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# **Greetings IMASLA Members**

**Greetings Idaho/Montana ASLA members!** 

With the 2019 ASLA Conference on Landscape Architecture in San Diego in November, new leadership for the chapter was installed and I'm excited to lead the executive committee and chapter over the next two years. Thank you to Doug Russell and the 2017-2019 executive committee for their leadership, hard work, and dedication to our chapter.

The 2019 Fall CPC meeting in San Diego focused on building membership and introduced the 18,000 by 2025 Membership Campaign. The campaign seeks to build membership by understanding the needs and priorities of members and potential members, communicating value, making it easy to do business with ASLA, and delivering value to members. With the largest decline being in student membership, there's a focus on reaching out to students to get them more involved with chapters through activities and events such as mentoring opportunities and back-to-school campaigns.

I'm looking forward to working with each of you to continue promoting and advocating for landscape architecture. I encourage all of you to become even more involved with ASLA and share your passion for your profession. If you have any thoughts or ideas you would like to share, don't hesitate to reach out to me at kdinsmore@wgmgroup.com.

**Best Wishes for a Prosperous New Year!** 

Kate Dinsmore, PLA IMASLA Chapter President

## Meet Your New Executive Committee!

Chapter President Kate Dinsmore, PLA, ASLA, SITES AP



- WGM Group- Missoula, MT
- University of Arizona
- 10 years of professional experience
- · Land use planning, recreation and transportation facilities, site design

President Elect Maggie Clark, PLA, ASLA



- City of Pocatello- Pocatello, ID
- University of Idaho
- 8 years of professional experience
- Transportation facilities, infrastructure desing, land use planning, recreation planning, public engagement

# **Executive Committee**

Trustee John Roters, PLA, ASLA



- South Beck and Baird- Boise, ID
- University of Idaho
- 22 years of professional experience
- Master planning and design, land planning, recreation design, and transportation planning

Past President Doug Russell, PLA, ASLA



- The Land Group- Boise, ID
- 27 years of professional experience
- Large-scale master planning, urban district planning, institutional facility design, and park planning

Idaho Vice President Christopher Hawkins, ASLA



- The Land Group- Boise, ID
- University of Idaho
- 6 years of professional experience
- Large-scale master planning, urban design, infrastructure design, and public engagement

Montana Vice President Garrick Swanson, ASLA

Missoula Parks and Recreation- Missoula, MT

Treasurer Adam Johnston, PLA, ASLA



- South Beck and Baird- Boise, ID
- University of Idaho
- 14 years of professional experience
- Irrigation design, drainage and storm water management

# **Executive Committee**

Member-At-Large Aly Ross, PLA, ASLA



- Red Barn Montana- Belgrade, MT
- University of Idaho
- 10 years of professional experience
- Mountain Residential, Design/Build Residential

### **IMASLA Secretary Position Available!**

We are still looking to fill the Secretary position on the Executive Committee. The description of the role is as follows:

Maintain a record of the proceedings of the business meetings of the Chapter and the Executive Committee; prepare and issue notices of the meetings of the Chapter and the Executive Committee; prepare, issue, and receive ballots; administer annual and special elections and notify candidates of election results; serve ex officio as a member of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee; maintain the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chapter; certify documents; and perform such other duties as are customary for the office of chapter secretary or as may be assigned or delegated by the president. Please contact Kate Dinsmore at kdinsmore@ wgmgroup.com if you are interested in being a part of our team!

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

### **IMASLA Featured in Landscape Architecure Magazine**

Our chapter was featured in the Landscape Architect and Specifier News magazine in the State Association Reports section (pg 39) in the December issue. The article is a summary of our events and accomplishments this year.

### **ASLA Grant winner!**

We were awarded a \$525 grant from ASLA to help us put on our site tours this year. Our goal is to get one in both Montana and Idaho. Please send in projects you think would showcase the value of federal funding for landscape architecure projects to our elected offcials. A great way to showcase your work! Send ideas to maggieclarkpla@ gmail.com

### **Student Sponsorship**

During the ASLA Expo last month, Hunter Industries had a special offer for attendees to scan their badge and Hunter would automatically give their school of choice \$10.00. If they went through a product update, Hunter donated \$50.00 per school. The University of Idaho will be receiving \$400 for program development on behalf of those who stopped by. Thank you Hunter Industries!

#### Idaho Horticulture Expo- Jan 15-17

The Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association will hold their annual expo on January 15-17 at the Boise Convention Center. Check out inlagrow.org for details and stop by to see the IMASLA booth!

### Montana Green Expo Jan 8-9

The Montana Nursery and Landscape Association will hold their annual expo on January 8-9 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Missioula, MT. For more information go to www.plantingmontana.com and check out the IMALSA booth!

# **Public Awareness Section**

PARK(ing) Day was a great success!

