2020 Excellence in Design Awards
By Michael Brennan, ASLA and Tim Pruss, ASLA – Design Awards Committee Co-Chairs

The San Diego ASLA Design Awards Committee is pleased to announce the 2020 Design Awards Ceremony will be held on June 25, 2020 at the Alexandria Event Center in Torrey Pines.

- Design Awards Entry Form and Payments Due: Monday, February 17, 2020 (Cost $125 per entry for ASLA members and $225 per entry for non-members)
- Entry Power Point Submittals Due: Monday, March 2, 2020
- Late Entry Form and Payments Due: Friday, March 13, 2020 (Cost $250 per entry for ASLA members and $450 per entry for non-members)
- Late Power Point Submittals Due: Friday, March 20, 2020

The 2020 Design Awards entry guidelines, entry form and FAQs are on our website Event calendar at www.asla-sandiego.org.

Registrations may be paid by check. Scan and send a copy of check and entry form to ASLASD@sbcglobal.net (checks must be postmarked by 2/16/2020) or registrations may be paid by credit card (fees apply) online at https://asla2020designawards.bpt.me/. Once payments are confirmed, the Design Awards PPT entry template will be sent for each entry with a link to upload completed entry PPTs.

ASLA’s Student Affiliate Chapter will also be participating in our Student Design Awards competition with entry information that will be posted online at ASLA-SanDiego.org.

For questions or to join the Design Awards Committee contact Michael Brennan at michael@cd-la.com or Tim Pruss at TPruss@RickEngineering.com.
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A New Chapter Unfolds, A Brighter Year
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Phil Armstrong, 2019 President
and Brett Allen, 2020 President

This new year brings transition from one president to another. Past-President Phil Armstrong and Chapter President Brett Allen express thanks and gratitude to the chapter executive committee as we welcome the changing of the guard with new board members. Thank you to all sponsors, members and volunteers who made last year so memorable as we welcome the new year with renewed anticipation.

From the Past President

As a newly minted past-president, I wanted to extend my eternal gratitude to the exceptional members of the executive committee, executive director Tracy Morgan-Hollingsworth and other volunteers I had the pleasure of working with. 2019 saw a small but important slate of activities with member events, educational lectures and the long-planned Conference on Landscape Architecture. Our chapter played host to nearly 6500 landscape architects from across the country and around the globe. The conference was a resounding success not only showcasing what a beautiful place we call home but highlighting the best works of all the talented members of our chapter. This premier event could not have been accomplished without the help of every one of you!

At last month’s holiday event at the Bali Hai, I had an opportunity to recognize Vicki Estrada and Martin Flores for their steadfast leadership as conference co-chairs. I also want to recognize the committee chairs for their yeoman’s work in support of the conference. Chapter Host Booth Co-chairs - Joy Lyndes and Chris Roesink, Communications Co-chairs - Jon Avila and Brooke Whalen, Field Session Co-chairs – Kenya Huezo and Rick Barrett, Women in LA Walking Tour Chair – Kathleen Brand, and finally Chapter Legacy Project Co-chairs – Jaime Sandoval and Trista Silvia. The Legacy Project is still underway as an effort to memorialize the 2019 conference. Donations from expo vendors, chapter sponsors and local contractors will make this project a reality this year. We still need your help. Please contact the chapter office to volunteer.

I’m very thankful to have had the opportunity to lead the San Diego Chapter. I’ve strengthened friendships, met new acquaintances and enhanced my profession by serving all the members of this great chapter. I look forward to a great 2020 as I pass the baton to the capable leadership of President Brett Allen.

From the President

I am excited and honored to be selected as your chapter president for 2020. Our chapter has been working hard over the years to support you and the profession. I plan to continue this effort in earnest this year.

Thank you to Phil Armstrong (2019 President) and Michael Brennan (2018 President), two very inspirational leaders for our chapter. The one-on-one guidance they have provided over the past year was much appreciated. I am very honored to have had the opportunity to gain wisdom and leadership from these gentlemen. Also, thanks to Chris Stebbins for stepping up to fill our 2020 president-elect position.

