



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

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
September 9, 2009 @ 1:00 MST, 12:00 PST  
Please call into 1-800-591-2259, then enter the pass  
code 668759

1) **Call to Order:**

- A. **Present:** Jolene Rieck, Molly Teal, Jim Mihan, Bill LaRue, Neil Kiner, Toby Norton, Jon Breckon  
**Absent:** Keith Dixon,
- B. **Approval Prior Meeting Minutes** – Motion made by Neil and second by Toby to approve the August meeting minutes.

2) **Rendezvous 2009 Update (Jim and Toby):**

- a. Schedule: See program which was mailed out.
- b. Vendors: Info sent to vendors. We have 8 vendors and sponsors paid in full with total revenue of \$9,470. We have just gained Western's sponsorship of the golf outing: They will bring themselves and 11 other vendors for a total commitment of \$5000.00 which covers all cost for the event. We bring the remaining 6 vendors at full profit to us.
- c. Registrations: forms have been mailed out.
- d. Program: the university charette is being finalized with Steve and Toru – being run by Talena from land group – will involve the new environmental design center at Indian creek. We have 12-16 speakers and 3 support or introductory speakers not listed such as the Mayor of Star, Idaho, the director of Meridian Parks and Recreation, David Hale and Lloyd Mahaffey, local developers
- e. Awards: (Jolene) – 7 awards were issued, 5 merit and 2 honor awards. Recipients have been notified.
- f. Special Awards: (Keith) no report.

The chapter discussed if there would be a break for those that are unemployed. Initial thought is that the fixed cost per registrant was \$75, which is roughly half off initial cost. Toby and Jim will crunch numbers to make sure we don't lock ourselves into a problem.

3) **President's Report** – Jolene Rieck

- A. **Chapter membership status:**
  - 1. Current chapter membership: 127
  - 2. New Members: 3: Jonathan Myers, Associate ASLA, Peaks to Plains Design, Billings, MT; Charles Shama, Associate ASLA, Morrison Design and Landscaping Inc., Bozeman, MT; Kyle Wilbert, Associate ASLA, Sanderson Stewart, Billings, MT
  - 3. Lapsed Members: 0
- B. **Council of Fellows**
  - 1. Nomination process – Steve Drown indicated an interest. Give Steve the application and have him start to fill it out. A new list of Fellows

was sent out. Jolene will contact eligible applicants to gauge their interest.

- C. **Constant Contact**
    - 1. The August opening rate was at 39% for 173 emails sent.
  - D. **Announcements**
    - 1. Ted Wirth passed away on September 4<sup>th</sup> in Minneapolis. His obituary is in the Minneapolis Star Tribune, online.
- 4) **Trustee Report** – Jim Mihan:
- A. No report. Please let Jim know if you are headed to Chicago.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report** – Bill LaRue: Balances: \$18,785 (checking) overall, \$23,891
- A. Investment Account:
  - B. Taxes: We should try to keep our income below \$25,000 to avoid spending taxes.
  - C. Budget Report:
- 5) **Section Activity Reports**
- A. Northern Lights –Keith Dixon; no report.
  - B. Olmsted Group – Jim Mihan; no report.
  - C. Western Montana – Kent Watson; no report
  - D. Eastern Montana – Neil Kiner; urban forestry conference coming up beginning of next month in Billings.
- 6) **Liaison Officer's Reports:**
- A. Idaho Board: Jim Thomas; no report.
  - B. Montana Board: Shelly Engler; September 17, 2009, at 1:30 p.m., a public hearing will be held regarding licensure application and eligibility requirements. Written feedback is due by September 11 at 5 PM to dlibsdlar@mt.gov.
  - 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, (Vacant) – ID;
  - G. Surface Transportation Partnership Program: Jim; no report
  - H. Webmaster: Steve Davidson [steve@thelandgroupinc.com](mailto:steve@thelandgroupinc.com);
  - I. Student Chapter UILA – Keith Dixon & Celine McClure;
  - J. Student Affiliate Chapter at MSU – Yousef Zadehan; Kent Watson reported that things at

MSU are in sort of a holding pattern. There is a great deal of interest, and there has been progress in securing a better studio space for the current program in Linfield Hall, thanks to the Ag College building a new building nearby. One complication has been their inability to fill the one open Ass't Prof. position in Landscape Design. They had one ready to hire from SLC, who must've gotten a better deal there and decided to stay, rather than move to Bozeman. Anyway, I keep nagging on them, hoping that something will break loose. If you're so inclined a little note of general inquiry to John Sherwood, the Dept. Head (whom you met), or Jeff Jacobsen, the Ag College Dean might help. John's e-mail is: [sherwood@montana.edu](mailto:sherwood@montana.edu). Dr. Jacobsen's is: [agdean@montana.edu](mailto:agdean@montana.edu).

7) **Old Business:**

**A. Standing Committees:**

- a. Sponsorship (\_\_\_\_\_):
- b. Communications (Toby Norton): no report
- c. Membership (Molly): no report
- d. Nominating Committee (Keith): unanimous
- e. Pend d'Oreille Bay Trail (Keith & Kent): they have met and will give us an update at the next meeting.

8) **New Business:**

**A. LA CES Approval: (Neil)** LACES is the continuing education system for landscape architects. It is organized through National ASLA. As a chapter we can apply for a fee of \$250 which is refundable to local chapters for being a provider. We do have to keep a written record for 6 years of who attended particular seminars for auditing purposes. Neil will submit application. Motion made by Neil to support Idaho Montana Laces Application; seconded by Bill.

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

10) **Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 11:00 PM MDT/10:00 PM PDT**