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Greg Murphy, ASLA
WASLA Government Affairs Committee

SB 5273 & HB 1359 Landscape Architecture Practice Act

With Michigan recently passing a bill and upgrading to practice act licensure, Washington is now one of only eight states without a practice act. WASLA has initiated SB 5273 with companion bill HB 1359 proposing practice act licensure for landscape architects in Washington. The bill is off to a good start with hearings in both the House and Senate Labor and Commerce Committees during the last week of January. Each bill was heard with no opposition and received support from several of our allied professional organizations including the AIA, AELC, WALP and WSNLA. The Senate Labor and Commerce Committee passed the bill, and the House Committee will be meeting soon.

Thank you to members Ed Winkley (WSDOT), Kellye Hilde (Triad Associates), Chris Overdorf (Jones & Jones), Kas Kinkead (Cascade Design Collaborative), Chuck Warsinske (Susan Black & Associates), Curtis LaPierre (OTAK), Don Benson (URS), Travis Price (D.R. Strong Consulting Engineers), Trent Grantham (Jeffrey Glander & Associates), Brett Connelly (Brumbaugh & Associates) and Greg Murphy (Jones & Jones) as well as our lobbyist, Terri Hotvedt for delivering convincing testimony at the hearings.

HB 1497 Eliminating Boards and Commissions

Another bill the WASLA is watching is HB 1497 which proposes elimination of the Landscape Architecture Licensing Board along with numerous other professional boards. This proposal

Events Calendar

February 18

[In-district Advocacy Day](#)

March 20

[Emerging Professionals Happy Hour Series](#)

April 3

[WASLA 2009 Conference](#)

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is of obvious concern, and WASLA will oppose the bill should it go to hearing.

To monitor the progress of these bills on the Washington State Legislature webpage, follow this link <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/> then enter the bill number. Please keep an eye out for email legislative action alerts providing notification of future hearings or opportunities to contact your legislators regarding these bills.

2009 WASLA CONFERENCE

Engaging Change: A Green(er) Perspective

WASLA Annual Conference

Friday April 3, 2008

8 am - 5 pm

The 2009 WASLA Conference, *Engaging Change: A Green(er) Perspective*, will be held at the Northwest Rooms of the Seattle Center on Friday April 3. The event is expected to draw landscape architects, designers, emerging professionals and students from around the state to participate in a day of exciting and interesting lectures and presentations on the latest developments in our field.

The 2009 WASLA Conference Selection Committee has received an amazing number of exciting and diverse proposals. The committee is currently working to build an innovating and interesting program that will be posted on our website within the next couple of weeks. Once the final program has been posted we will send out a News and Announcements. In the meantime, registration is now open at <http://www.wasla.org/springconf2009/>.

With the final logistics being wrapped up we encourage those who have not signed up for a tabletop or booth exhibit to please visit http://www.wasla.org/docs/2009_Sponsor_Program.pdf. We are anticipating a large turnout for the 2009 Conference and this is a great opportunity to market your products to a large audience of professionals.

Once again we anticipate that the 2009 WASLA Annual Conference will be a huge success and we are looking forward to seeing you all at the Northwest Rooms on April 3. If you have any questions please contact the conference co-chairs Kari Stiles at Kstiles@jonesandjones.com or Kellye Hilde at khilde@triadassoc.com.

2011 ASLA ANNUAL MEETING

Don Benson, ASLA, AICP, WASLA Trustee

Unfortunately, I have some sad news to relay. Seattle was scheduled to host the 2011 Annual Meeting but because the Washington State Convention Center does not have enough floor space (over 300,000 s.f. of space is now needed and the Convention Center only holds about 220,000 s.f.), National ASLA regrettfully had to pull the annual meeting and look for another city. Everything else checked out well, including hotel space and desire of members to come to Seattle etc. ASLA National tried to make it work but just wasn't able to, given their needs as the size of the conference has grown over the years. Seattle will definitely be considered in the future once or when the convention center is expanded. If there are any questions about this, please contact Don Benson, ASLA, AICP, WASLA Trustee, at 206-438-2027 or don_benson@urscorp.com. Thank you.

