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2016 Design Awards Honors Landscape Architect Clay Phillips

The 2016 ASLA San Diego Chapter Design Awards were attended by over 120 members and guests who shared a fun evening Celebrating 40 Years of ASLA San Diego and honoring the best in the industry on June 9 at the McMillin Event Center at Liberty Station.

These awards are the ultimate recognition of design achievement for firms and projects in the San Diego region, celebrating the innovation and creativity found among practitioners in San Diego County.

Continuing a tradition started at the 2014 Design Awards, the San Diego Chapter recognized three Student Design Award Winners and presented the San Diego Stewardship Award to Landscape Architect Clay Phillips for his 37 years of support and advocacy in the public realm.

Phillips feels one of the key goals of the profession is to connect people to the environment. What better place to do that than at the best state park system in the nation. The skillsets that enable Landscape Architects to do that, allowed Clay to also bridge the gap between conflicting park stakeholders and diverse professional disciplines. Clay Phillips recently retired after working 37 years for California State Parks. (continued on page 7)
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I want the members to know that we have had a very successful beginning to this year thanks to our Executive Board Members, our Committee members, our EP members, our Student volunteers and our dedicated sponsors. It’s hard to believe that we are already half way through the year; I guess it is true, time flies when you’re having fun.

Next year, October 20-23, 2017 ASLA Southern California Chapter will be hosting the ASLA National Conference. I’m almost certain our colleagues to the north will be contacting our chapter for assistance while they are hosting the conference. For many San Diego ASLA members, this is a golden opportunity to get involved and to ease into the Executive Board Member or Committee Chair roles. Start planning now. There are many Executive Board Member and Committee positions available. Don’t be shy, nominate yourself or ask a sitting board member to nominate you. It’s OK we just need you to participate.

Start thinking about your future and how you can really make a difference with San Diego ASLA.

This is extremely important because in November of 2019 San Diego will be hosting the ASLA National Conference and we will need a strong and dedicated Executive Committee to ensure the Annual Conference in our hometown is successful. That’s right less than 3 years from now. It will be here before you know it.

The last time San Diego hosted a National Conference was in 2011. At that time our Honorable President was Mr. David Reed. I can’t speak for him directly but I can assure you, it is a herculean effort to pull off an event of this magnitude. It requires a village of dedicated team members who have the desire, willingness, drive, passion and heart to volunteer and make it successful.

We need your participation now. Why? Because there’s a learning curve to being part of the Executive Board or a Committee Member… and because once you get involved you’ll find out that it’s actually really fun.

So why do I bring this up now? Well, time flies!

San Diego Chapter Member Standings

Congratulations to the following members for reaching membership milestones (member anniversaries in July-September are for continuous membership).

Welcome to new members:
Emily M. Hubbard
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Jay A. Rohrer, ASLA

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31 to 41 Years
Jon L. Powell
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At the intersection where passionate extra achieving individuals, an altruistic property owner, and a receptive community meet is where you’ll find the Gilliam Family Community Space and Garden.

In 2015 the ASLA SD awarded a $5,000 Community Grant to BAME CDC for the 2016 revitalization of a vacant lot in Logan Heights owned by the Gilliam family. The property has been leased to BAME CDC for five years and has been revitalized into a vibrant, engaging and beloved space.

Upon my visit to the space, I expected to capture some pictures and get a sense for what progress has been made in utilizing the community grant funds. I was delighted to find the heart and soul of the space in action. BAME CDC Community Coordinator Fabio Rojas was there preparing for a Master Gardener’s visit and giving a talk on the newly installed irrigation system. He generously took time to share information on upcoming events at the park and engulf me in his contagious passion and energy for the project. During my fairly short visit I also had the pleasure of meeting resident and Eighth District Council Representative Martha Zapata; resident and retired teacher Jim Lawrence; and City of San Diego Environmental Specialist Chelsea Klaseus. They are all active space users and contributors to pest management, planting, weeding, composting and implementation of this truly sustainable and educational hub. It was incredible to experience the sense of welcome and true community support and utilization actively happening on a given Saturday. Community involvement is so critical in a project like this and makes all the difference in its viability and success.

H.A.C.E.R. (Helping Achieve Community Empowerment and Revitalization) is a local community group that has partnered with BAME CDC as well as Space4Art, the park’s architect, to direct the built features and coordinate volunteers. Volunteers on the project have ranged from neighbors to local high school students.

