



Idaho-Montana Chapter
of
American Society of Landscape Architects

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2008 @ 1:00 MDT, 12:00 PM

A. Call to Order:

1. **Present:** Jolene Rieck, Eirik Heikes, Kent Watson, Angela Hanson, Jim Mihan
2. **Absent:** Olivia Spyra, Toby Norton, Keith Dixon, Bill LaRue
3. **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Jim Mihan and second by Eirik Heikes to approve February meeting minutes.

B. President's Report– Jolene Rieck

1. Chapter membership status:
 - a) Current chapter membership: 116
 - b) New Members: 2; Adam Johnston, Assoc. ASLA, Breckon Land Design, Boise & Kyle Wilbert, Assoc. ASLA, Engineering, Inc., Billings
 - c) Lapsed Members: 1; Toby Norton
2. Truby Leadership Workshop
 - a) June in Seattle- Angela & Olivia expressed interest.
3. CLARB Letter: Jolene sent a letter of support from ID/MT ASLA to establish a regional testing center for the LARE exam in Montana.
4. Montana Licensure Campaign: Reimburse mileage
5. Reimbursement checks need to be sent for 2007 MT Legislative Activities. (Jolene will send Bill letters with the amounts and recipients).
6. Lobby Day: Quick reports from MT and ID. Meetings went well with Billings Field Staff for all 3 members and Missoula Field Staff for Tester. (Jennie, Kent & Bo); Idaho members met with Simpson and Craibo (sp?) in Boise. Members also met in Northern Idaho.

C. Trustee Report – Jim Mihan

1. Report: HALS support has the topic of the trustee's and ASLA leadership. In Boise, they are working on a landscape ordinance. They are coordinating with municipalities on LA law in Idaho. Idaho Board is also involved. Jon Breckon, Bill Dial, Toby Norton, Jim Mihan are involved in this effort.

D. Treasurer's Report – Bill LaRue Balance:

1. Investment Account status: the 6 month CD was completed
2. Financial Report: Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted. Was an invoice sent to 2M Company for advertising Turf University?
3. Budget Report:
4. Tax Filing: Bill to follow up.

E. Section Activity Reports

1. **Northern Lights – Keith Dixon**
2. **Olmsted Group – Jim Mihan**
 - a) Olmsted Group is working on Boise landscape ordinance. Had a meeting on March 7th and had 28 people show up. They also invited the City of Boise to talk about the ordinance. LA's were on the advisory

group that created the ordinance. They are adding a qualified licensed professional to the ordinance. There are exemptions for smaller projects that allow designers to do the work. It will take about 3-4 months to go through process. Elections will be held next month

3. **Western Montana – Kent Watson**

a) New West Conference: Through Kent's and Donna Erickson's efforts we were able to get Landscape Architect Grant Jones on the agenda for the Conference. Luke Phinney, James Pool, and Kent Watson went to a career fair at Big Sky High School and showcased landscape architecture.

4. **Eastern Montana – Angela Hansen**

F. Liaison Officer's Reports

1. Montana Board: *Shelly Engler*; No report

2. Idaho Board: *Bill Dial*; No report

3. QBS: *Jim Mihan*;

a) Jim is researching when the next meeting will be held.

4. Idaho Forestry Council: *Doug Russell*; No report

5. Idaho Smart Growth: *Jon Breckon*; No report

6. Historic American Landscapes (HALS): *Jim Mihan-ID, Kent Watson-MT*;

a) As a part of the follow up from Lobby Day, Kent talked to Rep. Denny Rehberg's staff in Washington DC.

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

G. Old Business

1. Website update- *Keith and Eirik*

a) For all: web site updates should be sent to Webmaster Steve Davidson at DavidsonLA@verizon.net

b) Discussion: Packages from Oriett (national web consultant) (Eirik) Eirik recommends tabling this item until sponsorship can support the Oriett consulting fees. Eirik suggested we display the award winners' projects.

c) Eirik will follow up with Bill on an invoice to 2M Company for advertising their Turf University on the imasla.org website.

2. Student Chapter UILA – *Keith*

3. Student Affiliate Chapter at MSU – *Eirik*

4. Standing Committees:

a) Sponsorship *Eirik*; Eirik is working with JD who represents paver systems. Jolene will forward a potential sponsor who represents Permacrete. 2M is pleased that we are advertising their Turf University. Jolene and Eirik will get together at lunch to formulate a 2008 sponsorship brochure. This brochure needs to be placed on the IMASLA website in lieu of the 2007 rendezvous brochure currently on the site.

b) Communications (Toby Norton & Lance Foster): Chapter annual report by Keith? Newsletter? Awards Publication?

i. We put a March 31 deadline for the next Newsletter submissions. Toby will need to edit. Eirik will get a vendor spotlight to Toby by that time. Toby will need to let us know if he is receiving any articles before that deadline. (Just email us).

c) Membership *Olivia*;

**The Idaho-Montana Chapter
American Society of Landscape Architects
www.imasla.org**

5. Licensure Summit –*Toby Norton & Angela Hanson*
 - a) June 20-22 in Madison, WI
6. Annual Report; Keith to work on

H. New Business

1. Rendezvous 2009 – Meeting Location? Boise, Bozeman? Discussion was held that Bozeman was a tough location because of the number of active members needed to pull off a meeting. The Boise group has some good momentum with new members and could host it there. The discussion leaned toward Boise for the next Rendezvous.
 - a) Jim will follow up at the next Olmstead meeting if there is interest in hosting the Rendezvous in Boise.
 - b) Jim will contact Steve Drown at U-ID to see if students will come to a 2009 Rendezvous in Boise or other suggested locations.
2. New West Conference Display Booth: Jim moved to spend the \$500 fee for the display booth, provided that an ASLA member can “man” the booth at the conference. Eirik seconded. Eirik will contact the CTA office in Bozeman and if there is no interest, then Kent Watson will follow up with the Missoula.

I. Adjournment: 2:00 MDT/1:00 PM

Next Meeting: Teleconference Wednesday, April 12th at 1:00 MDT/12:00 PM