Our focus in 2020 will be to continue promoting the landscape architecture profession in our local communities through outreach, lecture series, chapter events and leadership opportunities. I want to put a special emphasis on bringing a personal touch to our chapter outreach by working with my board of directors to personally visit members at their offices throughout the chapter and put a face with the name. With this campaign I hope to emphasize the increased personal benefit one gains by actively participating in ASLA SD and other benefits of membership such as our emerging professionals group and licensure advocacy. My hope is to also meet new non-members and get them involved in this great professional organization.

Finally, I want to take the opportunity to extend gratitude to our many chapter sponsors. Without their continuing support it would be difficult for the chapter to continue providing our members with the exciting opportunities that we currently do. Please remember to show your appreciation to our sponsors with a thanks through your work, or when you see them!

I look forward to the coming year and speaking with you all. 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 serve you.

LATC Online License Renewal

The Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) is now accepting online payments for license renewals. This new payment option will decrease the time to renew a license, while providing a secure online payment option. For questions on the license renewal process, please visit www.latc.ca.gov or call (916) 575-7230.

Brett Allen, ASLA and Philip Armstrong, ASLA

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January

29 HALS Committee - RSVP to Amy@KTUA.com, 5:30 pm – Marston House

February

5 Communications Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm via Conference call. RSVP to Joavila@sandiego.gov
5 Executive Committee Reports Sent for February Board Agenda
12 Executive Committee Mtg – 4 pm – Thompsons Building Materials Showroom
12 Chapter Kickoff Event – 6 pm – Thompsons Building Materials – Register at https://bpt.me/4452517
17 Design Awards Entry Forms and Payments Due. Online payments at https://bpt.me/4449689
19 Emerging Professionals Committee - 6 pm, Rick Engineering, RSVP to Erik Rowan at ERowan@rickengineering.com
26 Executive Committee Reports Sent for March Board Agenda

March

2 Design Awards PPT Template Submittals Due
3 Design Industry Career Fair – 11 am – 3 pm, Balboa Park Recital Hall
4 Executive Committee Mtg – 6 pm, Van Dyke Landscape Architecture - 462 Stevens Avenue, Ste 107, Solana Beach, CA 92075
6 Newsletter Articles Due for April-June Events
6-8 OH! San Diego Architecture Tours – More information at www.sdarchitecture.org
11 Communications Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm via conference call. RSVP to Joavila@sandiego.gov
13 Design Awards Late Entry Form and Payments Due
20 Design Awards Late PPT Template Submittals Due
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I wish you all health, happiness and prosperity in 2020!

We had a very informative and productive Board of Trustees meeting in November during the National Conference, and as the host chapter and your Trustee, I want to thank all of you who made it possible!!

In the last newsletter I reported that the CEO of ASLA, Nancy Somerville was terminated in August. Higher Talent from Washington D.C. was selected to facilitate and coordinate the selection process for our new CEO. Our very own distinguished landscape architect, Dennis Otsuji is on the selection committee. Rest assured the organization is in good hands!

ASLA is moving forward with a four step process:
1.) Survey our membership
2.) Develop a prospectus to attract the best candidates
3.) Short-list candidates, and
4.) Conduct interviews.

The plan is to have a person in place by the Board of Trustees meeting in the spring.

The Climate Change Subcommittee met during the national conference, and the goal is to move landscape architects into leadership roles to address climate change impacts. ASLA supports those professionals who can make a difference in this area, since landscape architects should be leading the charge!

The meeting discussed shared concerns, commonalities in policy positions, and finite ways to move these conversations forward as a profession.

Regarding national’s budget, a number of the changes have been made at the Center for Landscape Architecture to balance the budget, since advertising sales in the Landscape Architecture Magazine are down considerably. The changes were mostly operational in nature and there are no plans to make changes in the organization as a whole.

Other items that were discussed at the Board of Trustees meeting include:
- ASLA leadership meeting with U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine Cho to discuss policy
- Efforts toward STEM designation
- Impacts to licensure, and
- A new website that is scheduled for completion in 2021.

As always, you can reach me at ptrauth@rickengineeering.com or 619.291.0707.

Thank You ASLA SD Sponsors!

Brett Allen, 2019 President Elect

ASLA San Diego would like to recognize the sponsors that support our programs, events and activities throughout the year. Without their continuing support, many of the chapter’s goals would simply not be met. We will continue our regular events, and add opportunities for community outreach and promotion of our profession. We are also expanding awareness of our chapter and our sponsors to existing and new members, affiliates and associated professions at the local, state and national levels through social media.