“High Tech High Chula Vista built weekly work into their curriculum to assist in all aspects of the project,” said Martha. Since the opening of the park, there have been family movie nights in the amphitheater featuring “Nacho Libre.” Fabio has a great summer itinerary planned, and he warmly welcomes community members and people from all over San Diego to come and enjoy the cultural center this space has become.

Not only has this space become well inhabited and integrated, but it also offers colorful and sculptural vertical features designed by Space4Art. The 100% “convertible/deconstructable” structures on site include a jungle gym, maze, organic garden and interpretive native plant garden. The thoughtful assembly and use of recycled materials beautifully achieves one of the space’s most insightful and sustainable qualities addressing the five-year lease BAME CDC has with the Gilliam Family.

As a visitor I felt compelled to return for one of the many events coming this summer. I will definitely plan a day to roll up my sleeves, help in the garden, and support the great efforts this community has made to revitalize this space.

For way finding purposes and to add to one’s cultural experience upon visiting the site, it is adjacent to El Salvadoreño, as well as heavy hitting contributors Antojitos Colombianos, neighborhood restaurants serving up authentic fare from El Salvador and Colombia.

Upcoming Events:

For more event details please contact Fabio Rojas, BAME CDC (619) 858-0563 or by email at Fabio.rojas@bamecdcc.org
CCASLA Report:
Indemnity Bill Almost a Success in California Legislature
Jon Wreschinsky, ASLA, CCASLA Director

CCASLA has been working with design professional organizations in support of passage of Senate Bill 885 (Wolk) - Construction contracts: indemnity. The Bill as it was proposed would have specified, for construction contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2017, that a design professional, as defined, only has the duty to defend claims that arise out of, or pertain or relate to, negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of the design professional. Under the bill, a design professional would not have a duty to defend claims against any other person or entity arising from a construction project, except that person or entity’s reasonable defense costs arising out of the design professional’s degree of fault, as specified. The bill would prohibit waiver of these provisions and would provide that any clause in a contract that requires a design professional to defend claims against other persons or entities is void and unenforceable.

The Bill met strong opposition from other agencies and organizations. CCASLA and its allies educated legislators on the merits of the Bill, countered misinformation put forth by the opposition, and strongly supported the Bill on your behalf. The Bill cleared the Senate and was held in the Assembly Judiciary Committee. CCASLA and its allies renewed their efforts in the final push and asked all practicing landscape architects to write their Assembly member to support its passage. The bill may be reintroduced next year.

The Independent Technical Panel has completed its Recommendations Report to the Legislature on Landscape Water Use Efficiency. The full report can be found at: http://bit.ly/29gchZN. The report contains recommendations to address both consumer protections as well as technical issues in relation to the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO) update(s). CCASLA worked hard to help ensure that critical areas of the report reflected the concerns of the landscape architecture profession, the importance of professional licensure, and protection of the public health, safety, and welfare when addressing landscape water use. CCASLA will continue to act in the best interests of landscape architects and licensees, monitoring the legislature’s and agency review of the document.

Should you have questions or concerns, contact me at jswreschinsky@pacbell.net or 619-916-6956.

Stewardship Committee:
Climate Action Plan
Jackie Higgins, PLA, ASLA
Stewardship Chair
During “Arctoberfest” in October, we will be hosting an event to discuss the newly adopted City of San Diego Climate Action Plan. Our goal is to educate and stimulate conversations within our profession, with our allied professions, and with the public. We will be dissecting the goals of the Climate Action Plan to see how our profession can help launch our local community toward a more sustainable existence, and proactively work to use our natural resources more efficiently to make San Diego an environmentally aware, ecologically responsible, and sustainable place to live and play. If you have knowledge to contribute toward this topic, or any other ASLA stewardship topics, please email or call me and/or join our committee. We meet once a month. For the latest meeting information please contact me at: jackie@c2clid.com.

Thank you to everyone who continues to contribute their time, talents, and resources to creating awareness of sustainable practices.

To see videos and presentations from previous ASLA San Diego Stewardship events please check out our website at: http://www.asla-sandiego.org/stewardship-committee/

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ANOVA recently held a national grant competition to provide twenty-one $2,000 grants to emerging professionals to fund participation at the 2016 ASLA Annual Meeting in New Orleans. We are pleased to have such great support from ANOVA to help our emerging professionals experience the benefits of ASLA membership.

