

# WASLA NEWSLETTER

Washington Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects

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Sept. 27 - Initiative 933 Discussion

Oct. 6 - 10 ASLA / IFLA Annual Conference

Oct. 20 - NPS / ASLA Community Project

Oct. 26 - Fellow's Celebration

## Looking Ahead...

Feb. 2 - 2007 WASLA Conference

## President's Message

By Maureen Colaizzi,  
WASLA Chapter President

### Notice of Intent to Raise Chapter Dues

The WASLA Executive Committee is about to vote for an increase in our Chapter dues from \$60.00 per year to \$90.00 per year for a three year period. Soliciting comments from the Chapter membership in accordance with our bylaws during a 45-day comment period which began August 7th and ends on September 21, 2006.

The Executive Committee will consider the comments received and vote on the proposed dues increase on Friday, September 22nd.

### Raising Awareness

The effort to upgrade our title act to a practice act is an exercise in education and advocacy of the profession now and for our future professionals over the next twenty years.

The Washington Chapter is the professional society that represents the landscape architecture profession in Washington State. Our Mission as a landscape architecture organization is to lead, to educate

and to participate in the careful stewardship, wise planning and artful design of our cultural and natural environments. Our landscape architectural education and training allows us to practice in such diverse arenas. As members of ASLA, we all have an interest in seeing the landscape architectural profession recognized for our organization's mission. WASLA raises awareness of our mission in many ways.

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 see the announcements for the brown bag lunches in upcoming 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.

This effort will take our organizations financial resources. 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; Firm/Company Contributions; Donations from Non WASLA member licensees; and a WASLA 3-Year Targeted Dues Assessment.

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The targeted temporary dues increase will be necessary to provide a reliable funding source to pay for our legislative efforts. This will allow WASLA to be able to continue to provide our member, student and community outreach programs without impacting our current budget.

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. Washington licensees who are not WASLA members will also be asked to contribute.

## Election of Officers

Please vote online by October 1st.

[www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=948722556202](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=948722556202)

The newly elected executive committee will be inducted for the term of Nov. 1, 2006 to Oct. 31, 2007

## National Parks Service / ASLA Community Charrette

By: Don Benson, WASLA Trustee

The October 20-22 Lake Sawyer Charrette in Black Diamond, is being done in conjunction with the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program; it is fast approaching. I need Landscape Architects, Designers and Students to step up and volunteer to participate in this very exciting

and worthwhile event. Please contact Don Benson at (206-438-2027) or [don\\_benson@urscorp.com](mailto:don_benson@urscorp.com) if you would like participate or if there are any questions. Thanks!

## Fellows Recognition Reception

### Lecture: Change, Continuity & Civic Ambition: Balancing Design and Historic Preservation

October 26, 2006

Reception:	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Suggested Donation:	\$10.00/person
Lecture:	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Location:	Henry Art Gallery University of Washington 4100 15th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98195 (206) 543-2280

Please join past-inductees into the ASLA's Council of Fellows from Washington State as they recognize and honor our state's two newest Fellows: Charles M. Anderson and Thomas L. Berger. Please join us in recognizing the tremendous achievements of these two landscape luminaries. This event will be held prior to a free, public lecture by Charles Birnbaum of the Cultural Landscape Foundation – Change, Continuity and Civic Ambition: Balancing Design and Historic Preservation.

Tom Berger founded The Berger Partnership in 1971, and has seen it grow into one of the largest site planning and landscape architectural firms in the Pacific Northwest. The Berger Partnership has received numerous awards and accolades for its portfolio of built work, including: Cal Anderson Park, Islandwood and the REI flagship store in Seattle.

Charles Anderson cofounded Anderson & Ray in 1984, which become Charles Anderson Landscape Architecture in 2001. Known for his modernist approach to design, focus on urban ecology and extensive use of native plants. Representative projects include the Trillium Projects, Mt. Saint Helens, the Arthur Ross Terrace in New York City, and Seattle Art Museum's Olympic Sculpture Park.

Please join us in recognizing the tremendous achievements of these two landscape luminaries.

## Golf Scramble THIS FRIDAY

A scramble golf tournament (18 holes) at Foster Golf Links in Tukwila, WA with carts for a maximum of 72 players (18 teams @ 4 players). The Scramble will be held this Friday, September 22, 2006. Warm up and check in is 7am to 7:45am. Tee times go at 8am. The 2006 goals are to feature our loyal WASLA industry and professional sponsors by creating the perfect low cost / easy access / short time "fun" event, especially for beginning and intermediate players.