Our chapter is joining the campaign for increasing membership, strengthening the bond within our profession, and increasing exposure for our sponsors.

With approximately 260 members and growing, our sponsors are reaching the profession’s top producers and designers through the quarterly newsletter and our website with sponsor ads, logo placement and special recognition at events. Sponsorship opportunities range from year long, golf tournament, lecture series, or other single events.

If your firm is interested in promoting your business through ASLA San Diego’s sponsorship opportunities, go to our website to find the sponsorship package at a link at the top of the Sponsor page.
ASLA Holiday and Volunteer Appreciation Event, Volunteer Opportunities in the New Year

Our chapter end of the year Holiday and Volunteer Appreciation event was held at the Bali Hai Restaurant with gorgeous views of San Diego Bay and a delicious buffet dinner.

Board members, chapter and conference volunteers were thanked for their many hours of volunteer time, and the incoming 2020 Board was introduced to attendees.

The 2020 Community Grant certificate was received by Michelle Langdon and Kathleen Brand who assisted the La Mesa Park and Recreation Foundation to draft their grant application. The Foundation will start the transformation of the La Mesa Community Garden at MacArthur Park this year.

Our chapter is still seeking volunteers to help organize social events and educational events in collaboration with other design organizations through our Stewardship Committee and also co-chair the Golf Tournament Committee with President-Elect Chris Stebbins.

Volunteers for these and other committees are encouraged to complete and return the enclosed 2020 volunteer form to ASLASD@sbcglobal.net. Cheers to a bright 2020!

CCASLA Update
CEC Rulemaking on Irrigation Controllers: Soliciting Stakeholder Input on Initial Rulemaking

Tracy Morgan Hollingworth
CCASLA Executive Director

California Council of ASLA
Lobbyists listened to the California Energy Commission’s (CEC) December 17 webinar, where CEC staff announced their intention to regulate landscape irrigation controllers. This regulation is in its initial phases. The CEC intends to publish a draft staff analysis with the proposed regulations and then establish a stakeholder workgroup to discuss and make any changes before beginning the formal rulemaking process.

On a high level, the regulations will establish certification and marking requirements for all devices sold in California based on the US EPA WaterSense Specification for Irrigation Controllers. For the purposes of the regulation, a “Landscape Irrigation Controller” means an automatic device that sends a signal for automatic valves to open or close to provide the flow of water to a landscape irrigation system.

Throughout the webinar, CEC frequently emphasized the need for stakeholder feedback by joining the workgroup or discussing directly with the CEC staff. Because this rulemaking is in its initial phases, the CEC is seeking input on scope to identify which devices should be included as well as any problems or unique circumstances they may not be aware of.

CEC staff emphasized that they do not want these regulations to be in conflict with existing requirements like the California Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO). Finally, they solicited comments on the technical feasibility of regulating these devices. In other words, they are eager for feedback if efficiency requirements would actually make irrigation controllers less functional.

The CEC presentation slides enumerate more specifics from the webinar and have been posted to the CCASLA website at www.cc-asla.org.

Contact us at ccasla@sbcglobal.net if you would like to be invited to participate on the CEC’s future stakeholder calls.
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 assisting us with the following association events, programs and activities.

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

**Four important Board and Committee positions are open for appointment – Golf Co-Chair, Membership, Social and Stewardship Chairs.** If you are interested in chairing a vacant Board or committee position, contact us at 619.222.8155 or email your completed form to ASLASD@sbcglobal.net to share your interest.

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- **Chapter Volunteer** – Contact ASLA (619-222-8155)
  I can help the Chapter wherever needed.

- **Annual Meeting/Holiday Event** – Phil Armstrong, ASLA (760-692-1924)
  Annual Meeting and Holiday Event recognizes sponsors, directors and volunteers for support and service to the Chapter.

- **Communications Committee** – Jonathan Avila, ASLA (619-294-4477)
  - 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.
  - Email Communications – Designs and sends weekly/bi-weekly email blasts with committee, event and program information.

