ASLA Art Show
John Avila, VP Social Programs

At its core, landscape architecture is an artistic and creative process that produces site-specific solutions to real world design issues. The technical aspect of the profession can mask the creative nature of the landscape architect and gives the public a one dimensional idea of who landscape architects are. ASLA San Diego has partnered with OBR Architecture in an attempt to shed this misconception and highlight the artistic and creative endeavors of local landscape architects. Our profession consists of curious, critical thinking, idea driven place-makers, and it’s our responsibility to honor our creative side. Join ASLA May 13 during the Ray at Night Festival for ASLA’s first art show hosted by OBR Architecture.

ASLA San Diego is accepting submissions from all landscape design professionals, regardless of membership status. Submission criteria are listed below.

Submission Rules
1. All art submissions must include a photo of the art work, title, brief description, overall dimensions and medium.
2. One piece from the show will be donated to OBR Education, a non-profit, for a charity auction in November 2017. Please indicate your willingness to donate your art piece to this wonderful charity. Please note willingness to participate in this charity is not a requirement for submission.
3. All two-dimensional work must be in display condition and ready for hanging. Please include any special display instructions with the submission.
4. Plan graphics, details, and sections of any current or past projects will not be considered.
5. Three-dimensional work will be considered, however the artist must provide a pedestal so the work can be displayed.

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April is Landscape Architecture Month! And what better way to celebrate our profession than with leadership, advocacy, public awareness and creative social events!

As a chapter, we are committed to our local members and sponsors, as we all benefit directly or indirectly through our work that services many communities locally and nationally. Generally we focus on local and state issues, but each year our chapter president, president-elect, and trustee go to Washington DC to meet with other chapter representatives and ASLA National Staff to discuss ways of improving our efforts. This meeting in DC is also part of our Advocacy Day when we each meet with our congress representative and senators to discuss issues they will be voting on that will impact the work of landscape architects.

Last year I had the opportunity to meet with the staff of Representative Scott Peters and staff of Senator Barbara Boxer and explain to them the importance of “green infrastructure” and promoting funding for our National Parks, both of which had pending legislation or bills that would impact landscape architects and our communities. This April we will be visiting with our representatives to discuss important issues that impact the great work we do as Landscape Architects. Stay tuned…

For all of you new and old to social media, please clip the card on page 8 of this issue and use it to promote your projects, or projects you admire with #WLAM2017 on social media. Also TAG @ASLA_SD.

See the instructions with the card on page 8, or to learn more about World Landscape Architecture Month and this promotion visit asla.org/wlam.

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Over 4,000 state legislative bills were introduced by late February in Sacramento (a record number for the beginning of the state’s two-year legislative session). Among the many bills are several measures that could impact many state licensees if legislators decide to make the entry into different professions easier. The upside for the agencies is, with more licensees, comes more licensee revenue. The downside question is, “will the entry of less educated and experienced licensees impact the health, safety and welfare of the state’s consumers?”

The following are the bills your state association, the California Council of ASLA (CCASLA), will be reviewing in the next month to determine the impacts on you and the state’s consumers. If you have an interest in reading the actual language of the bills, you can upload a copy of each bill at the following website – http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov

On March 17, and a date to be determined in April, your licensing agency (the Landscape Architect Technical Committee) held an Education Forum to discuss what types of degrees the LATC might accept to be qualified to sit for the Landscape Architect Review Exam (LARE) and to consider giving licensee reciprocity to landscape architect licensees that are licensed landscape architects in other states but do not hold a degree in landscape architecture.

The CCASLA testified at the March forum and asked the LATC Directors to consider the following recommendations when they determine the types of college/university degrees and experience a licensee applicant must have to be able to sit for the LARE or be granted a reciprocal license in the state of California.

1. Should other (related) degrees be allowed to meet the education requirement to sit in California for the licensing exam? The concern is that the comparison should be on the commonality of subject matter of the related field’s curriculum, not what other states do. Basing it on other state law overlooks the rationale and commonality used by each state.

CCASLA recommends that the LATC Education Subcommittee look at this and make recommendations based upon such a comparison of the rationale and commonality of subject matter used by various states to determine if it meets the standards set by the LAAB.

2. Should the LATC continue to review/approve the Extension Programs? The concern is that the credit given to extension programs is equal to landscape architecture degrees because of the synchronous review standards, i.e. curriculum and other LAAB key standards. The majority of Extension Program students have degrees; some have advanced degrees. Typical accrediting organizations for universities do not play a role in the process of approving landscape architecture degree programs. The section of the Landscape Architects Practice Act, 2620.5 Requirements for an Approved Extension Certificate Program requires an approval process.

