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2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2009

Registration - 1:30 PM

AGM – 2:00 PM

Sutton Place Hotel, Versailles Room A & B
845 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC



2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING PACKAGE **Saturday, April 4, 2009**

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This package includes:

1. Notice of the 2009 BCLA Annual General Meeting
2. Notice of the 2009
Special Resolution #1 & Special Resolution #2
3. 2009 AGM Agenda
4. 2008 Annual General Meeting Draft Minutes
5. Officers Reports
 - a) President
 - b) Registrar
 - c) Treasurer
6. Proposed 2009 Budget
7. Directors Reports
 - a) CSLA Report
 - b) Intern/Associate Representative
 - b) UBC Report
8. Committee & Sub-Committee Reports
 - a) CE Committee
 - b) P&P R Committee
 - c) ADP Sub-Committee
 - d) Insurance Sub-Committee
 - e) Landscape Standard Sub-Committee
9. Special Resolution #1
10. Special Resolution #2
11. Call For Nominations
12. Awards Luncheon & AGM Registration Form (insert)



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**BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
(the "Society")**

NOTICE OF THE 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

TAKE NOTICE THAT THE 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held at the Sutton Place Hotel, Versailles Room A and B, 845 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 2:00 pm for the following purposes:

1. To receive and approve the following:
 - a) financial statements of the Society for 2008,
 - b) the 2009 proposed budget, and
 - c) reports of the Directors and Committees to the Members for 2008
2. To elect directors and officers to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Society.
3. To appoint auditors/accountants for the ensuing year.
4. To transact and to discuss the following:
 - a) Proposed Bylaw Changes: Special Resolutions brought forward:
 - i) Special Resolution #1:
Associate Membership In The Profession
Landscape Architectural Technologist
 - ii) Special Resolution #2:
Society Designations and Duties
5. Other business, as required

DATED AT Vancouver, British Columbia, this 3rd day of March 2009

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

G. Blair Guppy, President



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**2009 BCSLA AGM
NOTICE OF SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS #1 and 2**

Take Notice that the Board of Directors will put forward **TWO SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS** at the 2009 BCSLA Annual General Meeting, on Saturday, April 4, 2009.

Special Resolutions:

1. The Special Resolution One brought forward:
 - a) Associate Membership in the Profession
 - b) Landscape Architectural Technologist
2. The Special Resolution Two brought forward:
 - a) Society Designations and Duties

DATED AT Vancouver, British Columbia, this 4th day of March, 2009.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

G. Blair Guppy, President



2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Saturday, April 4, 2009 – Sutton Place Hotel
Versailles Room A & B, 845 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC
Registration: 1:30 pm – AGM: 2:00 pm

- 1) Approval of the Agenda, Blair Guppy 2:00 pm
- 2) Declaration of Quorum, Andrew Robertson 2:05 pm
- 3) Welcome & Introductions, Blair Guppy 2:15 pm
- 4) Adoption of Draft 2008 AGM Minutes, Andrew Robertson 2:20 pm
- 5) Officers Reports 2:30 pm
 - a) President's Report, Blair Guppy
 - b) Treasurer's Report, Geoff Gooderham
 - i) 2008 Audit, Geoff Gooderham/Mahmoud Virani
 - ii) Appointment of the Auditors: Mahmoud Virani Inc.
 - iii) 2009 Proposed Budget
 - c) Registrar's Report, Andrew Robertson
- 6) Directors Reports 3:00 pm
- 7) Committee Reports 3:15 pm
 - a) Bylaws & Standards, Blair Guppy, Chair
 - b) Continuing Education, Nancy Paul/Andrew Robertson, Co-Chair
 - c) Public & Professional Relations, Kathy Dunster, Chair
 - i) Communications, Dave Hutch
Logo/Word Mark
Websites
Sitelines
 - ii) 2009 BC Land Summit, Kathy Dunster/Carolyn Kennedy
- 8) Sub-Committee Reports 3:30 pm
 - a) ADP
 - b) Insurance
 - c) Landscape Standard
- 9) Special Resolutions 3: 45 pm
 - a) Special Resolution #1:
Associate Membership In The Profession
Landscape Architectural Technologist
 - b) Special Resolution #2:
Society Designations and Duties
- 10) Nominations, Dave Thompson, Chair Election of Officers and Directors 4:00 pm
 - i) President Elect
 - ii) Directors (3)
- 11) New Business 4:15 pm
- 12) Adjournment 4:30 pm

The British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects 2008 Annual General Meeting was held on May 3, 2008 at the Plaza 500 Hotel and Conference Centre, 500 West 12 Avenue, Vancouver, BC at 2:00 pm.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive: Dave Thompson, President and Chair; Pawel Gradowski, Past President; Blair Guppy, President-Elect; Kate Davis-Johnson, Treasurer and Mark Vaughan, Registrar.

Directors: Tom Barratt, Joe Daly, Dave Hutch, David Rose, Chris Sterry and Liane McKenna, CSLA Board of Governors Representative.

Non-Voting Directors: Cynthia Girling, UBC Representative.

Regrets: Grace Fan. Teri Cantin, Intern/Associate Representative was leading an Intern workshop that ran concurrent with the AGM. Tara Culham was Recording Secretary

Guest: Mahmoud Virani, Auditor, Mahmoud Virani Inc. (2:00 pm to 3:00 pm)

Dave Thompson, President, introduced himself and thanked everyone for coming. Mark Vaughan, Registrar, reported that in compliance with BCSLA Bylaws, the AGM Notice, Special Resolution Notice and all other documents were circulated on April 1, 2008 four weeks in advance of the meeting. The 2008 AGM package was also available online and from the office. The package was available at the front door along with the audited financial statements.

Dave Thompson noted that in accordance with "Robert's Rules of Order" No mover or seconder of a motion should be entered in the Minutes unless ordered by the assembly. As there were no objections the Minutes will record that the Motions were moved, seconded and carried/failed.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA, Dave Thompson: It was agreed by consensus to correct the President's Name on the Agenda and to add the Treasurer to Nominations List.

MOTION #1: It was moved and seconded to approve the Agenda as amended. CARRIED

2. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM, Mark Vaughan: Bylaws require that a quorum of twenty (20) voting Members be present. As of May 3, 2008, 277 Members (234 Registered Landscape Architects, 5 Landscape Architects and 38 Inactive Landscape Architects) had voting privileges. Two Members were not in good standing due to non-payment of dues and were not eligible to vote. They were not at the meeting and staff is continuing to pursue these individuals. Due to time constraints it was agreed by consensus that a quorum was present. Mark asked for and objections three times and no objections were expressed. He declared that a quorum was present. A roll call will accompany the Minutes. Members were asked to sign in and out.

3. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS, Mark Vaughan: Board Members introduced themselves. Mark introduced Mahmoud Virani and Dave Fushtey. Mahmoud was invited to attend as he conducted the audit. Dave F. will provide guidance on issues related to the proposed Bylaw revisions.

4. ADOPTION OF THE 2007 AGM MINUTES, Dave Thompson:

MOTION #2: It was moved and seconded to adopt the Minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting as circulated. CARRIED

5. OFFICERS REPORTS:

a) President's Report, Dave Thompson: Written reports were included in the AGM package. Dave T. thanked all of the volunteers who donate their time to BCSLA.

b) Treasurer's Report, Kate Davis-Johnson: Kate thanked Mahmoud Virani, Mahmoud Virani Inc., who has served as the BCSLA Auditor for many years.

i) Audit: Kate invited questions concerning the audit (attached). It was noted that as 2007 showed a profit. The proposed 2008 budget included a deficit that was protected by the surplus.

Treasurer's Report (continued)**ii) Appointment of the Auditors:**

MOTION #3: It was moved and seconded to appoint Mahmoud Virani Inc. as the BCSLA auditor for fiscal year 2008. CARRIED

iii) Proposed 2008 Budget: The proposed budget was discussed in detail.

MOTION #4: It was moved and seconded to approve the 2008 budget as proposed. CARRIED

c) Registrar's Report, Mark Vaughan: The December 2007 LARE Section C pass rates were revised to 80%. An error in the metric conversion process was recognized and corrected by CLARB. Tara and the new Registrar will work with CLARB to address concerns related to the exams scoring process.

Dave T. invited questions on the Officers Reports three times and there was no further discussion.

MOTION #5: It was moved and seconded to adopt the Officers Reports as presented. CARRIED

6. DIRECTORS REPORTS, Dave Thompson: Teri Cantin had completed her term as Intern/Associate Representative and the new Board would appoint her successor. Dave invited questions on the Directors Reports and there was no further discussion.

MOTION #6: It was moved and seconded to adopt the Directors Reports as presented. CARRIED

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS, Dave Thompson: Committees include: Bylaws and Standards, Continuing Education, Credentials, Nominations, Finance and Public & Professional Relations. Committee Chairs provided written reports in the AGM package.

a) Proposed Bylaw Revisions, Dave T. and Dave Fushtey: Dave Fushtey, DSF Works, worked with the Bylaws Committee to draft the proposed Bylaw changes. Several issues have been identified for further consideration and have been placed on the 'Watch List'. It was noted that many of the proposed changes were housekeeping changes to correct and clarify wording at the suggestion of the appropriate committee. A 75% majority was required for the Special Resolution to pass. Detailed discussion on the revisions followed.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION#1:

WHEREAS the Society has completed a three-year review process of its Bylaws, and the Directors approved the form of amended bylaws.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Bylaws of the Society, dated March 31, 2008 be adopted by the Members of the Society at the Annual General Meeting on May 3, 2008 for adoption as the Bylaws of the Society, as revised 2008. CARRIED

7b) Bylaws & Standards Committee, Dave Thompson: Dave T. thanked Colette Parsons who has volunteered on the ADP Sub-Committee for many years. She stepped down from her duties and the new Board will appoint her successor. Al Tanzer (#144) has put his name forward to serve as her successor. Members were invited to submit their names for the position.

c) Continuing Education Committee, Mark Vaughan/Nancy Paul, Co-Chairs: Volunteers continue to refine the CE program. Members were encouraged to volunteer.

d) Credentials Committee, Mark Vaughan: In 2007 BC lost two landscape architect pioneers. Dan Matsushita and Eunice Campbell Purdy and they will be missed by their families, colleagues and friends

e) Public & Professional Relations Committee:

i) Wordmark/Logo, Dave Hutch: The Board approved the use of the name British Columbia Landscape Architects or BCLA as the new common name for the Society, with the BCSLA title remaining in place for all legal and registration purposes. Dave H. reported that the shortened name was the recommendation of Elio Creative Inc., the firm hired to develop the new identity for the Society. The Board had previously approved the concept for the new logo/wordmark. Dave H. provided rationale for the new logo and name and detailed the process using display boards. He noted that the full development and implementation of the new identity would occur in the following months.

