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Messages

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON - CALL FOR MENTORS

It's time to organize our 2008/2009 Mentorship Program with University of Washington. This program has been among the most successful that WASLA has offered, and it is enriching to both the students and the professionals who participate. This year we are making an even greater effort to liaison with the University, so I hope that you will be interested in donating some of your time to this important program. Although it is up to each student/mentor pair, we estimate about 2 hours per month - and hope that mentors will bring students into their offices as well as going to the UW for desk crits, etc.

Please respond with the following information so that we can make a good match.

Name:
Company:
Address:
Phone:
Email:
Areas of Interest:

Please email your responses to Carrie Culp at carriec@highridge.com.

Events Calendar

November 20
[Low Impact Development](#)

December 4
[How to Grow a Roof: Green
Roof Function, Design &
Installation](#)

December 8-12
[Irrigation Trainings](#)

December 11
[Technical Trainings for Smart
Control Systems](#)

January 26, 2009
[USCC's 17th Annual
Conference & Tradeshow](#)

March 20
[Emerging Professionals Happy
Hour Series](#)

April 17

2009 OPENINGS ON THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

[Emerging Professionals Happy Hour Series](#)

May 15

[Emerging Professionals Happy Hour Series](#)

June 19

[Emerging Professionals Happy Hour Series](#)

August 21

[Emerging Professionals Happy Hour Series](#)

September 18

[Emerging Professionals Happy Hour Series](#)

October 16

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The City of Seattle is looking for qualified candidates to fill upcoming openings on the 35-member Design Review Board. The volunteer positions will be available in April 2009 when retiring board members' terms expire.

The deadline for applications is December 10, 2008. Applications may be downloaded from www.seattle.gov/designreview or requested from tom.iurino@seattle.gov.

Applications will be accepted for the following ten positions on the city's seven design review boards:

Northeast Design Review Board -- community at-large representative -- local business representative
Northwest Design Review Board -- no openings
Queen Anne/Magnolia Design Review Board -- design professional representative -- local residential representative
Southeast Design Review Board -- no openings
Southwest Design Review Board -- design professional representative -- local residential representative
Downtown Design Review Board -- development representative -- local residential representative
Capitol Hill Design Review Board -- community at-large representative -- development representative

Applicants should have: knowledge of, or interest in, architecture, urban design and the development process; the ability to evaluate projects based on the city's design guidelines; the ability to listen and communicate effectively at public meetings; a passion for design and community development; and the ability to work well with others under pressure. Prior experience with community or neighborhood groups is a plus.

Board members are appointed by the Mayor and City Council and serve two-year terms. They should expect to work 12-14 hours a month attending and preparing for board meetings, which are held twice a month, in the evenings. Board members must live in the city.

The Design Review Board and program was established in 1994 to provide an alternative to prescriptive zoning requirements and foster new development that better responds to the character of its surroundings. Boards evaluate the design of development projects based on citywide and neighborhood-specific design guidelines. The board reviews mixed-use developments, multifamily housing, and commercial projects above a certain threshold. Learn more at www.seattle.gov/designreview.

Applications may be downloaded at www.seattle.gov/designreview or requested from tom.iurino@seattle.gov. Please send an application, a cover letter and resume by Dec.

10, 2008 by email to Tom Iurino at tom.iurino@seattle.gov.

Questions may be directed to tom.iurino@seattle.gov or 206 615-1457.

STAR COMMUNITY INDEX: SEEKING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ASLA has learned of an important new initiative to develop a tool for evaluating the sustainability of communities. This is a collaborative effort between ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, the U.S. Green Building Council, and Center for American Progress. Called the STAR Community Index, the tool, like LEED, will draw on the expertise of those in a variety of disciplines. The intent is to develop standards and measures to help local governments evaluate communities' efforts towards sustainability.

The project is on an ambitious schedule and is currently seeking applicants for its technical advisory committees. It is important that ASLA and the landscape architecture profession be well represented on these committees. The STAR initiative is seeking experts for eight technical committees within three broad categories: Environment, Economy, and Society. We urge you to read more about the STAR effort at <http://www.iclei-usa.org/programs/sustainability/star-community-index>. The requirements and application for committees can be found at <http://www.iclei-usa.org/programs/sustainability/star-community-index/committees/technical-advisory>.

The deadline for application is November 15. Please contact Rachel Shaw and Liz Guthrie if you have applied for one of the STAR Communities technical committees, and if you are accepted.