CCASLA recommends that, with input from the two California Extension Programs, the LATC Education Subcommittee look at this and make recommendations based upon the state’s and LAAB key standards.

3. Should the LATC consult with the CLARB Board which has drafted and will adopt model licensure “best practices” before adopting new California standards? CLARB has drafted a new model law that addresses this issue as a “best practice” for all of North America. What they have crafted may address the LATC’s concerns as well as the extension programs and their reciprocity/comonality issues. However, the draft model (continued on page 10)
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Come join the fun for the second annual ASLA SKETCH CRAWL; an event combining the art of hand sketching in an urban setting, sightseeing and libations. We will be meeting downtown at STELLA PUBLIC HOUSE for lunch and orientation. From there we will be walking to various locations around the downtown area to sketch different aspects of the urban environment. In between stops, we will be visiting local bars and establishments for refreshments and to review the sketches. This year’s event will be led by landscape architect and artist, CRAIG STOFFEL of the award winning national firm Hord | Coplan | Macht. During the course of the afternoon, CRAIG will lead the group in a range of drawing exercises from quick napkin sketches, detailed sketches, to large scale scenes. Do not feel intimidated. There will be people there of all skill levels. The goal of this event is to have fun, reconnect with fellow professionals through pen and paper, and explore downtown San Diego.

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Jonathan Austin, ASLA
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Congratulations to the following members for reaching membership milestones (member anniversaries in April through June are for continuing membership).

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2016 Yu-Ju Liu, Sean King, John Howard, Andrew Reese, Charles Hoover
2015 Nathan Elliott, Kathleen Brand
2014 Christopher Langdon, Evan Burbridge
2013 Amelia Capron, Curtis McMahon, Cristina Soutwood

6 to 10 Years
2011 Gail Zerbe, Richard Apel
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2009 Keven Krenek
2008 Patrick Hickman
2007 Ryan Ferguson, Darren Jacobsen

11 to 20 Years
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1998 Scott Sandel

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The Scroll of Honor Memorial Park, Clemson University

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6. Only original work may be submitted. Reproductions of works originally created in media other than digital formats or photography will not be considered.

7. Submissions must be received for consideration before noon on Thursday, April 27. Send photos and all submission information to John Avila at avila@urbanarena.com.

8. All work must be submitted to the Urban Arena office on Wednesday, May 10 between 8 am and 5 pm.

9. All work will be available for pick up at the Urban Arena office on Friday, June 9 between 8 am and 12 pm.

10. Artists may appoint a friend or other agent to drop-off and/or pick-up works if they are unable to do these tasks themselves. Please contact John Avila at avila@urbanarena.com if special drop off or pick up arrangements need to be made.

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ASLA San Diego Spring Lecture Event
Matthew MacLeod, VP Programs/Education

The Scroll of Honor Memorial Park, Clemson University with lead designer Barry Anderson, ASLA, of Clemson University Planning + Design. The presentation will center on their close collaboration in the different stages of development of The Scroll of Honor Memorial Park, a memorial to Clemson University alumni who have given their lives in service to their country over the last 125 years.

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3. Share it on social media with #WLAM2017.
4. Follow along with World Landscape Architecture Month at asla.org/wlam.

Find out more at asla.org/wlam
18 Exec Committee Mtg – 6 pm (Urban Arena).
22 Meet the Fellows Event to take place the week of May 22. AIA (American Institute of Architects), APA (American Planning Association) and ASCE (American Society of Civil Engineers) will join ASLA Fellows for a conversation about new development, local issues, and our professions. Patricia Trauth (ptrauth@rickengineering.com).

June
1 Newsletter Deadline
2 Tijuana Landscape Architects Tour – 9 am to 6 pm – Details and final date TBA.
5 Communications Committee Conference Call, Noon, RSVP to Josef@ktua.com.
5 Exec Committee Reports Sent for Board Agenda
7 Emerging Professionals Committee – 6-8 pm, 4010 Sorrento Valley Blvd, Suite 200, San Diego. RSVP Katie Aalund at Katie@gmplandarch.com.
14 Stewardship Committee Mtg – 6 pm, 4343 Moreno Blvd, #9, San Diego. RSVP to Jackie Higgins at Jackie@c2cl.com.
15 Exec Committee Mtg – 6 pm (Urban Arena).
21 HALS Committee Meeting – 12 Noon, High Dive, 1801 Morena Blvd, San Diego. RSVP to JLyndes@coastal-sage.com.
21 Thompson Building Materials Summer Party - Fun and festive Summer Soiree at Thompson Building Materials & Design! Join friends and fellow design professionals and enjoy live music, craft cocktails and culinary delights. 5:30 to 8 pm at Thompson Showroom, 6618 Federal Blvd, San Diego. RSVP by June 19 to Meredith at MFarrell@thompsonbldg.com.

