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Dear Members and Subscribers,

This month's introduction features a Trustee Report from the Minnesota Chapter Trustee, Jim Hagstrom, ASLA. Please read this important update to learn more about the on-going efforts and direction our profession and chapter continues to provide MASLA members.

Sincerely,
Christopher Ochs, Associate ASLA
Director of Communications, Minnesota Chapter of the ASLA

Trustee Report, May 2008

Just returning from our mid-year meeting in Washington, DC, I feel supported and energized about the direction and health of our profession- and ASLA. Our Thursday Lobby day effort focused on promoting funding for HALS (documenting historic landscapes) and also asked for funding for climate change legislation that will begin to address the global warming crisis in many ways. We also lobbied for a new bill, HR 5867 Energy Conservation Through Trees Act, that encourages tree planting and specifically, uses the term "Landscape Architect" in the language of the bill. A highlight of the day was meeting with Senator Amy Klobuchar and her helpful and supportive staff, at her weekly "Minnesota Morning Coffee" held in the Capitol building. Our Minnesota delegation led by President Joni Giese, did a great job in representing Minnesota and the interests of our profession to our elected officials in Washington. Past President Ellen Stewart, President- elect Gina Bonsignore and National Vice President Todd Wichman all contributed in meetings with our Senators and then with their respective representatives.

If you would like more information on any of these



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issues please contact any of us- or sign up for the Advocacy Network through ASLA.

Our Board of Trustees meeting was held on Thursday and Friday- the mood was upbeat, organized and focused on the future of landscape architecture. Our membership has grown to 18,000. We have better chapter services and much improved marketing and visibility. The most exciting presentation (for me) was the update on our sustainable sites initiative (SITES). There are many landscape architects, scientists, teachers, horticulturalists and others, putting together the metrics of what constitutes a "sustainable landscape". ASLA has been supporting this effort- and will continue to do so- for years to come. For more information on SITES and the specific issues it will address, check it out on the ASLA website. This is our issue!

ASLA continues support for states with licensure issues and is also increasing efforts in Federal Advocacy on legislation of concern to our profession. For those in private practice, there are now available Standard Contract Forms, developed by ASLA, for members to use. Addressing the situation of states having different requirements for continuing education, ASLA is developing a program, LACES, that will sanction and coordinate CE offerings throughout the country.

"Growing the profession" has been a recent theme- and the focus of a lot of concern- as we look to the future of our work, our country, and the environmental issues we face globally. Looking at the demographics and trends- we will simply need more landscape architects in the future. From President Perry Howard on down to our local chapters, there has been a lot of discussion and a variety of initiatives to address this situation. Each one, reach One!

In addition to maintaining our all of our current programs and services, ASLA has put forth some "extra effort" and funding in the following areas. Our budget for 2008 has INCREASES for staff training of- \$25,000, the SITES initiative- \$ 40,000, public relations- \$ 57,000 and Landscape Architecture magazine- \$ 40,000 from last years' budget. Hopefully, these expenditures reflect the values and priorities of you- our Minnesota Chapter members. If you have other ideas, or can think of issues that need more attention please let me know.

Friday night we had an open house at the ASLA headquarters building on Eye street. My favorite part of the evening was heading up to the roof. The green roof

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on our national office building continues to garner lots of attention and a great deal of PR for landscape architecture. Many groups and individuals tour the roof each week. Architects, school children, politicians, environmental scientists, engineers are just some of the variety of recent visitors on "our roof". I am proud of our building, our outstanding staff - and the many volunteer members involved with ASLA leadership across the country. It's a great time to be a landscape architect!

Jim Hagstrom, ASLA Minnesota Chapter Trustee

MASLA Related News and Events
Programs, Advocacy, etc....

NLAM at Susan B. Anthony Middle School Garden

MASLA volunteers Stewart Crosby, Ian Lamers and Laura Baxley contributed their efforts to a school garden project at Susan B. Anthony Middle School in Minneapolis. Led by teacher Paul Sommers, several classes worked on designing and building a garden at their front entrance. The school had worked with EcoEducation to create a hands-on learning project discussing the issue of global warming and possible ways to address it. Ian, Stewart and Laura met with the teacher to discuss site and planting design and sent details and instructions to facilitate the actual construction process. In an effort to use salvaged materials, MASLA donated clay pavers left from the Sustainability with Style display at the ASLA National Convention in Minneapolis. Ian and Stewart also found a construction job with a sidewalk being demolished that was used to create a low seat and retaining wall. MASLA would particularly like to thank Bachmans for supplying the plants, Hedberg Aggregates for storing the pavers, Benson-Orth Associates, Inc and Julian M. Johnson Construction Corporation for saw-cutting and delivering the salvaged concrete to the site. Watch for pictures coming soon to the website.



