

# WASLA NEWSLETTER

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### President's Message

#### THINK

By Maureen Colaizzi,  
WASLA Chapter President

**Think** about it-its summer and the year is half over. WASLA was extremely active in the first half of the year. It may seem as though we are quiet right now; however, we are in the planning stages for several events.

**Think Stronger Licensing.** Our Chapter's current focus is changing the Washington law that governs landscape architects from a Title Act to a Practice Act. Our intent is to submit a practice act bill in the 2007 legislative session in January. Washington is one of only seven states with a title act and the only state west of the Mississippi. The title act provides only a thin veil of protection to the public safety and welfare since anyone can legally perform the work of a landscape architect in Washington. This bill will make clear to others what we do as landscape architects. In many ways this is an exercise in education and advocacy of the profession.



**Think Advocacy.** Your help is needed to make the practice act bill successful. The first step is to be informed. Brown bag lunches are planned for several locations including a possible video conference with Eastern Washington members to give you an opportunity to understand the proposed changes to the law. Please watch for the brown bag meeting announcements. In addition, we will be meeting with the state Board of Landscape Architecture and other allied groups to gain their support for this effort. ASLA is the only organization that represents landscape architects in Washington.

**Think Contribution.** To keep WASLA in the black financially, the Executive Committee developed a five-pronged fund raising strategy to raise additional funds for the next three years:

ASLA Licensure Grant  
Special Events –Golf Tournament, etc.  
Firm/Company Contributions  
Donations from Non WASLA member  
licensees  
WASLA 3-Year Targeted Dues Assessment

Even with the first four fundraising efforts, a targeted temporary dues increase will be necessary to provide a reliable funding source to pay for our legislative efforts.

**Think Chapter Dues Increase.** The largest single expense for moving forward with a practice act bill is hiring a legislative consultant (formally known as lobbyists). Our legislative consultant has the expertise of the legislative process in Olympia that our WASLA volunteers lack. A lobbyist consulting fee is about \$10,000 per year which would translate to a roughly \$30.00 per year dues increase. Our current dues are \$60.00 per year which is below average for other large chapters. The California Chapter dues average over \$90.00 per year. Washington licensees who are not WASLA members will also be asked to contribute. You will receive an e-mail that outlines the intent of a temporary dues assessment by August 6, 2006.

**Think Investment.** Please take the time to attend the bag lunch discussions and get involved in creating a stronger profession, now.

## Trustee's Report

By: Don Benson

As most of you know, Perry Howard, FASLA was elected as the 2007 President-Elect. Perry, is from North Carolina and is a professor at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.

One of his main goals is to boost membership and get more ASLA members involved. He also has a mission to recruit more minority members to the profession, to get ASLA more active in disaster recovery efforts, and to develop partnerships with our allied professions.

Contact: Don Benson 206-438-2027  
don\_benson@urscorp.com

**Quick notes:** If interested in becoming a National ASLA Committee Member you should contact Mary Hanson by July 31, 2006. [mhanson@asla.org](mailto:mhanson@asla.org) indicating the group(s) of interest to you. A few brief comments on your interests and experience would be helpful, but professional commitment and the desire to contribute through ASLA committee service is all that is required.

## Fellow's Celebration

**We will be celebrating our Fellow's in late October early November, so make sure and stay tuned!**

## Editor's Note

By: Sandra Buitron

These last few months we have been making small improvements to our newsletter as well as our web page. Your input on [what's working and what's not](#), is sincerely appreciated!

We are also asking all members to please send the WASLA Office their current contact information:

[Washington Chapter ASLA](#)  
[603 Stewart Street Suite 610](#)  
[Seattle, WA. 98101](#)

Advertising space will be available in the September Newsletter, stay tuned for information.