EDITOR'S NOTE

If you would like to contribute to the WASLA Monthly Newsletter please send inquiries to Jocelyn Freiling at jocelynlf@mac.com.

Announcements

WASLA/NPS-RTCA CHARRETTE: GORST TO MISSOURI GATE (SINCLAIR INLET) CONCEPT PLAN - APRIL 24-25, 2009

WASLA/NPS-RTCA Charrette
Gorst to Missouri Gate(Sinclair Inlet) Concept Plan
April 24-25, 2009

WASLA and the National Parks Service (NPS) Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA) are in the planning stages for a design charrette to be held April 24-25, 2009 at the Norm Dicks Government Center in Bremerton, Washington (short walk from the ferry terminal). The charrette will focus on the Sinclair Inlet between Gorst and Bremerton and will consist of four teams. Team 1 will be a Rail with Trail team looking at a multi-use trail along a railway corridor with connectivity to Belfair/Port Orchard on one end and Bremerton on the other. Team 2 will be a Shoreline Restoration team looking opportunities to save some of the shoreline area along the route including restoration of natural resources. Team 3 will be an Interpretive Team that looks at highlighting cultural resources, natural elements and displays,

etc. Team 4 will focus on Surface Water Management to address non-point and point pollution and well as other water quality issues. Logistics are being worked out but lodging and food will be provided. This will be the 9th charrette conducted under the WASLA/NPS-RTCA partnership agreement (memorandum of understanding) first signed in 1998 and renewed in 2003 and 2008. This event is also being held in conjunction with LA Month (April).

The Sinclair Inlet Advisory Committee consisting of the US Navy, WSDOT, Bremerton, Kitsap County, community members of the Kitsap Trees and Shoreline Association (KITSA) and ENVVEST (a consortium working to clean up Puget Sound) as well as other agencies or representatives are working with WASLA and NPS to plan the event. Landscape Architects, designers and others are encouraged to participate. Further updates will occur as more detailed information becomes available. Please contact Don Benson, ASLA, AICP, WASLA Trustee, at 206-438-2027 or don_benson@urscorp.com if you are interested in participating. Several folks have expressed interest to date. Thank you.

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BICYCLE BOULEVARD FUNDAMENTALS - MAY 14, 2009

The Initiative for Bicycle and Pedestrian Innovation at Portland State University is organizing a professional development workshop for May 14, 2009. The workshop, entitled Bicycle Boulevard Fundamentals, is a one day course intended for urban and transportation planners, landscape architects, designers, engineers, advocates and others involved with bikeway planning and design. It will include both classroom time (on the Portland State University campus), as well as a field tour of several bicycle boulevards within the inner Portland area.

Bicycle boulevards are low-speed, low-volume bikeways that are becoming increasingly popular in communities seeking to enhance their bicycle network and boost ridership. This course will cover the fundamentals of bicycle boulevard planning and design process through lecture, discussion, in-class exercises and a field tour. Examples of successful bicycle boulevards from Portland and other communities will be highlighted during the day.

The course will be taught by Mia Birk, principal at Alta Planning + Design, and Rob Burchfield, City Traffic Engineer for the Portland Bureau of Transportation.

Information about the course can also be found on the web:

<http://www.ibpi.usp.pdx.edu/bikeboulevard.php>. The full flier and registration form can be downloaded at <http://www.ibpi.usp.pdx.edu/media/bike%20boulevard%20course.pdf>.

Registration for the course is \$295, and the registration deadline is May 7, 2009.

Please visit <http://www.ibpi.usp.pdx.edu/media/Spring%20Courses%20Flier.pdf> to see IBPI's full spring/summer workshop schedule.

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