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Messages

WILL THE LICENSURE UPGRADE AFFECT OTHER PROFESSIONS?

Chris Overdorf, ASLA

Please accept my best wishes for the New Year. All the volunteers at WASLA had a very busy 2007 and we are all looking forward to continuing our efforts in 2008. When I first began my career I often heard that WASLA didn't do that much to help its members. I would like to take this time to make you all aware of the upcoming items that WASLA is working on for the benefit of all our members.

Events Calendar

February 8
[USCC's 16th Annual Conference and Tradeshow](#)

March 27
[WASLA Professional Awards Reception](#)

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The biggest item on our 2008 agenda is the licensure bill. The upcoming legislative session is just around the corner and there is a frenzy of activity. I am happy to report that Rep. Brendan Williams (22nd District - Olympia) has agreed to support the bill and be its prime sponsor in the State House of Representatives. We have also been working with ASLA's Advocacy Network to help our chapter members easily communicate with their individual state representatives and senators. Look for upcoming Action Alerts that will be arriving soon in your email boxes. You will probably receive several alerts since tailored messages will be going to different committee members in addition to your legislators. It is imperative that everyone follow the instructions contained within the alert. I would like to point out that over 300 WASLA members have signed up for the Advocacy Network. So far well over 80% of chapter members whom have email addresses have signed up! This is a statistic that all chapter members should be very proud of.



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I am also very happy to announce that WASLA won a Chapter Improvement Program (CIP) Grant from ASLA for almost \$7000. This money will be spent supporting our lobbyist in Olympia and help cover the other expenses associated for the licensure bill effort. In addition, quite a few firms have answered the call for donations to support the licensure bill. Thank you all for your generous contributions.

Preparations for the 2008 awards program continue. The jury will be reviewing the submissions and selecting the winners. The awards ceremony will take place at the Burke Museum on March 27th. WASLA volunteers have been working hard to make sure the event is a great one. Be sure to show up, have fun and see some amazing work from our fellow landscape architects.

Another action item that is getting traction is renewing the ties between WASLA and allied associations. WASLA and AIA Seattle have created a partnership whose goal is to highlight the collaboration between architects and landscape architects. Called the "Emerging Professional Happy Hour Series," the events will run monthly from March to October on every third Friday. The events will be hosted by WASLA or AIA members at their respective offices. I look forward to seeing everyone at the first event at Site Workshop's office on March 21st. If you are interested in hosting an event, please contact either Keith Bates (kbates@jonesandjones.com) or Lisa Duncan (lduncan@aiaseattle.org).

I would also like to thank Pacific Earth Works and Cascade Recreation whom have signed on to be a Platinum Chapter Sponsor and Bronze Chapter Sponsor respectively. The next time you see anyone from these companies, be sure to express your gratitude.

If you have any other suggestions or comments on how WASLA can best support our chapter members, please do not hesitate to contact me.

THANK YOU UW MENTORS

WASLA would like to thank all of those who volunteered to mentor a landscape architecture student at the University of Washington. Your time, knowledge and commitment to the profession is greatly appreciated and valued by students, faculty and WASLA. Thank You!!

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Committee Reports and Public Relations

LARE STUDY GROUPS

The multiple choice sections of the LARE are March 11-13. WASLA would like to take this opportunity to invite those who are studying for the exam and looking for a study partner or group to email Maureen Colaizzi at maureen.colazzi@gmail.com. This is a great opportunity for aspiring landscape architects to connect, share study materials, quiz and prepare for the LARE.

CLARB continues to improve the L.A.R.E.

In an effort to continually improve the Landscape Architect Registration Examination, CLARB has made some changes to the exam that will enhance the performance feedback provided to candidates for Section A of the L.A.R.E. The subject matter tested in Section A was previously distributed over three sub-sections. Beginning with the March 2008 administration of the L.A.R.E., the subject matter tested in Section A will be distributed over five sub-sections. The restructuring of Section A will greatly improve the level of detail given to each candidate on their specific areas of weakness within the subject matter tested. The Multiple Choice Orientation Guide has been updated to reflect the enhancements made to Section A, and is available for download at www.clarb.org.