## Public Relations

By: Don Benson

**Black Diamond NPS RTCA Lake Sawyer Charrette**  
We held our first planning committee meeting in June. The Black Diamond group is a good mix of people and are excited that the charrette is happening. I will be soliciting LAs to participate. Contact me if you are interested participating.  
don\_benson@urscorp.com

**Open Space 2100**

The Open Space 2100 Committee is moving forward on the implementation of the February 2006 Green Futures charrette ideas. A Green Infrastructure Task Force to identify opportunities

a study will be launched to put together a Green Infrastructure levy similar to the Pro-Parks levy, and a consultant will be hired to work with the city and neighborhoods to refine the 100-year visioning.

## National Expo Conference

2006 ASLA National Meeting is coming up and will occur October 6-9, 2006 in Minneapolis. Go to [www.asla.org](http://www.asla.org) to register. Receive \$100.00 off early registration by August 30th

## WASLA Member Conference

The date has been set, so mark it on your calendars: **FEBRUARY 2, 2007**

## Golf Scramble

By: Erik Sweet

The Washington Chapter of American Society of Landscape Architects (WASLA) invites you to become a sponsor and participant in the 2006 Golf Scramble. The 18-hole event will be held at FOSTER GOLF LINKS in Tukwila on Friday September 22, 2006. If your company would like to be a sponsor for this event please visit: [www.wasla.org/golf\\_scramble.htm](http://www.wasla.org/golf_scramble.htm). Go to our website to register contact me at [ez\\_sla@comcast.net](mailto:ez_sla@comcast.net) if you have any questions.



## Executive Committee

WASLA is currently looking for candidates for the executive committee. The following positions are needed to be filled for 2006-2007 by August 30th:

**President Elect** - Responsibilities include governmental affairs, voting board member, and assist the president.

**Secretary** - Responsibilities include recording executive board meetings; manage e-mail lists, and current member list.

**Treasurer** - Responsibilities include annual budget.

**Associate at Large, East & West** - Responsibilities include coordinating and managing WASLA student awards with WSU. This is a non voting position.

If you are interested please contact the WASLA Chapter. [Washington Chapter ASLA](http://www.wasla.org)  
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## SAM Tour

The Seattle Sculpture Garden Tour was a success, we received feedback from our chapter members and even non-members. A sincere thanks to Karen Janosky for making this possible.

*I am the visitor that attended the tour from the University of Florida where I teach construction and sustainability in the Landscape Architecture Department. I was in town after an AIA Sustainability Design Action Team (S/DAT) that assisted Guemes Island in preparing for the impending growth in a sustainable way.*

*I really enjoyed the tour. It was a unique opportunity to see the project in its construction infancy and to learn more about the City's waterfront. It is apparent that public access to the waterfront is of great need, especially in an important public open space.*

*When complete, the City will have a wonderful cultural space that can be vital as a focus. As someone that appreciates modern art and sculpture, I enjoyed it so -- but felt that there was a missing element was more attention to the Native American heritage so important to the Pacific NW. Please do not neglect this.*

*Finally, giving tours of this project is so important to the design community and I hope that it continues --especially for the area colleges and into the K-12 grades (where appropriate).*

*Best wishes for a successful opening and hopefully I will be bringing my students to Seattle in the future.*

*Regards,*  
*Glenn*

*Glenn Acomb, ASLA*  
*Department of Landscape Architecture*  
*and The Program for Resource Efficient Communities*

*It was excellent, and Laura was terrific.*

*Nancy Rottle, ASLA*  
*Department Of Landscape Architecture*  
*University Of Washington*

## SAM Tour Images



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## SPONSOR FEES AND BENEFITS

### Major Tournament Sponsor, \$1,000 4 spots available

- Logo on printed event program
- Logo with link on chapter golf web page
- Logo on event signage
- Recognition in promotional material and chapter newsletter
- One golf foursome
- Exhibit table at luncheon event
- Verbal recognition at luncheon event

### Hole Sponsor, \$100 per hole 18 spots available

- Hole Signage
- Listing in event program
- Listing on chapter golf web page
- Recognition in chapter newsletter
- Includes one golf registration if sponsoring 2 or more holes

[WWW.WASLA.ORG](http://WWW.WASLA.ORG)

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Sponsorship amount including \_\_\_\_\_ hole sponsorships: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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