Parking Day this year had a record turn out! In Coeur d'Alene the annual "PARK(ing) it on Sherman once again was a great turn out with live music, vendors, and a huge crowd enjoying permanent and temporary parklets. There were 6 parklets in Boise including a huge parklet spanning 5 spaces! Boise participating businesses included AARP of Idaho, American Heart Association, Cole Architects, D.L. Evans Bank, Stack Rock Group, Energize Our Neighborhoods, Idaho Walk Bike Alliance, and Idaho Smart Growth. Photo credit Cynthia Gibson







American Heart Association

Idaho Walk Bike Alliance

Over in Pocatello there were 14 parklets done by local businesses including Station Square, Old Town Pocatello, Portneuf Valley Brewing, The Elwen Cottage, PV's Uncorked on Main, The Yellowstone Restaurant, Mind Your Body, Salt and Honey, The Orange and Black Store, Main Steam Coffee and Desserts, Poky Dot Boutique, Snake River Fly, Cherub Capers Creations, Family Services Alliance of SE Idaho and Molinelli's Jewelers. Photo Credit Lisa Brian







PV's Uncorked on Main

Station Square

The Elwen Cottage

# PARK(ing) Day

Our two universities also put together some great parklets (photo credit University of Idaho and Montana State University respectively). So fun to see what everyone puts together each year to encourage outdoor living spaces. What a great event to promote the profession of Landscape Architecture! It's never too early to start planing for next year's PARK(ing) Day, the third Friday in September.

# University of Idaho





# MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY







# **Student Spotlight**

MSU Landscape Design Program



This fall our senior site design studio is working with Blackfeet Community College and USDA-Extension in Browning, MT on the Blackfeet Reservation. We have been developing schematic planning and design ideas for a campus landscape framework (see below photos). Last week, students presented their work in a webinar format for our partners – this alternative presentation format was a great way to build communication skills. Related to student professional development, I also received an Adobe Digital Literacy grant to teach how to use Acrobat and Document Cloud for managing digital file reviews and commenting. Students appreciated learning alternative tools for collaborative feedback when physical meetings are not possible.

### **CONNECTION ACROSS CAMPUS**





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MSU Landscape Design Program



Our horticulture faculty group organized a half-day irrigation workshop (see below photo), led by Paul Reed and Charlie Kyger, for students from landscape design, horticulture, sustainable foods and bioenergy systems, and land resources and environmental science majors. Students loved the extra training and we hope to make this a regular offering.

Professor Jennifer Britton has led the charge for developing two new courses, our last additions for now, needed for our BSLA accreditation a junior-year studio and professional practice class. This junior-year studio is focused on site design for commercial and residential projects, whereas a second site design studio in the senior year focuses on public projects like parks, schools, and trails. We are very excited to welcome a new adjunct professor, Errol Schuman, who will be teaching the juniorstudio for the first time this spring.

Six undergraduate students from our ASLA Affiliate Student Chapter recently attended the National ASLA conference in San Diego. In addition to some University funds, they



organized a fundraising campaign reaching out to many of you - Montana and Idaho LA companies. Thank you for your generous support for student development and their engagement in the discipline. They were blown away by the scale of the conference and Expo area, and learned so much from experiencing the various landscape amenities of a bigger city. This exposure is paramount for nurturing our future landscape architects. Thank you again to all who contributed! The students are now already onto their next fundraising project – holiday wreaths they make themselves with collected material using Forest Service permits (see photo)!

Rebekah VanWieren, Assistant Professor

### **MSU ASLA Student Update**

The MSU-ASLA Student Chapter worked very hard with fundraiser efforts to send six students to the 2019 National ASLA Conference in San Diego last month. Funds were raised through university funding, individual student efforts, and from generous donations from local and regional landscape architecture firms. We students were very excited for the opportunity to connect with professionals, and the chapter conducted portfolio and resume reviews with students to prepare for the event.

The chapter is also held our 2nd annual holiday wreathe fundraiser event this December (see photo on next page). Same as last year we will be harvesting materials, with permits, from Hyalite National Forest area just south of Bozeman, and crafting the hand-made wreathes and swags to sell. These funds will go to the club for future travel and events, and provides a fun-filled weekend for club members.

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MSU Landscape Design Program



The club is also preparing for a change in leadership as current leaders will be graduating this spring. We have been creating a framework for these future leaders, documenting successful endeavors and analyzing how we can increase the chapter's success and community involvement. This chapter has had a fluctuating lifeline due to lack of leadership and commitment in the past. Adviser Rebekah, Esben, and myself started it up again from scratch last fall, and we would like to see that the progress made these past years will not fade away, and that the chapter continues the growth and success we've seen thus far. This means focusing on recruitment and retention of student members this spring for a smooth transition into next year.



Johnny Dohner

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