Award Banquet Feedback

The MASLA executive committee has been discussing ways to improve our annual banquet. One idea that has been suggested is to announce the award winning projects the night of the events, not in advance. While this will generate more excitement the night of the event, the executive committee also recognizes that if the winners are not notified in advance some might be reluctant to invite clients to the banquet. We want to know what you think about this idea. Please contact [Frank Fitzgerald](mailto:ffitzgerald@closelandarch.com) (ffitzgerald@closelandarch.com) with

your comments.

2008 MASLA Board Election Information

MASLA will be switching to an automated on-line voting system for the 2008 Elections. Hopefully this streamlined process will encourage more MASLA members to participate in the election process. In addition, the on-line voting system will help reduce annual election costs. Did you know out of 300 ballots mailed last year only 50 were returned? Let's try to get that number higher this year! More detailed information will follow in July.

MASLA Public Relations

The 2008 MASLA Design Award boards were on display during an ULI event reception on May 29. MASLA had a booth at the 2008 Millard Fillmore Dinner in Saint Paul. The booth featured Minnesota native landscape architecture projects located near the Mississippi River.

License Reminder...Licenses Expire July 1, 2008

If you have not renewed your license yet, here is a quick link to the Board of [AELSLAGID](http://www.aelslagid.state.mn.us/renewals.html) renewal form <http://www.aelslagid.state.mn.us/renewals.html>

Save the Date! August 12th MASLA Golf Tournament

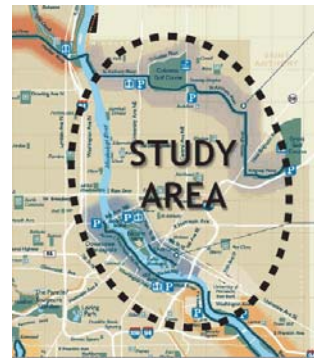
We have reserved a place at Les Bolstad, the University of Minnesota Golf Course in St. Paul for Tuesday, August 12th. More details will follow as plans develop.

Information from our Affiliated Organizations

See MASLA.org for News, Calendar of Events, and Other Resources

Public Hearings on Completing the Grand Rounds Missing Link

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) has scheduled three public hearings in June and July on the proposed Grand Rounds "[Missing Link](#)" route recommendation. The public hearings will provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the route that was recommended to the MPRB by the 21-member Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). The Missing Link is a three-mile gap in the Grand Rounds National Scenic Byway in the area north of I-94 and east of the Mississippi River that when completed will connect East River Parkway with St. Anthony Parkway.



Wednesday, June 18th

Park Board Headquarters
2117 West River Road

Monday, June 23rd

Van Cleve Park
901 15th Avenue SE

Tuesday, July 1st Windom Park

2551 Hayes St. NE

All hearings will start at 6:30 p.m. Read more at [MPRB - Grand Rounds Missing Link](#)

Lessons Learned -The Minnesota Green Roofs Council (MGRC)

MGRC proudly invites you to (re)visit the green roof at: The Lebanon Hills Visitor Center Lebanon Hills Regional Park, 860 Cliff Road, Eagan, MN on Friday, June 20th, 2008 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am.

Please join us for a special "Lessons Learned" seminar to see and learn how this sloped green roof has transformed since its original installation in 2003. This seminar is geared towards design and construction professionals who want to learn more about the nitty gritty details involved with construction and maintaining a sloped green roof. Attendance will be limited to 70. A \$10 registration fee can be paid on site in cash or check made out to MGRC. Please RSVP no later than June 18th to register and save your spot, contact Dana Schumacher, ASLA at dschu73@msn.com or 651- 748-9555. Schedule and more info at : [MNGreenRoofsCouncil](#) <http://www.mngreenroofs.org/node/322>

Minnesota Brownfields - Lunch & Learn

Recap of the 2008 Legislative Session - The 2008 legislation session had significant implications for brownfields redevelopment and economic development in general. Join us for a discussion of the key legislative actions, and a look ahead to future legislative opportunities and challenges.