Dave T. invited questions about the Committee Reports and there was no further discussion.

MOTION #7: It was moved and seconded to adopt the Committee Reports as presented. CARRIED

8. ELECTIONS, Pawel Gradowski/Mark Vaughan: The floor was opened for nominations.

a. President-Elect: Kathy Dunster #320 allowed her name to stand as President Elect. Nominations from the floor were invited from the floor three times. There were no further nominations. Kathy Dunster was elected by acclamation as President-Elect.

b. Treasurer: Geoff Gooderham #180 allowed his name to stand for a two-year term as Treasurer. Nominations from the floor were invited three times. There were no further nominations. Geoff Gooderham was elected by acclamation.

c. Registrar: Andrew Robertson #372 allowed his name to stand for a two-year term as Registrar. Nominations from the floor were asked for three times. There were no further nominations. Andrew Robertson was elected by acclamation.

d. Directors: Dylan Chernoff, Carolyn Kennedy and Dave Hutch had one year remaining in their terms as Directors. David Rose and Chris Sterry dedicated several years on the Board and have stepped down. Joe Daly represented Vancouver Island and had completed his term.

Cecilia Achiam # 331, Gerald Fleming #147 and Ray Visser #247 allowed their names to stand as Directors for a two-year term. Nominations from the floor were invited for three times. There were no further nominations. Cecilia Achiam, Gerald Fleming and Ray Visser were elected by acclamation

d. CSLA Board of Governor's Representative*: Mark Vaughan #314 allowed his name to stand for a two-year term. Nominations were invited from the floor three times. There were no further nominations. Mark Vaughan was elected by acclamation.

Dave Thompson thanked departing directors and congratulated the new Board of Directors. He turned the talking stick over to Blair Guppy, President Elect, who succeeded him as President. Blair thanked Dave T. for his dedication and devotion.

9. NEW BUSINESS, Blair Guppy: Blair invited the Members to bring up any new business. There was no new business.

10. ADJOURNMENT, Blair Guppy:

Motion #9: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the 2008 BCSLA AGM.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm

*ADDENDA: Mark Vaughan stepped down as CSLA Representative for personal reasons. As Pawel Gradowski had expressed interest in the position prior to the AGM he has allowed his name to stand as the CSLA Rep. for a two-year term. According to BCSLA Bylaws:

If a Director resigns from office or otherwise ceases to hold office, the remaining Directors may elect by simple majority a Member to fill the vacancy until the next AGM.

3.39 *A Director so-elected will hold office until the conclusion of the next following annual general meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose and is eligible for re-election at that meeting.*

In accordance with the Bylaws Pawel Gradowski was appointed by the Board of Directors as the CSLA Representative on May 28, 2008.

ROLL CALL

Achiam, Cecilia	Paterson, Doug
Awram, Tom	Philips, Jeff
Barratt, Tom	Roehr, Daniel
Basciano, Frank	Rogers, Susan
Bradwell, Tony	Rose, David
Breadon, Jim	Ryan Menzies, Laura
Brown, Adrienne	Samaridis, Dimitri
Brumpton, Grant	Schooling, Julie (I)
Chernoff, Dylan	Sinclair, Stephen
Cutler, Jeff	Snider, Dave
Daly, Joe	Sterry, Chris
Davis-Johnson, Kate	Stoyko, David
Dunster, Kathy	Stoyko, Judy
Eckford, Gerry	Tanzer, Al
Epp, Randall	Thompson, Dave
Esko, Jamie	Turner, Dave
Fershau, Rob	Vaughan, Don
Fleming, Gerald	Vaughan, Jeff
Girard, Carolyn	Vaughan, Mark
Girling, Cynthia	Wasson, Ian
Gooderham, Geoff	Watts, Liz
Gradowski, Pawel	Whitehead, Paul
Gray, Nigel	Wightman, Jean Anne
Grice, Brenda	
Guppy, Blair	
Harrison, Pat	
Hemstock, Bruce	
Howie, Sarah	
Hutch, Dave	
Ito, Masa	
Justice, Clive	
Kennedy, Carolyn	
Klassen, Terry	
Kristensen, Karen	
Lauridsen, Bjorn	
Lazzarin, Jay	
Lees, Erik	
LeFrank, Deborah	
Lilly, Bob	
Long, Margot	
MacDonald, Cara	
Marsh, Sarah	
Maruyama, Rod	
McIntosh, Stewart	
McKenna, Liane	
McKillop, Ken	
McMaster, Michelle	
Moors, Allan	
Neufeld, Al	
Neufeldt, Harold	
Nielsen, Linda	
Parsons, Colette	

The BCLA has concluded another active year of diverse activity. Propelled by the input of a membership who voluntarily donate their time and efforts, we were able to organize and carry through the various programs, initiatives, and committee work that allows the Society to perform for the benefit of its Members.

Serving the membership and representing the Society as President this past year has been exceptionally rewarding as well as extremely challenging. As the BCLA's first point of contact for media and interest groups, it has been a sincere honour to represent our members at events this past year, including providing input into the Mayor's proposed Eco-density Charter. It is with great humility that I offer my sincerest thanks and credit to the Board and those members who have given of their time in assisting me throughout this term. The following is a brief account of our activities and accomplishments on behalf of the membership over the past 10 months.

Kathy Dunster, President-Elect, has been a tremendous sounding board for me personally and continues to lead the Sub-Committee organizing the 2009 Land Summit. She will continue to lead the efforts of the Board with tremendous experience upon succeeding me as President this year. As Past-President, Dave Thompson continues to contribute his insights and wisdom as Nominations Committee Chair, Board of Examiners Chair and on the CE Committee. The Credentials Committee and Board of Examiners also convened several times throughout the year to meet the increasing number of applications for all categories of membership. Andrew Robertson, Registrar and Credentials Committee Chair, has dedicated himself wholly to the efforts of this critical Board position and has earned a strong voice on membership issues, overseeing the registration process, and serving to represent our interests as CLARB Representative. Andrew and the Board continue to work with Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) to streamline the Landscape Architectural Registration Exams (LARE) and Computerized Landscape Architectural Registration Exams (C/LARE) examination process as more interns apply. Ian Wasson serves as CLARB Vice-President and will soon stand as CLARB President-Elect. This is a fantastic achievement and will certainly see positive changes for BC Landscape Architects and the profession of Landscape Architecture in Canada, the United States, and abroad. Tara Culham, who also represents our interests at the CLARB meetings, has been successful time and time again in acquiring government funds through programs such as the 'Solutions for Access' grant application program. Direct results of these efforts can be seen on the newly launched BCLA website. With improvements that benefit both its members, the public agencies, as well as those seeking a career in landscape architecture the new website commands a more robust, inviting and user-friendly interface.

Dave Hutch has committed himself immensely in his efforts chairing the Communications Sub-Committee, and has recently been grooming Allison Good for the position and ensures that this strong arm of the BCLA organization continues to educate the public and ensure their interest and confidence in our professionals. He continues to work with public relations and graphics consultants to raise the profile of the profession through the media and to update and enhance the visual and online presence of the BCLA. Jane Green has made tremendous progress in ensuring that our print content, via 'Sitelines', remains current, thoughtful, and relevant. The bi-monthly publication has only been further enhanced with the successful implementation of the Society's new identity. David Rose, still devotes his time and expertise as the Editor of Sitelines Annual Membership and Firm Roster. Pawel Gradowski attended several CSLA meetings on our behalf, including the AGM in late November 2008. We are pleased that BCLA Members continue to excel in the locally and nationally, receiving significant recognition from the CSLA through awards and LACF grants. Geoff Gooderham, Treasurer, and the Finance Committee have been prudent with the budget so as to allow funding of a range of initiatives and programs. We have improved the Building and Emergency Funds, and have set aside additional funding for clerical assistance in the BCLA office, additional funding for community outreach and legal issues. As a result, the coming year is certain to see continued improvement in the operation of the Society's administration under the direction of Tara Culham, Executive Administrator. The tireless volunteers on the Continuing Education Committee, with Nancy Paul as Co-chair, worked hard creating several CE events and opportunities over the past year. The wine and cheese drawing workshop – preceding the 2008 Trade Show and Conference 'LANscapes' – was tremendously successful and well-attended. Many thanks are due Mathew Thomson and Derek Lee for volunteering their time and talents to this artistic endeavour. The group is also responsible for auditing the CE reporting program and policies. I am happy to announce that the Board has approved changes to the CE Policy that provide for more stringent compliance – ultimately ensuring that BC Landscape Architects remain current and at the top of their practice. Gerald Fleming, Island Chapter Chair, reports consistently at the Board's monthly meetings and has worked diligently to organize educational and networking activities for our members on Vancouver Island. Ray Visser is working with volunteers in the Interior to establish a Regional Chapter that will organize similar events in that area. Dylan Chernoff and Cecilia Achiam contribute to the Board's dialogue and decision making and Emily Dunlop succeeds Teri Cantin's outstanding efforts as Intern/Associate Representative. Emily continues to coordinate the UBC book program ensuring study material remains current. More recently Emily led the effort to ensure BCLA representation and presence at the BCIT Sustainable Lifestyles Fair this past February. Cynthia Girling, UBC Liaison and Seela Amaratunga, Student Rep. represent the UBC faculty and student members.

Jay Lazzarin works on our behalf on matters of insurance. The BCLA, with the timeless effort of Ken McKillop, Pawel Gradowski, Tara Culham, and Werner Knittel of the BC Landscape and Nursery Association, were successful in the scheduled review and launch of the Seventh Edition of the BC Landscape Standard - re-establishing the mutual benefits of our financial agreement. Another thanks to all of the Members who came forward to proof read the BC Landscape Standard prior to the actual publication.

The 2008 Conference and Trade Show 'LANscapes' was a tremendous success and attended beyond expectation. With a program that showcased many of our local academic and professional members and their work, our out-of-town colleagues also generated a broad reaching interest. There are a great many people, including the participants and our sponsors, who ensured the Conferences success. Without these and other dedicated embers, these events would be impossible. Teri Cantin, Tara Culham, Emily Dunlop, Doron Fishman, Allie Good, Michelle McMaster, Linda Nielsen, Donna Rodman, Dave Thompson and many others all gave effortlessly of their time and energy. Thank you.

The Bylaw & Standards Committee has recently reviewed the BCLA Bylaws and proposed a number of changes that are intended to help clarify professional designation and consistent usage thereof. Further explanation of these Special Resolutions can be found under separate cover – Bylaws and Standards Committee.

