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The Countdown Continues: Congrats To Ohio & Iowa

Number 34...The Ohio Chapter is nearing its destination on the long, long road to licensure. Governor Bob Taft is scheduled to sign H.B. 214, upgrading the state licensure law from a title act to a practice act, during National Landscape Architecture Week. On March 19, the Senate Insurance, Commerce, and Labor Committee approved the legislation by an 8-0 vote. The bill was sent on to the Senate floor, where the vote was taken on the same day, with the Senate approving the bill by a vote of 31-1. On March 20, the House concurred with the Senate amendments. After the bill is signed, it is delivered to the Secretary of State, and the effective date for the law will be 91 days following delivery. Congratulations to all of those in the Ohio chapter (and beyond), who worked so tirelessly to secure this victory after years after of effort!



Number 33... On March 20, the Iowa Senate approved (by a vote of 40-7) H.F. 2281, which upgrades the state licensure law from a title act to a practice act. On March 29, Governor Tom Vilsack signed the bill. The law goes into effect July 1, 2002. Congratulations to the Iowa Chapter in its efforts to upgrade their law this year!

Model Law & Licensure Policies Up At Mid-Year

At the April ASLA Board of Trustees mid-year meeting, the BoT will consider adoption of the model law and a set of licensure sub-policies – two important tools for the licensure program. The ASLA Licensure Committee worked with the CLARB Model Law Committee through 2001 and early 2002 to develop a consensus model law language that can be used in licensure efforts. CLARB initiated development of the model, with ASLA providing input at the January meeting of the CLARB committee. The Licensure Committee is also in the process of developing a set of licensure sub-policies that will help to guide many of the issues that arise during licensure efforts: prerequisites for licensure, definition of practice, etc. The first set of these is complete (with more to follow later in 2002), and the BoT will consider this group on April 26. Both items will appear on the Consent Agenda.

Partnership To Meet April 21

The Partnership for the Advancement of licensure (PAL) – the coordinated effort between ASLA, CLARB and CELA – will meet again on April 21 in Atlanta. Leadership and staff from each organization will convene to discuss the latest issues surrounding licensure of landscape architects, and how we can work together toward the common goal of universal licensure. The primary purpose of this collaborative effort is to draw on the varied resources of each organization to optimize the effectiveness of current and future licensure efforts. The April meeting will build on the discussions generated by the 2001 Licensure Summit and will address issues that will be the focus of the 2002 Licensure Summit.

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New Tool For Monitoring Legislation & Regulation

ASLA has a new tool for keeping track of state government activity – LegAlert and RegAlert. These databases allow staff to track legislative and regulatory activity in the states. Right now, the focus is on licensure and items that directly relate to the profession (resolutions, activity of the boards of landscape architecture). As these bills progress for major action, the information will be reported in this newsletter, as well as LANDonline.

We hope to expand the service in the future to include many of the other issues that impact the practice of landscape architecture. With many of the state legislative sessions nearing an end this year, a full test of the expansion will have to wait until 2003. If there are any chapters that would be interested in a test-run, please contact Julia. Illinois has agreed to be the first guinea pig, but we have room for one more state in this test-run.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Julia M. Lent, State Government Affairs Manager at (202) 216-2330 or jlent@asla.org

Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center

The Monmouth County Park System is wrapping up its installation of exhibits at the Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center in preparation of opening to the public. Located in Howell, NJ, the 11,000 square foot building overlooks the 1000 acre Manasquan Reservoir, a public drinking water supply. The message of the exhibits is to stress the importance of water and the need to protect and conserve the resource.

The opening of the environmental center will be a culmination of efforts between the Park System landscape architects, its naturalists, the architects, the exhibit designer and the site engineer, which began in earnest in 1995. The design theme for the project is a nature trail of which the environmental center is the enclosed portion. A concrete wall guides you to indoor and outdoor exhibits along the trail. Upon exiting the building the visitor can proceed along a challenge level accessible nature trail back to the entrance. Fortunately or unfortunately due to bald eagles nesting adjacent the trail it will remain closed until August of this year.

The environmental center was designed to fit into the landscape and to be environmentally sensitive. The building follows the ter-

2002 Green Space National Conference

The deadline is fast approaching for the 2002 Green Space National Conference, which will be held May 5-7, 2002 in Denver, Colorado. It has been approved for ASLA/CPE designation and conference attendees can earn up to 14 ASLA Continuing Professional Education hours. The conference will bring together government officials and staff, professional landscape architects, planners, developers, land trust staff and concerned citizens who want to learn and share practical methods of open space preservation.

The speakers will feature nationally acclaimed author Tony Hiss, Randall Arendt, president, Greener Prospects; Charles Flink, president, Greenways Inc.; Ralph Grossi, president, American Farmland Trust; Philip H. Lewis, Jr., president, Marshall Erdman Academy of Sustainable Design; Sumner Swaner, president, Swaner Design and Ted Harrison, senior vice president, Trust for Public Land.

Green Space Design is a Utah-based, not for profit organization committed to the equitable and affordable preservation of valuable community green space. Members include government staff officials, landscape architects, planners, developers, conservationists and concerned citizens. Green Space Design provides an open forum for the discussion of open space preservation issues.

