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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE PRACTICE ACT UPDATE

By Greg Murphy, ASLA



The 2007 legislative session was one of the busiest in state history with over 2500 new bills introduced into the House and Senate. Within this frenzy, the Washington State ASLA chapter entered a bill proposing to upgrade the state's existing title act licensure to a practice act. Currently in Washington, licensure entitles an individual to use the title "Landscape Architect" but does not restrict anyone, regardless of qualification, from practicing the scope of our profession under another title. The practice act bill, SB 5746, defines a scope of practice for landscape architecture and requires any individual practicing this scope to be licensed.

With support from ASLA National, our small but dedicated WASLA Government Affairs Committee (photo above) and Advocacy Network drafted language for the bill, met with

Upcoming Events...

- **June 18**
Restoring Nature's Capital
- **June 29**
AIA Young Architects Forum
- **July 12**
19th Annual Bainbridge In Bloom Garden Tour

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representatives from allied design and construction professions to build support, and initiated the bill into the state legislature. While the bill did not complete its journey to the Governor's desk in this session, we saw many successes in the effort. Working through the Architect's and Engineer's Legislative Council, we reached agreement on a scope definition and licensure language with the architecture and engineering professions. The bill initially met opposition from individual landscape designers and contractors, but through discussion and amendment, we eventually gained support from the executive boards of the Washington Association of Landscape Professionals, Washington State Nursery and Landscape Association and the Washington Association of Professional Landscape Designers.

With hard work and guidance from our lobbyist (and landscape architect) Terri Hotvedt, the bill found a sponsor in Senator Ken Jacobsen and signatures of support from Senators Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Karen Keiser, Ed Murray and Erik Poulsen. With a grass-roots phone call and letter writing campaign, and a strong show of testimonial support, the bill received a hearing and was passed out of the Senate Labor, Commerce, Research and Development Committee on to the Rules Committee, a valuable step toward success. Unfortunately, with the massive volume of legislation being reviewed, the session expired before SB 5746 was passed out of the Rules Committee for a floor vote. The bill remains in Rules, where our effort may resume in 2008.

To succeed in 2008, we need to be working now to:

- Build relationships with our Senators and Representatives - Take them out to lunch, thank them for supporting our bill thus far, volunteer to help with their campaign, make contributions, and help them understand the importance of this legislation.
- Motivate others within our profession to become involved in this important effort.
- Encourage those who benefit from our profession such as city officials, park district representatives and others to contact their representatives voicing support of practice act licensure for landscape architects.
- Continue to educate those in allied professions about the benefits of landscape architecture practice act licensure.

Please take part in this historic effort by joining the WASLA advocacy network. Simply visit the [Government Affairs section of the WASLA website](#) and click the "licensure" tab. You can volunteer as much or as little time and effort as you have available. It is easy, and you will be guided through every step of the process.

Announcements

WASLA/WRPA GOLF TOURNAMENT OCTOBER 12, 2007

CHANGE the Date then SAVE the Date

New Date for WASLA/WRPA Golf Scramble
Friday, October 12, 2007

Washington American Society of Landscape Architects
and
Washington Recreation and Park Association
Hosting the 2007 Golf Scramble at the

[Auburn Golf Course](#)

Big prizes, Big fun, Good Food, and a winning round of golf.
Come enjoy the day with friends, colleagues, clients, and
fellow golfers.

WASLA AWARDS - SAVE THE DATE!

WASLA Awards Program

March 27, 2008

Burke Museum

If you are interested in joining the WASLA Awards Committee,
please contact the WASLA office at office@wasla.org.

HOUSE COMMITTEE RECOGNIZES LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

"LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT" AMENDMENT PASSES

House Committee passes amendment to include "landscape architects"

At the request of ASLA's Federal Government Affairs staff, Congressman Michael McCaul (R, TX) offered an amendment to include "landscape architects" in H.R. 1716, the Green Energy Education Act.

