

MEMO

Date: May 8, 2002
To: Idaho-Montana ASLA Ex-Com
From: Jon Mueller, IMC Trustee
Re: Trustee's Report on BOT Meeting

Attached is the BOT Summary Report sent out by Nancy Somerville that some of you may have already seen. I hope to add to what is noted in each item so you will have a clearer picture as to the flavor and spirit of the BOT on certain issues.

Items 1 & 2: President Swink and related speakers moved through these agenda items quickly yet with enough detail to communicate direction and current activity.

Item 3:

- EVP Somerville noted that the end of the rope has been reached and legal action has been threatened on the insurance claim for Montreal; general agreement in the BOT to move against the insurance company; must have worked as we heard today (5-7-02) that the claim will be settled in the amount asked for.
- General excitement about website hits and online access was expressed.
- EVP Somerville brought forth some procedural proposals and encouraged feed back from the Board; Item 1 goes without saying; Items 2 & 3 make sense based on what I saw in this first meeting; sometimes there is not enough time to work through an issue.

Item 4: You may have noticed changes to ASLA online services as of May 3; this was all reviewed and demonstrated for us will some focus on its role as a potential new revenue stream.

Item 5: The Open forum provided a lot of discussion on numerous issues; of interest to perhaps us all was South Carolina's video documentary on the history of LA in South Carolina-very well received and raises money, too; lots of discussion and some criticism about how ASLA has become too e-oriented, as in "there's no substitute for a hard copy."

Item 6: Two consent agenda items were approved with some discussion. The ASLA/CLARB model law language (latest, see Debowden) were approved as were

financial policy adjustments; there was a policy statement that was removed for more detailed discussion (see #12).

Item 7: The “passing of the boxes” for the student reps.

Item 8: The President-elect and VP presentations were all very well done and certainly communicated the strength in leadership we have with the BOT; our own Don Bringham was elected VP Information.

Item 9: The approval of the green investments proposal and the reserves withdrawal were fairly smooth and provided some spirited discussion on “walking the talk”.

Item 10: Some on the BOT agonized about this item. You’d of thought we were asking for a \$100.00 increase. That is as it should be as I think its good to be mindful of the pain that dues provide for some. It passed with a near unanimous vote.

Item 11: I got into a little trouble on this as President Swink had hope this would be a quick item. It was not. There was a lot of discussion about lifting the ban on new chapter information. The Vermont folks noted that their membership surged 50% with their break away and chapter formation. I expressed that we are interested in establishing a dialogue with our Montana brothers/sisters to discuss transition to perhaps two Chapters at some point. I noted we are not “waiting in the wings”, but were interested in having an understandable and fair set of standards. I also noted our (Jon, Dave, Jim) difficulty in lobbying the Montana congressional delegation and not living in Montana. Bill Eubanks of South Carolina made the motion to lift the ban only as it applies to new Chapters in whole states (i.e. Idaho, Montana). I seconded this motion. This caused a buzz and also caused President Swink to move this item to another point on the agenda for further discussion. We then took a break. I offered to withdraw the second if we could be assured that there would be standards for review and approval by the BOT in San Jose. I was assured that there would be but.... in a parliamentary move Don Leslie declared the motion to be “out of order” as it was purported to have established a clear conflict with the by-laws. Nice move. Guess we’ll see what is produced in San Jose.

Item 12: There was quite a bit of discussion on the licensure policy statement and a clause that relates to internship requirements. There was focus on state laws that don’t require internships (Idaho, Montana, Others) and the fact that this really is a state issue. Amendments were offered and approved; but the policy on Accredited Degree Programs was not approved with a large enough majority and was sent back to the Licensure Committee for further work.

Item 13: A delightful presentation from our counterparts in Great Britain. Didn’t know so many ordinary words in Great Britain could mean such ‘dirty’ things in the U.S. Lots of laughs. President Swink assured us that there would be new and more functional units for us all. What a relief!

Item 14, 15 & 16: Nothing more to add.

Other Stuff: The Board has a tradition whereby they elect a “Month of (MOS) the South” for each meeting. The MOS can come from any part of the country and is usually bestowed on the most vocal trustee. Past winners include Don Bringham and Elise Huggins. I, D, A, H, O!! Was able to fly under radar and avoid this “honor”. Bill Eubanks of South Carolina was elected MOS for his strip tease promotional of the leadership training program. What a bod!

If you all have any questions e-mail me.