Green Space Design is now offering special one-day rates for people wanting to attend the conference. These new rates are as follows:

Sunday only: \$35

Monday only: \$195

Tuesday only: \$195

Entire conference: \$395 (includes all conference sessions, meals and events as well as membership in Green Space Design)

Additional information or registration can be attained on the Green Space Design website at www.greenspacedesign.org, or by calling (877) GSD-PLAN.

by Joe Sardonia, ASLA

rain with the internal corridor a series of ramps and landings to make up a 10 foot change in elevation. It is partially earth covered for energy conservation. In lieu of using fossil fuels, the building is heated and cooled utilizing geothermal energy.

Plantings are selected to respect natural associations and attract wildlife. They are located in random fashion while performing everyday functions of directing circulation, screening, soil stabilization etc.

Much work still remains to be done. The park system landscape architects will continue to make improvements while respecting the overall approach as required.

Unfortunately the Environmental Center will not be open during national landscape architecture week but is tentatively scheduled for **May 6, 2002**. Take I-196 to Rt 9 North exit, the first right is Georgia Tavern Road. Proceed about a mile to the entrance. Please take the opportunity to come and visit. You can get more information by logging on to www.monmouthcountyparks.com, or calling 732-842-4000.

NJASLA Calendar of Events

May

- 2 2003 NJASLA Convention
Committee Meeting - 6:30pm at
Hillier, 500 Alexander Park,
Princeton, NJ - Call Nancy
Bauman for directions 609-452-
8888 x3394
- 6 NJASLA Election nominations
due to Nominating Committee
- 7 Student Merit Awards Dinner
- 9 Executive Committee Meeting,
7:00 p.m., Jerry Lewis Associates,
Bridgeton
- 16 National Association for Olmsted
Parks Spring Conference,
Newark.
Contact: Kevin Moore,
973-643-7850.
- 21 NJLAW Breakfast
(tentative)

June

- 6 2003 NJASLA Convention -
Committee Meeting, Location
TBD, 6:30pm.
- 8 Strategic Planning Meeting,
Great Swamp Outdoor Center.
- 13 Executive Committee Meeting,
Freylinghuysen Arboretum,
Morristown. 6:00 p.m. Tour by
Lee Gilmer of Bartlett Tree,
7:00 p.m. Meeting.



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Registration Required To Obtain State And Casino Contracts

By L. Stephen Pastor, Esquire - Hill Wallack Attorneys at Law

Recently enacted State law requires all contractors and subcontractors who desire to perform services for any State, county or municipal agency to provide proof of their registration with the Department of the Treasury, Division of Revenue. Further, amendments to the Casino Control Act require the same proof of registration for the casino service industry. These requirements apply to landscape architects, architects, engineers and other design professionals.

Registration is effectuated by the filing of Form NJ-REG (8-01) with the State of New Jersey, Division of Revenue, and answering "yes" to question 18, which is "[w]ill you be providing goods and services as a direct contractor or subcontractor to the state, its agencies or the casino licensees?" Provided NJ-REG is filed, the entity will automatically receive a letter from the Division of Revenue stating that the entity is currently registered with the Division of Revenue. The filing entity will also receive a Business Registration Certificate stating the entity's name, trade name (if any), taxpayer identification number, address, contractor certification number, issuance date and effective date. There is no expiration date for the Business Registration Certificate, as the filing of Form NJ-REG is a one-time registration requirement.

For new businesses, Form NJ-REG is normally filed at the time the new business entity is formed (for example, by the filing of a Certificate of Formation or Certificate of Incorporation) and the tax identification number obtained (by filing form SS-4 with the IRS). For businesses existing prior to September 2001, which previously filed Form NJ-REG, there is no need to re-file. The Division of Revenue will automatically forward to the registered entity the Business Registration Certificate. If any businesses believe they are entitled to receive the Business Registration Certificate but have not yet received this document, they may contact the Division of Revenue at 609/292-1730 for assistance.

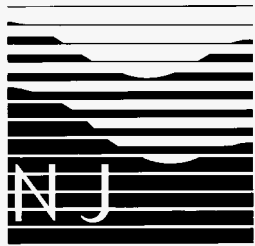
For existing businesses which have failed to file Form NJ-REG, it may be filed at anytime (as it is required this Form be filed, it is recommended this task be addressed as soon as possible). Registration may be effectuated by completing Form NJ-REG and forwarding it to:

State of New Jersey, Division of Revenue, Business Registration Application, PO Box 252, Trenton, NJ 08646-0252. Registration may also be effectuated on-line, at www.state.nj.us/njbgs/services.html.

For purposes of this registration, a "Contractor" means any person under contract to (i) provide goods or services, or (ii) construct a construction project, or (iii) any person seeking to enter into a contract to provide goods or services or to construct a construction project, with a Contracting State Agency. This registration requirement also applies to Subcontractors, who are deemed to be any person or entity who enters into a contract with a Contractor to supply goods and services to a Contractor who in turn is under a contract with a Contracting State Agency. The law requires the Contractor to obtain from the Subcontractor proof of valid business registration prior to entering into any contract with the Subcontractor. The Contractor is required to forward such proof of registration to the Contracting State Agency.

