

eMONTHLY – February 2005

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WASLA ELECTION RESULTS

The 2005 WASLA Executive Committee Election was held in December with the following results:

President Elect: Maureen Colaizzi

Treasurer: Jasmine Aryana

Secretary: Dakota Keene

Member at Large/West: Curtis LaPierre **(NEW)**

Member at Large/East: Ken Van Voorhis **(NEW)**

Associate at Large: Wilma Stordahl **(NEW)**

As the positions of President and Past President are 3-year terms, the following Members will continue their roles in this three-year succession:

President: Matt Mathes

Past President: Carrie Culp

Please see the WASLA website for updated contact information for the WASLA Executive Committee.

<http://www.wasla.org/contactus.htm>

2005 WASLA ISSUES-MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Licensed Landscape Architects, ASLA Fellows, Members, Associates & Affiliates:

Top 2005 Legislative Issues - Landscape Architects

Please read then support the Draft Bill Modifications to RCW 18.96 – it's your top 2005 issue, because 80% of your colleagues and our membership have said so. Our 2005 legislation effort is to engage a dialogue within our profession.

ASLA Policy on Licensure

The goal is 50 states nationwide with a practice act by the year 2010 – Washington State is now in the bottom 18% of all states. My biggest fear right now is that Washington State will be the last state in year 2010, my greatest hope is that we will introduce the draft bill in 2006 or 2007.

What Landscape Architects Want - Practice Act in 2005

Please spend time looking at the 2004 WASLA Survey Results - Licensure in Washington State. Note that 68% of the 2004 survey participants are ASLA members, another 12% want to join or rejoin right now, 79% will pay "something" for a practice act, 80% think practice act a top issue and 59% support it!

Campaign Structure for Practice Act Legislation

Our effort required formation of Landscape Architects of Washington (LAW) a political action committee named after a similar group that formed in the 1960's, to do the same thing – get legislation passed. It's our turn to take care of the profession in Washington State for next 15 to 20 years.

Legislative Efforts by Allied Professions

I have been working with Architects & Engineers Legislative Council (AELC) for the past 3 years to bring much needed allied professional support for our effort. Ask the allied professionals that you work with to support the "practice act for landscape architects". This year, there is a "green bill" to require LEED Silver Certification for public schools over 25,000 SF in size. We support this bill in the 2005 legislative session.

Incorporation of WASLA Chapter?

Should our Chapter Incorporate? We are studying a proposal to Incorporate WASLA within Washington State, in addition to being a chapter of the national organization. Without incorporation, WASLA members are potentially personally and financially liable as volunteers at a WASLA event, except for the WASLA officers who are insured through ASLA National. More on this later this year.

Membership, Membership, Membership

You'll find the list of many 2005 WASLA Committees on the WASLA website. See me about open positions, more importantly invite others to join us !

I wish to personally recognize Trustee Frank Ide of Spokane, WA who has tirelessly traveled and led action on our recently adopted WASLA By-Laws & Constitution. Now that we have these documents, incorporation is a good next step for our organization.

You'll see more of Maureen Colaizzi, President Elect during 2005, she's a great communicator and she has the vision of a well run ASLA state chapter from her own past personal experience. We have discussed a more active role for President Elect position, and Maureen has really stepped up starting with the January 15 WASLA Retreat. Maureen will be taking over as President in 9 short months, as we convert to the national calendar of year end in October, rather than December, 2005, something we planned 2 years ago. I will focus on the title to practice act efforts.

My open challenge for every licensed landscape architect is to work toward a practice act in Washington State in 2005.

I'm looking forward to logging many hours of donated time and travel in 2005 for WASLA .

In closing, I promise you that 2005 will be intense and focused, because we have a lot at stake in 2005. It's all about the membership – service to the membership and more members joining.

Sincerely,

Matt Mathes, ASLA, WASLA President

UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Further detail on each event is available in this issue of WASLA eMONTHLY.

