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2018 ASLA Excellence in Design Awards
Todd Schechinger, ASLA
The San Diego ASLA Design Awards Committee is pleased to announce the upcoming 2018 Design Awards. Next year's Design Awards Ceremony will be held June 28, 2018 at the Farmer and the Seahorse Banquet and Event Center.

Key dates to remember are:

- Call for Entries will go out November 16, 2017
- Design Awards Entry Form and Payments Due: Monday, February 12, 2018 (Cost $150 per entry for local members and $230 per entry for non-members)
- Entry Power Point Submittals Due: Monday, February 26, 2018
- Late Entry Form and Payments Due: Friday, March 2, 2018 (Cost $450 per entry for local members and $690 per entry for non-members)
- Late Power Point Submittals Due: Friday, March 9, 2018

For questions or to join the Design Awards Committee, Todd Schechinger at tschechinger@schmidtdesign.com.

SAVE THE DATE: 12.14.17
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Nate Magnusson, ASLA
Schmidt Design Group

from the President

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October
17 Executive Committee Reports Sent for Board Agenda w/ reminder on 10/26 for Nov 3 Budget Deadline and Nov 9 Exec Corn
18 HALS Committee Meeting – 5:30 pm, Old Town Living Room, 2541 San Diego Ave., San Diego 92110 - RSVP to JLyndes@coastal-sage.com
19-20 ASLA National Board of Trustees/CPC Mtgs (7 am to 5 pm), JW Marriott
21-23 ASLA National Annual Mtg and Expo, Los Angeles Convention Center
26 Design Awards Committee Mtg – 3:30 pm (Urban Arena)

November
2 LATC Meeting @ UCLA, 9 am to 5 pm (details at www.latc.ca.gov)
3 2018 Budgets Due to Treasurer – Send to Joe Cogswell @ Joe.cogswell@kimley-horn.com
6 Communications Committee Conference Call, Noon, RSVP to Josef@ktua.com
8 Stewardship Comm Mtg - 6 pm, 3645 Ruffin Rd., Suite 235, San Diego 92123 RSVP Michelle Landis at mlandis@studiodwest-land.com
9 Executive Committee Mtg – 6 pm (Urban Arena)
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16 Design Awards Call for Entries
22 Executive Comm Reports Sent for Board Agenda

December
1 Newsletter Articles due (1st week of December) for programs/events occurring January-March
4 Communications Committee Conference Call, Noon, RSVP to Josef@ktua.com
6 Emerging Professionals Committee - 6-8 pm, 4010 Sorrento Valley Blvd, Suite 200, San Diego 92126. RSVP to Katie Aalund at RSVP to Katie@gmplandarch.com
7 Executive Committee Mtg – 6 pm (Urban Arena)
8 Past President’s Breakfast – (Tent) Del Mar Hilton, 8:30 – 10 am RSVP to ASLASD@sbcglobal.net
13 Stewardship Committee Mtg - 6 pm, 3645 Ruffin Rd., Suite 235, San Diego, CA 92123 RSVP to Michelle Landis at mlandis@studiodwest-land.com
14 Holiday Annual Mtg/Gala w/AIA (Japanese Friendship Garden ) 5:30 to 9 pm, Registration/ Sponsorship Opportunities at www.asla-sandiego.org/events
15 HALS Committee Meeting – 12 Noon, High Dive, 1801 Morena Blvd, San Diego, CA 92110-3600 RSVP to JLyndes@coastal-sage.com
CCASLA Legislative Update:
Legislature Passes Landmark Parks, Water and Flood Control Bond
Mike Nichols, ASLA, CCASLA Director

California voters passed Proposition 40, the last true park bond, 15 years ago and since then parks have suffered through the Great Recession as cities struggled to shore up shrinking budgets. Many parks departments have not recovered and are still weighed down by deferred maintenance – leaving no funds available for design and construction of new park facilities.

But in September 2017, the California Legislator passed, Senate Bill 5 (de Leon, et al), the “Drought, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection & Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018” that will place a roughly $4 billion general obligation bond measure on the ballot in 2018 to fund California’s parks, water and flood control infrastructure. If passed, this will bring long overdue investments into our state’s water, parks and recreational infrastructure, and will undoubtedly bring new work for landscape architecture firms throughout the state.

As proposed, SB 5 would allocate $200 million for park rehabilitation and improvement grants for local governments, to be distributed on a per capita basis. In San Diego County, that amounts to over $17 million in funds for projects that are designed by professionals, such as landscape architects. CCALSA has been closely monitoring the progress of SB 5, and as the measure moves closer to a vote next year we will provide our Chapter with updates and advocacy information.