Tuesday, June 24th, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Mai Village Restaurant
394 University Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55103

\$15/members; \$25/members (includes lunch)

See website for membership details: mnbrownfields.org

For more information contact:

Martha Faust, Program Administrator, Minnesota Brownfields 651-307-4371

Minnesota Design Team Annual Picnic

Come to the Minnesota Design Team (MDT) annual picnic on Wednesday, June 25th.

Who? Members, families, friends, and those interested in joining MDT are welcome.

When? Wednesday, June 25, 2008 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Where? Minnehaha Park, Wabun A Area
What? Picnic with food, soft drinks, and water. Bring your own 3.2 only beer.
RSVP to Judith Van Dyne via return email by Monday, June 23 with the number of people attending. Her email address is: vandyne@aia-mn.org

Minneapolis Planning Sector Tours

The AIA Minneapolis Urban Design Committee is hosting a series of three bus tours in conjunction with the planning staff at the City's Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED). CPED divides the city into five planning sectors or districts: North, East, South, Southwest and Downtown. On each tour, travel through one or two sectors with the Sector Planner from CPED and visit a number of current and potential developments / redevelopment areas. The tours of sectors will be held June 27 and July 18. Each tour will provide HSW Continuing Education credits (hours TBD). Be sure to register early! Each tour is limited to 45 participants. The cost is \$10 per tour. Register online at:
aia-mn.org/chapters/minneapolis.cfm

MNAPA 2008 Chapter Planning Awards

The Minnesota Chapter of the American Planning Association has announced a call for nominations for their annual planning awards. The purpose of the awards is to recognize the outstanding achievements in community planning and urban design, to educate and inform the Chapter members, to advance the profession, and to publicize individuals who activities improve planning and design in Minnesota. The submission deadline is July 11, 2008, 4:30 pm.
For more information:
http://www.mnapa.com/planning_awards.htm

APA National Conference Mobile Workshop Proposals

The Minnesotat Chapter of the APA will be hosting the 2009 American Planning Association National Conference and is requesting submittals for Mobile Workshop Proposals. Proposals are due no later than July 15th, 2008. For more information visit:
planning.org/2009conference

Canadian Institute of Planners Annual Conference

Greetings from your northern neighbours! We invite you to consider taking in the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) annual conference being held in Winnipeg,

Manitoba from July 13-16, 2008. The themes are: Planning by Design in Community, Making Great Places and Healthy Caring Inclusive Green. Members of the APA may register at the CIP rate and earn CM credits. For more information visit the MNAPA website:

<http://www.mnapa.com/events.htm>

Oklahoma City Swaps Highway for Park

From USA Today - "*More than a dozen cities have proposals to remove highways from downtowns.*" Visit the article:

usatoday.com/news...

Planetizen Turns 8: A Look Back

Urban Planning Press Advisory

Planetizen - June 10, 2008

For the past eight years, Planetizen has been tracking all the news and issues in the world of urban planning, design and development. In honor of our eighth anniversary, we're taking a look back at some of the biggest news stories, ideas and events of the past eight years.

Take a look back at the news and issues that have dominated the world of planning over the last eight years.

Read "Planetizen Turns 8: A Look Back" here:

<http://www.planetizen.com/node/33402>

MASLA.org Your Resource

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MNLA Events

MNLA has several opportunities that MASLA members are invited to in July. See the website (mnl.biz/july.htm) for registration forms and more descriptions of the following events.



Creating Successful Photos of Landscape Lighting,
6:00 - 9:00pm, July 23rd, Rose Vine Hall, Roseville.

A networking and social hour with appetizers and a cash bar will be followed by a class on equipment, technique, composition and other considerations.

Widmer Golf Tournament

12:30, July 29th, University of Minnesota Golf Course, Roseville.

Join MNLA and their associates for lunch, dinner, drinks, golf with awards and prizes, and a lot of socializing and networking opportunities.

Landscape Design Tour

July 30th, Northwest Metro Area.

See nine inspiring design sites and hear about how they were created. Tour begins at Bachman's in Plymouth.

Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

The Minnesota Secretary of State has announced open appointments to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission June 2008. For more information:

[Minnesota Secretary of State](#)

IFLA World Conference

The IFLA (International Federation of Landscape Architects) European Chapter will be hosting the 45th World Conference titled "Transforming with Water". The conference will be held June 30th - July 3rd, 2008 at the Orpheus Congress Centre, Apeldoorn, The Netherlands.

Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy News

May 23 - Despite a short session, the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy enjoyed a good deal of success in front of the 2008 Minnesota Legislature. The two biggest victories were passage of the constitutional amendment to fund clean water, wildlife habitat, parks and trails, and the arts; and for passage of the transportation bill over the Governor's veto. That bill not only raises money for road and bridges, but also for transit in the metro area.

For more information: mncenter.org/

Minnesota DNR to update Shoreland Rules

For the first time in 20 years the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will update the rules governing development and other construction on Minnesota's lakes, streams and rivers. For more information:

mncenter.org/

Third Annual Eco Tour

Join Earth Wizards, Inc. for a half-day or full-day tour of our favorite ecological landscaping sites across the Twin Cities. We'll see streambanks, lakeshores, rain gardens and more. Morning and afternoon sessions are \$40 each. Come to both sessions and we'll buy you lunch. Discounts available for our public sector partners. For more information:

[Earthwizards-eco-tour](#)

Northern Gardener Classes and Programs:

Guided walking tour of Longfellow Gardens

June 24

Read more about them at northerngardener.org

Sulfide Mining - Breckenridge Chapter House

The Breckenridge Chapter House will be hosting a program regarding Sulfide Mining and its effects and impacts on watershed districts throughout our state. Speaking will be Len Anderson of the Duluth Chapter of the Isaac Walton League (IWL). Len is a member of the Mercury Implementation Strategy Group and has been involved with water quality and TMDL issues as they affect the St. Louis River Watershed. Len has worked on watershed issues for 10 years, and has been a member of the Duluth Chapter of the IWL for 40 years. The program will be held on June 24, 2008 starting at 7:30 pm. The site is the Breckenridge Chapter House, 8816 West River Road, Brooklyn Park.

For more information contact John at 763-424-7973 or Jerry at 763-572-2333

Or visit: breckenridgeikes.org/meetings.htm

Oak Workshop - Maplewood Nature Center

The City of Maplewood has several large centers of oak wilt. See a slide show about oak diseases and find out what you can do to protect your oaks. Learn to identify oaks and distinguish between red and white oak groups. There is an optional 45-minute hike after the program to see oak wilt control measures in the Nature Center's woodlands.

June 25, 2008, 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm

Maplewood Nature Center

2659 7th Street East, Maplewood

To register call the Maplewood Nature Center at 651-249-2170.

Second Annual OASIS AWARD for Outdoor Kitchen Design Announced

Kalamazoo Outdoor Gourmet(TM) and Garden Design Magazine Sponsor Awards for Second Year
CHICAGO, IL (April 24, 2008) - The Oasis Award for Outdoor Kitchen Design is the only national competition created to recognize exceptional outdoor kitchen design. The 2008 competition deadline is Friday, August 1, 2008, with architects, landscape architects, landscape designers, kitchen designers and interior designers, as well as students, invited to enter this annual event. The competition recognizes site-specific residential outdoor rooms with an outdoor kitchen as a primary feature. The project may be real or conceptual. All entries must incorporate components of Kalamazoo Outdoor Gourmet's Custom Outdoor Kitchen Collection as central features of the outdoor kitchen. Kalamazoo Outdoor Gourmet and Garden Design magazine have partnered for the second year to present the 2008

Award.

The winner will receive national recognition through media and website coverage as well as exposure at the 2008 ASLA Conference. Complete entry information is available at OasisAward.com

MASLA.org Your Resource

MASLA is the local Minnesota chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, a professional organization that represents landscape architects nationwide. MASLA has over 300 members working in the private, public, and educational sectors. We are growing in numbers and in programs, and are currently planning and offering a variety of service projects, social events, networking opportunities, and continuing education sessions.

MASLA's executive board meets monthly on the first Thursday from 4-6 pm, to discuss, organize, and facilitate chapter activities.

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