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FALL EXPO 2004

Please join us for the 2004 WASLA Fall Expo. This day-long event will take place Friday, October 8th at the Bell Harbor Conference Center on Seattle's waterfront. This year's theme is Healthy Landscapes: Activity, Ecology, and Aesthetics. In addition to a day of continuing education on healthy landscapes, there will be a presentation and discussion of pursuing a Practice Act in the state of Washington. More detailed information will follow in the coming months.

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ASLA LEADERS E-EXPRESS #91

By: Frank Ide, Trustee

The following link will provide membership an update as to what is going on nationally. [E-Express, #91](#)

WASLA BYLAWS UPDATE

By Frank Ide, Trustee

Last fall the Board of Trustees adopted Model Chapter Bylaws and voted to require each chapter to bring their bylaws to conform to the model prior to the Annual Expo in Salt Lake City. Most of the bylaws changes are administrative and/or legislative in nature. They are intended to model the National ASLA bylaws.

Within the next month, each WASLA member will be asked to review the Draft Revised WASLA Bylaws. Following a discussion period, each member will be asked to approve the Revised WASLA Bylaws. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

WASLA LEADERS LOBBY IN WASHINGTON DC

By Frank Ide, Trustee

In May, WASLA President Carrie Culp, President-Elect Matt Mathes, and Trustee Frank Ide traveled to Washington DC for the Mid-Year meeting. The three of us lobbied our congressmen and senators to approve funding for

TEA-21 re-authorization, the Historic American Landscape Survey (HALS), and UPARR - a grant program for park improvements within qualifying communities. Although we mostly met with staff, it is always a positive experience to share the profession and success stories of our state's landscape architects.



We also took the opportunity to present to other chapters the recently completed informational brochure your WASLA board prepared. The brochure will be distributed to Junior and Senior High School students explaining the profession of landscape architecture. The brochure was a tremendous hit with National ASLA and the other chapters, as education is rising to the forefront of priorities nationally. Your chapter has once again stepped out as a leader amongst the chapters.

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS SALARIES INCREASE, NATIONALLY

Washington, DC, June 4, 2004—The 2004 ASLA National Salary Survey indicates the average salary for landscape architecture positions is \$74,644, an increase of 23.4 percent in real terms as compared with the 1998 salary survey, the most recent one produced by ASLA. [Continued...](#)

UCLA EXTENSION OFFERS AUTOCAD FOR LA STUDENTS

June 30 to September 15, 2004

Fee: \$510

This online course leads students through the basic steps of how to setup and draw landscape architectural type drawings using AutoCAD. Participants learn through a series of written lectures and assigned exercises how to create, modify, measure, dimension and print 2-D design elements. Knowledge and awareness of how AutoCAD operates in full scale, and how to create appropriate levels of detail based on ultimate plotting scale, are presented.

Information is provided through lectures, supported by lists of terms, and example images. Furthermore, instruction emphasizes achieving AutoCAD drawings that are accurate, readable, and graphically consistent with the desired output scales: large sites plans, small area plans, and construction details. Two projects and three quizzes reinforce information and assignments.

Course objectives include:

- Effective use of AutoCAD 2000 to create landscape design and construction drawings
- Familiarity with software to draw and modify images using multiple methods
- Plot images on Model Paper or Paper Space, at the desired scale
- Troubleshoot problems using program features, reference manual and online help desk.

The end result of the course is an AutoCAD drawing that is accurate, readable and consistent with the typical look of landscape architectural drawings. This is an introductory course and requires some understanding of landscape architectural drawings but no previous experience with AutoCAD.

Participants must have their own copy of AutoCAD or sufficient access to software to complete all assignments. Student versions of AutoCAD may be purchased at www.paton.com.

Instructor

Sheila M. Thomas, M.A., Landscape Architect (CA 2053), has over 20 years of professional experience in planning, design, and management of multi-disciplinary projects, for both government agencies, and the private sector. She has held lead roles on planning, engineering, landscape architecture, urban design, transportation (port, airport and ground access), economic, financial, environmental, and public involvement projects. Ms. Thomas has coordinated technical studies, peer reviews, design development, and environmental analysis and developed land use, transportation and open space policy documents. She has managed projects from initial planning through construction administration.

Technical Requirements: PC or Mac with reliable access to the Internet with Explorer or Navigator 4.77 (latest version). UCLA Extension uses Blackboard for its online courses and an orientation is available at http://www.uclaextension.edu/UNEX_Blackboard/index.htm

Discount: All ASLA members have to do in order to receive \$50 off an online course in Landscape Architecture, is identify themselves as members of ASLA when enrolling by fax, email or by telephone. UCLA Extension's discount offer cannot be combined with other discounts and is applicable to one course per quarter.

