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Trustee's Report

by Jack Carman, ASLA

The ASLA Board of Trustee's 2001 meeting was held in Washington DC from April 19 to the 21st. The first day of the meeting was spent on Capitol Hill 'lobbying' congressional offices on two acts of legislation, the Community Character Act (CCA) and the Historic American Landscape Survey (HALS). CCA authorizes the Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide grants to states or tribal governments to develop or update land use plans that facilitate environmental and economic sustainability. The CCA is supported by numerous organizations, including APA and the National Realtors Association. The bill needs sponsorship in the House and Senate. HALS is looking for support for funding (\$500,000) for the National Parks Service to begin documenting historic landscapes that serve as tangible evidence of our nations development and heritage, and to ensure their recognition by future generations.

Each Trustee met with at least four representatives from their respective districts. There were over 240 offices visited in one day. I met with the Legislative Aids from the offices of Senator Jon Corzine, Representative Rush Holt, Representative Jim Saxton and Representative Frank LoBiondo. Meetings will be scheduled to meet with the various congressional offices in their home districts, as well. If you are interested in participating, please let members of the Executive Committee know, so you can become more involved.

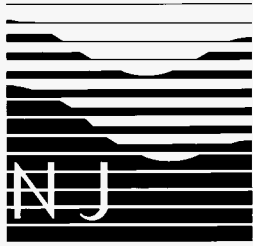
The actual BOT meeting took place the following two days. There were many issues that were discussed, including elections for National Vice President of Government Policy, Communications and Education. Public relations and licensure efforts are receiving special consideration and a strong push throughout this year. The National Landscape Architects Week is being created for April 2002. Look for more information in the coming months. A new Professional Interest Group, the Context Sensitive Design Group, was approved at the meeting. There was an update of how soon the ASLA web page would be back up and running. The Internet Service Provider ceased operations and left ASLA "high and dry". It was good to meet many of the new staff members and to get acquainted with their roles in the National office. All in all it was a very busy meeting. The tone of the overall meeting was very positive and upbeat. There are many new and existing issues being approved. I am looking forward to the Annual Meeting in Montreal in September. I will also continue to be active on the Public Relations Committee throughout the year.

President's Message

by Carl E. Hintz, ASLA

It's spring and everyone in addition to LA's start thinking about planting. A reporter called to ask me if there were recent trends in choices of plants for landscape design. One of my responses was that LA's are more concerned about the use of native materials because of their impact on the ecology, availability and ability to adapt to climactic zones. In a recent walk through thousands of preserved acres in northern NJ, I found it disturbing to see the amount of intrusions by non-native invasive species (Barberry in particular). We need to be more diligent in our plant selections and specifications to recommend indigenous plants.

For more information, contact the Native Plant Society of New Jersey at www.npsnj.org.



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Watershed Focus

by Mark B. Anderson, CLA, PP, ASLA

NJASLA is still looking for more concerned Landscape Architects to form a Watershed Strategy Steering Committee. A total of three individuals have expressed interest to date.

Initially, the committee will be charged with developing a network of NJASLA members actively pursuing statewide watershed planning and protection initiatives. The intent of this calling is to develop NJASLA policies and public programs to support and enhance current and developing statewide watershed planning initiatives.

The initial kick-off meeting will be scheduled for mid to end May. Please contact: Mark B. Anderson, CLA, PP, ASLA at 973-808-9050, or mbaenviron@aol.com.

Help Plan The 2002 Annual Meeting!

by Julie Blank

The annual meeting committee is beginning to discuss options for next year's conference. Now is the time to get involved and help make the 2002 meeting the best ever! We usually meet once a month; frequently by conference call. Any amount of time that you can spare will be appreciated. Contact any member of the committee or myself at 908.766.2134, email juliebl@gateway.net.

Golf Outing

by Joe Perello, ASLA

The golf outing is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, 2001, at Cherry Valley Country Club in Skillman, NJ (same place as last year). Members & Sponsors, mark the date on your calendar. A flyer will be mailed out soon with the specifics.

The golf committee is looking for two (2) Chapter volunteers to help organize that event. Interested persons can contact Joe Perello at 732-577-9000 or jperello@schoordepalma.com

Mentor Program

by Jack Carman, ASLA

The New Jersey Mentor Program is still operating and in effect. If you are a recent graduate of a Landscape Architecture Program or a professional who has been working for a few years and want to talk about the direction of your career, then the Mentoring Program is here to help. Just call Vicky at the Chapter Office, (609) 393-7500 and ask to be put in touch with a mentor in your area. There is no charge and the service is completely confidential. If you are thinking of starting your own business or looking for a new direction, then this service can help.

ASLA Professional Awards Entries

Friday, May 11, 2001, is the submission deadline for the ASLA Professional Awards Entries. For more information, call National ASLA at (202) 898-2444.



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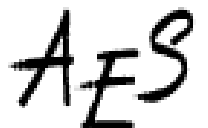
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Next Executive Meeting

by Elaine Walker, ASLA

The next NJASLA Executive Committee meeting will be held at 3 pm on May 24 at Hill Wallack in Princeton. If you are interested in attending, please e-mail Elaine Walker at elainewalker@mindspring.com.

NJ-ASLA Rutgers Student Chapter Award Winners

by Steve Strom

We are pleased to announce that Adam Hoppe and Shizuko Itsukaichi received Honor Awards and Lauren Haussler and Gaetano (Guy) Romano received Merit Awards. Upon graduation, Adam will join the Port Authority and Lauren will join Miceli Kulik Williams. Shizuko, who received an EDAW internship last summer, and Guy have not finalized their plans. The review of students was conducted on March 20th by Jay Cosentino, Tom Stearns, Jeff Tandul and Elaine Walker. We would like to thank the reviewers for their time and the Chapter for its continued involvement in our Program.

Shadow Day

by Steve Strom

Over twenty firms participated in Shadow Day held on April 4th. Shadow Day provides an opportunity for Rutgers students to visit an office for a day so that they can get a sense of "a day in the life" of a Landscape Architect. This is a highly successful event that students look forward to each year. Thanks to the firms and the people who hosted our students. If your firm would like to participate in Shadow Day, please contact Jack Carman at jpcarman@waterw.com.

Register NOW for the

Summer 2001 - River Boat Sightseeing Cruise!

Profits and Donations to benefit the NJASLA Scholarship Fund and Chapter Donations towards Landscape Architecture Education

When: 7:00 PM- 9:00PM, Wednesday, July 18, 2001

**Where: The "River Belle" - a multi level paddle boat replica
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Past Presidents' Internship Award

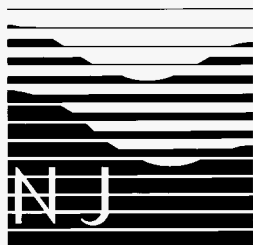
by Steve Strom

Lu Miceli and Tom Bauer interviewed students at Rutgers on Tuesday, April 23rd, for this year's Past Presidents' Award. This award is a two-week internship during the summer between the junior and senior year. As part of the award, students receive a \$500 stipend underwritten by NJASLA. The recipients this year are Paul DeVincentis from Colonia, NJ and Elaine Mills from Lawrenceville, NJ.

School Construction Program

by Steve Strom

The State of New Jersey has launched the largest public works project in its history. Six to seven billion dollars will be spent over the next ten years to build approximately 200 new schools and to renovate many others. Landscape architecture and site planning firms are strongly encouraged to pre-qualify for professional consulting services. Prequalification forms can be downloaded at: http://www.njedaschools.com/consultants/prequal_forms.html



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