

# WASHINGTON

Washington Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As you may recall, Governor Gary Locke appointed me to the State Licensing Board for Landscape Architects last October. It has come to my attention that being on the Board of Licensing and on the Executive Board of WASLA may constitute a conflict of interest in the eyes of some. On August 16th, I resigned from the Executive Board of WASLA in order to avoid any appearance of conflict. I have enjoyed my time serving WASLA as president during the past three years and believe that I am leaving the board in a strong financial and programmatic position. If it is deemed appropriate, I will continue to serve on a number of committees to advance our efforts in serving the landscape architectural community in the state.

WASLA is currently in its best financial condition in its history. The \$30,000 in our scholarship fund is now self-sustaining to a point where we can provide \$1000 scholarships to students at Washington State University and the University of Washington on an annual basis. We currently have over \$20,000 in our accounts from dues, revenues from the Spring Expo, and other fundraising efforts. These funds will be used for continuing programs including LARE preparation classes, student outreach, mentoring programs at both Washington State University and the University of Washington, continued support of Architects and Engineers Legislative Counsel, our partnership with the National Parks Service for community planning, and in several other programs. This fall we will be holding our Biannual Professional

Awards Program and restoring our monthly chapter meetings.

With our strong financial position, the Chapter has the ability to study the merits of pursuing a landscape architects practice act in Washington. I believe a persuasive argument could be made that a practice act would improve life, safety and welfare in Washington. Over the last several years, many states have either upgraded their title acts or passed new legislation supporting the practice of landscape architecture. This trend appears to be growing with more and more legislatures recognizing landscape architect's contributions in preserving life, safety and welfare. Recently the states of Alaska, Oregon and Texas have successfully passed practice acts. Landscape architects in Washington need to come together to discuss and debate the merits of a practice act in this state.

On August 24th, the Washington Landscape Architect Registration Board met with Oregon's Registration Board where we learned about the Oregon's recent successful Practice Act legislation. Their experience could be used as a model if a practice act is pursued in Washington.

WALP (The Washington Association of Landscape Professionals) is now starting a campaign for the licensure of Landscape Contractors. These efforts will publicize the green industry. Landscape architects can build upon this heightened awareness to promote changing our own title act to a practice act. Practice acts and licensure are

being supported and promoted by ASLA and CLARB (Counsel of Landscape Architects Registration Boards) through the development of model laws, legal support and advocacy programs. Chapter funds need to be set aside now to support a practice act in the state of Washington. Recent estimates of the cost of such an endeavor is between \$16,000-\$50,000.

If a practice act is to be pursued and to continue the established programs in WASLA, the Chapter needs leadership and support by each of its members. With my resignation, we need someone to step forward and become the new president of the chapter. We also have committee chairs that need to be filled. The Chapter currently has a strong executive board whose members are committed to WASLA and its programs. I will continue to be available to consult with the new president and executive board as needed. Please contact Dave McNeal, WASLA Trustee, or me to discuss this opportunity. Thank you for your support over the last several years. I look forward to seeing the chapter under new leadership, grow in its stature and ability to serve the landscape architects in the State of Washington.

Sincerely,  
Charles A. Warsinske, ASLA

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The 2001 WASLA Professional Awards Ceremony will be held on Friday, November 16th from 7 to 10 pm at the new Bellevue Art Museum in downtown Bellevue.

Lucia Athens, Sustainable Building Program Lead, City of Seattle's Office of Sustainability and Environment, will speak on the topic of sustainability within the context of landscape architectural practice.

Awards will be given in four categories to professional work submitted by Registered Landscape Architects in the State of Washington. All juried work will be displayed to showcase the diversity and quality of landscape architecture currently being undertaken in the Northwest.

## WASLA PROFESSIONAL AWARDS CEREMONY 2001

### design

This category includes built landscape architectural projects. Large-phased projects may be submitted if early phases have been completed and reflect the character of the project as a whole. Plans and designs for projects not yet constructed are NOT eligible. Examples of acceptable project types under this category may include:

- Community and Urban Design
- Recreation Facilities and Parks
- Residential Garden Design
- Institutional
- Commercial/Industrial Design
- Historic Preservation/Restoration
- Land Reclamation and Conservation

### vote by audience

With your ticket to the Awards Ceremony you will receive one vote to determine the evening's special award winner. A box will be set up in the display area to collect ballots for the audience's favorite board.