The LAP III Sub-Committee, after a long and fruitful pursuit of legislative changes on behalf of the BCLA, was deemed inactive at the beginning of my term as President. LAP III was mandated to pursue the BC Ministry of Advanced Education with the purpose of having the "Architects, (Landscape) Act" revised to meet current practice and changes to our Bylaws. On 19 December 2007 Don Vaughan, along with Mark Vaughan (BCSLA Registrar), John Leech (ASTTBC), Darrin Heisler (ASTTBC), Hazel Christy (PIBC, Pres.), and Dave Crossley (PIBC) met with Murray Coell, Minister of Advanced Education and Tony Loughran, from the Ministry of Advanced Education. The results of the meeting were prepared and included as part of the 2008 AGM LAP III Report. Upon assuming Presidency, the formation of the PLAAN (Planned Landscape Architecture Advocacy Network) Sub-Committee has ensured continuation of the previous LAP III initiative while serving a renewed advisory role to the BCLA in its pursuit of Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) and the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT). This required that BCLA develop a 'Mutual Recognition Agreement' (MRA) with AALA, ensuring compliance. The BCLA, upon the advice of the PLAAN Sub-Committee, would use this work under AIT and TILMA to pursue a Practice Act for BCLA. Labour mobility, through future agreements with the component organizations, has been ascertained as a route through which the BCLA may better command the attention of the Ministry in addressing the proposed revisions to our Act.

With many years of dedicated service to the profession Colette Parsons, early in 2008, stepped down from her role as Advisory Design Panel (ADP) Chair. We are thankful that so many qualified Members contribute their time and energy on ADP's across many municipalities. The Board reviewed the applications and qualifications for the position and was quick to award this coveted position to Al Tanzer. Further, the Board adopted a new policy on 'City of Vancouver Urban Design Panel (UDP) Nominations and Appointments'. This policy was conceived, and is intended to supplement the procedures for application, nomination and appointment – ensuring the promotion and consistency of an exceptional level of professional conduct, dialogue, and participation by our membership. Al continues to serve the BCLA coordinating the efforts of all participating municipalities throughout the region.

The past year the Board of Examiners reviewed many exceptional new candidates seeking membership with the BCLA. It was proposed and adopted by the Board to accept a new policy on 'Planning for New Member Recognition'. I believe a sense of acknowledgement for our individual achievements and the effect they have on the greater good of our professional Society, as well as the society we seek to improve, lends itself to superior performance, greater effort, and improved concern about the health of the collective whole and how to make it stronger. However, just recognizing and praising employees is not enough. It must be executed consistently, sincerely, and on a local, regional, even national basis. This policy will ensure that all new members, as well as that of members in receipt of awards bestowed upon them by the BCLA shall be acknowledged through public announcement, via print media, once per calendar year as well as formal ceremony. Thank you to John Bass, Cynthia Girling, Tony Puddicombe and Judy Newton who joined Dave Thompson on the Board of Examiners and to Andrew Robertson who served as Observer. Many thanks are due Tish Davies who completed her final term this past year as the person representing the public interest. Judy Newton was recently appointed by the provincial government to succeed her.

Katherine Dunster, Andrew Robertson, Pawel Gradowski, Tara Culham and I met over a two day period, in late November, with AALA and representatives from the Alberta and BC government. Ian Wasson represented CLARB during a portion of the meeting. Considered an attempt to reach out to our neighbouring colleagues, we learned much about each other's organizations as well as one another's bylaws and standards, and regulation. The two organizations expect to meet again over the coming year under much anticipation for the granting of regulation to the

AALA by the Alberta government this coming April. My sincerest thanks and gratitude to those mentioned above, as well as Don Barron, Adrienne Brown, Gerry Eckford, Will McKenna, Don Vaughan, Mark Vaughan and Ian Wasson for their help in preparation for, and during the event.

Kathy Dunster, Crosland Doak, Emily Dunlop, Laurelin Fondacaro Allison Good, Carolyn Kennedy, André Kolbér, Nancy McLean, Linda Nielsen and a growing group of volunteers have worked extremely hard to develop and deliver a program with tremendous content for the 2009 BC Land Summit. Over the year, many other volunteers have helped organize diverse activities from LARE workshops for interns to site tours for those working in the public sector. In May of 2008, the BCLA presented awards to graduating UBC MLA students, and the Board hosted the BCLA Fellows for an annual discussion that, again, shed light on the outstanding past of its members and gave the Board a surge of optimism for seeking new directions with their help. The Festive Season Party was held again at the Bloedel Conservatory, allowing members to relax, meet and mingle. The UBC Landscape Architecture students were extremely helpful in ensuring that the evening ran without hindrance, and were rewarded with the use of the no-host bar as a fundraiser for the academic program. It is with my sincerest thanks to all those who participated and helped raise nearly \$150 for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank.

All of these various BCLA Committees and events exist because of the individuals who find growth and satisfaction through involvement with the organization. Without them, the BCLA would not be a sustainable entity. Active participation allows members to expand their leadership and organizational skills and to meet other practitioners whom they may never otherwise encounter. It is my belief that all members have obligations to assist the profession. The significant challenges we face today cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we are accustomed to. Volunteering with the BCLA offers young students, interns and professionals a range of practical benefits, such as training, experience, and professional contacts. It is a way for any individual to expand ones perspectives, explore alternative work options, and build our problem-solving skill sets. The BCLA remains an empowered organization – one within which individuals share their knowledge, skills, and desires to personally succeed in a way that leads to collective organizational success.

The BCLA office, under the watchful eye and tireless effort of Tara Culham, Executive Administrator, is the core of communication and daily operation of the Society. Please contact Tara directly with your news, queries, and concerns, and especially offer of your time and talents. She is sure to assist in finding what you seek.

I would like to thank the BCLA for giving me the opportunity to serve as President. I have been called to represent the BCLA in public media, networking events with our allied professional organizations and academic bodies, and to help lead the organization into the future - purporting the benefits of the profession and members to our government and its citizens. As Past President; I will continue to contribute to the ongoing activities of the Society.

Respectfully Submitted By:

G. Blair Guppy | RLA CSLA
13 February 2009

Credentials Committee

The Credentials Committee met in person and via email to make recommendation on membership applications to the Board of Directors who have the final approval. In 2008 the BCLA welcomed fifteen new Registered Landscape Architects and two Landscape Architect Members. One Registered Landscape Architect was re-instated after he returned to BC. In addition BCLA also added thirty-four Interns, four Associate, two Student and four Affiliate Members to the roster.

Membership (as of February 13, 2009)

Registered Landscape Architect	246 (includes 6 Life Members)
Landscape Architect	7
Intern:	143
Associate	14
Inactive:	39
Students:	10
Affiliate:	43
TOTAL:	502

Thank you very much to Al Neufeld, Damon Oriente, Judith Reeve, David Thompson and Andrew Robertson for dedicating their time and expertise on this Committee.

Board of Examiners

The role of Board of Examiners is to set and administer the examination necessary for the registration of members in the Society and to review the applicant's qualifications and determine acceptability. Dave Thompson, Past President was the Board Chair. John Bass, Cynthia Girling and Anthony Puddicombe have allowed their name to stand for a final three-year term on the Board of Examiners. Tish Davis completed her term on the Board of Examiners and we are grateful for her time and expertise. Judy Newton was appointed succeed Tish for a one-year term. Judy is eligible for re-nomination for a two-year and then a final three-year term. Blair Guppy also served on the Board of Examiners and he will succeed Dave Thompson as Chair following the AGM. Andrew Robertson also participates at the oral exams as an Observer.

Complaints

None

Defense of Title

There were several complaints regarding misuse of title. BCSLA sent letters informing these individuals of the Provincial statute and requested that they cease using the title and to revise all promotional material that implied the individual was a landscape architect.

Solutions to Access

The governments of Canada and BC made funding available for regulatory bodies through the Solutions to Access Program. In 2007/2008 BCSLA successfully applied for funding which allowed us to successfully complete the *Bridge to Licensure* initiative. The initiative allowed us to upgrade our website to include a multi-lingual component that features a self-assessment tool and step-by-step guide that provides licensure information for membership candidates. Other components of the program allowed us to develop a database of offshore learning institutions and improve our internal tracking system.

In 2008/09 we successfully applied for additional funding under the Solutions to Access Program. The new *Moving Forward* project features several components including: website upgrades to the Market Place and Calendar of Events, introducing online membership applications, upgrading the Intern Experience Monitoring process to include an online tracking system, improvements to our licensure tracking system for candidates and labour mobility meetings with Alberta Association of Landscape Architects. The website upgrades will be incorporated with new logo/wordmark implementation. The Market Place page on the website allows employers and job seekers to post resumes and job listings as a PDF. A security feature was also added to prevent the posting of inappropriate material. Visitors to the new Calendar of Events page can post and search for events or search for activities by category, location and/or date. Membership candidates will soon be able to submit their application online. Interns will be able to track their mandatory experience and their progress through the LARE and C/LARE on the password secured Members Only website. Luna Design was also instrumental in the success of these projects.

C/LARE & LARE

The Computerized Landscape Architectural Exams (C/LARE) consist of three multiple choice sections Section A, Section B and Section D. The Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) has contracted

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**Registrar's
Report**

C/LARE & LARE (continued)

Prometric to administer these exams. . The challenges of registering and reserving a space at the test centre continue and we are working with CLARB to address these challenges to improve the experience for the candidates.

Sections C and E of the Landscape Architectural Registration Exams LARE are available twice a year. More than 47 candidates sat for the exams in the December 2008 administration. Teri Cantin, Allison Good and Emily Dunlop have teamed up to lead a series of exam preparation workshops. Allison developed a Study Manual and Emily updated the reading list. The study material has been made available to all workshop leaders from outside the Lower Mainland to assist them in leading regional workshops. If you have recently passed the LARE or the C/LARE we encourage you to come forward to lead a workshop, especially if you live and work outside the Vancouver area.

2008 C/LARE Results

SECTION	# TAKEN April 2008	# PASS April 2008	% PASS April 2008	# TAKEN September 2008	# PASS September 2008	% PASS September 2008
A	16	15	94%	20	16	80%
B	20	18	90%	6	5	83%
D	14	12	75%	8	7	86%

2008 LARE Results

SECTION	# TAKEN June 2008	# PASS June 2008	% PASS June 2008	# TAKEN December 2008	# PASS December 2008	% PASS December 2008
C	18	8	44%	17	16	94%
E	24	7	29%	33	7	21%

In Memoriam

In 2008 BCLA lost two Members. On behalf of the BCSLA Board of Directors, Members and staff we extend our condolences to family, friends and colleagues

Philip Tattersfield

Philip Tattersfield RCA, LMBCSLA #001, FCSLA passed away on June 30, 2008 after a lengthy illness. Phil was the founder of the BC Chapter of the American Institute of Landscape Architects in 1959. This Institute would become the BC Society of Landscape Architects. Phil devoted a great deal of time and energy trying to achieve recognition for the profession in BC while enlisting new members.

