



MONTANA

February Newsletter

Promoting Green Building in the Big Sky State

Upcoming Events:

Education, Programs, and Events Committee Meeting

2nd Tuesday; Feb 10th
4:00-5:00, conference call
Contact Souther
(406) 245-5499

Membership and Communications Committee Meeting

2nd Thursday: Feb 12th
4:00-5:00, conference call
Contact Anya
(406)896-6154

Annual Membership Meeting & Winter BBQ

Friday, Feb 20th
6pm – 11pm
Lindley Center, Bozeman
BURGERS, BEER, MUSIC AND SOCIALIZING

Membership meeting: 6:30-7:00

You can find these and other upcoming events on the chapter website, <http://chapters.usgbc.org/montana/events.html>

USGBC Montana Chapter Mission: The USGBC Montana Chapter promotes balanced social, economic, and environmental stewardship in Montana by leading and educating about green building practices that will ensure healthy and sustainable communities in which to live, work, and play.

Chapter News:

Don't miss our First Annual Chapter Membership Meeting:



Chapter Training/Meetings:
12:00-2:00
Board Meeting
(lunch included)
2:00-4:00
USGBC Dynamic
Governance Training
4:00-6:00
Committee Leaders meeting

The board of the USGBC Montana Chapter invites you to attend our annual membership meeting and community reception.

Please join us for burgers, beer and music. Meet the board and members of the chapter.

When: February 20th, 6:00 p.m.

Where: the Lindley Center, 1102 E Curtiss, Bozeman MT

Please RSVP by Feb. 18th to:
406-600-6617 or hburdette@yellowstonebusiness.org

USGBC Montana Chapter Annual Membership Meeting and Reception

All members are invited to join the afternoon meetings, including a crash course about USGBC and Dynamic Governance at 2pm, and a meeting of committee leaders and members at 4pm, both at the Lindley Center. Come learn about USGBC and the Montana chapter, and connect with other Chapter members. Bring your ideas and contribute to discussion, or just listen in on the activities.

The Membership Meeting and BBQ at 6pm are open to members and non-members alike, so bring a friend!

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By the numbers: and then there were ELEVEN:

18 ballots were cast and it was a very close race! Thank you to all who participated!

We welcome these five new Board members for a two year term!

Don McLaughlin, Place Architecture, LLC, Bozeman
Heather Burdette, Yellowstone Business Partnership, Bozeman
Kelly A. Karmel, Design Balance LLC, Missoula
Wendy Weaver, Engineering Inc., Bozeman
Whitney Schwab, North Slope Sustainable Wood, LLC, Missoula

Continuing board members:

Anya Fiechtl, CTA Inc., Billings
Brian Solan, Morrison-Maierle, Inc., Kalispell
Casey Dudley, Kath Williams & Assoc. Inc., Bozeman
Josh Greene, Greene Construction, Inc., Big Sky
Philip Kedrowski, Redleaf Consulting, PLLC, Bozeman
Souther, Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc., Billings

More numbers:

Chapter Members (individuals): **68**
USGBC member companies in MT: **80**
LEED Accredited Professionals in MT: **218**
LEED Certified projects in MT: **6!**
Registered LEED projects in MT: **43**
Committees in the MT Chapter: **5**

Committee Announcement!

The Membership + Communications Committee is looking for members who want to help develop our internal and external communications, marketing and membership outreach. This committee has identified many exciting tasks for the year ahead. Some of these ideas include: membership forum, new website design and content, expanding the newsletter, developing member resources, and more!

If you are interested in learning more about this committee, we invite you to join our next meeting, this Thursday, Feb 12, at 4pm. RSVP to montana@usgbc.org

All committees are listed on our website committee page, <http://chapters.usgbc.org/montana/committees.html>

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Bulletin:

Green Drinks Bozeman is being hosted this Wednesday, Feb 11th at Fantasia Showrooms. Great door prizes! Be there or be sorry!

Living Future 2009 – Register now to get the early rate!
Join fellow pioneering green building professionals for a truly forward-thinking and solution-catalyzing Unconference!

On May 6-8, 2009 the Cascadia Region Green Building Council will host Living Future 09 in Portland, OR -- the continent's premier unconference for green building, where the movers and shakers of the movement convene to discuss the challenging issues and create real solutions. Interactive sessions will address topics such as livable communities, biomimicry, achieving net-zero and the Living Building Challenge. Keynote speakers include Janine Benyus, internationally acclaimed author of *Biomimicry: Innovation Inspired by Nature*; Rick Fedrizzi, President and CEO of USGBC; Thomas Crum, renowned conflict resolution expert; and Jason F. McLennan, CEO of Cascadia Region Green Building Council.

Members of the Montana Chapter are eligible for the discounted Cascadia member rate!

For more information and to register, visit www.cascadiagbc.org/living-future/09. Register before February 28 to get the early rate!

Concerned About the Recent Economic Downturn?

Could Greening our Economy pull us through?

Check out the Political Economy Research Institute's Report on "Green Recovery", http://www.peri.umass.edu/green_recovery/

You can also click on Montana on the right hand side for state specific recommendations and potential impacts.

Local Advocacy:

The Montana State Legislature is in session.

You can see what they are up to and send your representative a message here: <http://leg.mt.gov/css/Sessions/61st/default.asp>

Contact your representative today!

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