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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE RISING KNOWLEDGE VISION LEADERSHIP

By Glen Schmidt and Joe Esposito, Co-chairs

Our Annual Meeting volunteers have been busy over the last several months setting up and planning for our important tasks. As you may recall, the ASLA SD Chapter is responsible for the following: plan and implement 16 Field Sessions, coordinate the Host Chapter Booth, build a Legacy Project, and the Ten Tree Project. So far our Co-Chairs have not needed a large number of volunteers, but that will be changing quickly in the coming months. Please mark your calendar for the evening of July 28th to attend a chapter meeting at in the Prado Building Room 104/Library in Balboa Park to discuss the details of our Annual Meeting efforts and to review our volunteer opportunities. Here are reports on our efforts by each of our Co-Chairs.

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We have 16 Field Sessions, which have all been published in *(continued on page 5: ASLA Annual Meeting*



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From the President
Summer's Heating Up...

Recently, Jim Kuhlken, Glen Schmidt and I travelled to Washington D.C. for the ASLA mid-year meeting. We lobbied our Senators and congressional staffers for transportation enhancements, urban revitalization and livable communities and safe routes to school. For details visit <http://www.asla.org/GovernmentAffairs.aspx>. I am continually impressed by the passion and dedication of our profession, and by how much ASLA national has accomplished. Visit <http://www.asla.org/>. Also impressive is the work of the Landscape Architecture Foundation <http://lafoundation.org/>. Their Landscape Performance Series provides useful studies showing the benefits of landscaping. Did you know that the asphalt on a shady street will last 30% longer than one on a sunny street? Share that with your municipal engineer clients!

Here at home the Chapter has been very busy. Our facebook page continues to grow, and our website is updated constantly. We unveiled the Ten Trees project last month, an itinerant installation of ten trees. At the Cuyamaca College ribbon cutting, it was 25°F cooler under the trees than in the sun. There is so much going on we don't have room to list it all. Visit us on line at www.asla-sandiego.org/



David Reed,
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David Reed Landscape Architects

"Get Involved in our dynamic chapter! Please consider volunteering for the National meeting, or running for an Executive Committee position."

How can you get involved? Please consider running for a position on the ASLA San Diego Executive Committee. The Mailing went out the 1st of June, and nominations are due by July 8. Join us in shaping our professional future.

We're less than 4 months from the National Conference in San Diego. If you haven't been to an ASLA national meeting in a while, this is your chance! (Early bird discounts end on 5 August). And if you were around 21 years ago when we had the last National Meeting here, you'll remember how exciting and fun it was.

Now, if you are a graduate of a California School of Landscape Architecture, ASLA San Diego has been asked to host up to 100 student volunteers from California Schools for the national meeting, saving them on expensive hotel bills. Let's show the world our hospitality! Carolyn and I are hosting 3 students from my alma mater; won't you consider hosting? It is a great pleasure to host travelling students, if you haven't done so before. And you never know how much you can influence a student's life and career with such a simple gesture.

Happy Summer – I love the long days!

David Reed

July

- 8 Exec Com Nominations Due
- 21 Executive Committee Meeting, Schmidt Design Group, 6 pm
- 22-24 ASLA Advocacy and Public Awareness Summit, Alexandria, VA
- 28 Annual Meeting Volunteer Meeting, Prado Room Room 104/Library located in Balboa Park's Botanical Society Bldg

August

- 1 Community Grant Apps Due
- 5 Golf Tournament, Rancho Bernardo Inn, 10:30 pm Registration/ 12:30 pm Start
- 10 Green Infrastructure - New Tools for Measuring the Value of San Diego's Urban Forest – California Center for Sustainable Energy, 5:30 – 7:30 pm
- 18 Executive Committee Meeting, The Lightfoot Planning Grp, 6 pm
- 26 Community Grant Recommendations to Exec Com for review/vote in September

September

- 15 Lecture – Pamela Burton, Pamela Burton & Company, Neurosciences Institute, 6 pm Reception/7 pm Lecture
- 16 Past Presidents Lunch, Acapulco Mexican Restaurant, 2467 Juan Street, Old Town, noon to 2 p.m.
- 22 Executive Committee Meeting, David Reed Landscape Architects, 6 pm
- 29 Lecture – Chris Guillard and Scott Cataffa, CMG Landscape Architecture, Neurosciences Institute, 6 pm Reception/7 pm Lecture