Bjorn Lauridsen

Bjorn Lauridsen, MBCSLA #121, passed away on August 7, 2008, after a courageous struggle with a very rare and aggressive cancer. After working 14 years as a civil engineer, at age 40 Bjorn took on a new challenge, enrolling in the first Landscape Architecture degree program at UBC. Following graduation in 1983, he operated a very successful landscape architectural firm for 25 years in Abbotsford and surrounding districts.

Report prepared by:

Tara Culham for Andrew Robertson, Registrar
February 2009

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**Treasurer's
Report**

2008 was a successful year financially for the BCLA. An expected budget deficit did not materialize as revenues were higher than expected and expenses were less than budgeted. This is a result of the Boards's conservative budgeting procedures and the foresight of previous boards and the general membership. Please note that all figures provided in this report are the unaudited and may be adjusted in the course of the audit.

2008 Revenue

In spite of the annual 5% increase in membership fees authorized by the membership at the 2006 AGM, membership income was less than budgeted. However, this was more than offset by higher than expected revenue from other sources, particularly from a successful 2008 Conference and Trade Show, solid revenue generated by the 7th Edition BC Landscape Standard, term deposit bank interest and a variety of lesser sources.

2008 Expenses

While a few of the 2008 budget line items were over their allotted budget, the majority of were less than budgeted for. This resulted in savings over the course of the year, even while making significant contributions to the Emergency Fund and the Building Fund (\$10,000 and \$6,000 respectively).

Unaudited results for 2008 show a net excess of revenue over expenses of \$31,922.11 for the year ending December 31, 2008. The Board recommends that this be carried forward into 2009.

2009 Proposed Budget

The proposed 2009 budget shows a balanced budget of revenue and expenses. Revenue from membership has been increased in line with the growth of the membership and the increase in annual dues, while AGM revenue is anticipated to be less than previous years as a result of our participation in the 2009 Landscape Summit. Proposed expenses are either the same as 2008 or increased as required based on our experience in 2008.

Due to the uncertainty created by the world economy, the Board has taken a conservative approach to the proposed 2009 budget. While the Board intends to proceed with initiatives the membership has identified as priorities for the Society, the intent is to carry last years surplus forward to 2009 to cover any unanticipated shortfalls in revenue.

2009 plans include completing revisions to the BCLA websites, increased promotion of the profession through a number of new initiatives, and continuing contributions to the Building and Emergency Funds.

The BCLA is also in the fortunate position that certain projects that would have inevitably been required and paid for by the Society have been undertaken with grants from outside sources. The 2008 Bridge to Licensure and the current Moving Forward project are both important initiatives that will benefit the Society. They were generously funded through grants from the provincial and federal government Solutions to Access program.

The Board recognizes that the membership will at some time wish to reconsider the annual 5% increase in dues. However, the Board feels that although the most recent budgets have produced a surplus of revenue over expenses and allowed the membership and the Board to pursue initiatives and build up the Building and Emergency funds, there is still much to be done. Neither the Building nor the Emergency Funds have reached their target levels, and some of the recent major initiatives were funded by outside grants. The BCLA needs to ensure that this growth can continue, even in the event of a decrease in revenue as a result of the overall economic conditions or a loss of future grant money.

Thanks to forward thinking decisions of previous Boards and the membership, the BCLA has the financial ability to proceed with projects that will benefit the Society and the profession without undue financial strain. The Board welcomes new initiatives from the membership that will continue this growth.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Geoff Gooderham, Treasurer

February 2009

REVENUE	2009 Proposed	2008 Actual	2008 Proposed
Unaudited to December 31, 2008 -DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION			
MEMBERSHIP INCOME			
Registered	\$185,977.00	\$156,168.78	\$160,952.00
Non-Registered	\$5,904.00	\$3,852.26	\$4,774.00
Intern	\$26,622.00	\$23,491.66	\$25,050.00
Associate	\$2,565.00	\$1,585.40	\$2,567.00
Student	\$370.00	\$205.71	\$272.00
Inactive	\$3,762.00	\$4,453.92	\$3,382.00
Affiliate	\$9,460.00	\$8,190.00	\$7,600.00
TOTAL:	\$234,660.00	\$197,947.73	\$204,597.00
LARE INCOME			
Administration Fee	\$5,000.00	\$6,255.27	\$4,000.00
LARE Applications	\$450.00	\$435.69	\$200.00
TOTAL:	\$5,450.00	\$6,690.96	\$4,200.00
CONFERENCE and AGM INCOME			
AGM Registration	\$0.00	\$22,182.48	\$15,000.00
AGM Sponsorship	\$45,000.00	\$53,424.40	\$53,000.00
TOTAL:	\$45,000.00	\$75,606.88	\$68,000.00
COMMUNICATIONS INCOME			
Sitelines	\$19,000.00	\$17,157.71	\$19,000.00
Firm Project Signs	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Landscape Standard	\$5,000.00	\$8,202.63	\$2,000.00
sitelines.org	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
TOTAL:	\$24,600.00	\$25,360.34	\$23,000.00
OTHER INCOME			
Term Deposit Bank Interest	\$9,000.00	\$9,722.10	\$5,000.00
Interest	\$100.00	\$76.50	\$200.00
Admin. Expense Recovery	\$1,000.00	\$2,310.43	\$200.00
VanCity Dividends	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
Late Payment Fee	\$1,000.00	\$947.31	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00	\$2,038.00	\$1,000.00
Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
CE Courses	\$5,000.00	\$8,612.86	\$5,000.00
Solutions to Access Grant	\$0.00	\$29,950.00	\$29,950.00
Moving Forward Grant	\$32,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL:	\$49,605.00	\$53,657.20	\$47,355.00
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$359,315.00	\$359,263.11	\$347,152.00

EXPENSES	2009 Proposed	2008 Actual	2008 Proposed
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Unaudited to December 31, 2008 -DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION

MEMBERSHIP/COMMUNICATION EXPENSES

Professional Development	\$2,000.00	\$57.14	\$2,000.00
Landscape Standard	\$3,000.00	\$513.04	\$3,000.00
Sitelines	\$21,000.00	\$18,913.40	\$21,000.00
Committee Expenses	\$2,500.00	\$2,226.15	\$2,500.00
Social Events	\$5,000.00	\$3,698.58	\$5,000.00
Firm Project Signs	\$100.00	\$90.50	\$75.00
Interior Chapter	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Vancouver Island Chapter	\$1,500.00	\$528.75	\$1,500.00
CE - On-line Web Section	\$3,000.00	\$3,104.00	\$3,000.00
CE - Courses	\$10,000.00	\$10,387.85	\$10,000.00
LARE Workshops	\$3,000.00	\$2,582.16	\$3,000.00
Communication Sub-Committee (Promotion)	\$10,000.00	\$2,789.45	\$10,000.00
Community Outreach	\$2,000.00	\$125.00	\$1,000.00
BCLA Logo	\$15,000.00	\$17,874.77	\$20,000.00
TOTAL:	\$80,600.00	\$62,890.79	\$84,575.00

UBC BOOK PROGRAM EXPENSES

UBC Book Program	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
TOTAL:	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00

ADMIN. EXPENSES

Executive Administrator	\$55,000.00	\$52,657.22	\$50,182.12
Employee Benefits & WCB	\$1,700.00	\$1,394.55	\$1,700.00
CPP Expense	\$2,500.00	\$2,258.03	\$2,500.00
EI Expense	\$1,400.00	\$1,106.13	\$1,400.00
Accounting/Audit	\$9,000.00	\$8,345.00	\$7,500.00
Clerical part-time help	\$15,000.00	\$4,566.12	\$15,000.00
Office & Locker Rent	\$11,000.00	\$9,604.16	\$10,140.00
Telephone/Fax	\$2,000.00	\$1,870.31	\$1,500.00
Internet/E-Mail	\$700.00	\$180.86	\$700.00
Web Host & Maintenance fees	\$4,000.00	\$3,518.51	\$4,000.00
Office Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$1,687.95	\$2,500.00
Postage	\$6,605.00	\$3,258.46	\$4,500.00
Photocopies	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
Couriers	\$550.00	\$415.68	\$550.00
Leasing (Copier)	\$1,000.00	\$816.22	\$0.00
Leasing (Postal Machine)	\$1,200.00	\$1,116.84	\$1,000.00
Bank Charges	\$1,200.00	\$1,068.19	\$1,000.00
Legal	\$7,000.00	\$1,239.16	\$7,000.00
Bylaw Revisions	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Office Insurance	\$1,200.00	\$1,102.00	\$800.00
Board Expenses	\$10,000.00	\$9,170.65	\$5,000.00
Registrar Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$367.20	\$3,000.00
Director's Insurance	\$1,200.00	\$1,142.00	\$2,200.00
Amortization	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Miscellaneous	\$300.00	\$130.25	\$300.00
TOTAL:	\$140,755.00	\$107,015.49	\$123,872.12

MARKETING EXPENSES

Advertising & Promotion	\$6,000.00	\$1,850.00	\$3,000.00
Community Awards	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Sitelines.org Website	\$5,000.00	\$7,427.12	\$6,000.00
TOTAL:	\$11,300.00	\$9,277.12	\$9,300.00

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EXPENSES (continued)	2009 Proposed	2008 Actual	2008 Proposed
Unaudited to December 31, 2008 -DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION			
CSLA EXPENSES			
Landscapes Publication	\$7,090.00	\$5,744.00	\$6,000.00
Juror Award Meeting	\$1,500.00	\$959.42	\$1,500.00
BOG Meetings	\$4,500.00	\$4,182.06	\$4,800.00
CSLA Dues	\$37,700.00	\$32,175.00	\$33,605.00
TOTAL:	\$50,790.00	\$43,060.48	\$45,905.00
CLARB EXPENSES			
Membership Dues	\$5,000.00	\$4,436.25	\$4,550.00
Meetings	\$7,500.00	\$5,457.58	\$7,500.00
Courier	\$1,000.00	\$772.77	\$500.00
Miscellaneous	\$270.00	\$75.00	\$200.00
TOTAL:	\$13,770.00	\$10,741.60	\$12,750.00
REGISTRATION EXPENSES			
Board of Examiners	\$1,000.00	\$707.97	\$1,000.00
Books	\$1,000.00	\$5,434.03	\$1,000.00
Robillard / Neill Scholarship	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Stamps/Certificates	\$1,500.00	\$1,127.20	\$800.00
Solutions To Access	\$0.00	\$29,093.71	\$29,950.00
Moving Forward	\$32,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$0.00
TOTAL:	\$37,500.00	\$44,362.91	\$34,250.00
Conference & AGM EXPENSES			
AGM	\$2,000.00	\$48,551.21	\$50,000.00
TOTAL:	\$2,000.00	\$48,551.21	\$50,000.00
Special Levy Expenses	\$100.00	\$940.80	\$1,000.00
Building Fund	\$7,000.00		\$3,000.00
Emergency Fund	\$15,000.00		\$3,000.00
TOTAL:	\$22,100.00	\$940.80	\$7,000.00
EXPENSES TOTAL:	\$359,315.00	\$327,340.40	\$368,152.12
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$359,315.00	\$359,263.11	\$347,152.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$359,315.00	<u>\$327,340.40</u>	<u>\$368,152.12</u>
NET INCOME:	\$0.00	\$31,922.71	-\$21,000.12

*To December 31, 2008 (unaudited)
Prepared by Tara Culham:March 2, 2009

At the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA) 2008 Congress in Quebec City, Quebec, Cathy Sears succeeded Myke Hogkins as CSLA President for 2008/2009.