H.R. 1716, would allow the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation to provide grants to colleges and universities to improve engineering and architecture education related to the design and construction of high performance buildings. The amendment calls for improving the ability of engineers, architects, "landscape architects" and planners to work together on designing high performance buildings. The amendment passed the House Committee on Science and Technology's by voice vote.

Passage of the McCaul amendment is a great victory for ASLA. Passage of this amendment demonstrates that our federal

legislators recognize the many contributions that landscape architects are making in the design and construction of energy efficient buildings.

This bill may soon move to the full House of Representatives for floor action.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR WASLA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

WASLA is looking for nominations for the Executive Committee. If you are interested and would like further information please contact Curtis LaPierre at curtis.lapierre@otak.com.

Committee Reports and Public Relations

UW GRADUATION PARTY 2007

Saturday June 9
7:00PM - 1:00AM

Ouch My Eye Gallery
1022 1st Ave S
Seattle WA 98134
Friends + Family Welcome!

Rhythm & Blues band
Carswell-Watson-Allen

Gallery Exhibit
"24 Hour Photothon Austin"
24 Hours, 24 Photos
"Texas Like You Have Never Seen It"

ouchmyeye.com

ouch my eye gallery:
-located in pioneer square
-1-block north of stadium
-near major bus lines
-plenty of street parking

ART & SURVEYING

On Thursday, June 7, at 10:00 AM, at Magnuson Park, 7400 Sand Point Way N.E. (Enter at the park's N.E. 65th Street entrance.) "Straight Shot" the art work of perri lynch, set along the Sand Point Base line, will be dedicated.

The City of Seattle, with the cooperation and resources from the North Puget Sound, South Puget Sound, Snohomish and the Southwest Chapters of the Land Surveyors' Association of Washington, and Trimble has sponsored this artwork which sheds light on the practice and importance of surveying.

It is in the Surveying Community's best interest to make this a successful media event. Local media presence along with National Surveying Magazine will be present.

If you can, please take the time to attend.

Refreshments will be provided by the North Puget Sound Chapter.

Historical surveying equipment dating back a century will be displayed along the line during the dedication.

Learn more about the creation of "Straight Shot" on Lynch's blog at <http://sandpointbaseline.blogspot.com>.

GREEN ROOF INFRASTRUCTURE: DESIGN & INSTALLATION 201 COURSE

Green Roofs for Healthy Cities (the North American trade association for the green roof industry) is bringing Green Roof Infrastructure: Design & Installation 201 to Seattle, WA on June 22, 2007. Education credits are available.

Space limited - sign up now. To register online go to www.greenroofs.org.

ULI SEATTLE - REPEAT

Save the Date!

Housing Our Workforce: Why Business Leaders Should Care

Ron Terwilliger will address an increasing national crisis: a huge number of fully- employed people, from teachers to hospital workers, are not able to live close to where they work. He will provide a roadmap to change this pattern in a way that benefits both workers and communities.

Speaker: Ron Terwilliger, Chairman and CEO of Trammel Crow Residential, Atlanta

Tuesday, September 18, 2007
7:30 - 9:00 AM Seattle venue TBD

DESIGNING WITH ROSES COMPETITION - REPEAT

Designing with Roses Competition is sponsored by All-America Rose Selections (AARS), which recognizes and honors landscape architecture and garden design by professionals and students as well as U.S. public gardens.

While the ASLA is promoting the competition to its members through its website and newsletters, we are also asking individual Chapters to encourage their members to submit projects that incorporate roses as a core design element for a chance to win this honorable distinction.

The AARS is currently accepting entries through July 2, 2007 for professional, student and public garden submissions. The panel of expert judges is currently being secured, however, past judges have included ASLA Fellow Rosheen Styczinski and Better Homes & Garden Editor Elvin McDonald. Winners will be announced in September at the 59th Annual Garden Writers Association Symposium in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Additional information about the competition can be found at www.rose.org.

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