CCASLA Legislative Update:
Land and Water Conservation Fund Under Attack
Mike Nichols, ASLA, ASLA Government Affairs Advisory Committee Member

For the past 50 years, America’s most important conservation program, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has helped to shape and protect the places that define San Diego, and provide the outdoor recreational opportunities we all enjoy. From neighborhood playgrounds; to larger regional parks, such as Kit Carson Park in Escondido; to even larger projects such as the 11,152-acre San Diego National Wildlife Refuge Complex; funds from the LWCF have provided San Diegans with the assurance that our region’s outdoor treasures will be preserved and passed on to the next generation.

LWCF projects also boost the economy, creating jobs and increasing tourism. Outdoor recreation in California supports 691,000 direct jobs paying over $30B in wages and salaries, plus $92B in direct consumer spending.

But, LWCF is under attack. The Trump Administration and some in Congress are proposing to weaken this landmark conservation law and eliminate over 80 percent of its funding, rolling back critical investments in America’s parks, lands, and historic sites, eroding outdoor recreational opportunities and access.

Landscape architects plan and design community parks and recreational facilities across the nation that receive LWCF funds, and ASLA supports protecting and preserving LWCF. We must demand that lawmakers stand up and oppose these attacks on conservation and outdoor recreation funding.

Visit ASLA’s website (www.asla.org) to learn more about advocacy on this and other State and Federal issues that impact our profession, and sign up for the ASLA iAdvocate Network* to receive updates and the tools you need to quickly and effectively communicate with policymakers.

September Lecture with James Lord Inspiring

The fall installment in the San Diego ASLA 2017 lecture series took place on September 7 in Balboa Park. James Lord of Surfacedesign, Inc. gave an inspiring talk and a great introduction to some of his firm’s work, with specific focus on Ward Village Center in Honolulu, Lands End Visitor Center in San Francisco, the Auckland Airport Gateway in New Zealand, and the Museum of Steel in Monterey, Mexico.

Lord discussed Surfacedesign’s approach to materiality and design process at length and displayed the beautiful results of a talented, committed landscape architecture firm with an impressive portfolio of built work and a very promising future ahead.

SDASLA would like to thank all lecture series sponsors for their continued support of public discourse on environmental design in San Diego. We have been fortunate to host several esteemed practitioners during the 2017 calendar year and look forward to many more. Stay tuned for the 2018 lecture series event details in the months ahead.
Trustee’s Report
Upcoming ASLA Annual Meeting
Mark Steyaert, Jr., ASLA, Trustee

The ASLA Annual meeting is approaching (October 20-23) in our neighbor to the north, Los Angeles. I hope many of you are able to attend! For me, it’s a chance to feel the pulse of the profession - to take in all the wide-ranging state-of-the-art work that LA’s are doing. As our National President Vaughn Rinner writes:

Expect a fantastic annual meeting, rich with people, ideas, and projects that stretch our imaginations, provide needed information, and recharge us for our creative work. A wealth of education sessions, a vital EXPO, PPN meetings for special interests, fabulous tours, and multiple opportunities for fellowship and celebration await you.

General Session Keynote Speakers:
• Natilie Jeremijenko; A Glimpse Into the Future of Design: An artist and engineer (is that possible?), her experimental design explores the opportunities new technologies present for social change. It centers on structures of participation in the production of knowledge, information, and the political and social possibilities – and limitations – of information and emerging technologies. Join a lively discussion about how she blends design, engineering, and environmentalism.
• Shalini Kantajja; Catching the Sun: If we are to succeed in retrofitting the nation for clean energy, a new generation of workers must be trained to confront the massive technological challenges the lie ahead. But who wins and who loses? What does building a “green economy” actually look like on the ground?

Expo
Explore hundreds of new products, services, technology applications, and design solutions—all under one roof! With nearly 350 exhibitors, the ASLA EXPO is the largest trade show in the industry. Check out all the latest products as well as the LA Bookstore, Alumni Tailgate Party, Emerging Professionals Portfolio Review and “Sketching L.A.’s Iconic Movie Locations” (exhibit of student and professional sketches), and much more.

Education Sessions
The ASLA Annual Meeting and EXPO offers over 130 courses, allowing attendees to earn up to 21 professional development hours (PDHs). From subjects like Virtual and Augmented Reality to Planning to Planting to Participating in Politics: Leveling Landscape Architecture Skills to Influence Policy, to The Secret Sauce: Cultivating Design Identity in Practice, just to name a few.

