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Meet your new Executive Committee!

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Chapter President Christopher Hawkins, PLA



- The Land Group- Eagle, ID
- Utah State University
- 10 years of professional experience
- Large-scale master planning, urban design, infrastructure design, and public engagement

President Elect Eric Sweet, PLA



- Second Nature, PLLC- Billings, MT
- Washington State University
- 27 years of professional experience
- Sports field consulting, parks, schools, recreational facilities, and commercial & residential work

Trustee Jay Gibbons, PLA



- Canyon County Development Services- Caldwell, ID
- University of Idaho
- 32 years of professional experience
- Land use planning & entitlements, recreation design, site planning, and urban design

Past President Maggie Clark, PLA



- Baer Design Group- Pocatello, ID
- University of Idaho
- 12 years of professional experience
- Project management, urban design, infrastructure design, master planning, transportation design, and site design

Executive Committee

Idaho Vice President Matthew Adams, PLA



- The Land Group- Eagle, ID
- Utah State University
- 23 years of professional experience
- Land Use Planning, Site Design, Business Management, and Project Management

Montana Vice President Megan Terry, PLA, SITES-AP



- Water and Environmental Technologies- Butte, MT
- University of Idaho
- 12 years of professional experience
- Project Management, Public Outreach, Planning, Remediation, Sustainable Site Design, and Funding Strategies

Treasurer Emily Voges, PLA



- Stack Rock Group- Boise, ID
- Brigham Young University and University of California Los Angeles
- 17 years national and international professional experience
- Project management, urban planning, commercial and public site design, multi-family, and podium landscape

Secretary Leslie Prendiville, PLA



- Rodney Evans + Partners, LLC- Boise, ID
- University of Idaho
- 9 years of professional experience
- Master site planning, commercial site design, planting and irrigation design, and project & construction management

Olmsted Chair Tyler Chambers, PLA



- The Land Group- Eagle, ID
- University of Idaho
- 8 years of professional experience
- Placemaking, site planning, public spaces, commercial, and multi-family residential design

Executive Committee

Member-At-Large Celeste Penny, PLA



- Breckon Land Design- Garden City, ID
- University of Idaho
- 6 years of professional experience
- Commercial design, pool and water feature design, master planning, and grading & drainage

Eastern Montana Chair Neil Kiner, PLA



- Second Nature Consulting, PLLC- Billings, Montana
- North Dakota State University
- 20 years of professional experience
- Recreational facilities, trails, public agency projects, and commercial development consulting

Western Montana Chair Brent Jacobsen, PLA



- BYLA Landscape Architects - Bozeman, MT
- University of Arizona
- 15 years of professional experience
- Park & trail design, residential design, and commercial & hospitality design

North Idaho Chair Emily Osborn



- Cobblestone Landscaping- Genesee, ID
- University of Idaho
- 12 years of professional experience
- Residential design, sustainable design, construction management, and project management

Chapter President's Council

Chapter president Christopher Hawkins and North Idaho Chair Emily Osborn attended the Chapter Presidents Council this year. The two days of intensive meetings and discussion with other board members from around the country was a great refresher as to how we can keep engaging our members. They listened to presentations from other chapters on their best practices for student and emerging professional engagement as well as partnerships with the NPS-RTCA. During the discussion time after these presentations Christopher and Emily were able to share their thoughts and ideas for chapter engagement as well as glean ideas from other chapters. We have lots to discuss as a chapter now to find ways to implement these ideas or revise what we are currently doing. Emily said she really enjoys these CPC meetings as they keep us informed in the industry, how we can improve as a chapter, and how we can help our chapter members take full advantage of their membership.

Ontario Snake River Tater Tot Trail update

Last April, several IMASLA members worked with The National Park Service and Oregon ASLA Chapter to help organize and execute a design charrette in Ontario, OR. The Ontario City Council approved the OSRTTT planning document on December 11th and authorized the updates to the Park Master Plan and Recreation Element of the Comp Plan to move forward. The City Council liked the plan and concepts and complemented this effort with "Great job!". It is so exciting to see this project moving forward. Thank you to everyone who has contributed!



