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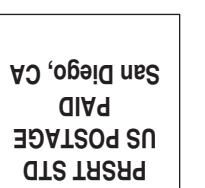
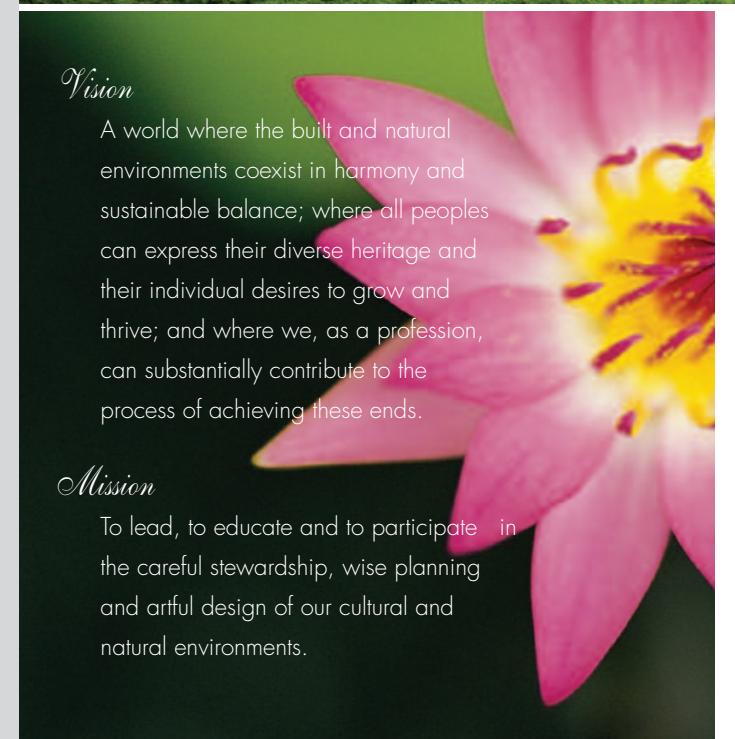


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Volunteer to Help with Earth Day Booth April 17

The chapter will be hosting a booth at the Earth Day festivities in Balboa Park on Sunday, April 17. Volunteers are needed to staff the booth and speak with the public about landscape architecture and sustainability. To volunteer, contact Navid Mostatabi, ASLA at 800.414.1860 or at navid@mostassociates.com



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From the President

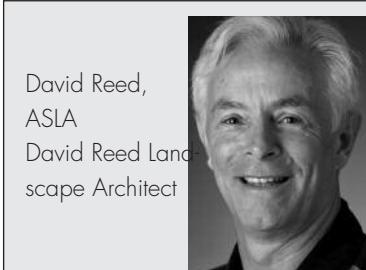
Chapter Activity and Participation Increase

What a great kick off event we had in early February at T.B. Penick & Sons! It may have been the largest turn out ever. Despite the cool evening air, everyone seemed to be in warm spirits and excited about the coming year with ASLA San Diego.

I am continually impressed by my Executive Committee, a dedicated cadre of professionals with vision, enthusiasm, motivation, and lots of energy. If you are a like minded professional and want to join us in our efforts, nominations for 2011-2012 "X-Com" positions will be opening early next month. Contact our executive directory, Tracy at asasd@sbcglobal.net.

Last month, the 3rd Annual Sustainable Urban Landscape Conference took place at Cuyamaca College, with 3 of 4 of the featured speakers being Landscape Architects. This month, Earth Day and the Earth to Bay Clean Up (in Florida Canyon) are fast approaching and ASLA San Diego will be there too. In late April-early May, we will be helping host LARE review courses for those seeking licensure.

There's more in store, but take some time out to enjoy what the winter rains have brought us, a fine spring landscape. Whether in the hills or the gardens of San Diego, we are fortunate to have a great climate and a floral bounty. Please send us your finest spring photos and we'll post them to Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/San-Diego-Chapter-of-ASLA/109458615776204>). Our Facebook page grows in visits each month. Please come and "friend" us there.