February 7

Techniques for Sustainable Design Solutions
Maureen O' Leary and Scott Smith, Sasaki & Associates
Peter Alspach, ARUP

February 8

February COTE Meeting

February 15

Dr. Howard Frumkin Lecture on Healthy Community Design

February 16

Gathering Places and Community Design
Milenko Matanovic of the Pomegranate Centre

February 24

Soil Strategies for Stormwater Management & Landscape Success

February 25

"My Architect: A Son's Journey"

Nathaniel Kahn, screening and commentary by the filmmaker

March 4-5

British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects Annual Conference

March 16

Managing Urban Soils for Water Conservation: a Soils for Salmon workshop

April 4-8

Sustainability and Restoration: A Practical Partnership for the 21st Century Northwest Chapter of the Society for Ecological Restoration

April 28-29

What Makes It *GREEN*? Collaborative Forum on Sustainable Design

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COTE) MEETING AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Next COTE meeting: Tuesday, Feb 8 at 6 pm

The meeting will be held at Brumbaugh & Assoc, which is located in Greenwood.
600 N 85th Street, Suite 102
206-297-4435

Program:

Mark Brumbaugh will present a brief summary of slides from the USGBC Sweden Denmark Trip from Fall 2004. This was a trip attended by representatives from many Seattle firms to review sustainable projects in the area. The focus will be on stormwater treatment/celebration, green roofs and other sustainable construction/building details.

Meeting Agenda:

- Feb + March WASLA COTE events
- What Makes It Green
- Progress on the Practice Act
- The new Listserv for COTE
- Looking forward to this year overall

If you would like to join the WASLA Committee on the Environment, please contact Karen Janosky: Karen@charlesanderson.com.

Soil Strategies for Stormwater Management & Landscape Success:

A brownbag slide show and discussion

Presented by WASLA Committee on the Environment

NOTE DATE CHANGE OF THE 24TH OF FEBRUARY!

Speaker: David McDonald, Seattle Public Utilities
Date/time: Wednesday, February 24, 12:00-1:00 pm
Location: hosted by Mithun, Pier 56, 1201 Alaskan Way, Suite 200
Registration: RSVP by 21 Feb to Scott Melbourne scottm@mithun.com
Early registration recommended, as space is limited.

Get up to date on soil best practices and regulatory requirements!

This will be a summary of Mr. McDonald's recent full-day course for the International Erosion Control Association, including:

- Effects of development on soils and stormwater functions
- How healthy soil cleans and slows runoff, while ensuring planting success
- Strategies for restoring soil functions with organic amendments
- Practical tips and specs for selecting and using composts
- Soil BMPs required by the State Stormwater Manual, new King County Grading Ordinance, and coming soon from Seattle and around Puget Sound
- How soil BMPs fit in Low Impact Development, and new flow credits for their use
- Resources available to help you apply the BMPs

UPCOMING EVENTS

What Makes It GREEN? Collaborative Forum on Sustainable Design

What Makes It GREEN? Collaborative Forum on Sustainable Design presented by the AIA Seattle Committee on the Environment (COTE), seeks Northwest projects demonstrating efforts in

environmentally responsible design, for display, discussion & publication.

The AIA Seattle Committee on the Environment presents a two-day event celebrating Earth Day through an investigation of the collaborative effort of sustainable design. Held in the Bertha Knight Landes room at City Hall Thursday, April 28 & 29th, the event will focus on the advancement of sustainable techniques. Specific consideration will be given to the integrated design process. The program will engage a multi-disciplinary audience through informed discussions of sustainable strategies for the built environment. The morning will involve an eco-charrette led by a diverse group of panelists from various disciplines within the design and building industry. In the afternoon, discussion of the "What Makes It GREEN?" project submittals will engage both panel members and the audience in an active critical process. On Friday morning, registrants can opt for project tours highlighting the collaborative strategies involved in the success of sustainable design.

