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The past whirlwind of a year has come to an end, and it’s time for ASLA San Diego and its members to retool, reconnect, and rethink what is possible within the creative spectrum of Landscape Architecture.

The coming year will bring a year jam packed full with an informative lecture series, emerging professionals gatherings, industry events and unique cultural social outings. On top of all these outstanding events ASLA San Diego continues to advocate for the field of professional landscape architecture and a sustainable agenda.

To kick off 2018, ASLA San Diego has partnered with the Landscape Architecture Foundation (LAF) to reimagine our annual ASLA San Diego Kickoff Bash. This year’s event will challenge members to rethink the definition of landscape architecture and how it will be viewed in the future.

On the eve of its 50th anniversary, the Landscape Architecture Foundation (LAF) asked a powerhouse of leading thinkers in landscape architecture to reflect on the last half-century and present bold ideas for what the discipline should achieve in the future. These designers discussed their role in addressing weighty issues like climate change, urbanization and management of vital resources like water, and global inequities. Their ideas were used to craft the New Landscape Declaration, a manifesto for landscape architecture in the 21st century.

Join ASLA San Diego and LAF on January 24 from 6 to 9 pm at the Bali Hai (Shelter Island) for a film screening and panel discussion where LAF will present highlights from this landmark event and lead a discussion on the 21st century call to action to help solve the defining issues of our time. Drinks and appetizers will be served.

Event details and a registration link can be found on the 2018 LAF Think and Drink Kickoff Flyer in this issue and on our website at www.asla-sandiego.org. Register by January 20 at this link https://bpt.me/3205237.
Thank You to the Holiday Gala Sponsors

ASLA San Diego and AIA San Diego joined forces for a Holiday Gala in December 2017 at the Japanese Friendship Garden (Inamori Pavilion) in Balboa Park. This collaborative event could not have happened without the help of our generous event sponsors.

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SDASLA and AIA members gathered at the Japanese Friendship Garden in Balboa Park on December 14, 2017 for a Holiday Gala.

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from the President

A New Year and Renewed Thanks!

Happy New Year to all ASLA San Diego Chapter members, professional affiliates, and to our incredible sponsors.

I’m honored to have been selected as your Chapter President for 2018! Our chapter has made significant strides each year in its efforts to support you and our profession. For me, this next year will be about empowering and engaging the next generation of Landscape Architects, promoting diversity in all levels of our profession, and elevating the role of Landscape Architecture in our communities.

I want to thank Nate Magnusson (2017 President) and Rich Risner (2016 President) for their dedicated leadership of our chapter over the past years. They have truly raised the bar for our chapter, and the opportunity I’ve had to learn from them has been an incredible honor. I promise to continue the connections and dialog they have created with our local leaders about the importance of Landscape Architecture.

I also want to thank Phil Armstrong (president-elect) and the entire board of directors. Their support and dedication has been immeasurable this past year.

As incoming president I intend to continue the strides of my predecessors in making the chapter even more accessible and engaging to all members. I want to enlist our membership to lead in creating local solutions to make our communities more resilient and to be recognized as critical change-makers in the public realm. We are uniquely qualified to transform our neighborhoods and to make them healthier places to live, work and play. I want to encourage our members to run for local planning boards, business districts, and advisory committees where those local changes begin. If we have a seat at the table, we will elevate our profession and harness opportunities to improve our communities.

If you have a person or project that you feel has made a positive impact in your community, please submit the story to public relations person at DelleWillit@gmail.com. We want to feature member projects on our website as well as help with potential press and news-related opportunities. As a member of SADASLA, we want you to take full advantage of everything our chapter has to offer. While the chapter does much for you and landscape architecture, I can attest to the increased personal benefit one gains by actively participating with ASLA. We welcome you to get involved this year, and for starters we invite you to attend the Annual ASLA San Diego Kick-Off Meeting on January 24, 2018 which will feature the new initiatives being launched by the national Landscape Architecture Foundation (LAF).

Please don’t hesitate to contact me, or any board member, if you would like to participate, volunteer, or have ideas on how the chapter can better serve you. I am always grateful for your input and participation.

Finally, a BIG thank you to our many sponsors for their continued support. Without them, we would not be able to offer many of the activities that support the profession. Please show your appreciation to our sponsors in the year to come.