DEMAND FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES REMAINS STRONG, MANY FIRMS SEEKING ADDITIONAL STAFF

Washington D.C., November 19, 2007

Despite a housing slowdown, the vast majority of landscape architecture firms report they are just as or even more busy than before, according to a third quarter survey by the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA). More than three out of four firms reported steady or increased billable hours compared to the previous quarter, and four in ten firms were planning to hire additional staff.

"The demand for landscape architecture services remains strong in the traditional markets, while it continues to grow in emerging areas, particularly for sustainable design services," said Nancy C. Somerville, executive vice president and CEO of ASLA. "With only 30,000 landscape architects in the U.S. and the projected growth in demand for landscape architecture services, there are significant opportunities for young people considering entering the profession." ASLA is working with the ACE Mentor program and other organizations to introduce the profession to prospective students, and will celebrate National Landscape Architecture Month in April 2008 around the theme "Discover Careers in Landscape Architecture."

Nearly 44 percent of respondents described their billable hours as either "well above" or "slightly above" average. Thirty-three percent said that billable hours were "average," while 24 percent said hours were either "slightly below" (20 percent) or "well below" average (4 percent). Inquiries were more evenly distributed: six percent reported well above average inquiries, 30 percent reported slightly above, 30 percent reported average, and 35 percent reported their inquiries were down this quarter.

Forty-one percent of firms surveyed also said they are hiring new employees in the fourth quarter.

ASLA emailed a brief questionnaire to the key firm contacts across the country, and received responses from 251 independent landscape architecture firms. The survey will be repeated in mid-January, 2008, and the results will be reported in early February.

Announcements

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS JURY ANNOUNCED

WASLA is delighted to announce the distinguished jury for the 2008 Professional Awards. This team of professionals from across the country provides varied perspectives, each informed by a commitment to excellence in our profession. The Professional Awards Committee extends its gratitude to these busy individuals for their generous commitment of time and energy to our chapter's Awards Program.

Laurie D. Olin, FASLA, AAAL, AAAS, AIA, hon., RIBA, hon.

General Design lead juror

Marta Fry, ASLA

Residential Design lead juror

Frederick Steiner, FASLA

Planning and Analysis lead juror

Adam Regn Arvidson, ASLA

Research and Communication lead juror

Laurie D. Olin is Practice Professor of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning at the University of Pennsylvania and founding partner of Olin Partnership in Philadelphia. He is a fellow of ASLA and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and an Honorary Member of the American Institute of Architects. Visit www.olinptr.com for more information.

Marta Fry is the Principal of Marta Fry Landscape Associates, which she established in 1990. Her projects have been executed internationally, domestically and regionally. Visit www.mflasf.com for more information.

Frederick ("Fritz") Steiner is Dean of the School of Architecture of the University of Texas at Austin. He is a Fellow of ASLA and received the President's Medal from ASLA in 2005. Visit [their website](#) for more information.

Adam Regn Arvidson is a prolific writer and blogger on a wide range of landscape architecture issues, including those in the Pacific Northwest, and a frequent contributor to Landscape Architecture Magazine. Visit www.treeline.biz for more information.

The jury will review the submissions received electronically and hold a virtual meeting to determine the awards, which will be announced at the Awards Celebration on Thursday evening, March 27, 2008 at the Burke Museum. Visit the WASLA website now to [register for the Awards Celebration](#). This will be an opportunity to join your colleagues, cast your vote for the People's Choice award, and celebrate the finest work of our profession.

WASLA extends its thanks to [Pacific Earth Works](#) and [Electrical Representatives West](#), who are the program sponsors for the 2008 Professional Awards.

WSU LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE CLUB TO SPONSOR MIKE LINE WORKSHOP AT WSU

Pencil, marker, pastel and watercolor techniques for graphic artists will be taught by renowned illustrator Mike Lin at a workshop sponsored by the Washington State University Landscape Architecture Club. The workshop is offered Feb. 15 and 16 in the Ensminger Pavilion on the WSU Pullman campus. Sessions start at 9 a.m. both days, and continue until 6 P.M. The cost for the workshop is \$40 (\$55 for registering the day of the event), and the public is invited to attend

The two-day intensive course covers not only media techniques but many aspects of creating presentation graphics that communicate well. Lin teaches rendering in two-dimensional plan view and three-dimensional perspective.

Attendees should bring their own drawing materials, however, there may be additional materials available for purchase upon arrival.