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ASLA National Trustee Report

Glen Schmidt, FASLA

The board of Trustees met on May 20-21, 2011 in Washington, DC. The following is a summary of discussions and decisions. Please contact me if you have any questions:

1. Nancy Somerville, Program and Operations Report:

- Maintaining conservative approach but were able to add staff positions for Government Affairs and Public Relations. Board of Trustees and ExCom funding, and added Public Awareness Summit.
- YTD 2011 – EXPO and AM sponsorships at 74% of goal, LAM 77% of goal.
- \$500K has been returned to reserves.
- Professional awards consistently above 2007-08 levels.
- Business Quarterly: signs of improving conditions in some regions and markets.
- Membership 3.8% down in 2010, 14% since 2008.
- LA Magazine: News-stand sales went from 1,000 to 1,500. Only feedback was on type face which was considered small. Some adjustments were made but not all type.

2. Strategic Objectives:

After surveys, visibility and public awareness, government affairs and licensure are highest priorities of ASLA Board of Trustees and Presidents Council.

3. Financial:

11% of revenue comes from Annual Meeting. Long term reserve at \$3.4 million dollars.

4. Sustainable Sites Initiative:

Accreditation through 2012. Expect to make changes based on the pilot program. Final version will go out and obtain comments before finalizing document. Final certification open enrollment expected in 2013. 159 pilot projects are still in program. First certifications in the summer or fall of 2011. 8 projects submitted all or part of the documentation.

5. Public Awareness Outreach and Advocacy:

2010 ASLA website 594,000 unique visitors, 4.7 million page views. The Dirt top 10 blog regarding design, 780,000 page views. National LA Month activities in 48 chapters. Staff and committees are planning public awareness event on August 17, 2011. LA Month 2012 - rededicate parks. Advocacy Summit is taking place this summer with San Diego represented by Brooke Pietz.

6. Advocacy / Government Affairs:

Florida law was challenged. Sunset review California. Massachusetts working toward full practice act.

7. Policy Amendments:

Revisions to the Administration, Document Retention, and Conflict of Interest Policies were approved.

8. Honors and Awards:

Honors and awards were voted on by the Board of Trustees, as well as Vice Presidential candidates.

9. ASLA Fund:

SITES Funding, case studies for PR on web, prints storage project on hold.

10. The following individuals addressed the Board of Trustees:

Patrick Natale, Executive Director of ASCE; Jeffrey Potter, AIA President Elect; Ian Wasson, CLARB President; Barbara Deutsch, ASLA Executive Director LAF.

11. Association of Professional Landscape Designers (APLD)

Julia Dent is the contact for the issue to coordinate between all chapters and the Legislation Committee.

12. Board of Trustees Vote:

The Board of Trustees voted on the following issues regarding Membership Qualifications:

International Membership

In addressing international membership, the Member Services Committee recommended amending the bylaws to read: "International Members shall be landscape architects who earned a degree in landscape architecture, or are recognized by a government entity to practice landscape architecture, outside North America." This change clarifies the previous language, which read only "residing outside the limits of the Society," and allows for the membership status to remain intact despite place of residence. The committee further proposed opening the honor and privilege of Fellows eligibility to International Members and allowing those honored as such to use the "FASLA" designation.

The Board of Trustees voted to accept both the Membership Services Committee recommendations.

Full Membership Criteria Review

The board endorsed the Licensure Committee's recommendation that current criteria be maintained to ensure a diverse and open organization and to remain true to the Society's stated purpose: "The purpose of the Society shall be the advancement of knowledge, education, and skill in the art and science of landscape architecture as an instrument of service in the public welfare. To this end the Society shall promote the profession of landscape architecture and advance the practice through advocacy, education, communication, and fellowship." In recognition of the successful campaign to have licensure laws in all 50 states, the board also accepted the committee's recommendation that ASLA identify a universal designation for licensure, similar to engineering's PE designation. The board instructed staff to work with CLARB and come back with a recommendation at its fall annual meeting.



