



Idaho-Montana Chapter
of
American Society of Landscape Architects

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 2, 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
Absent: Jim Mihan
- B. **Approval Prior Meeting Minutes** – Motion made by Jon and second by Bill to approve revised March and April meeting minutes.

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

- A) Chapter membership status:
1. Current chapter membership: 104
 2. New Members: 2
 3. Lapsed Members: 0

Trustee Report - Jon Mueller: At the mid-year meeting the trustees adopted new financial policies and a new budget as well heard reports that the licensing law passed in Colorado, and elected new vice presidents. They lobbied on Capitol Hill for a day that went remarkably well. This led to discussions about the role of trustee to the chapter. They concluded that chapters need to begin to take the burdens off their presidents by establishing a state and local government advocacy committee headed by the trustee working with section leaders or state vice presidents to maintain vigilance for state and local legislation that would seek to promote areas of practice for landscape architects. For both Idaho and Montana we should begin those discussions. Also at the annual meeting they heard a report that the Idaho Montana chapter won an advocacy outreach award for the ASLA Landscape Month for LA Kids in the classroom. Jon reported that ASLA received a grant from the NEA to promote the green roof at headquarters. HALS funding will be part of a larger budget item

Jon has been elected the Vice President of Government Affairs for ASLA.

3). **Treasurer's Report** – Bill LaRue: Balance: \$29,828.00

- a. Investment Account status: To be reviewed at a later date.
- b. Financial Report: Distributed separately. Bill to report on the Rendezvous expenses and income at the June meeting.
- c. Discounts have been given to identified members for Rendezvous work.

5) **Section Activity Reports**

- a. Northern Lights – Jon Mueller & Keith Dixon;
 - School educational project “LA Kids”: Jon & Keith are all but finished with the program. Jon shared with the project national this past weekend during the midyear meeting. Also, Jon & Nancy Mueller and Keith presented the project to the C'dA school district board. Plans are in the works to share with the City Council. Additional, the chapter won an award from national for the LA Kids project and was asked for a story for Land Online. It's contagious!
- b. Olmsted Group – Jim Mihan; had a successful dinner outing in April with 16 people in attendance. There were drinks and fun and all paid for by vendors. Next event is the sponsorship of a reception for Bruce Fergeson, speaker in town for storm water issues on May 15th.
- c. Western Montana – Kent Watson; would like to put together binder to pass along for future rendezvous. Had 45 members from Montana that attended the Rendezvous. Kent expressed concern with the amount of time he had to donate to the Rendezvous. A better system for delegating responsibility is needed.
- d. Eastern Montana – Eirik Heikes; no report.

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

- a. Idaho Board: Keith; no report.

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 with Carl Thuesen and his application. Jolene to write a letter of support on behalf of ASLA Chapter.
- b. QBS: Jim Mihan; no meeting last month
- c. Idaho Forestry Council: Doug Russell; no report
- d. Idaho Smart Growth: Jon Breckon; no report. Will attend legislative summit for the chapter.
- e. Historic American Landscapes (HALS): Kent Watson – MT, Jim Mihan – ID; on-going at a national level to secure funding.
- f. Surface Transportation Partnership Program: Eirik & Jim; Jim will write a one-page summary for the package.

7) **Old Business:**

- a. News Letter – Lance Foster has indicated that he would like to take on the challenge of chapter media liaison. He is a new member and is full of energy to get things going.
- b. Web site update – Keith; Update of Rendz photos and other updates are to occur within the next week.

For all: web site information can be sent to Webmaster Steve Davidson at steve@hatchmueller.com

- c. Student Chapter UILA – Keith/Molly; Students are coasting into graduation. Student awards are needed ASAP to Steve Drown.
- d. Committees:
 - Sponsorship (Eirik): Status of receipts sent to all sponsors.
 - 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): Great job!! Photos will be on the website
 - Rendezvous – Kent: Outstanding job to Kent and all the Missoula committee members.
- e. Legislative (Stan, Jon Breckon): Jon to attend the Legislative Summit in Michigan.
- f. Membership survey: No progress.

8) **New Business:**

- a. Mr. Mueller is having an amazing month! His is now the chapter's 5th fellow and was elected by the trustees at the mid-year meeting as VP of Government Affairs. Thanks Jon!!
- b. Rendezvous meeting survey ratings were very high (9's and 10's). Kent noted we could add a place to indicate title (Student, Professional, etc.) so that we know where the comment/rating is coming from.
- c. The chapter has signed up for Constant Contact for a one-year term. Keith will kick it shortly.
- d. 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 other s please contact Keith.

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. Any opinions or comments, suggestions please send to Keith

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

10) **Next Meeting: June 6, 2007 @ 1:00 MST and 12:00 PST**