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April

- April is Landscape Architecture Month
- 9 Cuyamaca College Spring Garden Festival - Visit ASLASD's Ten Tree Project
- 17 ASLASD Earth Day Booth, 10am-5pm
Balboa Park – Volunteers email Navid@mostassociates.com
- 21 Executive Committee Meeting, Light-foot Planning Group, 6 pm
- 29 April 29-May 1: LARE Review Section E – NewSchool of Architecture – Info at www.asla-sandiego.org
- 30 Creek to Bay Cleanup, Florida Canyon – Volunteers email David@mlasd.com

May

- 1 2012 Executive Committee Elections
- 18-21ASLA Mid-Year Meetings, Washington, D.C.
- 12 Executive Committee Meeting, David Reed Landscape Architects, 6 pm
- 19 ASLA Advocacy Day – Capitol Hill

June

- 1 July Newsletter Articles Deadline
- 16 Executive Committee Meeting, Rick Engineering, 6 pm

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Great Kickoff Event!

By Navid Mostababi -VP of Social Events/Programs

Wow! This year's Kickoff event took place on February 10, in the courtyard of TB Penick and Sons' (Four Seasons sponsors) new office complex. Over 100 attendees gathered around food, drinks, and music to socialize and learn more about what the ASLA chapter has planned for the upcoming year. If you weren't able to attend the event, one of the big topics of discussion was the 2011 ASLA National Conference that will be held in San Diego this year. We are also pushing for an increase in membership and are planning a PR campaign.

A special thank you goes out to all of our sponsors who make events like the Kickoff possible. The courtyard at TB Penick and Sons was a great showcase of the different finishes, textures, and colors that can be created with concrete.

The Kickoff event is the launching point for our chapter each year. Judging by this year's attendance, I think it is safe to say that we are in for an exciting year. If you would like to get more connected, you can friend us on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/San-Diego-Chapter-of-ASLA/109458615776204>). Or join a Chapter committee and volunteer for April events like the Creek to Bay clean up, the ASLA Earth Day Fair booth, our Ten Tree Project, or help us promote the profession at the ASLA National Conference later this year. For more information: www.asla-sandiego.org.

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Membership Musings

By Darron Solano -VP of Membership

A BIG WELCOME to our new and returning members, thank you for joining the Chapter:

Ronald Bochenek	John Krizan	Jennifer Montgomery
Jill Chorak	John W. Howard	Jim Mumford
Kelly Dixon	Michael Madsen	

A recent ASLA National survey of current members asked, among other things, whether or not licensure should be required for membership in ASLA. Below are the compiled responses to these questions.

... A majority (85%) feel that ASLA membership criteria are appropriate, 9.5% indicating the criteria are too broad and the remaining 5.5% indicating the criteria are too narrow. 77% of students believe the criteria are appropriate, 7% too broad, and 16% too narrow.

... Overall, 59% of respondents do not believe that ASLA should require licensure for full membership. 70% of students do not think that ASLA should require licensure. When filtered by key categories, including membership type and licensure status, all categories retain a majority against requiring licensure for membership. When filtered by chapter, 40 of 48 chapters have a majority of respondents who do not agree with requiring licensure for membership. The survey also asked whether those with international education and/or licensure qualifications should be able to qualify for full ASLA membership rather than their current designation. Slightly more than half (52%) do not feel that these individuals should be given full membership.

What do you think and why? Post your opinions on our Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/San-Diego-Chapter-of-ASLA/109458615776204>).

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Seeking the Next Chapter President

By Jim Kuhlken, Chapter President Elect

As someone who has been an ASLA member for close to 30 years and really only attended the Annual Meetings and Golf Tournaments each year, I think it is time to get involved in this organization and "give back". If you really think about it, the only reason why my license is not being abolished is due to ASLA stopping the numerous Sunset Laws during my career. So, I was honored when David Reed, our current San Diego Chapter President, asked me to become President Elect.