2011 Annual Meeting/Holiday Gala

By Jim Taylor, Past President

The Chapter will be hosting our Annual Meeting/Holiday Gala on Thursday evening, December 15. In addition to this being our Annual Meeting and wonderful Holiday party, we are going to use this occasion to celebrate what we anticipate will be the best National Annual Meeting and Expo ever! This will be our chance to recognize all of the volunteers who spent countless hours helping to make the San Diego Annual Meeting fun and interesting for the thousands of Landscape Architects from throughout the nation. Please join us for this event, which will be held on the bay front at the Bali Hai Restaurant on Shelter Island. More details will follow, but please mark your calendars now so that you won't miss this event.

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the Annual Meeting and Expo brochure. We will be contacting those folks who have already volunteered previously, as we will need two (2) volunteers to help check in participants, and possibly assist in other "day of" activities associated with each Field Session. So, we know we'll need a minimum of 32 volunteers for October 30th. If anyone further would like to volunteer, they can email Dolores or DJ, and we will add them to our list and plug them in where we can.

Host Chapter Booth Co-Chairs Jim Taylor, jim@lightfootpg.com, and Mark Steyaert, Mark.Steyaert@carlsbadca.gov

Additional volunteers will be needed to assist the Host Booth Co-Chairs to be ambassadors for the Chapter by distributing maps, restau-

rant referral information, and answer general questions about San Diego attractions and destinations. We will also be selling a San Diego ASLA Beach Towel and Jump Drive at the booth. A number of two hour time slots are available. The sign-up sheet will be available at the July 28 orientation meeting and then on-line after that.

Legacy Project Co-Chairs Laura Burnett, lburnett@sd.wrtdesign.com, and Emily Henning, emily@ktua.com

We have had two terrific sessions with the participating high school students, with our third workshop coming up on June 11. Volunteers will be welcome for:

- Wonderful-Opportunity-With-a-just-little-more-money (WOW! subcommittee) - While most of the construction materials will be donated by the Expo folks additional funding will make the project even better. Join the committee, get up to speed with our progress/enthusiasm and bring in the WOW!
- Assist other subcommittees (Education, Construction Day prep, Video Production, Public Relations, Broker the Deal, Construction Materials Coordination)
- Landscape Construction days in November 2011 (2, 4 and 8 hour opportunities) All Hands!

Please contact Laura or Emily with your willingness to help.

Ten Tree Project Co-Chairs Jon Wreschinsky

jswreschinsky@pacbell.net and Joey Jacoby JJacoby@sandiego.gov

We are planning the second location of the Ten Tree project, at the campus of UCSD, for later in June. Volunteers that live convenient to the campus are needed to visit the site to water the trees and to observe and document the use of the space we create. It takes about an hour one day a week. Please contact Jon with your willingness to help ASAP.

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CCASLA Report: CA Legislative Session Continues to be Monitored

Jon Wreschinsky, CCASLA Delegate

CCASLA continues to monitor the Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) Sunset Review Process. The latest information on the review process includes passage of SB543 (Price) – legislation that includes extension of the LATC sunset date for another four years. Following action by the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee which included public input by CCASLA representatives, the bill proceeded out of the Committee to the full Senate where it was passed nearly unanimously. The bill has been sent to the Assembly for action. CCASLA will continue to monitor progress of the bill and will report any actions from licensees required in support of the bill should it become necessary. CCASLA has submitted several letters of support on behalf of all California licensees during this process and will continue to do so until final passage. For further information, contact your current your CCASLA representative or LATC: <http://www.latc.ca.gov/>.

The CCASLA Board also continues to actively track key bills in the current legislative session. Letters of support have been submitted for the following pieces of legislation:

- SB644 (Hancock)/AB587 (Gordon), Public works: volunteers** – Legislation specifically drafted to extend the ability of various volunteer organizations to provide free labor in order to help preserve both the natural and cultural resources throughout California. Many of these resources would otherwise fall into a state of further deterioration given that current governmental funding cannot support such actions. CCASLA's support of these bills is directly tied to protecting landscape architects from certain liability issues that could be associated with deterioration of built works and deferred maintenance.
- SB 190 (Lowenthal), Mechanics Liens/SB 424 (Rubio), Mechanics Liens: Design Professional** – Legislation that includes amendments to the existing Mechanics Lien Laws to include the profession of landscape architecture is being actively supported by CCASLA. These



ASLA Launches PR Campaign

Brooke Pietz, Vice President of Visibility and Public Affairs

ASLA will be launching a nationwide public awareness campaign on August 17, 2011, in an effort to promote the profession of landscape architecture to the public. It is National's goal to create long term public awareness efforts which will be aligned quarterly with every chapter across the United States. With this upcoming national effort, quarterly activities will be built around a theme such as water or green thinking. We will need several volunteers to continue these efforts!

