

INASLA Trustee Report – 05.19.21

Highlights

- “[Landscape Architects Design Multimodal Transportation Networks for All.](#)”
- Olmsted 200’s website: [A Vision for Truly Inclusive Public Spaces Rooted in Olmsted’s Core Values.](#)
- Registration for SKILL | ED launched May 10. SKILL | ED is a three-day virtual practice management program designed to empower landscape architecture professionals as their job responsibilities grow. The virtual program will take place June 22-24. To register, visit asla.org/skilled.

Finance, Meetings, and Business Operations

- Registration and housing will open June 24 for the 2021 Conference on Landscape Architecture in Nashville, November 19-22.
- Starting May 14, Davidson County, Tennessee, will lift COVID-19 restrictions with the exception of wearing mask indoors. More information and to follow Nashville’s progress, please go to [A Safe Nashville](#).

Member and Chapter Services

- Membership is increasing due to Full, Fellow, and Student members. In March the team adjusted the renewal process based on historically observed member data. Technology was added to reach people at the time when they were most likely to renew.
- The membership department is developing an online store where members can purchase high-quality branded merchandise.

Government Affairs

- Following up on the successful [testimony of Kevin Robert Perry, FASLA](#), Federal Government Affairs Manager Daniel Hart met with staff from the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- ASLA members used the iAdvocate Network to send their legislators ASLA’s transportation recommendations—[Landscape Architects Design Multimodal Transportation Networks for All](#).
- As of May 11, 35 states remain convened for legislative session. Staff is currently [tracking over 200 occupational licensing bills](#). Occupational licensing legislation continues to largely focus on reducing mobility barriers to occupations that require a license to practice. The greatest concern of these legislative proposals are the one-size-fits-all “universal licensing” bills that reduce public protection.
- Reenact the Illinois Landscape Architecture Registration Act ([HB 246/SB 214](#)). Senate Bill 214 passed out of committee, in the House chamber, on consent, and has been placed on 2nd Reading Consent Calendar.
- ASLA’s LARE Prep Committee hosted a Section 3 virtual LARE Prep Workshop on May 7, for 35 participants. ASLA will make the workshop available on-demand at learn.asla.org.

Professional Practice

- The Conference on Landscape Architecture education session acceptance and decline notifications were sent to all submitters. Of the over 250 presentations submitted, 85 education, fourteen field sessions, and eleven deep dives were selected.
- On May 18, ASLA will host Conversations with Olmsted: His Visions for Reform, a conversation that re-centers the way we tell the story of Olmsted’s work and the origins of landscape architecture. *Conversations with Olmsted* is the first in a series of [Olmsted 200](#) programming. This installment is co-hosted with the National Recreation and Park Association. Registration is free.
- ASLA continues to work with other international landscape architectural organizations to prepare a declaration about the climate-positive work that landscape architects undertake to mitigate and adapt to the heating planet. The declaration includes statements about the commitments landscape architects are making to help achieve a 1.5-degree Celsius budget. The International Federation of Landscape Architects will be the signatory. The declaration will be read out and presented by Architecture2030 at COP26 in Scotland in November.
- The Digital Technology PPN created a [short survey](#) on COVID-19 impacts on work practices. Your participation is greatly appreciated! The survey closes May 28.

Education

- Career Discovery and Diversity Manager Lisa Jennings participated in the Discovery Channel’s Education Corporate and Community Partner Summit on May 4.
- The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) held a board meeting on April 20. The board approved draft revisions to its Accreditation Standards focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion and curriculum.
- Encourage chapters to nominate practitioner members to serve on the LAAB Roster of Visiting Evaluators (ROVE) teams for future accreditation visits.