Field Sessions
Out and about in L.A. including Disney Resort: Behind the Magic of Placemaking, Vibrant and Emerging Open Spaces in LA’s Eastside, and others.

Workshops
Such as Preparing for the Landscape Architecture Registration Exam and Sites v2 and the Sites AP, etc.

If you haven’t signed up yet, please hurry so as to take advantage of both the field session offerings and hotel options. Visit https://www.aslameeting.com/ for more information and to register.

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SDASLA Volunteer Form – We Need You!

The San Diego Chapter of ASLA encourages you to learn more about your profession and enjoy the benefits of networking and working with fellow members of your industry by volunteering to assist with the following association events, programs and activities.

Simply call or email a chair or complete your information, check activities you are interested in, fax or email the form to SDASLA and we will contact you when these activities are being planned.

Print Name: ___________________________________________  Phone: ___________________________  Email: ___________________________

Complete and fax form to (619) 222-8154 or email to ASLASD@sbcglobal.net

Chapter Volunteer – Contact ASLA (619-283-8818) - ASLASD@sbcglobal.net
  □ I can help the Chapter wherever needed.
  □ Annual Meeting/Holiday Event – Nate Magnusson (619-236-1462) NMagnusson@schmidttdesign.com
  □ Annual Meeting and Holiday Event recognizes sponsors, directors and volunteers for support and service to the Chapter.

Communications Committee – Josef Gutierrez, ASLA (619-294-4477) josef@ktua.com
  □ Public Relations/Media: Educate media and public regarding ASLA events & member projects to promote the profession.
  □ Website: Works with Communications Committee to keep website & social media current and topical.
  □ Bi-Weekly Email Communications – Designs and sends email blasts every two weeks with event and program information.

Community Outreach – Jennifer Webster, ASLA (858-560-1800) jenwebster@precisionlandscapeinc.com
  □ Community Grant Program: ASLA/SD encourages local non-profit organizations to apply for SDASLA’s annual community grant to complete projects that highlight the importance of landscape architecture in the community.
  □ School to Career Program: Talk to high school students about making Landscape Architecture a career choice.

Design Awards Committee – Todd Schechinger (619-236-1462) tschechinger@schmidttdesign.com
  □ 2018 Design Awards will highlight outstanding project designs, planning documents, planning media and honors the best of the best of firm projects. Volunteers will monitor entries, coordinate jury, set up jury & event Powerpoints & staff event.

Emerging Professionals Committee (EPC) – Katie Aalund, ASLA (858-558-8977) kaalund@gmlandarch.com
  □ Targets the interests and needs of students, recent graduates, and entry-level professionals who are beginning their careers in landscape architecture. Coordinates L.A.R.E. review sessions for annual exam preparation.

Finance Committee – Joe Cogswell, ASLA (219) 561-4435 Joe.Cogswell@kimley-horn.com
  □ Assists the Treasurer to review newly proposed and quarterly budgeted expenses and to develop the annual fiscal year budget.

Golf Tournament Committee – Phil Barnes (858-625-0112) philip@urbanarena.com
  □ Co-Chair Phillip Barnes (Philip@urbanarena.com) and Nate Magnusson will contact you to assist at the September 11 tournament at Maderas Golf Club. Tourney will benefit the ASLASD Community Grant and Scholarship programs.

HALS (Historic American Landscape Survey) Committee – Jov Lyndes, ASLA (760-456-7907) jlyndes@coastal-sace.com
  □ HALS Committee researches, documents and is a source for information on historic and cultural landscapes in San Diego.

Membership Committee – Jonathan Austin, ASLA (858-813-9292) Jonathan.Austin@aecom.com
  □ Welcomes new members and encourages their participation as ASLASD volunteers and attendance at events & programs.

Programs/Education Committee – Matthew MacLeod, ASLA (858.794.7204) matthew@burton-studio.com
  □ ASLA Lectures and Education Programs: The annual Lectures showcase premiere landscape and design professionals and the impacts of their work on communities and the environment. Assist with coordination of member education programs.

Social Committee – John Avila, ASLA (858.625.0112) Avila@urbanarena.com
  □ Kickoff Event and Design Awards/Holiday Event Support– Coordination of event logistics (catering, themes and sponsors).
  □ Sponsor Hosted Social Events: Coordinate events with sponsors and allied industry organizations to host/attend events.

Stewardship Committee – Michelle Landis, ASLA (619-840-4363) MLandis@studioskwest-land.com
  □ Stewardship Committee – Coordinates programs on sustainability to educate the membership and allied professionals.
  □ Allied Design Organizations – Coordinates volunteers to collaborate with other design organizations.