The San Diego Chapter has already made great strides this year to promote our profession locally, including the hiring of Delle Willett, a

professional public relations consultant who recently assisted the chapter with obtaining an article in the San Diego Union Tribune highlighting the Ten Tree Project. She will continue to assist us throughout the year.

- SB 67 (Price), Public Contracts: Small Business Participation** – Will amend existing law to establish goals for the participation of small businesses in public procurement contracts for the provision of goods, services, information technology and for the construction of state facilities and will provide for small business preferences in the award of these contracts, give special consideration and special assistance to small businesses, and, whenever possible, make awards to small businesses. This legislation will benefit landscape architects in their ability to pursue such work both as prime contractors and sub-contractors.
 - SB 264 (Correa), Recreational Activities – Skate Parks** – CCASLA has submitted a letter of support for this bill which will extend indefinitely recognition of skateboarding at a public skateboard park as a hazardous recreational activity. In doing so, it will help limit the liability of landscape architects who might be involved in the design and construction of such facilities.
 - AB 275 (Solorio), Rainwater Capture Act of 2011; AB 685 (Eng), State Water Policy; AB 745, California Water Plan; AB 849 (Gatto), Water: Use Efficiency** – CCASLA will continue to follow these bills, each which pertains in some manner to the use of water in the landscape and advocate for the interests of landscape architects. This advocacy includes recent actions where on May, 18, CCASLA monitored and provided public comment at a meeting of the Assembly Select Committee on Regional Approaches to Addressing the State Water Crisis. The meeting focused on several issues including local implementation of the Model Landscape Water Ordinance, the advent of rainwater capture systems and other regional innovations in landscape water use. CCASLA will be following up this meeting with the Chairman of the Committee, the Hon. Jose Solorio (Dem-69) who has expressed an interest in learning more about our profession and the contributions landscape architects are making on a daily basis to help solve the State's water issues.
- For further information on these and other legislative issues, please feel free to contact me at jswreschinsky@pacbell.net, 619-916-6956 or Jim Taylor, our other CCASLA representative.

professional public relations consultant who recently assisted the chapter with obtaining an article in the San Diego Union Tribune highlighting the Ten Tree Project. She will continue to assist us throughout the year.

We want your ideas and commitment to participate in the kick-off and the long term campaign. If anyone has PR ideas, projects they would like to see highlighted, or would like to help in any way, contact Brooke Pietz at brooke@ktua.com or 619-294-4477 x 151. Brooke will be attending the national ASLA PR Summit in Washington, D.C. on July 22-24. Please get your ideas to her as soon as possible or contact her with any questions. You can also join a Facebook group to follow the national plans at <http://www.facebook.com/theunderstory>. And save the date 8.17.11 to be part of the outreach.

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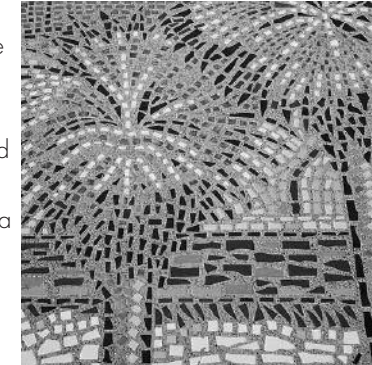
When Landscape Architects think of a paradigm for concrete, the first name that comes to mind is usually T.B. Penick & Sons. Established over 100 years ago, they are the most experienced and largest concrete contractor in San Diego. Some of their latest projects include The Disneyland Hotel Courtyard Improvements, Paradise Pier at California Adventure, Disneyland Buena Vista, and the Myriad Botanical Gardens in Oklahoma City, where they worked with the Office of James Burnett, FASLA.

I especially have enjoyed their Underwater Map at the San Diego – La Jolla Underwater Park and Ecological Reserve. "The Map" is a unique opportunity to educate children and the general public about ocean preservation and conservation. Our dear friend and community activist, Mary Coakley said, "Who would have thought that such a unique educational opportunity would come out of a toilet?" (This all began as a restroom project.)

