



Idaho-Montana Chapter
of
American Society of Landscape Architects

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2008 @ 1:00 MST, 12:00 PST
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Teleconference Attendees:

- 1) **Call to Order:**
 - A. **Present:** Jolene Rieck, Neil Kiner, Jim Mihan, Keith Dixon
Absent: Olivia Spyra, Eirik Heikes, Bill LaRue & Toby Norton
 - B. **Approval Prior Meeting Minutes** – Motion made by Neil and second by Jim to approve October meeting minutes. Change “Agenda” to “Meeting Minutes”
- 2) **President’s Report** – Jolene Rieck
 - A. Chapter membership status: No report due to new website issues
 1. Current chapter membership:
 2. New Members:
 3. Lapsed Members:
 - B. Council of Fellows
 1. Nomination process – 5 names have been submitted
 - C. Advocacy Day
 1. This year, ASLA In-District Advocacy Day will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 and ASLA members will discuss securing federal funding for the Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) and the importance of historic landscapes to our nation. In-District Advocacy Day participants will also discuss the importance of good transportation planning and design for all users and including a “Complete Streets” policy in the upcoming reauthorization of the surface transportation bill.
- 3) **Trustee Report** – Jim Mihan:
 - A. Fundraising or contribution to Vermont licensure. Suggested \$1 per member to assist. Jim moved to donate \$1 per member or \$125 to donate to the cause. Keith second. Check is mailed to VT Chapter ASLA. Keith relayed that it is a good donation to get the last of the states with a licensure and supports it at that level. Jim said they would need to let us know how to use it. Check to VT Landscape Architects P.A.C. c/o Jim Donovan, Broadreach Planning & Design, PO Box 321, Charlotte, VT 05445
- 4) **Treasurer’s Report** – Bill LaRue: Balances: No report.
 - A. Investment Account:

B. Budget Report:

5) **Section Activity Reports**

- A. Northern Lights –Keith Dixon; No report.
- B. Olmsted Group – Jim Mihan; Group will be meeting on November 25 at the Doubletree Red Lion Riverside – 12PM to 1:30 PM. The City of Meridian will do a presentation of the new design review and rendezvous.
- C. Western Montana – Kent Watson; No report.
- D. Eastern Montana – Neil Kiner; Contractor bid date seminar, Neil to follow up with JD at Hardy Construction. New West Subdivision design workshop is in Sheridan, WY on November 13 to assist in facilitating the seminar.

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

- A. Idaho Board: Bill Dial; No report.
- B. Montana Board: Shelly Engler; The board did meet. We have a new Board executive Stephen who is just now looking at budgets for 2010 and 2011. We will have more / better numbers to look at in January, but our current status looks fine. We also have a new division head and she indicated the fiscal division is looking at doing the budget and accounting in a different way – actually treating the board as a single board, not a board within a board. This got quite a response, as you might imagine. I believe there will be some homework on her part and we will probably discuss this again at the January meeting.

In CLARB news we have 7 total exams to administer in December (as of 10/27), not enough to make it financially viable for CLARB long-term. We have asked staff to look (again) at costs to administer the exam in-house.

The architects (AIA MT) are actively pursuing legislation to change the definition of a public building. The current draft looks to make the definition more consistent with building code and leaves in the current list of exemptions. I can't think of any other issues with the board on the architects side.

- C. QBS: Jim Mihan; No report.
- D. Idaho Forestry Council: Doug Russell; No report.
- E. Idaho Smart Growth: Jon Breckon; No report.
- F. Historic American Landscapes (HALS): Kent Watson – MT, Jim Mihan – ID; No report.
- G. Surface Transportation Partnership Program: Eirik & Jim; No report.
- H. Webmaster: Steve Davidson steve@thelandgroupinc.com; No report.

7) **Old Business:**

- A. Student Chapter UILA – Keith; No report
- B. Student Affiliate Chapter at MSU – Eirik;
 - i. Fall Kick-off: No report.

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- C. Standing Committees:
 - i. Sponsorship (Eirik): No report.
 - ii. Communications (Toby Norton & Lance Foster): Jim reported on the awards brochure that has a chess motif of what we do. We previewed the graphics and provided feedback.
 - iii. Membership (Olivia): No report.
 - D. Idaho Board Liaison: No report.
 - E. NPS Charette in Spokane: We received printed information from NPS. Jolene will send to remaining section leaders and have NPS to mail to membership.
- 8) **New Business:**
- A. Rendezvous 2009 (Jim and Toby): Jim presented the options for facilities. The committee had significant discussion on facilities, dates and budgets. Jim indicated that the Boise area has over 200 landscape architects (licensed, non-licensed, members, non-members) who will be interested in attending.
 - a. Neil moved that the Rendezvous is moved to a fall date in a low to medium risk facility and present a preliminary budget by the February executive committee meeting. Keith seconded the motion.
 - B. Awards Committee (Jolene and ?): Tabled until Rendezvous date is set.
- 9) **Adjournment:** 2:00 MST/ 1:00 PST
- 10) **Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at 1:00 PM MDT/12:00 PM PDT**