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Local activity. Recently ASLA San Diego and CCASLA Executive Director Tracy Morgan Hollingworth, Chapter President Michael Brennan and President-elect Phil Armstrong joined California Council of ASLA (CCASLA) San Diego Directors Martin Schmidt and me at a meeting with 78th Assembly District Assemblyman Todd Gloria. Discussion topics mainly focused on a couple specific policies that relate to landscape architects and our profession as a whole. One topic was explaining the intricacies of the state-mandated MWELO and MAWA irrigation water usage requirements and how they pertain to the professional work we provide. The other topic of discussion was loosely based on the importance of maintaining state licensure for the health, safety, and welfare of the general public. Both topics were well understood, and Assemblymember Gloria left the meeting with a better understanding of our profession and most importantly the knowledge that he can contact ASLA San Diego and our members as a professional resource if he should ever need our assistance on state legislative issues.

Our next meeting is scheduled with District 3 County Supervisor Kristin Gaspar to discuss these same topics as well as what our profession can, or is, doing on a local scale within different San Diego County Districts. If you would like to join us at future legislative meetings, please contact CCASLA at CCASLA@sbcglobal.net.

State activity. The California Architect’s Board (CAB) passed a resolution created by LATC and supported by CCASLA unanimously at their December 7 state CAB meeting. This resolution will provide new changes to our Landscape Architecture Licensure Practice Act. The changes mainly affect the accreditation and path to licensure regarding the Licensure Practice Act. The changes mainly affect the professional work we provide and supported by CCASLA unanimously at their December 7 state CAB meeting. This resolution will provide new changes to our Landscape Architecture Licensure Practice Act. The changes mainly affect the accreditation and path to licensure regarding the Licensure Practice Act. The changes mainly affect the professional work we provide. The newly adopted changes are listed below and will be drafted by the CAB to take effect some time in 2018.

- Clarifies that a four-year LAAB accredited degree in landscape architecture would receive four years of education credit and a four-year degree in landscape architecture from a non-LAAB accredited school would receive three years of education credit.
- Accredited four-year degrees in architecture or civil engineering would each receive two years of education credit.
- Any four-year bachelor’s degree or a two-year degree in landscape architecture receives one year of education credit.
- Extension certificates in landscape architecture from a recognized Extension Certificate program receive two years of education credit.
- Extension certificates and a degree with a four-year curriculum receive four years of education credit.
- Extension certificates and a two-year degree in landscape architecture receive three years of education credit.
- Clarifies that partial completion will be granted if 80 percent of the units required for completion of four-year degrees or four-year certificate programs are completed.
- Experience pathway credit will be for up to six years of experience with at least one of those years being under the direct supervision of a licensed landscape architect.
- Experience pathway credit of up to three years practicing as or under the direct supervision of an architect or civil engineer licensed in the US or a qualifying foreign country.
- Experience pathway credit of up to four years as a licensed landscape contractor and up to one year under the direct supervision of a licensed landscape contractor.
- Experience pathway credit of up to one year as an instructor in landscape architecture under the direct supervision of a licensed landscape architect where the degree program consists of at least a two-year curriculum.
- Experience pathway credit may be earned for work experience as an intern for work under direct supervision of a licensed professional.

The Board voted to adopt these recommendations, which the CCASLA Board believes will greatly benefit LARE applicants who have earned degrees in additional fields of study and/or have measurable professional work experience. CCASLA also supports the Board’s recommendation that LATC staff review their current process to measure experience credit so applicants will have measurable experience that will make them more successful when taking the Landscape Architecture Registration Exam.

Finally, CCASLA is tracking a variety of different bills for 2018 (approximately 20) with many of them directly pertaining to water conservation, storm water management and state water infrastructure.

The Board is keeping you informed on bills and legislation that affect our profession.

Happy New Year!

Applicants Needed for LATC Appointment

The Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) has a current vacancy and will have one other appointment that will occur this year in June. The vacant seat can be applied for through the office of California State Assembly Speaker, Anthony Rendon. The Speakers appointment application has been posted to our website or can be requested via email to ASLASD@sbcglobal.net. The Governor appoints three of the five members of the committee, one is appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, the other by the Speaker of the Assembly.
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• Benjamin M. Canales, The Office of James Burnett
• Olivia Cerra, ASLA, Earthworm Studio
• Cesar Davalos, ASLA, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
• Yi Ding, Associate ASLA
• Jing Pan, Associate ASLA, Spurlock Landscape Architects
• Eric Tran, Associate ASLA, McCullough Landscape Architecture, Inc.
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Membership Anniversaries
Congratulations to the following members for reaching membership milestones (member anniversaries in January through March are for continuing membership).