A "Contracting State Agency" means the principal departments of the (i) Executive Branch of the State Government, and any division, board, bureau, office, commission or other instrumentality within or created by such department, (ii) Legislature and the Judicial Branch of the State, and any office, board, bureau or commission within or created by the Legislative Branch or the Judicial Branch, and (iii) any independent State authority, commission, instrumentality or agency.

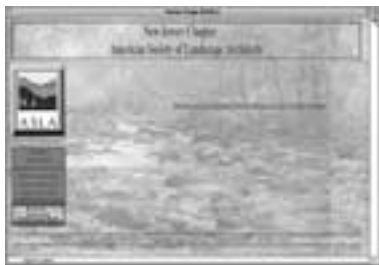
Finally, the Business Registration Certificate is also valid for goods or services to be provided to the casino service industry. No independent filing is required to satisfy the contractor/subcontractor registration requirements of the Casino Control Act.



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Executive Committee Elections

by Jerry A. Lewis, ASLA

Three Executive Committee positions, President Elect, Second Vice President, and Treasurer, are up for election this year. The President Elect position is a three-year term, which rotates from President-Elect to President to Past-President, and is currently held by MaryBeth Carter. Second Vice President and Treasurer are both two-year positions currently held by Joe Perello and Jeff Tandul, respectively.

The Nominating Committee is currently seeking candidates for these three positions. Suggestions for potential candidates should be submitted to the Nominating Committee no later than May 6, 2002. The members of the Nominating Committee are Carl Hintz (chintz@cchnj.com), Jerry Lewis (Jerrylewisassoc@aol.com) and Tim Delorm (973-744-8422). Please consider becoming an active member of the NJASLA Executive Committee and help pave the way for our professional organization!

National Olmstead Conference

The National Association for Olmstead Parks is hosting their spring conference May 17-19, 2002. The conference, sponsored by Weequahic Park Association (WPA), will be held in Newark commencing with a reception on Thursday evening, May 16 from 7-9 p.m. For Conference information, call Kevin Moore at 973-643-7850.

National Landscape Architecture Week Reception

The New Jersey Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects held a reception open to the public this past Sunday at Lawrenceville School. The gathering was held to celebrate the beginning of National Landscape Architecture Week. The event also marked the 102nd anniversary of Frederick Law Olmsted, considered the father of landscape architecture.

Those attending included Senator Shirley Turner, 15th Legislative District, who read a proclamation signed by her fellow senators of the district, Reed Gusciora and Bonnie Watson Coleman. Mayor Doris Weisberg of Lawrence Township welcomed the group to the Township.

Governor James McGreevey issued a proclamation honoring the landscape architects, and the celebration of the National Landscape Architects Week. While the governor was not able to attend, the proclamation was read by immediate Past President of the NJ Chapter, Carl Hintz. Nick Tufaro, current President, offered some comments on the importance of the profession.

The Lawrenceville Preparatory School was originally designed by Olmstead in 1886. His design efforts still can be experienced today on the campus. Elaine Mills, a student of LA, has prepared an inventory of all of the trees originally planted under Olmsted's direction.



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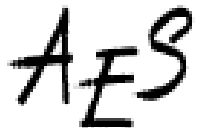
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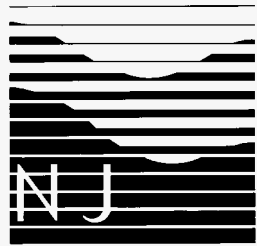
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2003 NJASLA Annual Meeting Call for Speakers, Topics & Volunteers

The 2003 NJASLA Annual Meeting Committee is reaching out to the membership and wants to have your input!

In 2003, the meeting's focus will be on three areas in a professional Landscape Architect's career...

Designer

(Seminar topics: Color, Graphics, Art History/Landscape, Design Theory, Presentation Skills)

Technical

(Seminar topics: Construction Details, Plant Material, Computer Graphics, Presentation Skills)

Management

(Seminar topics: Contract/Proposal Writing, Negotiating, Bidding, Cost Estimating, Team Building)

As an active member of the NJ Chapter ASLA, I propose the following suggestions:

Seminar Topic(s):

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Seminar Speaker(s) (include contact info.):

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

I would be interested in participating in the 2003 NJASLA Convention by volunteering to do one or more of the following – please contact me.

- Call 3 - 5 potential Seminar Speakers to inquire if they are interested and available.
- Call 3 - 5 vendors to inquire about their receipt of registration materials, and if they are planning to exhibit, sponsor an event, and/or advertise in the conference program.
- Hand out seminar surveys to members prior to seminar commencement at convention.
- Write press release prior and/or after convention for HSBG to submit to media contacts.
- Proof read convention program material for errors prior to submission to printer.
- Other – I have other special talents or interests and wish to discuss them with you.

Name: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Questions? Please call Nancy Bauman – Annual Meeting Chair at 609-452-8888 x3394
Email your response to nbauman@hillier.com or fax to Patricia at NJASLA Headquarter
609-393-9891.

Thanks in advance for responding by May 10th!