The CSLA Board of Directors met in early June 2008 in Calgary. During two full days of discussions we resolved several ongoing administrative issues. At the same time the Board discussed a number of new initiatives including, but not limited to, improving the functionality of the CSLA and the promotion of the Landscape Architecture profession in Canada. The following is a list of some of the items that were reviewed:

- Search strategies and selection of the new CSLA Executive Director to succeed Fran Pauzé who decided to leave our organization in July 2008.
- Plan to re-develop a comprehensive CSLA Strategic Plan for a 3-5 years term, which will assist the Board in the establishing and future continuation of the initiatives undertaken by CSLA
- Creation of an Accreditation Task Force, which will review and revise as necessary the standards for the Members commitment and their recruitment to the Accreditation Council.
- Further development of CSLA communication tools:
 - o Upgrades to CSLA website,
 - o Power Point presentations as promotional tool for the profession of LA
 - o Poster competitions for Landscape Architecture Month in 2009
 - o Media kit for CSLA
 - o CSLA publication "Landscapes/ Paysages"
 - o "YouTube" video competition promoting LA professions
- Potential creation of additional membership categories (i.e. Student member)
- Discussions related to CSLA assistance in the development of the proposed LA program at Dalhousie University.
- Inter-provincial reciprocity issues in light of new government initiatives (AIT and TILMA)
- Initiatives related to the celebration of the 75th anniversary of CSLA during the 2009 Congress in Toronto.

During two follow-up teleconferences (September 2008 and February 2009) and a second face-to-face meeting in Moncton, NB in mid November 2008, several of the above issues were further discussed and/or developed. Also, during that two day meeting, Board members were introduced to Paulette Vinette who is our new Executive Director.

During the 2009 CSLA Congress in August there will be a celebration of the 75th anniversary of CSLA. We hope that several landscape architects from British Columbia will participate in this event.

CSLA Congress 2010 will be held in Edmonton. There are few options still being discussed in regards to the CSLA Congress 2011. One of these options is to organize it in Nunavut.

CSLA President Elect - Linda Irvine (OALA) will take over the CSLA presidency from Cathy Sears in August 2009.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Pawel Gradowski, BCLA Representative to CSLA
February 2009

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**Intern /Associate
Representative
Report**

This past year has proven to be a busy and exciting year, and I am proud to be involved with the BCLA on a more consistent basis and to be supported by a great panel of professionals on the Board of Directors. The 2008 Annual Conference and Trade Show was a great success thanks to Teri Cantin, Dave Thompson and the team of volunteers who worked tirelessly. Again with help of volunteers, and building on what those who came before us started, the LARE preparation workshops continue to improve and grow.

The library of LARE study materials continues to grow and material is available to those preparing for their exams. I am in the process of building this library, as well as organizing study groups and helping Interns to find the resources they need. I welcome any suggestions to help improve the resources and LARE workshop delivery to help Interns as they face the challenges that come with the registration process. All materials for all LARE sections are available, on loan, on a first-come-first-serve basis. Those wishing to review and use this material may contact me through the BCLA office.

In December of 2008, Interns wrote the graphic LARE examinations for Sections C (Planning and Site Design) and Section E (Grading, Drainage and Stormwater Management). The pass rates were higher than average for Section C and below average for Section E. This may mean that closer evaluation of the resources available to Interns is important as well as looking at ways to enhance the LARE workshops to provide Interns with the tools to prepare and encourage them as they endeavor each exam. Measures to enhance the LARE workshops put on by the BCSA are in progress and will be implemented for the upcoming workshops in the spring of 2009.

Ensuring the continued generosity of the BCLA membership towards the University of British Columbia Book Program has proven to be beneficial to intern members. The BCLA dedicated funding in the amount of \$500 to the University Library along with a list of suggested books. The University of British Columbia matched this amount of \$500. As a result, a number of new books have been added to an already excellent collection at the UBC library, including a variety to topics in Landscape Architecture and recommended titles from the Professional community. These titles selected include:

Dreaming Gardens: Landscape Architecture and the Making of Modern Israel / Helphand, Kenneth

Nature Over Again: The Garden Art of Ian Hamilton Finlay / Hunt, John

Ecology and Design / Melnick, Johnson & Hill

The Public Chance: New Urban Landscapes/ Fernandez, Aurora

Up By Roots/ Urban, James

Noorder Park/ Jolles, Allard, and Post

BC Landscape Standard 7th Edition/ BC SLA and BCLNA

Wildlife, Forests & Forestry/ Hunter, Malcolm L.

Business Law for Landscape Architects/ Beery, William E.

Materials and Their Applications in Landscape Design / Sovinski, Rob W.

1000 X Landscape Architecture/ van Uffelen, Chris

New City Life/Gehl, Jan

Walkscapes: Gustavo Gill (English Version)/ Careri, Francesco

Landscape Architectural Graphic Standards (Student Edition)

'scape: The International Magazine of Landscape Architecture and Urbanism

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A current list of reading material has been posted for BCLA Members, and can be accessed at www.bcsla.org. This list should indicate the breadth of material that is available for Intern/Associate Members throughout the Lower Mainland – as documented through UBC, SFU, BCIT, and the Vancouver Public Library. Those members from outside the Lower Mainland should also be able to access this material through Pegasus interlibrary loans.

In 2008 we welcomed 34 New Interns and 4 Associate Members. Congratulations to the fifteen new Registered Landscape Architects, one reinstated Registered Landscape Architect and two landscape architects and best of luck in your careers.

I would also like to extend a welcome to the new Intern and Associate Members that were welcomed this year. I will continue to provide support as they enter into the Internship process. I encourage Intern Members to learn more about the BCLA and to participate in the various endeavors that the membership is dedicated to completing for 2009 and beyond.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Emily Dunlop
BCSLA Intern/Associate Representative
February 2009

UBC School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture

The School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture offers four graduate degrees and one undergraduate degree: the Master of Architecture (March), the Master of Advanced Studies in Architecture (MASA), the Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA), the Master of Advanced Studies in Landscape Architecture (MASLA), and the undergraduate Bachelor of Environmental Design (ENDS).

The combined School is situated within the Faculty of Applied Science and includes 250 students, 26 full-time faculty, 10 staff, and 6 full-time research personnel in its Design Centre for Sustainability. In July, 2009 Dr. Ray Cole will complete his term as Director of the School. As of this writing the School is conducting an external search for a new Director of SALA.

2008 (new) Mission Statement

The Landscape Architecture Program at the University of British Columbia prepares the next generation of landscape architects for careers responding to the urgent human and environmental issues of our times. Our program cultivates enduring professional, environmental and aesthetic knowledge and values; intellectual, creative and technical skills; and a lifelong commitment to learning and leadership necessary to design sustainable, beautiful, resilient landscapes with the power to transform society.

Program faculty shares a deep commitment to the integrity, quality and stewardship of the built and natural environment of British Columbia. We fully support and thrive on this region's commitment to sustainability and design. Together with our students, we explore the diverse dimensions of that commitment through research, scholarship, creative practice, and professional education opportunities based in the rich learning laboratory of this unique west coast landscape.

Students

We admitted 17 new students into the MLA Program in the 2008/09 academic year from an application pool of about 80. We currently have 52 students in the MLA program.

Congratulations to our graduates! The following students received their Master of Landscape Architecture in May 2008: Ryan Crago, Jeff Denney, Sara Fryer, Maria Galdon, Yun Gao, Farzaneh Ghassemi, Shannon Kavanaugh, Jason Lam, Reza Davani, Miriam Plishka, Ellen Pond, Nalon Smith, Takashi Tomono, Megan Turnock, Dan Yang.

Sara Fryer (2008) was awarded the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects Award of Merit. Ellen Pond (2008) was awarded an American Society of Landscape Architects Honour Award for Research for her graduation project titled "Revealing climate change mitigation in the landscapes of the future." She was also a finalist for the Olmsted Fellowship.

Continuing students Caitlin Harrigan, Megan Vogt and Michael Vorhies each won a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Fellowship, a very competitive research-oriented fellowship at UBC. Winners of this competitive scholarship must have first class academic standing and must write a rigorous and defensible research proposal.

General student directed activities also continue to be important. Under the leadership of LASA President, Marta Klaptocz, Vice President Internal Alia Johnson, Vice President External Seela Amaratunga, Treasurer Cameron Woodruff, the students have organized numerous social events, the "brown bag" lectures, Shadow Mentor Day, worked at the BCLA Christmas party and host the final presentations of the graduating students.

Internships

Several agencies and firms have been a great help in placing our students during the summer months in student internships. Such assistance is greatly appreciated. Relevant office experience obtained while a student helps to enrich students' education while making them better prepared to enter the landscape architecture workforce upon graduation.

There is a great need to place interns from May to August. If your firm is interested in hiring a summer intern, please send a notice to larc@interchange.ubc.ca and request the Landscape Architecture Program's Internship Handbook.

