Vision

A world where the built and natural environments coexist in harmony and sustainable balance; where all people can express their diverse heritage and their individual desires to grow and thrive; and where we, as a profession, can substantially contribute to the process of achieving these ends.

Mission

To lead, to educate and to participate in the careful stewardship, wise planning and artful design of our cultural and natural environments.

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Great Kickoff Event!
By Navid Mostatabi - 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.

Promote the profession at the ASLA National Conference later this year, the ASLA Earth Day Fair booth, our Ten Tree Project, or help us committe and volunteer for April events like the Creek to Bay clean up. For more information: www.asla-sandiego.org.

ASLA-SD Design Awards Delayed
By Jim Kuhlken, Chapter President Elect

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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Seeking the Next Chapter President

By Jim Kulikken, 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 Read, 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 position 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 Read and Past President Jim Taylor. Twice a year there are funding and education sessions provided by ASLA National in Washington D.C., which include all of the chapter Presidents and PresidentElects 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

I love a clean San Diego! Creek to Bay Clean Up will be Saturday, April 30th from 9 am to 12 pm at Santee 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.creekto- bay.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 McCulloch at davidm@nfsd.com.
The Sunet 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 SIBPDEC. These questions will focus on consumer protection, licensure/reciprocity, administrative functions, etc. The SIBPDEC 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 SIBPDEC will make its recommendation to the full legislature on the future status of LATC. For further information, contact your current LATC Board member or the website 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 Architect 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/bwy_reg/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 administration, 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/staplan10_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, Mechanic’s 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 jwirschinsky@cppccal.net, 619/916-6956 or your local CCASLA representative.

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, Natte 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.

By Jon Wreschinsky, CCASLA Delegate

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