Our Chapter Leadership will change at the conclusion of our Society's Annual Meeting in October. While the meeting is many months away, I am starting now to solicit nominees for the position of President Elect. The term is for three years filling the consecutive annual po-

ASLA-SD Design Awards Delayed

Due to the ASLA National Conference being held in San Diego in late October, the ASLA-SD Board of Directors has postponed the Design Awards that were scheduled to be held in December this year. The Design Awards will be held in 2012 and resume its every other year schedule. The Board felt the enormous effort required by the Chapter to assist the National staff to organize the ASLA Conference would dilute efforts to hold a successful Design Awards.

In lieu of the awards, the Chapter will host its Holiday event in early December to thank the many volunteers for their efforts in making the National Conference the best ever.

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sitions of President Elect, President and Past President. At first it seems a little overwhelming, but as President Elect, I have been learning the ropes from president David Reed and Past President Jim Taylor. Twice a year there are training and education session provided by ASLA National in Washington D.C., which include all of the chapter Presidents and President-Elects from around the country. Most of the costs of travel and other expenses are covered by National and our local chapter. This is a great opportunity to gather with other Landscape Architects from all over the country to exchange notes and experiences.

The ASLA San Diego Executive Board is made up of great people and a diverse group of professionals. Our system of succession is a way to make sure there is continuity in our Chapter and that experiences are passed on. If you are concerned with the commitment involved with becoming President, perhaps you would rather volunteer in other ways. Other positions on the board are available. Feel free to call me, or come to a monthly meeting.

Creek to Bay Clean Up April 30

The I Love A Clean San Diego's Creek to Bay Clean Up will be Saturday, April 30th from 9 am to 12 pm at Florida Canyon, hosted by the ASLA San Diego Chapter. We will meet at the Rose Garden on the east side of Park Boulevard, just south of the pedestrian bridge. Volunteers should sign up online starting April 1st at www.creektobay.org. A waiver is required, and should be available online from the same website. Otherwise, we will have forms at the cleanup site the day of the event. Sunblock, a hat, and sturdy shoes are a must. Questions? Contact David McCullough at david@mlasd.com.

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CCASLA Report: Sunset Review Process Moves to Next Stage

Jon Wreschinsky, CCASLA Delegate

The Sunset Review process has reached a critical point with the first meeting before the California State Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee scheduled for March 21. The Landscape Architects Technical Committee staff will present their response to a series of questions presented to it by SBPEDC. These questions will focus on consumer protection, licensure/reciprocity, administrative functions, etc. The SBPEDC will also take input from the public and other interested parties. CCASLA will participate in this effort. Two additional Committee meetings will occur later this year after which time SBPEDC will make its recommendation to the full legislature on the future status of LATC. For further information, contact your current LATC Board members who can be reached via the LATC website: <http://www.latc.ca.gov/>

In response to prior Sunset Review Committee recommendations, LATC has recently introduced a set of administrative rule changes relating to education and training credits as they relate to the requirements necessary to qualify for Landscape Architecture licensure examination. The proposed rule changes will allow education credit for partial completion of a degree in landscape architecture from an approved school, education credit for partial completion of an extension certificate in landscape architecture from an approved school, a degree from a non-accredited school with a four-year curriculum and education credit for an accredited degree in architecture with a four-year curriculum. The new language also helps define "partial completion" and correlates these changes with necessary training/practice requirements. More information can be found at:

http://www.latc.ca.gov/laws_regs/2615and2620_2011_isr.pdf

LATC has prepared an update to its Strategic Plan. The purpose of the update is to bring LATC's strategic goals and objectives in line with ongoing administrative, regulatory and consumer protection mandates as well as improving services to the profession. Additional information can be found at:

http://www.latc.ca.gov/about_us/stratplan10_11.pdf

The CCASLA Board has identified several key Bills from the current legislative session that it will track and provide an advocacy response to. These include AB 275, Rainwater Capture Act of 2011; AB 465, Gardening or Landscape Maintenance Services: Regulation; AB 685, State Water Policy; AB 745, California Water Plan; AB 849, Water: Use Efficiency; AB 1003, Professional and Vocational Licenses; SB 67, Public Contracts: Small Business Participation; SB 190, Mechanics Liens; SB 424, Mechanics Liens: Design Professional. CCASLA will also continue to diligently track all State activities affecting the regulation of the practice of landscape architecture.