Landscape Architecture Club President Alex Mann said the club is sponsoring the workshop as a service to the university and

surrounding communities. Mann added that the workshop is designed for students and practitioners in architecture, landscape architecture and interior design, but that anyone with an interest in presentation graphics and plan drawing is welcome to attend.

Mike Lin is the director of the Mike Lin Graphic and Design Workshop in Burlingame, Calif. Over 250,000 people have attended his workshops over the past 30 years and he has offered the workshop at over 100 universities. For more information about Lin and the workshop, visit Lin's Web site at www.beloose.com.

For more information contact Alex Mann, WSU Landscape Architecture Club President, at amann@wsu.edu.

The Ensminger Pavilion is located on Wilson Road at Lincoln Drive.

WSU SPOKANE'S IDI CAREER DAY- SAVE THE DATE!!!

Please save the date for our 2nd Annual Interdisciplinary Design Institute Student Career Day.

February 21, 2008

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

WSU Spokane Campus

Reservation fee \$30.00

Lunch and parking pass provided

Schedule:

9am - 3pm - Scheduled interviews with the companies attending

3pm - 5pm - Open Sessions with the firms attending (a chance for students that did not interview to meet and ask questions)

More information please contact Kristie Wardrop at (509) 358-7963.

**ARCHITECTURE AWARDS DEADLINE:
FEBRUARY 1, 2008**

The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design in association with Metropolitan Arts Press Ltd. is organizing the 2008 American Architecture Awards® as a way in which to honor new architecture, landscape architecture, interiors, and urban planning projects designed in the United States. The program is organized and curated by the Finnish architect and architecture journalist, Christian K. Narkiewicz-Laine, Museum President of The Chicago Athenaeum. In 2007, hundreds of submissions for this Awards Program were received by the Museum from architecture, landscape architecture, and urban planning firms across the United States. Thirty-five (35) projects were selected by a distinguished jury composed of Irish architects and architectural journalists under the auspices of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland in Dublin and were honored with the 2007 American Architecture Awards.

The 2007 awarded projects and previous award winners can be seen at the Museum's website at www.chi-athenaeum.org

The deadline for 2008 submissions is FEBRUARY 1, 2008.

The 2008 awards program considers new corporate headquarters, skyscrapers, institutions, sports and transportation facilities, interiors, urban planning projects, airports, and residences for awards, built in the U.S. or abroad by an U.S. architectural firm, both built and unbuilt projects alike, as of January 1, 2006. International firms headquartered outside the United States are eligible to submit projects built or designed for only in the United States.

AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE AWARDS 2008

In 2007, the awarded projects formed an exhibition in New York, which was co-organized by and co-presented with The European Centre for Architecture, Art, Design and Urban Studies. The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design founded The American Architecture Awards as a way in which to draw significant international attention to new buildings and planning projects being built and designed in the United States by the best of America's architecture offices and firms. In the last several years, The American Architecture Awards have become the most important distinguished building and planning program that brings new concepts, new philosophies, and new ideas to the forefront. The program has a unique educational mission and public profile with the intent of promoting and celebrating American design and American architecture to a national and international audience.

Entry forms are available by calling the Museum at +815/777-4444 or on line at www.chi-athenaeum.org.

For more information, contact Lary L. Sommers at +815/777-4444.

NPS SEEKS YOUR COMMENTS

The National Park Service has begun the process of developing a new Nationwide Programmatic Agreement (PA) to address compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and implementing regulations (36 CFR 800). The PA addresses activities within the national parks that may affect properties of historic or cultural significance.

Pursuant to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) regulations (36 CFR 800), the principal signatories on this nationwide PA are the ACHP, the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO), and the NPS. In accordance with the ACHP regulations, NPS is also initiating consultation with a wide variety of other interested parties as this new PA is developed. Among those interested parties are all Federally-recognized Indian Tribes, Native Hawaiians and other Native professional interest groups.

The National Park Service has prepared a First Draft PA, which seeks to continue provisions and practices in the NPS PA (1995) that the NPS believes are effective, while charting a new course for the future management of cultural resources in the parks. Comments on this draft may be provided until December 14, 2007.

To view the First Draft PA and comment, please visit <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. Select "Programmatic Agreement Task Force" as the park name and select "Open for Public Comment" to enter comments.