Faculty News

Notable accomplishments of the Landscape Architecture faculty this past year include:

- Patrick Condon, James Taylor Chair in Landscape and Liveable Environments, published *Design Charrettes for Sustainable Communities*, 2008 Island Press, and has another book in the works.
- Cynthia Girling and Ronald Kellett recently completed a research report with Maria Galdon, Lara Davis entitled "Green Infrastructure for Calgary's Mobility Corridors." The report supports the Plan It Calgary long-range planning project with the UBC Design Centre for Sustainability.
- Susan Herrington's new book, "On Landscapes" was published in late 2008 (Routledge). She has also received a SSHRC Research Grant to conduct a project entitled "Modernist Landscape Architecture and the Work of Cornelia Hahn Oberlander."
- Patrick Mooney developed a new class, Field Studies in the Regional Ecosystem. Thanks to BCSLA members Kathy Dunster, and Paul de Greeff who contributed significantly to the course. Thanks as well to Dr. Les Lavkulich UBC Proferssor emeritus Soil Science, and well known naturalist and columnist Al Grass.
- Will Marsh is conducting long term planning work with the Islands Trust.
- Doug Paterson retired in December 2008, but he promises he will continue to teach "Place Theory" and studio into the future.
- Daniel Roehr recently published an article with Jon Laurenz entitled, "Living Skins: Environmental benefits of green envelopes in the city context," Eco-Architecture 08 (conference), Algarve, Portugal, WIT Press, 2008. Daniel has lectured on this topic in Portugal, Greece and Texas recently.
- Stephen Sheppard is serving in 2009 as a Peter Wall Distinguished Scholar in Residence researching visualization tools for public awareness, policy change, and collaborative planning on climate change and sustainability.

ADJUNCT FACULTY:

We continue to receive valued support from wonderful adjunct faculty in the Program. Duncan Cavens, Steve Clarke, Bob Lilly, Stacy Moriarty, Doug Justice (UBC Botanical Garden), Erick Villagomez provided assistance this year. Many other BCLA members contribute their time and expertise as thesis advisors, guest critics and lecturers. All of these contributions make the program a richer experience for our students.

WITH THANKS:

On behalf of the Program, I would like to close by thanking the Membership of BCLA for continued support of the Program. Wonderful scholarships, donations, and gifts-in-kind, as well as energetic guest lecturers and wise studio critics give a program added depth and grounded perspectives. This support is crucial to our continued development and success. The Douglas Paterson retirement party, which many alumni and BCLA Members attended, raised over \$36,000, for the Douglas D. Paterson Scholarship, far surpassing our modest goals Thanks to all for your generous support.

Special thanks to the Paterson Party Action Committee for putting this successful event together: Cecilia Achiam, Hanne Bartlett, Don Luymes, Lisa Parker, Moura Quayle, Greg Smallenberg.

In the past year, the Program has received two new annual scholarships to support our students. Thanks to HB Lanarc for creating the "HB Lanarc Sustainability Scholarship in Landscape Architecture." Thanks to Sharp and Diamond Landscape Architecture Inc. for creating a new annual scholarship, "Sharp and Diamond Ecological Design Scholarship."

Respectfully Submitted By:

Cynthia Girling, Chair, Landscape Architecture Program
February 2009

History of the Continuing Education (CE) Program

In 2003, the BCLA Membership approved a Special Resolution establishing that CE be a mandatory obligation for Registered Landscape Architects, Landscape Architects, Inactive and Intern Members. The voluntary program was a success; the Membership responded positively to monitoring their CE activities and a survey of the Membership's professional needs and areas of interest were recorded. The Continuing Education Committee will continue to monitor and review the success of the program and advise the Membership regularly. In the Fall of 2003 BCLA launched an online CE monitoring system to assist Members in tracking their CE credits.

CE Policy

The Mandatory CE Reporting three-year period ended December 31, 2006. Beginning January 1, 2004 and continuing until December 31, 2006 all Registered Landscape Architects, Landscape Architects and Interns completed the first three-year reporting period and were required to submit a minimum 30 CE credits. Inactive Members were required to meet a minimum of 15 credits over the same three year period. Members were provided with a summary of credit totals for the first three-year reporting period in December of 2008.

The current three-year reporting period (2008, 2009 and 2010) has already begun. In December 2009 Members will receive a summary of their CE credit totals for 2008 and 2009. Members who have not achieved the required 30 credits for the three- year period in December of 2010 will be notified. Consequences for non-compliance are outlined on the BCLA webpage under CE Policy.

BCLA Sponsored CE Programs

In addition to updating the CE Monitoring Forms and Policy the Committee has been working to provide CE opportunities for our membership. In addition to the annual conference the following workshops and lectures have been offered through the CE Committee in 2008:

- ✓ Ecodensity and the Future of a Sustainable, Livable, Affordable Vancouver, Feb. 21
- ✓ Rainwater Management Seminar presented by HB Lanarc, March 8
- ✓ Drawn Together, Drawing Workshop, May 1
- ✓ Specimen Trees Tour, June 14

Prior to the AGM on April 4, 2009, your CE Committee organized "An Inconvenient Truth" Al Gore's updated slide show presented by Jim Stephenson.

Some ideas we are considering for the future:

- ✓ Workshop with BC Land Surveyors
- ✓ Professional Liability Workshop: - Liability Insurance for the Sole Practitioner
- ✓ Public Speaking Workshop

The BCLA Public Sector Sub-Committee meets from time to time and organizes tours of projects. They discuss ideas and concerns that are unique to public sector employees. Volunteers also lead workshops on the Island and in the Interior. Other volunteers work hard to offer LARE and C/LARE workshops.

In addition to providing workshops and lectures the CE Committee performs random CE credit spot checks. The CE Policy and monitoring form are available online. We recommend that you submit your credits using the online option on a regular basis.

Many thanks to the CE Committee volunteers who help make the program a success. Our Members are listed below; we welcome new Members and new ideas for CE opportunities.

Andrew Robertson, Co-Chair
Nancy Paul, Co-Chair
Yolanda Leung
Barry Potvin
Dave Thompson
Dimitri Samaridis

Respectfully Submitted By:

Nancy Paul, CE Committee Co-Chair
Feb. 13, 2009

BRITISH COLUMBIA LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
2009 Annual General Meeting Report

**Public &
Professional
Relations
Committee**

The Public and Professional Relations (P&PR) Committee is chaired by Kathy Dunster, President-Elect. She oversees the Communications, Environment and Public Sector Sub-Committees. The Communications and Sitelines Reports follow the end of this report.

Jane Green, able Editor of *Sitelines* produced six excellent issues of the newsletter. As part of the re-branding of BCSLA, *Sitelines* is now the name of a stand-alone public website <http://www.sitelines.org/> for BCLA where information about the profession, *Sitelines* back issues, a suppliers index, and the Web Atlas have been located. Some graphics changes were introduced to the December issue of *Sitelines* to give it a fresh look that matches the www.sitelines.org website.

A new edition of the BCSLA Web Atlas of Landscape Architecture in BC was launched and is now located on the *Sitelines* site - <http://www.sitelines.org/webatlas/>. Thanks to Adrienne Brown for her help and to members for their contributions. Look for new calls for contributions in the future as the atlas is set up for additions.

The *2009 Sitelines Annual Membership and Firm Roster* was produced and distributed to members in late February. Thanks to David Rose for again volunteering his time to this task.

IFLA, CSLA, and ASLA proclaimed April as Landscape Architecture Month, which encompasses the International Day for Monuments & Sites (April 18), Earth Day (April 22), and the birthday of Frederick Law Olmsted (April 26). All CSLA component organizations across the country were encouraged to celebrate with public outreach activities to help school-aged children and educators. "Discover Careers in Landscape Architecture," was the theme for 2008. The CSLA issued a poster (created through a student competition) which was circulated electronically to all BCLA Members for use in their offices and communities.

Members are actively involved in their home communities in many ways. For example, Board member Ray Visser works with the Communities in Bloom Program in the Kamloops area; Denise Cook (Associate) serves on the City of Vancouver Heritage Commission; and Richard Haag (Member) visited Victoria last June and wrote a letter to the Fairmont Empress Hotel expressing his concerns for an arbutus tree on the hotel grounds (published in August 2008 *Sitelines*). If you are doing similar volunteer work, please let us know.

The **Public Sector Sub-Committee** is chaired by Ron Myers and was inactive in 2008. This Sub-Committee is seeking revitalization so if you are working in the public sector and would like to network with other public sector colleagues contact the BCLA office.

While the **Environment Sub-Committee** was inactive in 2008 and is now seeking new members, members are actively involved in a variety of environmental issues such as Green Shores, and the Invasives Plant Council of BC.

The Vancouver Island Chapter chaired by Gerald Fleming began organizing continuing education and social networking events for Members, mostly located on the southern end of Vancouver Island.

The Interior Chapter, chaired by Ray Visser recently organized an event in Kamloops and is looking forward to more outreach and events with Members located in the Interior of the province.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Kathy Dunster, President Elect
P&PR Committee Chair
February 2009

Communications Sub-Committee Report

It has been a busy year of implementation for the Communications Sub-Committee. With the adoption of the new BCLA identity by the Board early in 2008, the next steps were the integration of the new branding into all of the BCLA's communication and promotion materials. This work included not only office signage, letterhead and stationary, but the redesign of *bcsla.org* and *Sitelines* magazine.

The integration of the new identity into *bcsla.org* has been an opportunity to give the site a much-needed overhaul to improve site layout and navigation. The redesign of *bcsla.org* is expected to be complete in April of 2009. New identity integration for *Sitelines* magazine provided the opportunity to closer align the BCLA publication with the online version - *sitelines.org*. With the new tagline 'Landscape Architecture in BC', *Sitelines.org* is envisioned as an accessible public resource that is the public face of the BCLA.

Additional work on *sitelines.org* included considerable additions and improvements to the Web Atlas. Adrienne Brown is to be thanked for her tireless work and upkeep of this essential resource of landscape architecture in BC. In addition, *sitelines.org* hosts an ever expanding archive of *Sitelines* magazines documenting the past ten years of our publication.

Outreach to the mainstream media has also been a focus of the Communications Sub-Committee, with communications consultant Sonja Hwang, Ki Communications, continuing to pitch stories on behalf of the BCLA and its members. All of this work follows a multi-year plan to raise the profile the Society. The 'profile issue' was identified by the Visioning Committee in 2005 and further refined by the Board in 2006.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Dave Hutch, Communications Sub-Committee Chair

Sitelines Editor's Report

Sitelines has continued to change this year, and there may be more changes coming in the near future. The appearance of the magazine has been evolving during my tenure as Editor with the assistance of Odette Hidalgo, *Sitelines* Graphic Designer. We have continued to try to give the magazine covers design impact, and a thematic approach to each issue's content has again been realized during the past year in spite of the challenge of acquiring articles. Tara Culham has continued to excel in encouraging Members to contribute, sourcing other material pertinent to the profession and handling advertiser contacts in addition to all her other duties for the BCLA.

As part of the re-branding process the design of the magazine was reviewed during the fall, and Odette produced several re-design options, one of which was chosen and showcased in the December issue. Discussions are in the works for making further design changes to the magazine, including reducing the number of issues from six to four annually, but with compensating features such as full colour, twenty-four pages, and a staff writer, at no expected additional cost to the BCSLA. It is an ambitious program, but the resulting magazine may serve the members and the profession of landscape architecture in British Columbia very well, raising the profile of BCLA and providing opportunities for widening circulation, self promotion, and education.