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A CALL FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND VOLUNTEERS

We have plenty of opportunities for members to become involved with WASLA. The success of WASLA is credited to the extraordinary members that volunteer their time and efforts to help serve the community of landscape architecture in Washington State. If you are interested in chairing a committee or volunteering please visit www.wasla.org/committees.htm or contact Kellye Hilde at khilde@triadassoc.com for more information.

Editor's note: If you would like to contribute to the WASLA Monthly Newsletter please send inquiries to Jocelyn Freilingner at jocelynlf@mac.com.

Announcements

SAVE THE DATE

The 2009 WASLA Conference will be held April 3, 2009 at the Seattle Center. Planning is currently underway for this exciting event and we hope you all can join us for a day of fascinating speakers, perusing product displays and catching with colleagues and classmates.

If you are interested in volunteering for the WASLA Conference Committee please contact co-chairs Kari Stiles KStiles@jonesandjones.com or Kellye Hilde khilde@triadassociates.net.

More information to come...

PUGET SOUND CSI NOVEMBER 13 MEETING: SPECIFICATION PROCESSING

Do you or your consultants struggle to get your specifications looking right with MS Word?

Does your specification have fully automated paragraph numbering?

How do you deal with the client's requirements that the specifications follow the institution's format?

Do you avoid using Arcom Masterspec just because the sections are so long and the Masterworks reports don't work because you have some of your own sections?

Beth Stroshane will show you how to:

- Set up your specification system so you can match any page format that comes along.
- Print the whole project manual in collated hardcopy or PDF's using batch processing.
- Change all the headers and footers in a project using batch processing.
- Avoid all manual renumbering.
- Automate generation of table of contents, submittal lists, testing requirements, and the like.
- Automatically include the CORRECT section name in the filename.

Beth Stroshane, CSI, CCS, is a specifier at NBBJ and an amateur computer programmer (married to a professional computer programmer). Her education was in structural engineering and construction management and she worked construction before joining NBBJ and CSI. She is actively trying to sort the reality from the rhetoric on the specifications in BIM subject.

For AIA members: You can obtain AIA CES credit (1 hour, non-HSW) for attending this meeting. When checking in to the meeting, mark your AIA member number on the provided sheet at the registration table.

For more information and to register, visit the Puget Sound CSI Chapter's website at: www.pscpsi.org.

THE CULTURAL LANDSCAPE FOUNDATION'S MARVELS OF MODERNISM

December 4th from 6-8pm
 WASLA hosts The Cultural Landscape Foundation's Marvels of Modernism Unveiling at Design Within Reach

Kidney-shaped pools, boomerang curves, and floating cantilevered decks became familiar design elements in Post War America. Experimental and innovative, these garden and landscape designs sought to meld Modern forms and classic sensibilities by utilizing revolutionary new materials and subdued transitions between indoors and outdoors, yet they have often been misunderstood and underappreciated. In order to highlight these innovative designs, the 2008 Landslide theme: Marvels of Modernism calls attention to our diverse and unique postwar garden and landscape heritage. For this annual list, The Cultural Landscape Foundation (TCLF), Garden Design magazine and the George Eastman House International Museum of Photography and Film are teaming with Design Within Reach to produce an exhibition of original photography commissioned by the museum in support

of the Landslide initiative. The exhibition, on display at several locations in Washington State throughout the 2009, will be previewed at an in-studio event at Design Within Reach Seattle. A complete list of the Marvels, including two Washington State landscapes will be unveiled on [TCLF's website](#) on November 14.

RECONCILIATION GARDENS

Please join the University of Washington in welcoming international visitor Davorian Brdanovic as he shares his work with reconciliation gardens actively succeeding in re-socializing and re-connecting communities once divided by war in Bosnia Herzegovina.

The American Friends Service Committee initiated the Community Garden Program in 2000 to provide a secure, supportive environment in which a diverse population could work side by side to study conventional and organic agricultural techniques and grow food for their families.

Some 2000 participants at 15 sites include pensioners, the unemployed, students, children, physically and mentally challenged persons, prisoners, refugees, displaced persons and returnees, and different ethnic and religious groups.

In addition, Daniel Winterbottom, associate professor of Landscape Architecture at the University of Washington, will give a short presentation about the UW Design/Build program.

Architecture Hall, Room 147
University of Washington
Seattle, WA
Wednesday, November 12, 2008, 7:15-8:30 pm

The American Friends Service Committee will be hosting two local events with Mr. Brdanovic in Seattle November 13 at 7:30 pm and on Bainbridge Island on Nov 5 at 5:30. Contact Jonis Davis JDavis@afsc.org for further information.

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