For more information on SDASLA’s committees and events
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California Council of ASLA Launches New Website with Focus on Advocacy

The four ASLA Chapters in California formed the California Council of ASLA (CCASLA) to monitor legislation impacting your business and to protect your ability to do business by defending state licensure. Licensure is required to be reviewed and re-authorized by the State Legislature every 4 – 5 years during the Legislature’s Sunset Review of state agencies that issue licenses and monitor the activities of licensees.

The CCASLA website has been redeveloped to provide updates on key legislation and provide news regarding legislative issues impacting your practice. Check out the website at www.cc-asla.org. Be sure to sign up for CCASLA Advocacy Updates via the website’s Contact/Join Us section.

This year, CCASLA supported several bills that were signed into law.

SB 496 – Indemnity for Subcontractors – The primary intent of the law is to establish reasonable limits on the obligation for the design professionals to defend their clients, both for most public agencies and private contracts with the exception of State of California agencies. The new law will go into effect on January 1, 2018, so contracts on or after that date will be governed by the parameters of this legislation.

The extent of the liability will be limited to the share of the defense costs to the design professionals, based on the determined involvement in the issue. The new law states “in no event shall the cost to defend charged to the design professional exceed the design professional’s proportionate percentage of fault.” More info at https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB496

SB 5 – Parks Bond ($3.5 billion) – Will appear before voters on the November 2018 ballot. Details can be found at file:///C:/Users/Tracy/Downloads/201720180SB5_Senate%20Floor%20Analyses.pdf

AB 1624 – Surface Mining – Retains landscape architects in the following regulatory code –

(b) (1) The lead agency shall cause surface mining operations to be inspected in intervals of no more than 12 months, solely to determine whether the surface mining operation is in compliance with this chapter. The lead agency shall cause an inspection to be conducted by a state-licensed geologist, state-licensed civil engineer, state-licensed landscape architect, state-licensed forester, or a qualified lead agency employee who has not been employed by the surface mining operation being inspected in any capacity during the previous 12 months, except that a qualified lead agency employee may inspect surface mining operations conducted by the local agency.

CCASLA Advocacy Education Materials and State Legislature Meetings

The California Council of ASLA (CCASLA) surveyed ASLA members three years ago to determine the top issues that were emerging on the state level. We held meetings with state Legislators in each Chapter area to share the top issues and took time to explain what landscape architects do. The materials we shared can be downloaded from the CCASLA website at the top of the CA Council Key Issues page.

We plan to schedule additional Legislator meetings this November. If you have an interest in attending meetings with our State Legislators, contact us at CCASLA@sbcglobal.net.
Golf Tournament Raises Funds for 9/11 Memorial

The American Society of Landscape Architect (ASLA), San Diego Chapter, held their 38th annual golf tournament on September 11, 2017, at Maderas Golf Club in Poway.

The tournament is a fundraiser for the chapter’s 2018 ASLA-SD $5,000 Community Grant, which will be awarded this fall.

ASLA San Diego Chapter President Nathaniel Magnusson wanted to do more this year and raised an additional $3,000 that will be donated to the 9/11 Memorial in New York City.

“When I visited the memorial, it had a moving impact on me. The design of the reflecting pools and surrounding forest of oak trees provide a place for contemplation and remembrance. "As Landscape Architects, we can all continue to have an important role in providing spaces, large and small, to strengthen our communities," said Magnusson, Senior Project Manager with Schmidt Design Group.

The tournament sold out with 144 players, and over 20 sponsors. It was organized by Phillip Barnes (ASLA SD Golf Committee chair and Project Manager at Urban Arena) and Nathaniel Magnusson (ASLA SD President & co-chair).

Thank you to all the players who came out to enjoy a day on the course with ASLA and to all the sponsors for their generosity in supporting the tournament. In addition to the tournament, prizes were awarded for the longest drive, closest to the pin and also in a putting contest. Following is a list of the winners.

Team Score Contest (Three-way Tie)
Team 1B: Neb Keeton (Unique Lighting) Navid Mostatabi (Envision Landscape) Mark Schroeder (Mark Schroeder & Co.) Gary Urtiaga (Mark Schroeder & Co.)
Team 7A: Ralph Raya (Bradley Lighting) Rod Finkle (MRC Engineering) Thomas Oechel (OCS Lighting) David McCullough (McCullough LA)
Team 18B: Jim Josse (KRC Rock) Steve Serrano (KRC Rock) Jeff Boyer (KRC Rock) Jake Boyer (KRC Rock)

Longest Drive:
Men - Leigh Olszewski (GMP)
Women – Jen Webster (Precision Landscape)

Closest to the Pin:
Men – Navid Mostatabi (Envision Landscape)
Women – Kathryn Kanaan (KDA Landscape Architecture)

Phillip Barnes, (ASLA SD Golf Committee Chair); Yvonna Garcia (from sponsor Belgard); Nathaniel Magnusson (ASLA President and Co-chair)
Membership

Welcome to our new and returning members.