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2017 Christopher J. Tiffany, ASLA; Katherine Aalund, ASLA; Sara A. Armgardt, Associate ASLA; Kenya Huezo, ASLA, Thomas Herrera-Mishler, ASLA; Richard Barrett, ASLA; Kathryn C. Seidenwurm, ASLA
2016 Anne-Emilie Gold, ASLA; Amber Lake, ASLA; Jeffrey Barman, Affiliate ASLA; Jennifer E. Webster, Associate ASLA; Ling Chan, ASLA; Sonja Mitrovic, ASLA; Jay A. Rohrer, ASLA
2015 Ryan Prange, ASLA; Alexandra G. Ludas, Associate ASLA
2014 Amy B. Hoffman, ASLA
2013 Joe Dodd, ASLA; Tom Williams, ASLA

6 to 10 Years
2012 Ruth Ann Szabados, ASLA; Michael Brennan, ASLA; Ian Morris, ASLA
2011 Jennifer Montgomery, ASLA; Jill Chorak, ASLA; Jim Mumford, Affiliate ASLA
2010 Jacqueline Higgins, ASLA; Steven Hutter, ASLA

11 to 20 Years
2007 Angelina Sotelo, ASLA; Jeffrey S. Smith, ASLA
2006 Matthew J. Morgan, ASLA; Richard Risner, ASLA; Todd Steven Pitman, ASLA
2005 Kyle Fidelike, ASLA
2003 Eric M. Gilliland, ASLA
2002 K. Chip A. Wilson, ASLA; David W. McCullough, ASLA
2000 Joel Harms, ASLA

21 to 30 Years
1995 Thomas A. Picard, ASLA; Joy Erin Lyndes, ASLA
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31 to 40 Years
1987 Maria D. Marquez, ASLA
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50+ Years
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Local Landscape Architects Win Circulate San Diego Awards in 2017

Ilisa Goldman, founder, owner, and principal of Rooted In Place, a local landscape architecture and consulting firm, has won Circulate San Diego’s Local Hero Award. This award is given to an individual who has served as a community advocate dedicated to improving mobility choices and smart growth principles, has generated community interest and political support for their improvement plans, has created a positive impact in their community, and has inspired others to join in their efforts.

Goldman specializes in creating neighborhood public spaces and dynamic outdoor learning environments for children of all ages to play, learn, and develop a relationship with nature. Using design as a means for social change, much of her practice is dedicated to helping communities improve and transform their neighborhood spaces.

One project she was involved with is the Loma Portal Elementary School’s Ecological Schoolyard. Driven by her knowledge and personal time, she worked to create what is now a functioning and still-growing ecological schoolyard. Through her efforts, Loma Portal Elementary students have an amazing outdoor science lab, and the staff has a healthier environment in which to teach and work.

In making their decision, the jury commented that: she is emblematic of what a true volunteer is all about; has the patience of a saint(!); and has inspired other parents with her community-building efforts.

Connectivity Award

The Connectivity Award was given to San Diego Canyonlands, and recognizes a project that involves an urban trail, path, bridge, underpass that improves pedestrian, bicycle or transit connectivity; has been implemented or has been approved for implementation by the local jurisdiction, and has garnered community support.

San Diego Canyonlands is a non-profit that promotes, protects and restores urban canyons through education and community stewardship, particularly involving neighborhood schools. Improved connectivity across the canyons within the City Heights neighborhood became a Canyonsfocus because existing unplanned routes were difficult for children and others to use because they were extremely steep and were sloughing surface soils into downstream watersheds during winter rains. This was forcing children to use much longer on-street routes when there was the potential for trails through the canyons to serve as appealing shortcuts.

While they didn’t receive an award per se, John Holloway and Mark Carpenter of KTUA provided technical assistance during the design and Holloway provided on-site support during construction, and joined Canyonlands on the stage (at left).

The awards jury applauded the project as addressing an important need in an urban community that will enhance mobility for Safe Routes to School as well as recreation.

Two Encinitas Businesses Win 2017 Environmental Excellence Awards

Encinitas Mayor Catherine Blakespear presented awards for Excellence in Environmental Stewardship to two Encinitas individuals for their organizations’ commitments and dedication to environmental awareness and for demonstrating outstanding eco-friendly practices and contributions to our community. This is the third year for this Environmental Commission initiated Environmental Awards Program (EAP).

Winning in the non-profit or Individual category was Mim Michelove, co-founder of the non-profit Healthy Day Partners, which has worked with schools for over a decade to teach children and parents about the complete cycle of food, from farming to healthy eating to sustainability.