As tantalizing as the idea of being part of the next evolution of *Sitelines* is, I am going to be taking a less active role with the BCLA as an Associate instead of an Intern, and think it would be a good time to transition someone new into the Editor role. We need someone who is passionate about current issues that are, and should be very important to landscape architects and everyone else, and who envisions a magazine that combines design thinking, sustainability thinking, and the Society thinking all in one. Please contact Tara Culham should you be interested in assuming the role.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Jane Green, *Sitelines* Editor
P&PR Committee Chair

2009 BC Land Summit Program Committee Report

The 2009 BC Land Summit is a multi-disciplinary conference focused on land-use issues. Throughout the last year and a half the BC Land Summit Program Committee has met to dream up an exciting list of topics and speakers for the 2009 Land Summit Conference. The program committee, like the sponsors, is an interdisciplinary group made up of Landscape Architects, Appraisers, Agrologists, Planners, members of the Land Trust Alliance and Real Estate Institute of BC. This year, the Land Summit will be held in Whistler, BC from May 20 to May 22.

The Program Committee developed the overriding theme for this year's conference along with sub-themes, workshops and tours. With the current political, economic and cultural climate these days, Change as a topic seemed inevitable; hence this year's conference focuses on "A Better Future: Adapting to Change". The theme expanded into four sub-topics, as follows:

1. Changing Place & Space: Communities in Transition
2. Changing Environments: Natural and Cultural Diversity
3. A world of Change: Growth and Globalization
4. Change in Motion: Movement, Transportation and Travel

After developing the sub-themes, the program committee identified internationally acclaimed Keynote Speakers. Robert Kennedy Jr, Sherry Kafka Wagner, Thomas Berger and Richard Hebda have all been engaged to speak at the conference.

With over 175 proposals entered for review, the sub-theme sessions promise to make for a very interesting conference. Round tables and Mobile Workshops include walking tours of Whistler with Eldon Beck, a trip headed for the Pemberton area to tour local Farms, and an excursion to Britannia Beach to learn about the historic mines.

The 2009 Land Summit Conference is sure to appeal to a wide audience with such a diverse range of topics. A full biography for each keynote speaker and other program details can be found on-line at www.bclandsummit.com <<http://www.bclandsummit.com>> .

The program committee would like to thank everyone who has contributed towards the 2009 Land Summit.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Carolyn Kennedy
2009 BC Land Summit Program Committee
February 2009

This has been my first year as Chair of the Advisory Design Panel (ADP) Sub-Committee. As such, it has been a rewarding challenge to pick up from where it left off prior to my appointment. It has been an advantage that I have spent many years volunteering for various design panels as well as other civic positions such as the heritage commission and a city safety committee to name a few. One of the objectives I was hoping to achieve is the inclusion of all BCLA Members: including senior practitioners and newer Members as well as BCLA Members from the public and private sectors.

The year started off with a large volume of design panel positions coming up for renewal. A good many hours were spent handling enquiries and requests from various municipalities. As the months passed, all of the requests for ADP representatives were met on time. I must say I have been impressed with the responses. I strove to get a wide spectrum of Members with various experiences and backgrounds. It has been rewarding to hear back from a number of the individuals who put their names forward, with a favorable response that the process has been fair and inclusive.

At this point it has been possible to respond to the Architectural Institute of BC (AIBC) recent invitation for a common effort to approach the various municipalities through the Union of BC Municipalities upcoming conference. We have already met on this item. We had the opportunity to discuss developing a workshop to demonstrate and educate AIBC Members on how the ADP works. The workshop could also provide information and tips on making effective presentations. It would be worthwhile for BCLA to develop this for our Members as well.

Another aspect that I would like to pursue going forward is to be sure all our Members who are currently appointed to design panels are familiar with the guidelines to ensure the policy is followed as intended. I plan on visiting various panels to have a closer look on how they function to get a better idea if some fine tuning might be appropriate to recommend to the BCLA Board of Directors. The idea would be to try and have a more similar format for all the municipalities rather than a wide range approach. I plan to try and get the BCLA and AIBC ADP Sub-Committees to join forces so we have a more effective voice when approaching the municipalities.

I believe this report gives a good overview of the BCLA ADP Sub-Committee activities to date and encourage all BCLA Members to contact me directly with suggestions and any concerns.

Respectively Submitted By:

Al Tanzer, ADP Sub-Committee Chair
February 2009

General Insurance Products for BCLA Members

BCLA continues its arrangement with Mumby Insurance Brokers Inc., to provide our Members with a broad range of products. This program is strictly voluntary and a member can pick and choose which products he/she may wish to purchase. A list of products available is as follows:

- i) Home, tenant, condo, rental income and property owner's insurance – underwriter Waterloo Insurance Co. Contact Anthea Mumby, 1-800-446-5745 or by email: inquire@mumby.com
- ii) Long term disability, office overhead, extended health care and dental insurance, term life insurance and personal accident – underwriter is Manulife Financial. Contact: Eileen Luongo (604) 473-9775 or Email: benefitplan@shaw.ca

Professional employees such as technologists, arborists, planners, etc, working for landscape architectural firms are eligible for health and dental benefits, within the BCLA Group Insurance program. In previous years only registered landscape architects were eligible. The professional employee must work a minimum of 25 hours per week.

Group Liability Insurance (Errors and Omission Insurance)

Metrix Insurance Brokers and XL Insurance (underwriter), continue to provide competitively priced group liability insurance to our Members and firms. There are presently thirty (30) BCSLA firms that are enrolled in this program.

This group policy is customized to include many features unique to landscape architecture. Premiums have remained unchanged for the past three years. For further details, a free quote and particulars relating to your needs, please contact Anne Lacourt or Michael Russell, Metrix Professional Insurance Brokers, 1500-1166 Alberni Street. Vancouver, BC (tel. 604-683-5583) email: alacourt@mpib.com or mrussell@mpib.com.

Participating firms are encouraged to enroll in a professional liability education program to increase their knowledge and awareness of liability insurance issues. Each firm that successfully completes various short programs receives a 10% discount on their premium.

Commercial (Office) Insurance

Metrix Insurance together with Gore Mutual Insurance Co. (underwriter), continue to offer competitively priced commercial general liability insurance packages for private firms. For further information, contact Gary McGregor, tel. (604) 683-5583, email: gmcgregor@mpib.com.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Jay Lazzarin,
Insurance Sub-Committee
February 2009

2008 saw the completion of editing and printing of the 7th edition of the BC Landscape Standard. The 2007 Green Roof Standard is a companion publication to the Landscape Standard. Preliminary plans are underway for a similar document that addresses water features.

As is usual, editing was a joint effort of BCLA and BCNLA (BC Landscape and Nursery Association) to ensure the Standard presents realistic products and practices for sustainable, good quality landscape installation and maintenance. The joint editing also creates buy-in and support from landscape architects, contractors, nurseries and other stakeholders. Editing or adding to the Standard requires hours of work and a series of joint BCLA/BCLNA meetings. Thanks to all who participated in 2007 and 2008 to keep the Landscape Standard current.

Changes in the current edition include: expanded glossary and update of reference publications, additional appendices, reformatting for easier reading, and the addition of two new sections - Interiorscaping and Integrated Pest Management and Plant Health Care.

Revenue and expenses are shared equally between the two organizations. Sales have been active: 750 copies of the current edition of the BC Landscape Standard were printed, and to date sales are approximately: BCLA 143 copies, BCLNA 392 copies. The BCLNA sells bulk orders to educational institutions.

For 2009 the focus will be on marketing the Landscape Standard and enhancing its status and use by municipalities. We have had an initial meeting with BCLNA to that end and we are planning to refresh our image with the municipalities at the UBCM conference. BCLNA is particularly interested in the Standard as a tool to improve the quality of its work and products, and to market its members as the leaders in quality landscape work. Our continuing teamwork with BCLNA will benefit both organizations.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Ken McKillop
BC Landscape Standard Sub-Committee



**BCSLA AGM 2009
SPECIAL RESOLUTION [Number One]
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IN THE PROFESSION
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGIST**

WHEREAS there is a need to recognize the increasing complexity of skills and information needs for the provision of professional standards in landscape architectural practice,

AND WHEREAS there is a developing body of educational and practice expertise in landscape architectural technical practices,

AND WHEREAS the Landscape Architectural Technologist as a specialized category of Associate member in the Society would facilitate the more effective exchange of information and better understanding of professional standards and practices among these associated groups of individuals,

AND WHEREAS the adoption of such a category of Associate would be also consistent with federal initiatives for trade and labour mobility across Canada,, and for credibility and consistency among the allied design professions within British Columbia (notably architecture and engineering),

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the BCSLA have recommended that the following amendments be presented to the membership for amending the designation of Associate by adding a category of Landscape Architectural Technologist as provided below, and as consistent with the objects of the Society to further the professional application of landscape architectural knowledge and to further and maintain proper standards of professional landscape architectural practice in British Columbia,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY SPECIAL RESOLUTION THAT THE BYLAWS OF THE SOCIETY BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

A1 Amend the designations for the membership categories as follows [changes underlined]:

“ **2.2** The following are categories of non-voting Associates of the Society:

- (a) Associate.BCLA, or Assoc.BCLA, as defined below,
- (b) Intern Landscape Architect. BCLA, or ILA.BCLA, as defined below,
- (c) Student.BCLA, as defined below, and
- (d) Landscape Architectural Technologist . BCLA or “BCLA.Tech.”, as defined below.

Individual BCLA Associates, including interns, students and others designated from time to time, may only use the designation “BCLA” in conjunction with the appropriate suffix (BCLA Assoc.; BCLA LAI, BCLA Student; BCLA Tech.)

Associates

The following are the categories of the Associates of the Society [reorganized alphabetically]:

- (a) **Associate.BCLA:** An individual, particularly if residing outside of the jurisdiction, may apply for recognition as an Associate of the Society who,
 - i) has completed a degree in landscape architecture that is approved by the Board; or
 - ii) has been employed for six (6) years in the field of Landscape Architecture to the approval of the Board; or
 - iii) has an equivalent combination of education and employment in an allied discipline, and on acceptance may use the designation BCLA Associate.
- (b) **Intern Landscape Architect.BCLA:** An Intern is an Associate who has been accepted by the Board into the admission program for Membership in the Society, and on such acceptance and while in good standing the applicant is entitled to use the designation "BCLA Intern", or "BCLAI".
- (c) **Student.BCLA:** An individual who is registered in an accredited post-secondary school Landscape Architecture program of study, may apply for recognition as an Associate of the Society, and upon acceptance by the Board and while in good standing, the individual is entitled to use the designation "BCLA Student".
- (d) **Landscape Architectural Technologist.BCLA:** An individual who has met the educational requirements of a landscape architectural technologist or who has met the working experience requirements as established by the Board from time to time may apply for recognition as an Associate of the Society, and upon acceptance by the Board and while in good standing, the individual is entitled to use the designation "BCLA Tech".
- (e) Standards of academic study and experience required for Landscape Architectural Technologist or Associate membership will be as recommended by the Credentials Committee and approved by the Board of Directors, from time to time, with assessment by the Board of Examiners.

