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Scioto Mile, Columbus OH, by MKSK photo credit: Maggie Clark

Chapter Election Results

The Idaho Montana ASLA Chapter is excited to announce the new officers of the Executive Board for the next two vears!

President Elect- Christopher Hawkins Idaho Vice President- Matthew Adams Montana Vice President- Emily Osborn Secretary- Chad Lorentzen Treasurer- Adam Johnston Member-at-Large- Celeste Penny **Olmsted Chair-** Holly Dawson Eastern Montana Chair- Erik Sweet Western Montana Chair- Johnny Dohner

John Rotors will be the Trustee for another year, Maggie Clark will be the upcoming President, Kate Dinsmore will be the Past President for the next two years. Be sure to look for their bios in the next newsletter.

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Park(ING) Day September 17th

Team up with a business (or fly solo) and transform parking space(s) into a tiny park that celebrates outdoor living and Landscape Architecture. Please email Maggie Clark at maggieclarkpla@gmail.com if you are planning on participating in this fun and event. Park(ING) Day is a great way to tell the public about landscape architecture and show the value of human centered green space.

Uofl Lightning Talk Event September 24th

The University of Idaho will be organizing a Lightning Talk Event (about 5-7 minutes each speaker) where professionals share information about their firm and what a typical day in the office looks like for you. Your involvement is critical to help emerging professionals and students figure out what specialty they would like to pursue in this oh so diverse profession. This could also be a way to promote your firm if you are looking to hire new graduates. Please contact Dan Cronan at dcronan@uidaho.edu if you are interested in participating.

2022 Rendezvous May 19th-20th

Join us on the beautiful University of Idaho campus in Moscow, ID for the 2022 Rendezvous! Since we were not able to hold this event last year, this years' Rendezvous will be a big deal but we need help planning it. Please contact Maggie Clark at maggieclarkpla@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering some time to ensure the 2022 Rendezvous is a success.





Joseph Gutkoski Tribute 1927-2021

Some of you may have heard of Joe, a determined conservationalist, who served on the IDMTASLA Executive Board at one point as Vice President and Secretary. There is a lengthy article you can read here from which the below excerpts are taken.

Joe Gutkoski, a legendary American conservationalist, has passed away. Is his style of relentless advocacy for wild places the oly hope the greater Yellowstone has to keep it from being tamed?

He was hired as the first landscape architect for famous Region One of the Forest Service based in Missoula—a region which had jurisdiction over the most spectacular forests in the Pacific Northwest. Eventually, he transferred to what is today the Custer-Gallatin National Forest, headquartered in Bozeman, where he and his wife, Milly, raised their three kids, Mike, Marie and Helen. It wasn't always easy being married to a crusader or having one as a parent. Not only was Gutkoski, until his very last years, a passionate outdoor recreationist, who loved exploring public lands as much as anyone else and even hunting game meat for the freezer, but he knew far more about the Forest Service, its internal culture, its reputation as a non-risk-taking go along to get along agency, than many observers of the conservationist realize.

"I know a lot of people who can't stand controversy when it comes to conservation," Gutkoski said. "But there's no way around it. You can't protect a place unless you're willing to stand up and say 'no' to those who are willing to destroy it. Politics is contentious. Business is contentious. Religion is contentious. Why, every issue involving natural resource extraction is contentious. There's no way around it. Get used to it. People might get their feelings hurt, but I've never known anyone who wasn't grateful to the conservationists. I'm grateful to the folks who inspired me."

Gutkoski was, after all, an insider. He spent 32 years working for the Forest Service retiring in 1982 and, at one point, he served as vice president and secretary of the Montana/Idaho Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects



News from Nationals

American Society of Landscape Architects

Amplify Summit- Free Advocacy Event August 24-25

AMPLIFY, a FREE two-day virtual state advocacy summit, August 24-25, will bring together chapter leaders and representatives from all chapters to learn about the current political and legislative environment of occupational licensure and be inspired to increase chapter efforts on climate change advocacy and in local policy making. Advocate. Be Seen. Be Heard.

Program Highlights

August 24

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm (EDT) Focus: State Licensure Advocacy The State of Licensure - 2021

- Securing the Future of Licensure
- ٠ The Saga of Licensure in Illinois

August 25

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm (EDT) Focus: Climate Change Advocacy

- COP 26/Landscape Declaration
- Climate Change Policy: Small Asks...Big Impacts
- Becoming an Influencer - The Power of Policy

To register go to https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/newreg.php?eventid=624991&

Dream Big with Design

Scheduled for Thursday, September 23 and Friday, September 24, Dream Big with Design will highlight the exciting world of landscape architecture with fun sessions and resources for students, as well as offer a dynamic forum to guide PreK-12 educators, ASLA members, and other design professionals seeking to introduce students to the profession. This event is a showcase of Landscape Architecture and PreK-12 Design Learning. To register go to

https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/attendeeinfo.php?eventid=634401



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