Last year the event drew a good crowd, with the Berger Partnership foursome taking the low score. This event is perfect for team building - firms, project design teams, clients and consultants, vendors and suppliers representatives of planning and design, real estate, green and site construction industry.

The 2006 WASLA Mini tournament proceeds will go to green industry research, public information on water availability, practice act regulations, liability reform, allied professional communications and similar issues in 2006. Low cost, convenient, and fun – it's the 2006 WASLA Scramble.

LAST MINUTE REGISTRATION:

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## Initiative 933 Discussion

Event: Initiative 933 Discussion Location: Mithun, Pier 56, 1201 Alaskan Way, Suite 200

Join WASLA, WAPA and AIA Seattle on Wednesday, September 27, 5:30-7:00 pm, for an informational discussion on Initiative 933. How might the passing of 933 impact those of us in the profession, public and private sector?

The WASLA Executive Committee is considering a position on I- 933 in September and we want to hear from you. RSVP to [jodie@noon933.org](mailto:jodie@noon933.org) and more information about I-933 can be found at [www.noon933.org](http://www.noon933.org)

## Advocacy 2007 Brown Bag Discussions

The initial Advocacy 2007 Brown Bag Discussion was held on Thursday, September 14th from 11:45 am – 1:00 pm. The attendance was between 10 and 15 members and the effort to upgrade our current title act to be updated to a practice act was discussed. The focus was around the existing draft language and how the draft bill would improve or affect our current practice.

Upcoming Brown Bag Discussions will be held, date and location to be announced on the web site.

A member stakeholder group is being formed to champion this effort. If you are interested in joining please contact: Curtis LaPierre, [curtis.lapierre@otak.com](mailto:curtis.lapierre@otak.com).

Design Film Series, Throughout October and November 2006  
Grand Illusion Cinema / Seattle, Washington

## Design Film Series

The Washington State Chapter of ASLA is proud to support a showing of selected short design films which showcase projects, cultures and design theory from an international perspective. Additional support has been provided by the University of Washington & the AIA Young Architects Forum.

Please join fellow design focused professionals and patrons at the Grand Illusion Cinema for a free opening day screenings of 4 films which highlight a cross-section of diverse attitudes toward practice in the design professions.

See the below for dates and times of free showings for individual films. One film will be shown per Friday. Contact Grand Illusion for additional showings at regular admission prices.

Where: Grand Illusion Cinema . 1430 NE 50th Street . Seattle, WA 98105  
[www.grandillusioncinema.org](http://www.grandillusioncinema.org)

What & When:

1. Lagos/Koolhaas  
Friday, October 13, 2006  
Free on opening Friday the 13th  
7 & 9 pm showings

2. Living with the Past, Historic Cairo  
Friday, October 20, 2006  
Free on opening Friday the 20th  
7 & 9 pm showings

3. Mille Gilles, A Thousand Gilles  
Friday, October 27, 2006  
Free on opening Friday the 27th  
7 & 9 pm showings

4. Kochuu, Japanese Architecture/ Influence & Origin  
Friday, November 3, 2006  
Free on opening Friday 3rd  
7 & 9 pm showings  
7 & 9pm showings

## 2007 WASLA Conference

Innovate : Initiate : Integrate  
Conference In Landscape Architecture  
Date: Friday, February 2nd, 2007  
Time: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Location: Bell Harbor International Conference Center  
(<http://bellharbor.com>)

Mark your calendars for a day of inspiration at the 2007 WASLA Conference. Come here the newest ideas on innovative technologies, integrated small business ideas, interesting maintenance tips, and green infrastructure. The full day event will also include new products on display, a chance to catch up with colleagues and meet new people at the luncheon.

Please watch for updates on the website. For sponsorship opportunities please contact Liz Westbrook - [lizw@brumbaugh-assoc.com](mailto:lizw@brumbaugh-assoc.com) OR (206) 297-4431

## Editor's Note

By: Liz Westbrook

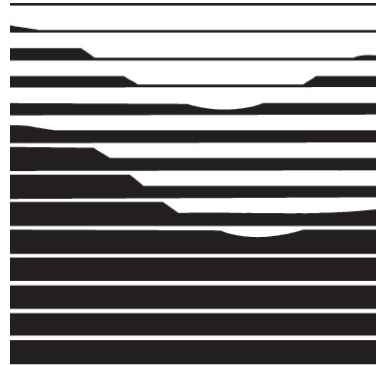
WASLA Monthly Newsletter will begin advertising January 2007. Please look for information and requirements starting in November on the website.

If you would like to contribute to the WASLA Monthly Newsletter please send inquiries to:  
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