Upon acceptance by the Board and payment of all fees when due, such individuals may receive all general communications of the Society, attend general meetings as a non-voting Associate, attend continuing education programs and sessions at BCLA rates, and benefit from information resources of the Society available to Members. BCLA Associates may not vote nor hold office in the Society. BCLA Associates are bound by the Principles and Standards of the Society, and the Bylaws as applicable.

IMPLEMENTATION and TRANSITION

The Society and all members are encouraged to adopt such changes as soon as reasonably practicable. These amended bylaws will be in force and of full effect on [January 1, 2010]. These Bylaw changes and amendments are part of an ongoing review and improvement of the governance of the Society.



**BCSLA AGM 2009
SPECIAL RESOLUTION [*Number Two*]
SOCIETY DESIGNATIONS AND DUTIES**

WHEREAS updating the profile of the Profession was identified by the Visioning Sub-Committee of the Board of the BCSLA in 2005-06, as necessary for such initiatives as public and government relations and communications, inter-professional relations, client relations and public policy and advocacy,

AND WHEREAS in 2008 based on further review and recommendations, the Board passed a resolution to adopt "the term BC Landscape Architects (BCLA) for promotional purposes" (15Apr2008), and that further clarification of a logo and other details would be forthcoming, and that "the legal name remains the British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects."

AND WHEREAS such policy will require the unified and consistent use of certain designations by the members, to facilitate more informed and consistent understanding among the public, including associated professionals and local governments,

AND WHEREAS such policy and the visioning process noted the benefit of restating the role and duties of the Directors of the Board, and in particular that of the common-law fiduciary duties which apply to all society directors to their membership, in addition to other duties of professionals,

AND WHEREAS the following recommended changes to the Bylaws of the Society have been reviewed for consistency with, and to promote further clarity and credibility among, the profession of landscape architecture across Canada, federal initiatives for trade and professional mobility, and among the allied design professions within British Columbia (notably architecture and engineering)

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the BCSLA have recommended that the following amendments be presented to the membership for amending the professional designations of members and the Society, including the transition provisions below,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS BY SPECIAL RESOLUTION THAT THE BYLAWS OF THE SOCIETY BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

A1. Amend the general designation for the application of the principles and standards of the profession as follows [changes underlined]:

[Bylaws Part 1: Protection of the Public: Principles and Standards].

1.1. “ The Principles and Standards for the Protection of the Public apply to,

- (a) registered members and associates of the Society, and;
- (b) a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation or other business registered in British Columbia which includes the designations Landscape Architect, Landscape Architecture or any related designation governed by these bylaws in its name or promotional materials (individually, a “firm”).”

[deleted:” References to “Landscape Architect” in this Part include the above parties otherwise subject to all rights and restrictions described in Part 2”.]

A2. Review Duties, Practice Standards and Education, and Compliance bylaws for the following change:

Amend and replace “Landscape Architect” and “Landscape Architects” with “each registered member and associate” and “registered members and associates” as applicable.

A3. Amend the designations for the membership categories as follows [changes underlined; note existing bylaws 2.9-2.30 providing for membership rights and obligations remain unchanged, other than to amend for conformity to the changes to designations noted below]:

[Bylaws Part 2: Members, Associates and Affiliates].

- 2.1 “ The following are the categories of Members of the Society:
- (a) Registered Landscape Architect, or “RLA”, as defined below,
 - (b) Landscape Architect, or “LA” as defined below, and;
 - (c) Retired Landscape Architect, or “LA Ret.” as defined below.

Individual RLAs and LAs in good standing may also use the designation “BCLA” without further qualification. LA Ret. may use the society’s designation but must include the suffix as “BCLA Ret.” or “LA Ret. BCLA”

- 2.2 The following are categories of non-voting Associates of the Society:
- (a) Associate .BCLA, or Assoc.BCLA as defined below,
 - (b) Intern Landscape Architect. BCLA, or “ILA.BCLA” as defined below, and;
 - (c) Student .BCLA, as defined below.

Individual BCLA Associates, including interns, students and others designated from time to time, may only use the designation “BCLA” in conjunction with the appropriate membership designation (Assoc.BCLA; Intern.BCLA; Student.BCLA).

- 2.3 The following are categories of non-voting Affiliates of the Society:
- (a) Honorary .BCLA, as defined below,
 - (b) Affiliate .BCLA, as defined below.

Individual BCLA Affiliates and Honourary Members may only use the designation “BCLA” in conjunction with the appropriate designation.

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[Use of Title, Designations and Stamp].

2.4 *[delete and replace existing Bylaw s.2.4 with the following]*

"Landscape Architect" is a professional title the use of which is restricted under the regulation of British Columbia. In this regard:

- (a) no one who is not a member in good standing of the Society and duly entitled to use the designation "Registered Landscape Architect" may assume or use that designation in any manner, nor represent that he or she is entitled to do so, and;
- (b) no one who is not a member in good standing of the Society and duly entitled to use the designation "Landscape Architect" may assume or use that or any related designation in any manner, nor represent that he or she is entitled to do so."

2.5 A Landscape Architect must apply to the Board to use the title "Registered Landscape Architect" or "Landscape Architect" or; "Landscape Architects" or "Landscape Architecture" in a firm or company name registered in British Columbia for a landscape architecture practice employing one or more Landscape Architects. The Board may allow such use of the title, subject to a written agreement of terms and conditions set by the Board, and duly entered into by the Landscape Architect. Use of the title by the subject firm or company may continue only on strict compliance with the terms and conditions of such agreement.

2.6 The Registrar will provide each Registered Landscape Architect with a professional stamp or seal, the impression of which will contain,

- (a) the name of the Registered Landscape Architect;
- (b) the designation "Registered Landscape Architect, British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects", and;
- (c) the registration number of the Registered Landscape Architect, from the Registrar of Members.

[return of stamp condition is consolidated here from earlier location as 2003 s.2.8, to allow for new s.2.8 below] All stamps issued by the Registrar remain property of the Society; and must be returned to the Registrar by registered mail when a Registered Landscape Architect ceases to be a Member of the Society.

2.8 *[existing 2.8 to end of s.2.6; insert new s. 2.8 as follows:]* Each registered, and in good standing, Member, Associate and Affiliate must use such designations and abbreviations to indicate membership in good standing in the Society, as the Board from time to time approves. "

A4. Amend the role of the Directors to confirm that directors of an organization are bound by duties of care and fiduciary duties to their members:

[Bylaws Part 3: Directors' Duties and Authority].

3.28 The Directors may exercise such powers and do all such acts and things as the Society may exercise and do, subject to federal and provincial legislation and other laws, and subject to these Bylaws and the policies of the Society, except where contradictory or inconsistent with such laws. The Directors may delegate any, but not all of their operational powers to the President or to such committees as they see fit. *[consolidated existing 3.28 and 3.31, to allow for new 3.31 below]*

3.31 The Directors must exercise their authority in the performance of their duties as directors to their members,

- (a) with due skill, care and diligence, and;
- (b) honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the Society.

A5. Amend the Definition of "Society" to allow for the new designation for the purposes of public, government and client relations:

[Bylaws Part 3: General Conditions -- Definitions].

3.86 In these Bylaws and related policies of the Society:

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- (a) "Society" means the British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects (BCSLA) for all legal matters and society administration, and includes "British Columbia Landscape Architects (BCLA) and such other tradenames and trademarks as the Society may adopt from time to time.

2. IMPLEMENTATION

The Bylaw changes and amendments above will be subject to a more detailed review of the Bylaws of the Society for greater consistency and integrity with the principles and intents, and subject to an implementation plan which will evaluate the public communication needs and scope. The Board will report to the members of the Society on the status of such review and plan, not later than [December 1, 2009]. The Society and all members are encouraged to adopt such changes as soon as reasonably practicable. These amended bylaws will be in force and of full effect on [January 1, 2010].

2009 AGM CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects (BCSLA) is comprised of committed and valuable volunteers who provided insight and experience in helping the set and pursue its multifaceted aspirations. I would like to express thanks to all those who have contributed their time to support the Society and its many activities.

The Board of Directors is comprised of the following: President, President-Elect, Past President, Registrar, Treasurer and seven Directors. There are also three non-voting Board Members: Intern/Associate Representative, UBC Representative and UBC Student Association Representative.

At the 2009 Annual General Meeting on Saturday, April 4, 2008, Kathy Dunster will take on the role of President and Blair Guppy will become Past President. Geoff Gooderham, Treasurer, and Andrew Robertson, Registrar, have completed the first of their two-year terms, and will continue with the Board. Cecilia Achiam, Gerald Fleming (Vancouver Island Chapter) and Ray Visser (Interior Chapter) have one year remaining in their term as Directors. Emily Dunlop, Intern/Associate Representative, Cynthia Girling, UBC Landscape Architecture Program and Seela Amaratunga, Student Representative continue to serve on the Board as non-voting Members. We are grateful for their continued assistance and participation.

Several board members will have completed their commitments as of the 2009 AGM. Dylan Chernoff, Dave Hutch and Carolyn Kennedy and Dave Thompson have completed their terms as Directors. Thank you for the devotion of your time and expertise on the Board and various Committees.

The following Officer and Director positions are open for nominations:

President-Elect
Directors (3)

President Elect

Derek Lee #318 and Mark van der Zalm #303 have allowed their name to stand as President Elect.

Directors

Allison Good #384 and Amy Tsang #355 have allowed their name to stand as a Director for a two-year term. Dylan Chernoff #349 will also allow his name to stand as a Director for a second two-year term

Several Committees and Sub-Committees have openings for volunteers and now is an excellent time to put your name forward. It is a gratifying experience.

Applications or nominations should be submitted to David Thompson, Nominations Committee Chair, at the BCSLA office until March 16, 2009. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the AGM. Acclamation or elections will take place at the AGM from the list of Members who have put their name forward or who are nominated. Please contact the BCSLA office for more information.

Thank you all for your service to the Society on behalf of the Members.

Respectfully Submitted By:

David Thompson
Nominations Committee Chair
February 2009