- **Design Awards Committee** – Michael Brennan (619-995-1306) and Tim Pruss (619.291.0707)
  2020 Design Awards highlight outstanding project designs and planning and honors the best of the best of firm projects. Volunteers monitor entries, coordinate and manage jury day and organize awards event presentation and logistics.

- **Community Outreach** – Jose Aguila, ASLA (619-532-1523)
  - Community Grant Program: ASLA/SD encourages local non-profit organizations to apply for SD/ASLA’s annual community grant to complete projects that highlight the importance of landscape architecture in their community.
  - School to Career Program: Talk to high school students about making Landscape Architecture a career choice.

- **Emerging Professionals Committee** – Erik Rowan, ASLA (858-586-6680) & Katie Barreto, ASLA (858-558-8977)
  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** – David Preciado, ASLA (619-236-0143)
  Assists the Treasurer to review newly proposed and quarterly budgeted expenses and to develop the annual fiscal year budget.

- **Golf Tournament Committee** – Chris Stebbins (503-701-0454)
  2020 tournament scheduled for Monday, September 21 at Maderas Golf Club. Proceeds benefit 2021 Community Grant.

- **HALS (Historic American Landscape Survey) Committee** – Amy Hoffman, ASLA (619-294-4477)
  HALS Committee researches, documents and is a source for information on historic and cultural landscapes in San Diego. There are many activities volunteers can help with: outreach, data gathering, field documentation, CAD and GIS.

- **Programs/Education Committee** – Martin Armstrong, ASLA (619-798-9629)
  - 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. Meet the Fellows, Sketch Crawl and other programs/events.
  - LA BA/MA Program in San Diego – Ad hoc Committee exploring feasibility of establishing a LA BA/MA program in San Diego.

- **Membership Committee - Vacant** – Contact ASLA at (619-222-8155) or ASLASD@sbcglobal.net
  Welcomes new members and encourages their participation as ASLA/SD volunteers and attendance at events & programs. Coordinates outreach/solicitation to non-ASLA members and new graduates.

- **Social Committee - Vacant** – Contact ASLA at (619-222-8155) or ASLASD@sbcglobal.net
  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 Chapter events.

- **Stewardship Committee - Vacant** – Contact ASLA at (619-222-8155) or ASLASD@sbcglobal.net
  Stewardship Committee – Coordinates programs on sustainability to educate the membership and allied professionals. Coordinates volunteers to collaborate with other design organizations on design and sustainability issues.
News from the HALS Subcommittee

Amy Hoffman, ASLA

In 2019 the HALS subcommittee helped The Cultural Landscape Foundation (TCLF) with the What’s Out There Weekend (WOTW) in October. WOTW, a free event open to the public, consisted of 25 landscape tours including the Torrey Pines Glider Port, Friendship Park in San Ysidro and in Tijuana, Chicano Park, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and others. The launching reception was hosted by The Balboa Park Conservancy and involved many of our members as tour guides and sponsors. Many thanks to everyone who was involved. One thousand people attended.

TCLF published a WOTW San Diego booklet. With assistance from ASLA San Diego and the HALS subcommittee, we were able to give it away at the conference. If you did not pick one up, please contact me and I will send or deliver one to you.

A wrap up of the weekend can be found at: https://tclf.org/san-diego-tours-bring-local-landscapes-life. TCLF is also keeping an ongoing database of significant cultural landscapes and information on local designers at: https://tclf.org/san-diego.

In 2020 the HALS subcommittee will be working on a HALS short form for Presidio Park. If you wish to be involved, please call me (169) 294-4477.

ASLA Members Providing Community Solutions

SD ASLA PR advisor, Delle Willett, is exploring story ideas to help the public have a better understanding of the profession of landscape architecture.

One idea is to tell the public how our members practice stewardship of our cultural and natural environments as volunteers. If you are working on projects involving the homeless, veterans, youth, elderly, the environment, or something else that benefits your community, please send Delle an email describing what you are doing. Your input will help her create a story for the media, and you could be interviewed and included in the finished article or podcast.

ASLA San Diego would also like to hear from our members who are working on addressing homelessness and housing affordability. As this has been identified as a critical issue for 2020, we would like to promote members who are contributing and to offer our support and solutions to the greater public.

You can contact Delle at dellewillett@gmail.com.