If you are in North County, please visit Fletcher Cove Beach Park, in Solana Beach; what a fitting interface for beachgoers! T. B. Penick also completed the Cliff Street Bridge, the rail trail, and Rosa Street Bridge all within walking distance from Fletcher Cove. And, take a look at the island inspired LithoMosaic in front of the North Island Credit Union.

I checked in recently with Frank Klemaske. Despite the sluggish economy, they are booking work years in advance. Frank assured me his firm can still handle local, smaller projects.

We all had a great time at the kickoff meeting in February, hosted by T. B. Penick, and many people enjoyed the tour of their new facility in Carmel Mountain Ranch. It's amazing to see what these guys can do in concrete, glass and other materials. They will also be hosting the ACE mixer on July 26th, and everyone is welcome to attend.



Above: Underwater Map at the San Diego – La Jolla Underwater Park and Ecological Reserve.
At left: LithoMosaic at North Island Credit Union.



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New Gardens Planned to Reconnect Children to Their Environments

By JT Barr. Photographs by Ieszc Formeller

The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) has partnered with the Friends of Ruffin Canyon and the ACE Mentor Program to design and implement an educational and native garden for William H. Taft Middle School.

The 2011 ASIA Legacy Committee selected this project as it presents an ideal forum for reconnecting children with the environment, and exposing them to the practice of landscape architecture. The school will develop curriculum that allows students to discover nature, investigate history, and celebrate culture. The garden will be universally accessible, providing opportunities where children of all abilities can explore San Diego's rich and diverse landscape.

In 2006, ASLA introduced the Legacy Program. This program seeks to promote positive change in the host city of the annual National Conference. For volunteer information, please contact Emily Henning emily@ktua.com. To follow the project, visit the ASIASD Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pages/San-Diego-Chapter-of-ASIA/109458615776204.



Lecture Series: ASLA Lecture Series Continues This Fall

Kasia Trojanowska, LLA, VP Programs and Education

We are pleased to announce our speakers for the 2011 ASIASD Lecture Series: Pamela Burton of the Pamela Burton Landscape Architecture and Scott Cataffa and Chris Guillard of the CMG Landscape Architecture on September 15th and September 29th respectively. Both lectures will begin with a networking reception at 6:00 p.m. at The Neurosciences Institute.

We are still in need of sponsors for the event. If your firm or company would like to contribute, please fill out the enclosed sponsorship form. We also have plenty of opportunities to volunteer and sponsor. For more information please contact us at aslasd@sbcglobal.net, ph. # 619.225.8155 or email me at: kasia_trojanowska@urscorp.com.



LARE Workshop Held This Spring

By Kasia Trojanowska, LLA, VP Programs and Education

The LARE Review Workshops came back to San Diego after many years. We held the section E "Grading, Drainage and Stormwater Management" workshop on the last weekend of April in the New School of Architecture (NSAD) thanks to Leslie Ryan, the Chair of the Landscape Architecture Department at this school.

We invited Jerry Hastings to host the workshop, to assure the best value of the program for the attendees. Jerry has many years of experience preparing students to the LARE exams. He is a Landscape Architect, an Instructor for the UCLA Extension Landscape Architecture Program, and author of *LARE Review Section E Vignettes: Grading, Drainage, and Stormwater Management*. For many future landscape architects, he is a mentor, and a guide always available to answer a question. You can meet him on line – just type: "LARE Exam Google Group".

The Spring LARE Session was a great success. In spite of the 8-hour days of intense work on the grading vignettes, we all met for dinner on Saturday night. For out-of-town folks it was a great opportunity to taste our culture, traditions and exquisite Mexican cuisine to the accompaniment of the Mariachi band. We were also able to walk through the CALTRANS Headquarters to admire Roman De Salvo's sculpture in the courtyard, the drought tolerant plant pallet and the stormwater management practices applied in the parking lot medians.

We are looking forward to the next workshop. Maybe we could extend it to the other sections as well. Please contact me – I would like to hear from you. Help me to make it an easier, better and more fun experience... for you!



Committee Report: Stewardship Committee

Marian Marum, ASLA, Stewardship Committee Chair

The Stewardship Committee continues to encourage a more holistic design approach and position Landscape Architects as 'vital links in the chain' at various 'interdisciplinary' meetings throughout the region. Outreach at the following organizations is on-going:

- AIA Committee on the Environment (COTE)
- USGBC
- San Diego Regional Sustainability Partnership
- County Water Authority's Conservation Action Committee

These efforts help ensure that ASLA remains an important 'Voice at the Table' as our region addresses sustainability issues.