### landscape planning & analysis

This category includes completed planning studies. Built projects and research reports are NOT eligible. The range of studies may include:

- Design Program
- Planning Process
- Government Policy and Program Documents
- Legislation and Regulations pertaining to Landscape Architecture and the Environment
- Visual Resource Inventories and Management Studies
- Post-Construction Evaluations
- Historic Preservation or Restoration Master Plans for Recreation, Transportation, etc.
- Environmental Assessments and Impact Statements
- Computer Modeling, GIS, and similar Computer Studies

### works in progress

This is an invitation for you to share interesting and inspiring new works that are not yet eligible for an award category. Any project that relates to design, planning and analysis, research and communication, or any other aspect of landscape architecture is eligible.

### research & communication

Any completed landscape-oriented research work which follows accepted scientific methods. Also eligible are works which communicate any aspect of landscape architecture to those within or outside the profession. This includes published work, computer based analysis and other forms of presentation and communication.

# NORTHERN STATE RECREATION AREA CHARETTE

Planning continues for the upcoming Northern State Recreation charette, scheduled for October 19-21 (Friday-Sunday), 2001. Participants in the charette will include volunteers from WASLA combined with community representatives from various agencies, organizations and interest groups. This includes individuals from the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program and Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department.

The Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department is in the process of updating the master plan for the Recreation Area, a 726-acre parcel of land once occupied by the former Northern State Hospital campus, located immediately east of Sedro Woolley in Skagit County. A citizen advisory committee of dedicated volunteers has been organized to help guide the development of the master plan. The charette is a major step in the master plan process.

The charette teams will begin Friday afternoon with an orientation tour of the Northern State Recreation Area site and a review of the background information and analysis completed during earlier information gathering stages. A kick-off dinner and gathering for participants and special guests will occur on Friday evening. Saturday will involve a two-step process: forming a consensus master plan, and tasking individual teams to develop the program elements in greater detail, integrating them into the master plan. Sunday morning will be devoted to synthesizing the ideas generated on Saturday, followed by a public presentation and open house in the early afternoon.

If you as a WASLA professional (or other interested party) are interested in volunteering your time and services for the charette, please contact Don Benson, URS at (206) 438-2027(phone); (206) 438-2699(fax); or [don\\_benson@urscorp.com](mailto:don_benson@urscorp.com)

# U N I F O R M R E G U L A T I O N O F B U S I N E S S A N D P R O F E S S I O N S A C T

The Uniform Regulation of Business and Professions Act (URBP) is upcoming legislation from the Washington State Department of Licensing that proposes to provide a set of uniform standards to be used by all regulatory programs within the Business and Professions Division (BPD) without eliminating provisions unique to any individual program. Currently, the BPD has 26 different regulatory programs. Each of these programs are governed by their own unique statute.

The proposed legislation has three major goals:

1. Provide for a clear definition for what conduct could result in discipline that will give notice to the regulated community and provide a set of expectations for the public.
2. Provide a uniform list of available sanctions (disciplinary actions) in order to address violations fairly and best match the sanction with the offense.
3. Create uniform intermediate administrative steps to address unlicensed practice. While many programs currently have the authority to seek criminal prosecution or injunctive relief (court order), this should not be the first step towards seeking compliance.

Visit the website for more information. This legislative proposal is still in draft, so your input is important.

[www.wa.gov/dol/bpd/draft-urbp.htm](http://www.wa.gov/dol/bpd/draft-urbp.htm)



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**S**unny afternoons dispersing morning fog; plants turning color and dropping leaves; and new students everywhere—all conspiring to say “summer is over, fall has arrived.” I write these notes on October 1, the first day of the new academic year and what an exciting year it promises to be as we welcome new faculty, Nancy Rottle, Jeff Hou, and Lynne Manzo, and the largest incoming class of MLA and BLA students for several years. Its been an exciting start to the year. As usual our new student orientation included a day trip to one of the Universitys field stations. This year we watched the bounty of salmon returning Big Beef Creek on Hood Canal and walked in the woods of this nearly 400 acre site, a great introduction to Puget Sound for new students from across the country.

First our new faculty. Following a year-long search, the Department is delighted to welcome three new faculty members who will add to our strengths in professional practice, design, and research. Nancy Rottle joins us after 15 years with Jones and Jones, where she worked on a diverse range of projects. Jeff Hou completed his Ph. D. at Berkeley this summer and brings us strengths in landscape architecture and architecture and Dr. Lynne Manzo, and environmental psychologist, comes to us from New York City where she taught and worked with non-profit community development groups. We look forward to the skills, insights, and enthusiasm that these individuals bring to our classes.

A phone call today brought news of departing faculty member Barbara Deutsch who was with the Department for 2 years. She has secured a position as Director of marketing and communications with the \$50 million Casey Trees Endowment Foundation in New York City. Another departing faculty member, Bill MacElroy, who was with us for 5 years, is now in California where he has a years position at CSU, San Luis Obispo. We congratulate Bill and Barbara on these appointments and thank

them for the many contributions they made to the department.

