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President's Message

by Nicholas Tufaro, ASLA

What has the Chapter done for you, lately?

In coordination with National Landscape Architecture Week, the Chapter has obtained a proclamation from Governor James E. McGreevey, announcing the week of April 20 through 27, 2002, as "Landscape Architects Week". The chapter sponsored and publicized a number of events for this week that were well attended and emphasized the role of landscape architects in many areas of practice.

The Governor's proclamation contains recognition that "landscape architect projects include public parks, site planning for commercial and residential properties, revitalizing towns, and enhancing historic preservation" and that "landscape architects are charged as the stewards of the natural and cultural character of New Jersey's landscape".

State Senator Shirley Turner also presented the Chapter with a resolution signed by the representatives of the 15th District, which is more glowing and specific in lauding our profession for its advances in the environmental fields. Both these documents will be available on the njasla.org website soon.

The Chapter sponsored the National Association of Olmsted Parks Conference in the City of Newark, May 16 through 20, and exhibited the 2002 NJASLA Award winners at the Newark Museum during this group's banquet honoring Senator Rodney Frelinghuysen and Assemblyman Donald Payne.

In the same week, three members of the ExCom participated in the ASLA Board of Trustees and Chapter Presidents Mid Year meeting in Washington, DC, including a carefully orchestrated round of meetings with the entire Senate and Assembly to advocate legislative and funding issues directly related to work for landscape architects in New Jersey and the Tri-State area.

What have you done for the Chapter, lately?

The Chapter will host a **Strategic Planning Workshop** on Saturday, June 8, 2002, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center in Chatham, New Jersey. The Strategic Planning Effort is the blueprint for the goals and activities of the Chapter for the next two years. This event is your opportunity to make a positive impact on the direction of your profession. Licensure, Legislative Action, Environmental Issues, Liaisons Program, Watershed Planning, Annual Meeting, Website, Stream Restoration, and Community Design are some of the issues we wish to cover at this session.

Along with a review of existing programs, ample time will be available to advance any issue that you consider important and deserving of the support of the Chapter. To RSVP and get your information packet call 609-393-7500. Please come and participate!!!!

NJASLA Calendar of Events

June

- 6 2003 NJASLA Convention
Committee Meeting - The
Hillier Group, 500 Alexander
Park, Princeton, 6:30pm. RSVP
to nbauman@hillier.com
- 8 Strategic Planning Meeting, 9
a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Great Swamp
Outdoor Education Center
Center, Chatam. RSVP: 609-
393-7500
- 13 Executive Committee Meeting,
7:00 p.m., Schoor DePalma
office in Manalapan. RSVP to
elainewalker@mindspring.com

July

- 11 Executive Committee Meeting,
Medford Leas CCRC, Medford.
6:00 p.m. Tour by Jan McFarlan,
7:00 p.m. Meeting.
- 23-25 Penn Allied Nursery Trade
Show, Fort Washington, PA.
Sponsored by: PA Landscape &
Nursery Association.
www.pantshow.com. Email:
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NJASLA Sponsored LARE Review Session

by Dan Yannaccone, ASLA

The NJASLA sponsored LARE Review session held on April 20th was a great success. Chris Kendzierski and Dan Yannaccone provided exam candidates with exam-like scenarios, a tremendous amount of reference material and insight on how to approach the LARE exam.

The New Jersey section was run by Dave Roberts. He gave an informative lecture to help the candidates understand the process of Land Use Law and the Freshwater Wetlands Act. The day ended quickly and the candidates went on their way with a better understanding of the how to take the exam. We thank Steve Strom and the Landscape Architecture Department at Blake Hall for letting us use their facility and everyone involved in making the review session run smoothly. Good luck to all the candidates who are taking the exam in June.

NJASLA Executive Committee Meeting

The next NJASLA Executive Committee Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, at the Schoor DePalma office in Manalapan. Please RSVP your attendance to elainewalker@mindspring.com.

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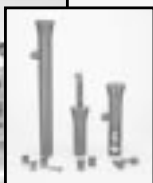
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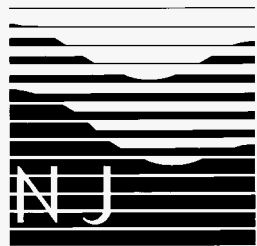
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ASLA Board of Trustees Meeting

by Jack Carman, ASLA

The Board of Trustees Meeting in Washington, DC, April 26-27, was a busy time for all in attendance. There was a full agenda throughout the two days. A summary of the discussions and actions taken follows:

National President Rodney Swink discussed the difficulties faced by ASLA over the past months, including the tight budget situation. Nancy Somerville, Executive Vice President, highlighted areas of focus, regarding government affairs; including the security design coalition and the 50 by 2010 licensure campaign. Other issues faced by ASLA include; the database/web integration project; continued enhancement of ASLA Online content; and National Landscape Architecture Week. There are three ongoing challenges for the Society - enhancement of ASLA's public relations/awareness activities; membership growth; and resource development through the ASLA Library and Education Advocacy Fund (LEAF). The status of the FY 02 budget and ASLA's meeting cancellation claim was discussed.

The ASLA web page has shown a substantial increase in traffic on ASLA Online. The website hits have risen from 600,000 per month in the summer of 2000 to over 6 million per month today. Information and Practice VP Dennis Carmichael's segment on the CNN Financial Network on Monday evening, April 22, caused web hits to double during the 24-hour period following the broadcast. Information Technology Director Bill Wade demonstrated the new member services available on the web, briefed the board on the successful completion of the first phase of the database/web integration project, and outlined the next phases, including online meeting and seminar registrations and expanded e-commerce. Dennis Carmichael demonstrated the new ASLA firm finder, which went live on Friday, May 3.

VP Amy Schneckenburger reported on the considerable progress on licensing that has occurred during the last months, including: the Partnership for Advancement of Licensure; new licensure policies; work with CLARB on the model law; and passage of practice acts in six states over the last year and a half.

The Board elected C. Edward Curtin, ASLA, 2002-2004 Vice President, Finance; Don H. Brigham Jr., ASLA, 2002-2004 Vice President, Information; and Sadik Artunc, FASLA, 2002-2004 Vice President, Membership.

The Board approved the Finance Committee's recommendation on green investments and adopted revised FY 02 and FY 03 budgets. The board also authorized a withdrawal from reserves if needed to pay the upfront costs of the San Jose annual meeting; the funds will be returned to the reserves in FY 03 after revenue from the meeting has been received. Finance VP Curtin and CFO Beaulieu reported on FY 01-02 capital budget expenditures and outlined the FY 03 capital budget.

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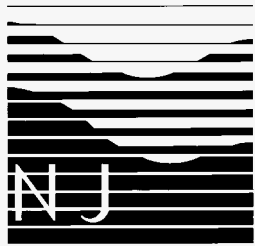
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Trustees Meeting

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A recommendation for a \$10 increase in dues effective October 1, 2002, was approved by the Board. The increase will be applied to all membership categories except students. The increase is based on an analysis of the Consumer Price Index over the past three years and the increase in the cost of providing ASLA programs and services.

President Rodney Swink and EVP Nancy Somerville led a session to rank ASLA's strategic objectives and to evaluate program performance. Among the board's most important responsibilities are setting the Society's goals and objectives, establishing policy and direction, and monitoring the program and budget in the context of the strategic plan. Results of the evaluation session will be used to review the FY03 program and budget and in preparation of the FY04 first draft program and budget.

Again, it was a busy and productive meeting in Washington, DC this past month. Please let me know if I can help clarify any of the issues discussed.

WHAT'S IT GON'NA BE?

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OR
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