- Benjamin Arcia, Affiliate ASLA, McCullough Landscape Architecture
- Shawna A. Bortolussi-Harrison, ASLA, McCullough Landscape Architecture
- Brian A. Boyd, ASLA, The Office of James Burnett
- Mark L. Carpenter, ASLA, KTU+A Landscape Architecture & Planning
- Chad A. Evans, Associate ASLA, Spurlock Landscape Architects
- Patricia Ferman, ASLA, City of Chula Vista
- Brian Frederick, ASLA, McCullough Landscape Architecture, Inc.
- Mark A. LaRue, ASLA, Stantec
- Troy L. Vaughn, Full Member, The Office of James Burnett
- Bethany J. Windle, Associate ASLA, City of San Diego

Membership Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following members for reaching membership milestones (member anniversaries in October through December are for continuing membership).

1 to 5 Years

2016  Mikaela S. Pearson, Associate ASLA; Erik Rawan, Associate ASLA; Ralph Raya Corporate ASLA; Frederick Besancon, ASLA; Tori C. Sample, Associate ASLA; Mario-Ezequiel Magallanes, Associate ASLA; Jeffrey T. Barr, ASLA; Cheryl K. Lough, ASLA
2015  Stephen Nunez, Associate ASLA; Mike Millard Corporate ASLA; Philip J. Armstrong, ASLA
2014  Michael H. Spohr, ASLA; Cheri A. Blatner-Pifer, ASLA; Jonathan S. Austin, ASLA; Kent J. Horner, ASLA
2013  Katie B. Hartman, ASLA; Rocio Gertler, ASLA
2012  Dicksey Williams, Corporate ASLA; Mahalakshmi Balachandran, International ASLA

6 to 10 Years

2011  Juanita P. Ochoa, ASLA; John P. Patterson, ASLA; Patti Abrecht, Affiliate ASLA; Ilisa Goldman, ASLA
2010  David Leonard, ASLA; Nathaniel Magnusson, ASLA

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The Stewardship Committee has been busy getting back into the swing of providing educational events for our membership and the development community of the greater San Diego region. These events relate to this Committee’s core mission of multi-disciplinary continued education related to changes to our regional development processes.

In August, the first workshop in our “Sustainable Strategies” series was held at the beautiful Silver Gate Yacht Club. We had strong attendance by the local landscape architecture, municipal planning and nursery communities for important plant related topics. Those topics included helping us all get up to speed on proper nursery propagation, specification and maintenance of tree central leaders. In addition, we learned about some reliable low water plant choices to meet MWELO requirements; how to identify plant pests that pose a threat to our wildland species; and techniques to design and renovate landscapes around existing trees. If you did not get a chance to attend this event and learn this important information, please check out the Stewardship Committee web page to find the event’s video recordings and copies of speaker presentations.

On October 4, we are held an event in partnership with the local chapter of the American Planning Association (APA). This event, titled “Grey to Green Streets – Sustainable design & planning solutions to create green streets,” explored how to achieve the numerous benefits of green streets and how to implement them locally in conjunction with local design policies while overcoming regulatory barriers. Speakers included local industry planning leaders including several of our ASLA members. For example, Stewardship Committee member Phil Armstrong spoke about his office’s Mission Boulevard complete streets project located in Oceanside, California.

Last, but not least, if your work revolves around housing you should be aware of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) series of events for “Housing the Next Million.” Our organization has been invited to participate in a multi-disciplinary two day charrette in November that will include teams from around the region who will develop community housing options that integrate into their local communities. This event is being held with both the San Diego and Palomar chapters. AIA hopes to have at least one landscape architect for each community’s team. This event is further supported by a wonderful series of lectures related to urban housing that have been happening each month. If you are interested in participating, this link will provide more event information and AIA program contact information: http://www.aiasandiego.org/housingsd/

Wishing you all a wonderful fall season. The Stewardship Committee always welcomes new members who are interested in helping to select and organize our on-going educational events. Please feel free to contact me at: mlandis@studiodest-west-land.com for more information.
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