One of last years most exciting interactions between the Department and the professional community was the Professional Mentoring Program, a student-initiated program which pairs students with professionals. Mentoring professionals meet with their students on a regular basis to discuss aspects of professional education and practice. ASLA National singled out this program as a national model for other universities throughout the country to follow. We are delighted to acknowledge the efforts of Rachel Watland who spearheaded the development of the Mentoring Program and wish to thank all 22 professionals who participated in it last year. The Student ASLA chapter plans to expand the program this year and welcomes your participation as a mentoring professional.

This year will be busy because the department will host two accreditation visits, one by ASLA in October, and, later in the year, a review of both programs by the UW Graduate School. One of the Departments strengths is the contributions made by professionals as guest lecturers, critics and reviewers of studio work. To describe these contributions we shall be calling on several of you to participate in these visits.

Further out on the horizons of this academic year is an Architecture Department design build program in India which will be taught by Architecture Professor Sergio Palleroni and Forest Resources Professor Chuck Henry, which several landscape architecture students will participate in, and an interdisciplinary, Spring quarter research studio at Friday Harbor Labs which will be taught by Lecturers Roxanne Hamilton and Perry Gayaldo. Check our web site for more information on events in the Department and I hope that by the time you read this you will have joined us for our third annual alumni reception!

*-submitted by Prof. Iain Robertson*

[www.caup.washington.edu/HTML/LARCH](http://www.caup.washington.edu/HTML/LARCH)

**L.A.R.E.**

December 3-4, 2001

good luck LARE candidates!

## WSU SPOKANE SPONSORS DESIGN CHARETTE

In August the Interdisciplinary Design Institute engaged in the Fifth Annual Design and Construction Charette. The purpose of the charette was two-fold: to provide a forum for interdisciplinary design for incoming and continuing students of the Design Institute and to encourage interaction between the WSU Spokane Design Institute and the larger Spokane community. Design teams were comprised of four students, one from each of the disciplines represented at the Design Institute: landscape architecture, architecture, interior design, and construction management.

St. Luke's Rehabilitation Institute was the subject of this year's charette. The medical mission of St. Luke's has changed several times throughout the last century, originally founded as Spokane Protestant Sanitarium in 1897 and established only seven years ago as St. Luke's Rehabilitation Institute. St. Luke's currently provides the only in-patient rehabilitation services in the Spokane metropolitan area, specializing in spinal cord, brain trauma, and stroke patients.

Through these changing roles, some buildings have endured. Unfortunately, these retrofitted buildings fall short of providing an optimal campus. It was, therefore, the mission of this year's charette to design a master plan for the rehabilitation center. The actual program read as follows:

1. Propose a better space utilization scheme for the facility itself at the least cost.
2. Propose a master plan for the site that would include a structure or structures for doctors' offices, support staff and case manager offices, and a house for patient families.

The three-day charette was launched on Tuesday morning, August 28 with an orientation including directives from the administration of St. Luke's. It was followed by a site visit and tour of the current facility. Without hesitation, 30 teams jumped into the design process, spending many long hours in the studios of the Design Institute. Faculty circulated throughout the studios offering suggestions and critiques throughout the process.

The final submissions were due Thursday at 5:00, and were promptly posted around the gallery of the Design Institute. Beginning early Friday morning, jurors, including St. Luke Rehabilitation Administrators, design practitioners, and WSU faculty members, reviewed the submissions. Shortly thereafter, an awards session commenced with a brief critique of each team board, and culminated in the announcement of the top five teams. The top three winning teams of this Fifth Annual Design and Construction Charette were as follows:

### 1st place

DeAnn Newlun, LA  
Ryan Burt, Arch  
Brian Fouts, CM  
Cassandra Johnson, ID

### 2nd place

Angela Feser, LA  
Heather Eastman, ID  
Ryan Palmquist, Arch  
Diana Wicklund, CM

### 3rd place

Catherine Fritz, Arch  
Heather Graham, ID  
Aaron Jones, CM  
Jamie Schab, ID  
Gregory Shimizu, CM

Winning teams received cash prizes and WSU shirts and mugs. The awards program culminated in a campus-wide picnic on the plaza of the Interdisciplinary Design Institute.

*Submitted by Suzanne Snowden, Lecturer,  
WSU Spokane*

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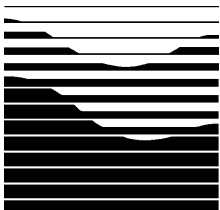
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