February 11, 2005 Entry Registration Due - registration online (see below)

February 18, 2005 Entry Images/Form Due



2005 Call For
Entries.pdf

For Event Registration and Entry Form visit

<http://www.aiaseattle.org/wmig2005/wmigentries.htm>

Soil Strategies for Stormwater Management & Landscape Success:

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See COTE Section of the eMonthly

"My Architect: A Son's Journey"

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Date/Time: Friday, February 25, 6:30p.m.

Location: KANE HALL 130

Sustainability and Restoration: A Practical Partnership for the 21st Century Northwest Chapter of the Society for Ecological Restoration

2005 Regional Conference

Date: April 4-8, 2005

Location: Washington State Convention and Trade Center, Seattle

Experts in sustainability will present how their projects are helping to shrink the ecological footprint of human activities. Restorationists will present how their projects are helping to protect and restore functioning ecosystems across the landscape. Technical sessions, posters, workshops and plenary speakers will address issues that affect sustainability and restoration initiatives. A special conference track will feature submissions that look at sustainable development in the ecosystems of our corner of the developed world.

<http://www.engr.washington.edu/epp/ser/>

British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects Annual Conference

The design of Business - The business of Design

The BCSLA 2005 Annual Conference and Trade Show will be held from March 4-5 at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel (1088 Burrard Street). The Annual General Meeting will be held on March 5 at 1:30 pm following the conference. We are pleased to report that Patrick Miller, ASLA President, will be one of the presenters. Also speaking will be Norm Couttie, Cynthia Girling, Blake Hudema, Susan Rogers, Dr. Nola Kate Seymoar and Tom Barratt. Larry Diamond will lead a panel discussion on the business of design.

The purpose of this annual conference is to encourage dialogue and facilitate communication between delegates and presenters from all perspectives of the profession. The conference theme is intended to examine a diverse array of issues facing the profession today: How do we reinforce the public's perception and understanding of the profession of Landscape Architecture? How do we differentiate ourselves from an ever-increasing variety of designers and consultants? How does the business of landscape architecture become more competitive in an expanding global economy? What future roles might landscape architects play in the future?

<http://www.bcsla.org/>

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Techniques for Sustainable Design Solutions

Maureen O' Leary and Scott Smith

Sasaki & Associates, San Francisco

Peter Alspach

ARUP, San Francisco

Date/Time: February 7, 6:30 pm

Location: Gould Hall 322

Presented by Praxis @ CAUP

Dr. Howard Frumkin Lecture on Healthy Community Design

Tuesday, February 15

5:30 p.m. Reception in Walker Ames Room, Kane Hall 6:30 p.m. Lecture in Room 130, Kane Hall Free and open to the Public

Dr. Howard Frumkin, Emory University Rollins School of Public Health and author of 'Urban Sprawl and Public Health' will present a lecture titled 'Healthy Community/Design Across the Lifespan: What We Build, How We Travel and How We Feel'

The places we live, work and play and how we travel among them affect the character of our communities, our time with family and friends, and above all, our health. What kind of choices are we making when it comes to designing our public transportation, neighborhoods, sidewalks and streetlights? How does community design affect children, working adults and elders?

For more information, visit <http://www.son.washington.edu/giving/events.asp>

Gathering Places and Community Design

Milenko Matanovic, Pomegranate Centre Seattle, WA

Date/Time: February 16

Location: Architecture Hall 147, 6.30pm

Free event, open to the public

Presented by Praxis @ CAUP

2005 eMONTHLY SCHEDULE

After a brief hiatus in January, the WASLA eMONTHLY is back in full swing and will be released on or around the 1st of each month in 2005. Please let us know if you have events or articles to be included in the upcoming months. The deadline for submittals is the 20th of each month, to be published for the 1st of the following month. Please send submittals to Dakota Keene, eMONTHLY Editor, at dakotak@mithun.com or submit to office@wasla.org.