On August 10th, the Stewardship Committee will host a Summer Educational Program entitled: "Green Infrastructure: New Tools for Measuring the Value of San Diego's Urban Forest."

This important meeting will feature a panel of experts speaking on tools that have recently become available to measure the value of urban trees. The event will be held at the California Center for Sustainable Energy (CCSE), through its newly created Advice & Technical Assistance Center for Urban Forestry (ATAC). CCSE has now dedicated a portion of its showroom and library to the topic Urban Forestry. Look for an Event Flyer in this issue.

Please also visit our website www.asla-sandiego.org/ for updates on the SITES@ Pilot Projects and the Stewardship Guidelines.

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Community Outreach: 2012 Community Grant Applications Available

By Tim Jachlewski, ASLA, Vice President of Community Outreach

The San Diego Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (SDASLA) awards an annual grant up to \$5,000 to local non-profit community groups to design or construct landscape architectural improvements in locations such as parks, schools and neighborhoods. In order for the profession of landscape architecture to make its full contribution to the San Diego region, the accessibility and understanding of the profession must be made known to the public at large. This Grant is intended to educate and enhance community awareness of the profession of landscape architecture as well as to provide a benefit to the community or environment.

SDASLA's community grant has helped many community groups see their projects become reality. Past recipients have included San Ysidro Business Association street tree improvements, Fallbrook Garden Club La Paloma School campus improvement, and Friends of Famosa Slough Trail improvement project. Past grants have funded community improvement workshops, project design and construction, purchase of landscape amenities, and maintenance of on-going projects.

If you know of a non-profit that can benefit from this grant, the application is available on SDASLA's website www.asla-sandiego.org or call Tim Jachlewski at 619.795-7603 or SDASLA at 619.225.8155. The grant application deadline is August 1, 2011.

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Bachelor of LA Program at NewSchool

By Leslie Ryan, Program Director NewSchool

Sites of inhabitation situated across ecological boundaries are today under increasing pressure from rapid urbanization, migrations, and expanding demand on resources. What impact will this have on future cities? What solutions do San Diego's coastal, urban and arid ecologies provide as a living lab for design study and experimentation?

Beginning this fall, NewSchool of Architecture and Design in San Diego will offer a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree program that critically examines these conditions. Through design studios and professional courses, students in this four year undergraduate program will develop skills in digital technologies, site engineering and landscape construction practices. This skill set is grounded in theoretical and practical coursework that helps students learn to think critically, act insightfully, and communicate complicated ideas using a variety of media. The program will expand the existing Master of Landscape Architecture degree that was launched last fall.

The program objective is to prepare students who will be able to address the complex and constantly changing conditions of today's world. This requires developing design and planning responses that are nimble and capable of evolving as situations change, and the development of critical and ethical positions that practice and apply social and professional responsibilities. In an increasingly urban world, the problems of cities will become more significant loci of landscape architectural projects, and the work to resolve these issues will become more crucial than ever.

The four year undergraduate program focuses on sustainable urban environments, how we design and advocate for public spaces, creating new understandings of the ecology of the city, and seeing the relationships between the urban core and the larger landscape that supports it. "It's extremely important for students to understand what is at stake today, and how their work can truly make a difference in our world," said program chair Leslie Ryan. "And, it's equally important that students learn how to implement their ideas, because that is how the change will happen."

For further information, please contact Leslie Ryan at lryan@newschoolarch.edu, or check the website at www.newschoolarch.edu



CSAC Report: Under New Leadership

By Michael Watts, Cuyamaca ASLA Student Affiliate President

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Cuyamaca Student Affiliate Chapter of ASLA-SD for appointing me as President for the 2011-2012 year. I want to thank David Clarke for an outstanding past year of work and success in the ongoing development of the chapter. I look forward to his continued service and assistance. As you may know, Cuyamaca's affiliate chapter is the first and only one of its kind in the nation. I believe it is a jewel, a diamond in the rough. As such, over the course of the next year, I hope to continue refining the many facets of this jewel's cut into a true gem.

The chapter has much to offer students as we pursue our education, and simultaneously, the organization can benefit from students tremendously. I am excited to represent the current student membership this coming year, and I look forward to working with the ASLA-SD board. Since I will be representing the chapter to the board for the next year, I would like to tell you a little bit about myself.

