



Idaho-Montana Chapter
of
American Society of Landscape Architects

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2008 @ 1:00 MDT, 12:00 PM

A. Call to Order:

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

B. President's Report– Jolene Rieck

1. Chapter membership status:
 - a) Current chapter membership: 122
 - b) New Members: Eric Berg – Seattle, WA, Philip Ward – Rathdrum, ID, Randel Blough – Driggs, ID, Paul Korn – Meridian, ID
 - c) Lapsed Members: 0
2. Truby Leadership Workshop
 - a) June in Seattle- Angela & Olivia are signed up
3. CLARB Letter: Quarterly meeting June 8th and 9th. Julie Lint will raise questions of CLARB exam center in Montana at next meeting
4. Lobby Day May 8th:
 - a) Chapter delegates, Jolene and Eirik met with Senators Max Baucus and Jon Tester and congressman Rehberg from Montana at Lobby Day. Jim and Jon met with Larry Craig and Senator Mike Crapo. Both teams presented four initiatives we are seeking.
 - b) Milestones were placed as to what to accomplish at the next Annual meeting in Philadelphia
 - c) Speeches were given by upcoming running candidates for ASLA President position
 - d) Vice President of the International Federation of Landscape Architects present- hoping to gain interest for next World Congress to be held in Africa (FYI- as ASLA members we are automatically International Federation members)
 - e) Climate security bill was controversial
5. Chapter Improvement Ideas
 - i. Expose students to the LA profession- Coloring book for the younger age group, video for high school students with a modern spin to landscape architecture to be shown at career days
 - ii. Become involved with Habitat for Humanity, get donations and participation to work on landscape of the homes
 - iii. Outreach to current practicing LA's excited about joining the chapter (ie. postcards)
 - iv. Revamping our booth design

C. Trustee Report – Jim Mihan

1. Report: No report

D. Treasurer's Report – Bill LaRue Balance: No report

1. Investment Account status:
2. Financial Report:
3. Budget Report:
4. Tax Filing: due May 15th

E. Section Activity Reports

1. **Northern Lights** – *Keith Dixon*
2. **Olmsted Group** – *Jim Mihan*
3. **Western Montana** – *Kent Watson*
4. **Eastern Montana** – *Angela Hansen*

F. Liaison Officer's Reports

1. Montana Board: *Shelly Engler*; No Report
2. Idaho Board: *Bill Dial*; Budget yet to be finalized for Landscape Architects
3. QBS: *Jim Mihan*; No Report
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*;
Still asking help to meet \$800,000 goal at the national level
7. Surface Transportation Partnership Program: *Eirik & Jim*; Meeting held though no ASLA members attended. Policy-making the focus.

G. Old Business

1. Website update- *Keith and Eirik*
 - a) For all: web site updates should be sent to Webmaster Steve Davidson at sdsd26@verizon.net
2. Student Chapter UILA – *Keith*
3. Student Affiliate Chapter at MSU –*Eirik*
 - a) All has been done at the local level, we will now wait to hear from nationals
 - b) Is there a possibility of having the rendez-vous in Bozeman rather than Boise to help jumpstart the LA program?
4. Standing Committees:
 - a) Sponsorship *Eirik*; Eirik has formulated a sponsorship letter, looking to get sponsorship at three levels
 - i. Basic package \$400, \$750, \$1000 plus --- Eirik will fine tune and pass out to everyone
 - ii. We have 10-12 new sponsors
 - b) Communications (*Toby Norton & Lance Foster*): Will contact Lance Foster.
 - c) Membership *Olivia*; No report.
5. Licensure Summit –*Toby Norton & Eirik Heikes*
 - a) Meeting June 20-22 in Madison, WI
 - b) Eirik and Toby to attend
6. Annual Report - No report.

H. New Business

1. Rendezvous 2009 – Will shortly become a priority
2. New West Conference Display Booth: Jennie Meinershagen will be our representative at the conference

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3. National Parks Service Charette - Alex Stone held teleconference Wed. April 30th 1:00 MDT/12:00 PDT , River Trails and Conservation
 - a) Beacon Hill Project- in Spokane, Charette to be in **October** 24th and 25th (similar to the Mill Town Dam and Caldwell Charettes) we would be a cosponsor with the Washington ASLA (WASLA)
 - b) To table until next meeting on our involvement
 - c) Alex looking for commitment from us and begin coordination with ASLA
 - d) Will need volunteers for this
4. Incoming Utah Chapter President- interested in swapping jurying of chapter awards again

I. **Adjournment:** 1:30 MDT/12:30 PM

Next Meeting: Teleconference Wednesday, June 11th at 1:00 MDT/12:00 PM PDT