For more information, please contact, Helen Williams at hwilliam@uclaextension.edu or call 310-825-7729 (PST).

Visit www.uclaextension.edu

REPORT ON ASLA LICENSURE

By Matt Mathes, President-Elect, WASLA Licensure Committee Chair, AELC

Delegate for WASLA 2004, LAW Founder

Report on ASLA Licensure Summit Meeting – Boston, MA – June 4 to 6, 2004

Fellow Landscape Architects and ASLA Members:

I am pleased to make my report to you of the recent meeting. The meeting purpose was to strongly encourage the states New Hampshire, Colorado and Vermont to seek regulation as well as for other states to compare notes on various needed state laws or changes, including our state.

Every state is working on some aspect of “regulation”, here are a few meeting highlights:

First, there is a new reference document dated October, 2003 prepared by Alex Schatz, a landscape architect who is also an attorney in Colorado. Alex’s contribution to our profession is inspirational. The report is evidence that documents in detail the relationship of landscape architecture and public health, safety, and welfare.

Every ASLA member should have this report on your bookshelf and I strongly urge you to read it right away. The link to its PDF file is on the ASLA website: <http://www.asla.org/members/govtaffairs/licensure/pdf/PHSW-FINAL.pdf>

In the new 2003 document, there are three (3) footnoted court cases from Washington State, from among 300+ annotated legal court cases and articles.

Of the three court cases mentioned in the 2003 document, one WA court case documents the established the role for registered landscape architects involving trees located on property lines and/or property line disputes as the professional best able to resolve such cases. I nearly fell out of my chair, and so will the professional land surveyors and attorneys that I know, when I tell each of them!

As I promised in late 2003 in seeking to be an ASLA Exec Committee officer, I am working to create and identify more opportunities for landscape architects. Court endorsed landscape architecture service opportunities do not come along very often – trees located on property lines and/or property line disputes just meet be a new and promising yet small niche service area for LA’s in Washington State. I know something about this.

From own experience, I was admitted as an expert witness in a two party private property dispute involving tree valuation in a property dispute that was eventually settled under a confidential King County Superior Court judicial order. Wish I had known about the 1970’s era court case that establishes our profession’s credentials in this area in Washington State, would have saved approx. \$1,000 in time and 6 combined hours at a deposition.

All four cases (3 cases in the document, plus my case) will help in the overall support of our 2005 request for practice act regulation. However, we need to assemble a list of all other known court cases in Washington state involving: 1) landscape architects, 2) the subject matter of landscape architecture, whether performed by landscape architects, or not, whether performed properly or not. Please forward this information to me, and I will share it

widely once assembled.

On June 5, I learned that our profession's future in this state depends on each WASLA member's willingness to disclose any known court case info related to LA's right now. So does the future in Colorado, Vermont, New Hampshire, etc. I will take any leads that you have (year, person's name, venue of court, facts, etc.) and then perform the next step of research with Jay's help to find the full text on any of these cases.

Second, a report was prepared from 40 states on the current position of licensure. The report was distributed for the limited use by the attendees, not to be widely distributed per Julia Lent. I agree, the report is 75 pages, contains frank information that is sensitive and also strategy related, potentially harmful to certain states efforts if it is shared too widely. The report includes 3 pages on our state taken from my emails to each of you on LAW formation over the past 6 months, in a summary format.

Third, there is a trend toward formation of PAC and/or separate entities in several states that include ASLA members and non-member registered landscape architects, for the same reasons that we are now forming our new entity – Landscape Architects of Washington. The most similar states include Missouri (operating since 1969), New York and North Carolina. There will be more on this topic in coming months, as I exchange information with other attendees.

Fourth, I met a local allied professional on the airplane to the meeting – the Executive Director for the Seattle chapter Audubon Society. We discussed Audubon's 2004 program "Gardening for Life" that addresses the wide demographic demand for gardening. Ties in well with our "Active Living" Fall Expo meeting theme. More on this later.

Fifth, an excellent speaker explained the necessity of "lobbyists" to our entire form of government at the state and federal level. Robert Guyer is an engineer turned attorney, lobbyist, writer, national speaker and trainer. We'll get his book. He emphasized that 70% of the effort takes place before the bill is even filed – a real eye opener!

I left the meeting with pride that Washington State strategy is on the right track with our preparations to date to seek a "practice act in 2005". The schedule and the budgeted level of effort are correct, compared to other states, given all that we know at this stage. We owe Julia Lent and Joann Brown, ASLA staff members a large "thank you" for dedicating an entire weekend to the future of your profession, so kindly let them know when see them next, perhaps in Salt Lake City.

Finally, we watched our favorite pony lose the big Saturday night horse race in the last leg – we just won't let that happen to us in 2005, by raising money in 2004 and "doing what it takes".

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you at this meeting.