I received my Bachelor of Engineering and Construction Management from the Southwest University in Kenner, Louisiana in 1999. In 2003, I moved to San Diego, from Texas, where I enrolled in the masters of architecture program at Newschool of Architecture and Design, ultimately earning my degree in 2007.

I have worked for and with my mentor, Michael Stepner, on several projects and have been a sole practitioner on several residential and commercial projects. Additionally, I have 20+ years of experience in the design/build industry with projects located throughout Texas and southern California.

I enrolled last year in the Cuyamaca College Horticulture Program to continue my education in the field of landscape architecture. I believe that neglecting the architecture of the world's fast-changing landscapes will result in endless highways lined by endless blocks of endless tedium - dreary expanses of repetitive buildings and plantings. Instead, we should follow Fairbrother's call to the design of 'new landscapes for our new lives' via enlightened landscape architecture.

I want to keep the lines of communication open and strong during the next year. I hope to create a more intuitive and useful segway for Cuyamaca's student chapter to increase its membership and have that group be involved in the activities and events of the ASLA-SD chapter. I need the chapter's assistance and encouragement as we develop new initiatives to achieve this year and will keep you informed as our work develops. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or suggestions, or even just to say hello! My phone number is (619) 991.0023 or email me at mwdesigns21@aol.com

I look forward to working with you in the upcoming year! Again, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as President of the Cuyamaca Student Chapter and to represent them to the board of directors of the San Diego Chapter of the ASLA.



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ASLA Annual Conference Volunteer Form

ASLA/San Diego welcomes your participation in the upcoming ASLA National Annual Conference which will be held in San Diego this October 30 through November 2 at the San Diego Convention Center and the Hilton Bayside.

We have several opportunities for members and non-member design professionals to participate in helping us coordinate conference field sessions, provide information and goodies at our Host Chapter booth, and coordinate the planning and installation of a post-Annual Meeting community beautification project in coordination with the ACE Mentor San Diego program called the ASLA/ACE Mentor Legacy Project.

Simply complete your information and check the opportunities where you are interested in volunteering and fax the Volunteer Form to 619.222.8154.

If you are not contacted by one of our co-chairs in a timely manner, please contact them directly (co-chair emails are listed at the end of each volunteer opportunity). Please return the form no later than Friday, July 22 so we will have a good idea for final planning of our volunteer efforts.

Also, please add to your calendar an Annual Meeting and Expo volunteer coordination meeting during the evening of July 28 at the Prado in Balboa Park. Meeting details will be emailed in July.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Glen Schmidt, FASLA and Joe Esposito, ASLA - Annual Meeting & EXPO Co-Chairs

Print Name: _____

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- Chapter Host Booth:** Assist the Host Booth Co-Chairs to be ambassadors for the Chapter by distributing maps, restaurant referral information and answer general questions about San Diego attractions and destinations. We will also be selling a San Diego ASLA Beach towel and Flash Drive at the booth. A number of two hour time slots are available. The sign-up sheet will be available at the July 28 orientation meeting and then on-line after July 28. **Booth Contacts:** jim@lightfootpg.com or mark.steyaert@carlsbadca.gov
- ASLA/ACE Mentor Legacy Project:** Assist with the Legacy Project, design and installation of a beautification project and education garden at the Taft Middle School in Serra Mesa: There are a number of areas to volunteer such as : contacting vendors who have offered to donate plant, irrigation and building materials and to coordination deliveries and storage of materials. Assist with coordinating construction efforts. Assisting on construction days, and helping to document the project with photographs and video. **Legacy Contacts:** lburnett@sd.wrtedesign.com or emily@ktua.com
- Field Sessions:** Sixteen fields sessions have been organized by our Field Session Co-Chairs who need volunteers to drive the routes to the various field sessions to determine the best routes and outline detailed directions for the field session bus drivers. The routes will be driven twice (mid-summer and toward the end of October to make sure there are no street projects that will delay the field session drivers. The Field Session Co-Chairs have over 50 volunteers at this point but feel free to look at the sessions listed on www.ASLA.org under Annual Meeting and let the Co-Chairs know if you are familiar with the projects and places where the sessions will be held so they can determine if they can utilize your familiarity with the places and projects. **Field Session Contacts:** DJ.taylor@mlasd.com or mdmarquez@san.rr.com

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