Winning in the for-profit business category was Rich Risner, owner of Grounded Landscape Architecture, which promotes environmentally-sensitive landscapes using drought-tolerant plants and landscape planning which creates spaces in appropriate balance with nature.

“Congratulations to our deserving 2017 award winners, and thank you to all the EAP volunteers, sponsors, judges and our Encinitas community for your outstanding efforts to set a high standard for environmental stewardship,” explained Encinitas Environmental Commissioners Jim Wang and Joy Lyndes. “These awards give our environmentally friendly residents and businesses the recognition they so greatly deserve for being forward-thinkers and community leaders in environmental stewardship.”

The 2017 EAP was sponsored by the Encinitas Environmental Commission, the City of Encinitas, Surfing Madonna Oceans Project and Coastal SAGE Landscape Architecture.

Mayor Blakespear presented these awards at the November 5, 2017 Surfing Madonna Beach Run after running in the race. This year the race made an official attempt to set a Guinness world record as the world’s largest run on sand.

Surfing Madonna’s mission is to keep our oceans clean, our coastline protected, and to provide opportunities for disabled kids and adults to experience the healing power of the ocean. It is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting our ocean from the harmful effects of pollution, and to cultivating new ocean advocates.
News from the Board of Trustees Meeting at the Annual Meeting in LA in October

Mark Steyaert, Jr., ASLA, Trustee

Laurie Olin, FASLA, Wins Vincent Scully Prize

At the National Building Museum (NBM) in Washington, D.C., Laurie Olin, FASLA, founder of OLIN, became the first landscape architect to win this prestigious prize, joining Jane Jacobs, His Royal Highness Prince Charles, Phyllis Lambert, and Andres Duany in NBM’s pantheon of those deemed most influential in shaping our built environment.

In a brief tour of some of his greatest work — including the landscapes of the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden and National Monument, as well as the Getty and Barnes Museums — Olin expressed his joy in creating democratic spaces for people. He was interviewed by landscape architect James Corner, ASLA, founder of Field Operations, and a former student of Olin’s.

Some highlights from the wide-ranging lecture and conversation with Corner:

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From an article in Rolling Stone Magazine:

Kate Orff: Remapping Cities for Climate Change

If our cities are going to survive rising seas, we’re going to need someone as inventive as Kate Orff. On the south shore of Staten Island, which was devasted by Hurricane Sandy’s storm surge, her landscape-architecture and urban design firm, SCAPE, is constructing a “living breakwater,” a series of barriers and wildlife habitats to make the coast more resilient. A project in Lexington, Kentucky, will turn the footprint of a polluted creek into an interactive path spotlighting the region’s unique limestone. In Brooklyn’s notoriously polluted Gowanus Canal, SCAPE aims to reintroduce native oysters, as an all-natural filtration system. “It’s probably overwhelming for the next generation, given the problems they’ve inherited,” Orff says. “I try to match this anxiety with projects that enable people to feel like they’re participating in a process to change their cities and communities.”

Other Trustee Business

We reviewed and approved ASLA’s primary objectives that will guide operations in the coming year as well as discussing timely government advocacy news.

High Priority Strategic Objectives

• Promote and defend licensure and LA’s right to practice
• Advance the image, visibility, and understanding of the profession
• Promote laws and regulations that: advance the design, planning, and stewardship of the natural and built environment; and support the business practice of LA
• Keep the profession and ASLA in the lead on critical and emerging practice areas

Special Focuses

• Supporting and engaging emerging professionals
• Career discovery and diversity
• Using LA expertise to address climate change

Government Affairs

• Good news! With the help of lobbying from ASLA, SB 692, Water Infrastructure Flexibility Act passed the Senate

-- Allows local govt. to use green infrastructure/LID in integrated planning permits to meet CWA
-- Bipartisan; passed unanimously
-- Endorsed by USCM, NLC, NACO

• H.R. 2355 pending in House
• Record participation in iAdvocate by landscape architects
• Keep watch for iAdvocate call to action when the bill comes before the House.

• Not so good news! Recently, congressional leaders released a tax reform overhaul proposal, known as H.R. 1, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which contains provisions that could negatively affect landscape architecture firms, resulting in higher taxes for firms organized as S Corporations and eliminating the Historic Tax Credit (HTC). Specifically, the bill excludes businesses engaged in “the performance of services in the fields of health, law, engineering, architecture, including landscape architecture, accounting, and others where the principal asset of such business is the reputation or skill of one or more of its employees,” from paying the new 25 percent tax rate. Instead, these professional services companies, including landscape architecture firms that organize as S Corporations or pass-through entities, would be forced to pay higher individual tax rates. Such an increase in taxes could prevent firms from investing in their business, including hiring new staff and purchasing new equipment and other resources that also typically help with community development and grow our economy.