2019 Conference on Landscape Architecture Broke Attendance Records

ASLA staff reported that the 2019 ASLA Conference on Landscape Architecture in San Diego had more than 6,000 attendees, exceeding the revenue budget by three percent. The conference featured 106 education sessions, 12 field sessions, 6 deep dive sessions, 3 workshops, and 2 general sessions, and included over 350 speakers contributing to the program’s success. More than $6,000 was donated by attendees to offset carbon attributed to travel to San Diego. Donations will go to The Cuyamaca Rancho State Park Reforestation Project.

The following are photos of our dedicated volunteers who supported the field and education sessions, conference public relations, chapter host booth, women’s walk and will complete an awesome Legacy Project by this spring! Thanks to you all for your support and enthusiasm to make this the best ASLA conference ever!
In Memoriam - Michael Theilacker and Terre Lien

The San Diego Chapter of ASLA would like to share the following short tributes to two local professionals who served our industry and the citizens of San Diego.

KTUA Announces Passing of Founding Principal Michael A. Theilacker

It is with the saddest of hearts that KTUA notes the passing of one of our founding principals, Michael A. Theilacker, on November 17, 2019. Michael freely shared his love, warmth and compassion with his wonderful family, his wide circle of friends, and his many professional colleagues. As a fellow in the American Society of Landscape Architects, Michael set the bar high with his design aesthetic, care for his clients, long-standing friendship and collaboration with his business partners Frank Kawasaki and Don Ueno, and his mentorship for those of us fortunate to have the honor of working with him.

Michael’s legacy lives on through his many outstanding projects that stand the test of time - Founder’s Plaza in Balboa Park, Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center, Mission Valley Library, Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park, Torrey Pines High School, G Street Mole, Gaslamp Quarter, Mission Bay Park Bonita Cove, Carmel Valley Community Park, The Salk Institute Expansion, Embarcadero Waterfront, Del Mar Country Club, Marriott Resort & Spa Coronado, Chula Vista Interpretive Center (now Living Coast Discovery Center), Chula Vista Civic Center (original), San Diego Chargers Training Facility, SeaWorld, as well as many campus projects at UC San Diego, San Diego State University, University of San Diego, and Point Loma Nazarene.

Michael’s private residential clients would patiently wait months for him to lend his talents to their challenging sites with his beautiful hand rendered plans. As with many creative people, Michael’s notes were often covered with doodles, usually the sketch of an eye. We know that Michael’s eyes are encouraging us to enjoy the beauty around us and surround ourselves with family and friends.

“Today we are able to enjoy places created for us because of what Michael could and did offer through his passionate zeal in creativity.” - Bernard Everling

“I remember hundreds of wind-up toys that he would bring out every time a child came into our office.” - Cheri Blatner-Pifer

DONATIONS:
In lieu of flowers, Michael’s family suggests celebrating the kindness that Michael shared with you by sharing a donation with his alma mater or your favorite charity of choice. Gifts can be made to Cal Poly’s Landscape Architecture Department online at this secure giving link: Landscape Architecture Fund for Excellence. Please add a note indicating “this gift is in memory of Michael Theilacker.”

Or gifts can be made via check to “Cal Poly Foundation.” In the memo line, write “LARCH Fund for Excellence in memory of Michael Theilacker.” Mail to: Attn: Jessica Otten College of Architecture and Environmental Design Cal Poly 1 Grand Avenue, Bldg 5 San Luis Obispo, CA 93407-0280

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• OH! San Diego is a FREE event giving the public rare behind-the-scenes access to, and in-depth information about, the architecture and design of our city’s finest buildings and places.
• Create your own OH! San Diego weekend itinerary from the range of tours on offer – self-guided, guided, or expert-led.
• Visit architectural award winners, design studios, schools, hotels, residences, workplaces, research laboratories, theaters, galleries — historic and contemporary.
• Enter OH! San Diego’s Photo Competition for a chance to win prizes.

Go to www.sdarchitecture.org for more information.

Passing of Terre Lien
It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Terre Lien, Senior Planner in the City of San Diego Landscape Section of Land Development Review. Terre passed away peacefully at home after a day of DSD staff visiting.

