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Past President's Message

by Carl E. Hintz, ASLA

Looking back on my term as President, I can report that we were able to accomplish a number of goals. Thanks to co-chairs Julie Blank and Sarah Parziale, we had the largest turnout for an Annual Meeting in 2001, which included many successful educational sessions. Our newsletter is published on a regular monthly basis thanks to the hard work of Elaine Walker, Nancy Bauman and Thom Rouse, and previously, Louise Schiller. The 2000 fall golf outing was a money making event and well-appreciated by all, as was the recent 2001 outing, thanks to the Golf Committee (Joe Perello, Jeff Tandul, Jay Cosentino and myself).

We have been hard at work on improving our licensure status, including passage (soon we hope) of the Allied Design Professionals legislation, and a meeting on licensure with representatives of National. The NJ Design Coalition, with ASLA/NJ represented by Jay Cosentino and Jack Carman, has been a yearly educational event, attended by the various design professions. Henry Arnold and others have formed the Political Action Committee (PAC) to foster greater awareness of the profession and involve us more in the State's legislation as it affects our profession.

I helped organize the first regional conference, sponsored by the Connecticut, Boston, Rhode Island, Vermont, New York and New Jersey Chapters. The "Rivers Symposium", held this last Spring, had a good turnout and we are at work on another one for April 2002.

We've made some progress in creation of a website, though it is not in place yet. This is a priority for the next year. All of these efforts are the result of hard working individuals who contribute their time to make this a better chapter. All of ASLA members are encouraged to participate, in whatever small way they can, to assist in all of these programs to allow the Chapter to better serve all of us.

I've appreciated the opportunity to serve our Chapter.

Golden Trowel Award

by Elaine Walker, ASLA

Each year Garden Design Magazine recognizes projects of significance. We are happy to announce that The Office of Bruce John Davies, ASLA, PP, located in Florham Park, has been awarded the Golden Trowel Award in the Professional Category!

The client, Mr. Al Matt and Mrs. Judy Mashburn, contacted Bruce Davies' office three years ago to address drainage issues in their rear yard. The first year of this Bernardsville project focused on redirecting water way from the house by regrading the lawn areas and creating stone retaining walls. The following year tackled additional hardscape construction on the 5.2 acre site. Some of these features include bluestone patios, terracing, a formal pergola, and a Garden House. This octagonal structure sits at a high point along the woods' edge. It has windows on seven sides and a large fieldstone fireplace: a wonderful structure with a strong connection with the landscape. Finally, in year three, plantings were installed.

By working together with the Matt-Mashburn's to create a beautiful environment for daily living and an elegant space for entertaining, the Davies' office has conceived an award-winning project that addresses one of life's best answers to our hectic pace – a wonderful garden.

Credits

Clients: Mr. and Mrs. Al Matt and Judy Mashburn
Landscape Architects: The Office of Bruce John Davies, ASLA, PP, Florham Park, NJ
Stone Masons: John Cortese, Stone Mason, Morristown, NJ
Landscape Contractor: Forgione Landscaping, Bernardsville, NJ

President's Message

I am being kept very busy lately with planning and Landscape Architecture work and going on some short trips this month to pursue issues of interest to the Chapter and local Landscape Architects. National Headquarters is sponsoring and paying for a fly-in workshop in Monterey, California for advancing state Practice Licensing. Representatives from 42 Chapters will share strategies and experiences in what promises to be a valuable kick-off for ASLA's "50 States By 2010" Program and our own plans to introduce new legislation to strengthen the practice responsibilities of certified Landscape Architects in New Jersey. I hope to return with some strong documentation to support the validity of the real work that our Profession is doing across the Nation to "improve the quality of life and protect the health, safety and welfare of the public"(a phrase that we should interject into every after dinner conversation about "just what do you do for a living"). The Legislative Committee and Site Plan Responsibilities Task Force will spearhead our state effort and monitor the work contract funded by your

dues through the Chapter budget and a National Chapter initiative grant. We must spend the entire amount (\$10,000.00) over the fiscal year and make every penny count.

I will be off at the end of the month to attend the Northeastern Regional Context Sensitive Design Workshop, sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration and the Northeast Association of State Transportation Officials in Westbrook, Connecticut. Approximately 300 participants will focus on the actual implementation of this paradigm shift in the planning and design process for major transportation improvements across the country. We will be hearing more of Context Sensitive Design at a session during our Annual Meeting in February and hopefully in a certification program tailored to our profession by NJASLA and NJDOT later in the year.

Speaking of our Annual Meeting, I hope that you all are planning to attend "WATER", the intriguingly titled multi-faceted program about that sparkling natural resource, design focal point, liquid recreational medium and

by, **Nicholas Tufaro, ASLA**

vital thirst quencher for all, from soccer mom to whitewater kayak paddler (at the top of my wife's birthday list!). We will be joining forces with the State's watershed management groups and expanding our invitation list to include ANJEC members and legislators to bring you both information and networking opportunities for potential work in this area.