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Trustee’s Report
Board Improvements
Summer 2016
Jon Wreschinsky, ASLA for Mark Steyaert, Jr., ASLA, Trustee

At the recent mid-year Board of Trustees meeting, a number of items designed to help improve member services and strengthen ASLA as a professional organization were discussed. The BOT adopted several of these in an effort to help benefit individual members. The following items should be of particular interest:

Dues Update – While the Society has successfully weathered the economic constraints of the past several years, program costs continue to rise, averaging five percent over the past few years. A dues increase ($15 for full and affiliate members, to be assessed in 2017) was approved to help avoid cuts in the program services provided to members. Additionally, current programing associated with the new Center for Landscape Architecture will add to the Society’s current financial needs. ASLA is also looking at refining its branding as an integral part of the Center’s inception. The Finance and Investments and Member Services Committees carefully considered this increase and determined that based on total dues revenue as a percentage of the budget along with the on-going cost of programs and services, the increased membership dues would remain within an acceptable range for members.

Graduated Dues for Emerging Professionals – Based on input from emerging professionals and other assessments the BOT adopted establishment of a five-year graduated dues structure to benefit emerging professionals. This graduated dues system recognizes the financial constraints many emerging professionals face and is designed to encourage membership and promote the benefits of ASLA membership. The system will:

- recognize that the period in which an individual is an emerging professional often lasts longer than three years;
- full member dues will not be assessed until the sixth year of membership;
- establish value of membership even in the first year (versus the concept that something given away has no value); and
- improve retention among emerging professionals as the dues payments would increase with their capacity to pay the dues.

Student and Associate Advisory Committees – To help improve engagement of students and emerging professionals within the Society and to provide additional opportunities to help shape ASLA programs and policies, the BOT adopted establishment of the new Student Advisory and Associate Advisory Committees.

Both committees will advise ASLA leaders and staff on key policies and programs that have an impact on student and affiliate members and the chapters. The Committees will draw on the experiences of members and that of their fellow students/associates to provide input and feedback to inform annual program development and priority-setting. Additionally, there will be renewed focus on recruitment and retention of student/affiliate members, providing support to the student chapters and emerging professionals, and development of content for publications and social media tailored to these cohorts.

Student and Student Affiliate members in good standing who will be students for at least one year following appointment are encouraged to apply for appointment to the Student Advisory Committee. Committee members may continue to serve the second year of the term even after graduation. Associate members in good standing are encouraged to apply for appointment to the Associate Advisory Committee.

For specific information regarding these items, please contact Jon Wreschinsky at jsreschinsky@pacbell.net or 619-916-6956.
Wreschinsky Receives ASLA Leadership Award

Jon Wreschinsky recently received the ASLA Advocacy Leadership Award, which recognizes a chapter member who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in advancing ASLA’s advocacy goals. At the local level, Jon has helped agencies review landscape ordinances and prepared detailed responses with recommended changes on behalf of the chapter.

Jon led the State Council’s response to new guidelines and mandates related to severe drought water restrictions. He successfully advocated for landscape architects as lead professionals to help implement water conservation programs.

Jon also led efforts to coordinate multiple face-to-face meetings with key state legislators who serve on committees to address the importance of professional licensure; protection of the public health, safety, and welfare; and to address the importance of landscape architecture in managing water use in the landscape.
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1. NOMINATE

Nominate yourself, a colleague, an old classmate, a mentor—anyone you think is inspiring and a good leader for the San Diego ASLA Executive Committee. Together we can push San Diego ASLA to the next level.

2. PARTICIPATE

It is not enough to come to the annual meeting once a year. If our organization is ever to become what we all truly want it to be, we need member participation.

You can participate in a number of ways:
• Run for executive committee
• Join a committee (public relations, advocacy, annual meeting, digital media...)
• Help create, plan, or support an event (tours, lectures, social hours, fundraisers, annual conference...)
• Speak at an event (other organization’s conferences) and let them know you are an ASLA member.
• Consider donating to the chapter. Every little bit helps and will go towards advocating for your profession and educational offerings.

3. ADVOCATE

Our collective voices need to be heard. We have a number of ways to advocate to fit all comfort levels:

• Write and call local/state officials to tell them about landscape architecture, the work you do and why it is important for their constituency
• Join local City/County commissions and boards to influence decision making at a higher level.
• Join our advocacy committee and participate in broader efforts, even travelling to Washington D.C. to meet with federal legislators.
• Host tours of projects for local city/state officials.

Need help signing up? Have questions? Email us at aslasd@sbcglobal.net
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