membership:
- C. Advocacy and Legislative Committee: (Jon Breckon)
- D. LACES Committee: (Neil Kiner)

E. Executive Director Committee: (Lynda Wightman, Jena Ponti. Greg Baer)  
Jena will check.

8) **Old Business:**

9) **New Business:**

10) **Adjournment:**

11) **Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be the second Monday in July (the 11<sup>th</sup> at noon).