Over the course of his 20-year career with the Development Services Department, Terre was always recognized for his leadership and passionate commitment to making San Diego’s landscape green and sustainable. A graduate of Cal Poly Pomona’s landscape architecture program, he was an expert in all things landscape, especially native plant species.

Terre was able to think creatively and to go above and beyond in his project reviews. He saw the big picture. He was invaluable to DSD and to other City departments in the interpretation and implementation of landscape regulations. Most notably, Terre led a multi-department work group, providing clarification on the City’s brush management regulations and landscape standards, which ultimately led to the development of a Fire-Rescue Policy. More recently, Terre spearheaded updates to the Land Development Code and Land Development Manual related to the Model Water Efficiency Landscape Ordinance and helped lead on changes to the landscape regulations for the proposed 12th Code Update.

Beyond all of this, Terre was a strong mentor and inspiration, especially in training new staff. The growth of the Landscape Section through the hiring of landscape professionals was the fulfillment of his vision. He inspired so many within and outside the Department to connect to the land, whether through home landscaping or spending time in nature. His selflessness was reflected in his renowned Green Juice Club, providing many in the Department with a daily dose of health and well-being… and for those with a sweet tooth, a jar full of candy.

One small seed planted can grow into a large canopy that provides a comforting shade over us when we need it the most. Terre planted that seed and he will be truly missed. So, when you see such an inviting tree, think of Terre.

“Come, boy, sit down. Sit down and rest. And the boy did. And the tree was happy.” - Shel Silverstein, The Giving Tree
Membership

Membership Update

Aura G. Grego, PLA, ASLA, PMI, VP Membership

The San Diego Chapter has been recognized by ASLA National as one of the top three Chapters for membership growth. The 2019 Conference on Landscape Architecture boosted our membership by over 10 percent from 231 to 255 members.

We thank you for your continuous support and encourage our local San Diego landscape architecture office principals to support their staff with membership dues assistance.

As we move forward in 2020 it is more important than ever for Landscape Architects to serve as advocates for the profession and be leaders in finding climate action planning solutions.

A warm welcome to our new and returning members with member anniversaries in January through March

Cristhian Barajas, Associate ASLA
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Join EPC for LARE Review Support and 2020 Emerging Professionals Meetings

Erik Rowan, Co-Chair Emerging Professionals Committee

Happy New Year from the Emerging Professionals Committee (EPC)! We look forward to yet another productive year filled with fun events, networking opportunities and professional growth on the part of our emerging professionals.

In the 2019 fall quarter, we focused heavily on preparation for the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE) – the national exam for licensure in the profession of landscape architecture. The main focus of these review sessions is to prepare LARE candidates with the resources necessary to pass the exam in the least amount of time possible, while avoiding spending an excessive amount of money on study materials, prep courses and potentially having to retake various sections of the exam. The discussions at these events range from learning about the registration process for the exam itself, to sharing resources, knowledge and experience between EPC members. A major emphasis of the on-going LARE review session effort is to reassure candidates that they are not alone in their path toward licensure; rather, they are part of a community of peers who are on the same path, and are part of a greater community of licensed landscape architects within the ASLA San Diego Chapter support network.

The next LARE review session will take place on February 19, 2020 from 6-8pm at Rick Engineering Company to prepare for the next opportunity to take the LARE (the exam will be administered between March 23 – April 4, 2020). Joining us for this event will be 2020 Chapter President Brett Allen, PLA, of Van Dyke Landscape Architects. At the meeting Brett will share his knowledge and answer questions about the four sections of the LARE, in addition to the California Supplemental Examination (CSE). He has volunteered his time to guide discussions at review sessions in the past and is an absolutely invaluable resource to the EPC. He knows exactly what it takes to pass these exams on the first attempt.

Additional upcoming events in 2020 include a portfolio/resume review and information session led by seasoned professionals of local firms, a site visit to a project designed by a local firm that is currently under construction, social mixers, and more (dates and locations to be determined).

Stay current with upcoming events by visiting the EPC website at http://www.asla-sandiego.org/emerging-professionals/, and don’t forget to RSVP for our bi-monthly EPC meetings by emailing Erik Rowan at erowan@rickengineering.com or co-chair Katie Barreto at Katie@gmplandarch.com. Also, be sure to sign up for the group email blast and newsletter at either email. We look forward to seeing you in 2020!

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