For further information on these and other legislative issues, please feel free to contact me at jswreschinsky@pacbell.net, 619-916-6956 or your local CCASLA representative.



CSAC Report: Gear Up for Spring!

By David Clarke, President CSAC-ASLA

Things are getting busy this Spring semester at Cuyamaca College! For the Student Affiliate Chapter this means great opportunities to contribute our resources towards the goals set out at our Winter Retreat.

First off, we volunteered at the 3rd annual Sustainable Urban Landscape Conference in early March, helping to set up/tear down and assisting with hospitality and event production tasks. We attended many of the lectures, especially that given by Nick DeLorenzo, ASLA. He teaches our Advanced Landscape Design section and his lectures are always very informative and entertaining.

CSAC's big event will occur April 9, as we host our booth at the 18th Annual Spring Garden Festival on campus. We hope to have a few landscape architects from our professional chapter join us to help answer questions about the profession. The booth will also have literature about ASLA, sample copies of LAM, and landscape plan drawings by students. And, in support of National Landscape Architecture Month, CSAC and Cuyamaca College are proud to host the inaugural installation of the SD-ASLA Ten Trees demonstration project. That project will kickoff at the Festival, so stay tuned.

Lastly, our 2010/11 Chapter Project is nearing completion. Our demonstration green roof structure will be up and running by the Festival. We hope it sparks interest in this new and important sustainable landscape element.

We look forward to completing our goals of raising awareness of the ASLA in the student design community, increasing our chapter membership, and helping our professional chapter this Fall with the National Conference in San Diego.



Community Outreach: Exposing the Profession

By Tim Jachlewski, ASLA, Vice President of Community Outreach

With the spring season upon us, several local high schools and colleges hold career fairs to enlighten and inspire students regarding the range of potential career opportunities. Part of our chapter's strategic plan is to expose our profession to the next generation. On March 1, David Preciado, Nate Magnusson and I represented the ASLA San Diego Chapter at Patrick Henry High School. We had approximately 50 students visit the ASLA booth and many showed a genuine interest in learning more about the profession. We were able to communicate what a landscape architect does by showing former ASLA design award projects as well as schematic designs, drawings, photo simulations and construction documents of projects in the works. We answered many questions and provided a brochure which highlights our profession and provides information about colleges that offer degrees and courses in landscape architecture.

If you know of a high school or college that will be holding a career fair, please let us know so we can reach even more students.

Sponsor Spotlight: Modern Builders Supply

Modern Builders Supply hosted a wonderful ASLA San Diego event at their headquarters last summer. It was a great evening of fine Italian cucina, wine, natural stone and even a short talk on porphyry by Carlo Odorizzi from Italy.

Touring the yard to see the impressive display of stone was the most amazing part of all, according to one colleague. She was so glad she came to see the yard in person. The ever expanding sample panels really give a designer the chance to see the product as it is installed. And, Modern Builders has the largest inventory of natural stone in Southern California, with over \$5 million worth of stone in their three yards. Even Modern's competitors, some of whom attended the event, were impressed.

When I visited Petco Park recently, I wondered where all that stone had come from. So, I caught up with the owners of Modern Builders, Ray Raub, Bill Gibney & Jim Thompson to ask them about Petco Park and their newest products. They seem to be continually combing the planet for the highest quality natural stone possible.

Before talking about their new products, Ray wanted me to know how proud they were of their staff. The dozen or so employees who work the counter at Modern are the most experienced, knowledgeable and friendly crew around, with an intimate knowledge of the material, who can stack up against any purveyor, anywhere, at any time. Each staff averages over a dozen years with the company, which speaks mountains by itself.

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