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As a professional dedicated to both the practice of Landscape Architecture and the Protection of Public Health, Safety, and Welfare, I would like to share my comments regarding structure of Montana Board of Landscape Architects.

The Board needs to exist to ensure those professionals who meet minimum National requirements for design of public (and private) space are allowed to represent mandate for Landscape Architectural Practice. This is not a State-level effort in pioneering criteria, in my opinion.

The Board also needs to have clear and definitive deliniation between associated practices that do not have the liabilty and canons to public responsibility that we as Landscape Architects adopt upon our respective registrations. Examples: Landscape Contractors, Landscape Designers, etc..

The Board should be financially responsible for maintaining databases of Registered Landscape Architects able to title/practice, examinations/reciprocity of candidates hoping to license, possibly some website maintenance, annual (or applicable) renewals, etc..

The board can be organized in commonality with other technical professions (like South Dakota's) or combined with just the Architects, or as it was originally.

A staff of 2-3 persons, 1 full time, 2 part time, and potentially outsourcing Webmaster should suffice.

Most practicing Montana LAs would agree to raising licensure fees (to a point) if this level of service were provided to protect our profession, in my opinion.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

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