Also on the horizon, we hope to strongly publicize National Landscape Architecture Week within the State and need some members to step forward for this endeavor. Scheduled to coincide with Olmsted's birthday in April, we are looking for gala openings, groundbreaking and greenway charity walkathons and other events that can be coordinated in that week from "work on the boards" in your individual offices now. We are particularly interested in collaborating with the NJ Homebuilders Association, the League of Municipalities, regional conservation groups, county parks commissions, large builders and local communities to make this a "newsworthy" statewide happening.

NJ-ASLA Website Survey

by **Brad Meumann**

Realizing how important a website is to NJASLA I recently volunteered to head the Website Committee. As chairman, my first goal is to develop a phased design for the website. This is an important and high profile project and I will need everyone's help to make it a success! This site can be a great resource, as well as marketing tool for all of us. For starters, I need your response to the following questions:

1. Would you support an online member directory, which would be accessible by members only?

- Yes No

2. Would you provide us with your current E-mail address?

- yes: _____
 No I don't have E-mail

3. If there were a choice in the future, how would you like to receive the NJASLA newsletter:

- Fax E-mail link to website Mail

4. Does the firm at which you are employed have a promotional website?

- Yes No

5. If yes, would you consider placing a link on a professional services page, which would be for public use in finding a Landscape Architect?

- Yes No

6. If no, is a company website a possibility for the future?

- Yes No

7. What do you feel would be important to include in the NJASLA site? On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the most important, please rate each of the following.

In public / marketing area of the website:

- _____ Home page style portal, with great photos
 _____ Promotional information on NJ Landscape Architecture
 _____ Images of work / award submissions
 _____ Search: "How to find an LA in your area"
 _____ Professional Services page: list firm websites (advertisement)

In a restricted member's area:

- _____ Annual meeting and symposium information
 _____ Discussion / forum
 _____ Details / construction information
 _____ Product resources
 _____ Directory
 _____ Job listings
 _____ Links to other
 _____ By-laws of NJASLA
 _____ Election process, information, candidates
 _____ Status of progress on site plan rule / practice law

Thank you for your feedback! I would like to address the needs of the members in getting our website together. Are there any important functions I might have missed? Let me know. If you are interested in receiving my preliminary ideas for the website, e-mail me at bradmeumann@rcn.com. Most importantly, please complete and mail this survey to Land Concepts, 777 Franklin Avenue, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417 by **Friday, November 30**.

Election Results

The NJASLA Board extends a hearty congratulation to the new 2001/2002 Board members!

President-Elect, Mary Beth Carter
First Vice President, Elaine Walker
Recording Secretary, Jerry Lewis

There were 77 ballots received for the 2001 NJASLA Election, with the following tallies:

PRESIDENT ELECT

Mary Beth Carter (71)
 John Sadlon (5)
 Jerry Lewis (1)

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

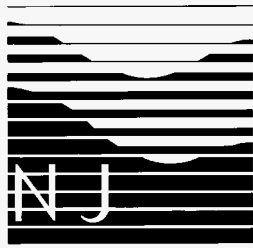
Elaine Walker (75)

RECORDING SECRETARY

Jerry Lewis (74)
 Mary Beth Carter (1)

The referendum for a dues increase with funds going towards the set-up of our Chapter Website failed. We received a simple majority of 64.9%, however, our Chapter Bylaws require a 2/3 vote (66%) majority. The vote count was as follows: Yes (50); No (18); Undecided (9)

The NJASLA Board encourages all Chapter members to complete and return their election ballots and to consider running for future Board positions.



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Executive Committee Meeting

by Elaine Walker, ASLA

The November NJASLA Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at SESI Consultant Engineers located at 12A Maple Avenue, Pine Brook. (973-808-9050). If you would like to attend the meeting and/or if you need directions, please contact Elaine Walker at elainewalker@mindspring.com before Nov. 5.

Rutgers Student Wins Competition

by Elaine Walker, ASLA

This summer National ASLA held the judging for the 2001 Student Design Competition. This competition identifies and recognizes outstanding works of design and research accomplished by landscape architecture students. Winning entries were to be displayed at the 2001 Annual Meeting in Montreal, Canada.

We're happy to report that Elaine A. Mills, a Rutgers University student, received a Commendation for her project entitled "The Trees of Lawrenceville". Her project was in the Undergraduate, Individual Entry, Research Category. NJASLA extends a hearty congratulation to Elaine and all of the students who participated in this year's 2001 ASLA Student Design Competition!

Address Change

Scott D. Taylor, CLA & PP, formerly of Melillo & Bauer Associates, and Lord, Anderson, Worrell & Barnett; and, Michelle M. Taylor, AICP & PP formerly of Moskowitz, Heyer & Gruel, and Menlo Engineering are pleased to announce the formation of a new design firm:

Taylor Design Group, Inc., 32 Oakwood Drive, Medford, New Jersey 08055. Phone 609-953-4790, Fax 609-953-4791, Email: scottdtaylor@att.net

Seminar Focuses on Naturalistic Design

The 12th annual New Directions in the American Landscape seminar will be held January 16 and 17 at Villanova University, Villanova, PA. This in-depth seminar examines the expression of nature and culture in the art of landscape design. It brings together practitioners as speakers and participants from landscape architecture, ecology and environmental restoration. NJ Board of Landscape Architects CEUs will be awarded. The seminar is co-sponsored by the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania. For a complete brochure please call: 215-247-5777, ext. 156 or 125.

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