Date TBA
ASLA Tour of Tijuana
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Come experience a taste of cross-border life in the blossoming city of Tijuana during a day-time bus tour directed by ASLA San Diego. The tour will include authentic Mexican cuisine, urban site visits and tours of two factories: Hunter Industries and Oceanside Glass tile.

Watch for itinerary announcement and additional information. For further information or inquiries please contact John Avila, avila@urbanarena.com
May 15-26

Village Nurseries
Horticulture Encounter
Please join Village Nurseries at their 3rd annual Horticultural Encounter May 15 through 26 at their growing grounds and landscape center at 5400 Governor Drive in San Diego. The theme of this year’s event is ‘Beauty and Wonder’ and will showcase plants in various landscape situations in displays such as Animal attraction, Dreams of Deep Shade, Perfect Parings and more! To sign up for a tour, you may contact Suzie Wiest at (858) 699-0442 or swiest@villagenurseries.com

Week of May 22

Meet the Fellows
This year the Meet the Fellows Event is scheduled for the week of May 22! AIA (American Institute of Architects), APA (American Planning Association) and ASCE (American Society of Civil Engineers) will join us for a conversation about new development, local issues, and our profession. The meeting is co-hosted by the Emerging Professionals Committee. Date and location will be announced. Contact Patricia Trauth (ptrauth@rickengineering.com) for more information.
Chapter 2

Here I go again discussing politics for the Trustee’s Report. I just can’t help myself I guess. And, truthfully, recent developments in national politics are a big part of what is keeping ASLA National’s Government Affairs department busy these days. In the last newsletter, I talked about the Trump administration and the potential policies and actions pro and con as they relate to our profession. I dug into Trump’s pre-election platform and found some confusing and diametrically opposed positions that could affect us. So, here we are, a month or so into the new President’s administration, and the policies, administrative orders, and legislative actions are taking shape. Here are a couple current developments:

Infrastructure: One of Trump’s promises that ASLA is keen on following is the proposed infrastructure investment. Trump in his address to a joint session of Congress promoted spending a trillion dollars on infrastructure projects. It’s not clear who is doing the spending or where the money would come from, but possibly public/private ventures or individual states. Certainly, Repubs are loath to go along with backing such an extravagant outlay from federal coffers, however Democrats historically have been proponents. Regardless, if and when the program materializes, ASLA National is ready to position landscape architects to reap the benefits of work coming out of these projects.

ASLA has joined other members of the Partnership for Active Transportation (a coalition of entities supporting walking and biking) in sending a letter to Gaetz asking him to reconsider. In response to the proposed legislation, ASLA recently sent a letter to Gaetz asking him to reconsider. “EPA’s role, protecting human health and the environment, intersects with ASLA’s work in leading the design and stewardship of land and communities,” said ASLA Vice President and CEO Nancy C. Somerville, Hon. ASLA. “More than ever, public health and safety depends on joining together to protect our nation from pollution and the effects of climate change. We urge Representative Gaetz to withdraw the bill from consideration.

“Landscape architects, working with communities nationwide, rely on the EPA’s programs and tools, including grants, research and other technical assistance to implement green infrastructure projects that address stormwater management and other water quality issues.”

These are just a couple examples of what is on our radar screen. Be assured ASLA National is working hard every day to promote our profession, what we stand for, and to position landscape architects to take advantage of opportunities. Finally, I’d like to reiterate what I said in the last newsletter - stay tuned for issues that arise affecting our profession. Pay particular attention to any I-Advocate emails you may receive from National that will be a call-to-action to preserve the viability of landscape architecture and what we stand for.

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law is not yet ready for public consumption as it is due to be voted on by CLARB members in the fall of 2017.

CCASLA recommends that the LATC wait for the adoption of CLARB’s model licensure “best practices” and use that as a model when determining what standards to use for LARE examination and California Supplemental Exam requirements and find any reciprocity guidance in their model that will help LATC adopt similar reciprocity guidelines.

Your voice is being heard in Sacramento as well as Washington, DC. I hope you will thank our Chapter volunteer directors, Mike Nichols, ASLA (Nichols Design Studio) and Marty Schmidt, ASLA (ENVIRONS) for their volunteer efforts to represent the industry in state government affairs and regulatory issues.
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