ASLA encourages you to comment on this important program, as the National Park Service looks forward to the valuable remarks of landscape architects in this process. If you have any questions or comments regarding this process, please do not hesitate to contact me at rblackwell@asla.org or 202-216-2334.

Sincerely,

Roxanne Blackwell
Federal Government Affairs Manager
American Society of Landscape Architects

Sean Michael, PhD WSU Professor

Dept. Chair Search

January 1st saw the Landscape Architecture Program at WSU under a new Department Chair. Dr. Bill Hendrix stepped down following a 10-yr tenure at the helm to return to the LA Faculty. Dean Dan Bernardo captured the success of the past decade, stating, "Bill truly defines what is meant by the term servant leader". An Interim Chair, Dr. Rick Knowles (Horticulture) has since been nominated from within the Department. An international search is underway for the Chair position. Nominations are sought for the position, and the notice of vacancy is available from the Department (brantner@wsu.edu). Direct administration of the LA Program will continue through Prof. Phil Waite (BLA Coordinator) and Dr. Sean Michael (MSLA Coordinator).

Community Design Teams

The Landscape Architecture Club at WSU annually partners with a contingent of clients in Washington and Idaho on design projects through the Community Design Teams (CDTs). These competitively-selected partnerships bring students together with landowners in community service learning efforts that last 4 months. Past projects have included a U.S. Post Office, a high school sculpture garden, numerous residences, and an historic landscape renovation for the WSU President's Residence. Four CDTs are currently engaged with projects. Project proposals are accepted through August, with information available from the LA Club Advisor (o2design@wsu.edu). Funds raised from CDTs provide support for Club activities, and in 2007 paid for officers attending LABash in New Orleans.

New Facilities

Two new facilities involving the LA Program are underway in Pullman. Prof. Phil Waite has spearheaded the new Horticulture and Landscape Display Garden, located beside the French-Administration Building on the site of the former teaching greenhouses. The facility, which Phil designed, will see its first construction this spring through his Design-Build course. On a larger scale, WSU's new president, Dr. Elson Floyd, recently designated a 100+AC tract of land along Airport Rd. for use as the core of WSU's arboretum system. Conceptual master plans for the site will be developed this spring through the junior design studio in conjunction with the Dept. of Natural Resource Sciences.

ASLA IN-DISTRICT LOBBY DAY FEBRUARY 20

The American Society of Landscape Architects is pleased to announce plans for the second annual In-District Lobby Day. This event, which will take place on Wednesday, February 20, 2008, provides landscape architects a chance to meet with their congressional representatives in their district offices to discuss issues important to the profession.

Last year's In-District Lobby Day was a huge success. Approximately 100 ASLA members met with their representatives to discuss support for the Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) and the Small Community Visioning Pilot Program. The event built a rapport between ASLA members and their legislators that resonated during ASLA's 2007 Lobby Day in Washington, D.C., and throughout the legislative session.

In addition to providing general information about the profession, landscape architects are taking this opportunity to talk to their legislators about two important issues:

Funding for the Historic American Landscapes Survey:

The American Society of Landscape Architects is working with Congress to ensure that the NPS has funding necessary to effectively implement HALS and to support local efforts to document nationally significant landscapes. ASLA is requesting \$1.2 million in the Fiscal Year 2009 Interior Appropriations bill to fund HALS. Today, understanding the significant roles that historical and cultural landscapes play in shaping our national identity is as important as protecting historic buildings and properties. In 2000, the National Park Service (NPS) established the Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) to record significant landscapes. The program utilizes local volunteers to document landscapes through written descriptions, detailed drawings, and photographs.

Climate Change and Sustainability: As this country begins to combat the threat of global warming, landscape architects would like to work with Congress to pass comprehensive climate change legislation that will take significant steps to reduce carbon emissions and urge Americans to utilize more sustainable practices.

To help streamline the scheduling process, ASLA will use the Advocacy Network to coordinate meetings. In the next few weeks, you will receive a Call Alert from the Network that contains directions on how to schedule your Congressional meetings, and information on the next steps to take.

ASLA looks forward to beginning 2008's advocacy efforts and greatly appreciates members' taking the initiative to advance their profession. All members are encouraged to participate in this important and exciting event. For more information or to confirm your participation in In-District Lobby Day 2008, please contact Legislative Assistant Megan Ciarfalia at

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