If your firm is organized as a pass-through business, use the iAdvocate Network to tell your legislators not to cripple landscape architecture firms with higher, unfair tax burdens.
2018 SDASLA STEWARDSHIP AWARD
NOMINATION FORM

The San Diego Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects initiated the SDASLA Stewardship Award to recognize local leadership that has contributed significantly to environmental leadership, vision and stewardship or a combination of these items. Stewardship is at the forefront of our profession and we should position our organization and landscape architects in general to have a leadership role in sustainability throughout the San Diego region.

**Purpose:** The SDASLA STEWARDSHIP AWARD recognizes significant contributions to environmental leadership, vision and stewardship or a combination of these items.

**Eligibility:** Individuals, firms, programs, organizations or agencies may be nominated.

**Nominee:**

**Title:**

Due Date: April 14, 2018

**Nominator (active SDASLA member):**

1.) How has the nominee contributed to environmental leadership and/or stewardship?

2.) Identify specific projects or programs that are directly a result of the nominee’s interaction.

3.) What is the vision or message that the nominee is trying to convey from an environmental/sustainability perspective?

Thanks for your nomination by April 14, 2018 – please forward nomination form to ASLASD@sbcglobal.net or fax to 619.222.8154

Questions? Contact Design Awards Chair, Todd Schechinger at TSchechinger@SchmidtDesign.com

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The positive influence we have on community and the environment as Landscape Architects has always struck a deep chord with me. As we wrap up 2017, I am pleased to have been introduced to two outstanding projects that are thriving in San Diego with support from ASLA Community Grant funding. Both the 2017 and 2018 awardees demonstrate artful stewardship for the land, implement vibrant gathering spaces, and center themselves on educational opportunities for the public.

I am excited to share, that the landscape welcoming the world to the Cabrillo National Monument Visitor Center in Point Loma has been successfully renovated through their collaboration with the California Native Plant Society SD, utilizing a $5,000 grant they were awarded by the SDASLA. It has been inspiring to see the team of local experts come together and produce renovations beautifying and educating our community about the aesthetic potential of native plants.

Please join me in congratulating our 2018 Community Grant recipient, “A Reason to Survive (ARTS),” for the further implementation of an artistic gateway overlooking Paradise Creek. This gateway will contribute to an existing effort to revitalize and protect Paradise Creek. ARTS, the homegrown non-profit organization whose mission is to build community one artist at a time has been involved in numerous community revitalization projects around National City, was founded by Matt D’Arrigo in 2001. ARTS became a reflection of his passion for fostering creativity and artistic expression for youth, as a vehicle to cope and thrive through adversity and crisis.

“Paradise Creek, located in National City, is a recognized, valuable wetland resource from a water quality, wildlife habitat, and aesthetic perspective,” according to City of National City (CNC) officials. “The creek corridor supports southern coastal marsh habitat, including a variety of bird species. The creek is also an important filter for pollutants that enter the watercourse from upstream commercial and industrial uses. The State Water Resources Control Board recognizes Paradise Creek as an Environmentally Sensitive Area.”

In June 2016, ARTS in partnership with the CNC transformed an area near the naturalization of Paradise Creek and the South entry point to Kimball Park, into a community Gathering Place and Park Gateway. The leg of the project targeted for utilization of the $5,000 SDASLA Community Grant is the completion of 20 Vertical Art pieces including sculpture, metal work, woodwork and other media appropriate for outdoor use including but not limited to paint, glass tiles, stones, river rocks, mirrors and other creatively sourced, up-cycled materials.

The diverse team of partners involved in the design and planning are Rooted In Place Landscape Architecture and Consulting (Rooted in Place), Olive-wood Gardens, The City of National City, Sweetwater Junior High School and National City Public Library. These partners are stacked with extraordinary professionals who are making marked improvements in our community. Rooted In Place, serving as the project manager, specializes in creating neighborhood public spaces and dynamic outdoor learning environments for children of all ages to play, learn, and develop a relationship with nature.

Each year the ASLA-SD holds a charity golf tournament that raises funds for the community grant. Thank you so much to all of our sponsors, coordinators, volunteers and participants who join us in this annual event and make our support of these outstanding community projects possible!