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Dave Koga elected to ASLA Council of Fellows

The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) has elevated David Koga of The Land Group as one of 48 ASLA Fellows during a special investiture ceremony at the 2023 Conference on Landscape Architecture in Minneapolis. ASLA Fellows are recognized for their exceptional contributions to the landscape architecture profession and society at large. Election to the ASLA Council of Fellows is among the highest honors the ASLA bestows on members and is based on their works, leadership/management, knowledge and service.

“Landscape architects help build a better world for all of us, and ASLA Fellows represent the most respected and accomplished professionals in the entire field,” said ASLA President Emily O’Mahoney, FASLA. “This year’s class of ASLA Fellows has made outstanding contributions to people’s health, safety, and welfare; environmental sustainability and climate resilience; and stronger communities. Congratulations to the 2023 class of ASLA Fellows!”

“Naming a new class of ASLA Fellows is a joyful reminder of everything that landscape architects do to make our communities more equitable, more beautiful, and more resilient,” said ASLA CEO Torey Carter-Conneen (@toreycarter). “We extend our warmest thanks to the new class of ASLA Fellows for all of their accomplishments and contributions to human flourishing.”

For forty years, David Koga’s enviable professional practice, remarkable for its breadth and high quality, has transformed places through a deep understanding of the region’s broad natural and cultural contexts. Throughout his career, David has been an advocate for and innovator in landscape architecture including successful efforts to authorize landscape architects to design and stamp grading plans and his leadership as the principal and lead consultant on complex multidisciplinary teams. His legacy will continue to define the Intermountain West’s future through the people he has connected with, the places he has created, the company he envisioned, and the impact he has had on the profession, including his mentorship for current and future landscape architects. His projects include: Barber Valley Master Plan, Barber Station Mixed-Use Community and Marianne Williams Park, Boise, ID, a mixed-use master plan that addressed the site’s pre-design condition which included polluted industrial settling ponds, a degraded side channel, highly erosive land cover, and spotty riparian vegetation along the Boise River; Hyatt Hidden Lakes Reserve, Boise, ID, a biophilic design for a 54-acre reserve that repurposes a former gravel pit into a functional, aesthetic, and educational jewel in an underserved community; and Old Boise Placemaking Projects, Boise, ID, a multi-phase project addressing the utilitarian spaces of Boise’s alleys with a combination of green stormwater infrastructure and placemaking elements.

More information about the ASLA Council of Fellows is available here: <https://www.asla.org/fellows.aspx>. Fellow biographies are available here: <https://www.asla.org/ContentDetail.aspx?id=63776>



MSU Landscape Design Program Update

Montana State University, Bozeman MT

In October we hosted Brent Jacobsen, BYLA-Bozeman, and John Dohner, Outdoor Design Studios, for an IM-ASLA informational meeting. Students loved this chance to hear from practitioners and learn how they can get involved with the industry while in school. We also had some fun by creating a chalk sign outside our studios. Throughout this fall our department has also organized community-building events for all undergraduate majors, including a nursery tour, volunteer garden clean-up, and a bouquet building workshop. In the spring, we will visit Yellowstone National Park. These events have offered great opportunities for students to extend classroom learning.

This fall my senior site design studio is working with the non-for-profit Human Resources Development (HRDC) Council in Bozeman on three sites – a rooftop patio at a new building, the Marketplace that will house the food bank, pay-what-you-can restaurant, and administrative offices; the outdoor space at the existing emergency shelter building which will transition into an educational and resource center; and, a ~3-acre parcel where the HRDC may expand temporary and/or permanent housing options. It has been amazing to see students grapple with these varied scales and user needs, and working within the challenging realm of affordable housing and homelessness. In my landscape representation course, we recently did a firm visit at BYLA-Bozeman. Students were so jazzed afterwards! They especially found it valuable to hear about workflow and the use of analog and digital tools, and to see people's workstations, the firm's materials library, and project posters. Many students commented on how collaborative the studio team was, and this was evident as all employees actively participated in our visit. Thank you BYLA!

Assistant Professor Kirsten Ostberg started her tenure-track position last spring and is currently teaching planting design and urban landscape design studios. Our Plant Sciences department also has newly hired faculty in horticulture, entomology, and plant genetics (and soon also in mycology and plant systematics), so our buildings are buzzing. In planting design, students have been working on two campus sites that Ostberg (and Assistant Professor Claire Luby) are working to implement. Ostberg recently received an MSU grant for a studio set of iPads to integrate more digitized analog representation and redlining strategies into assignments and workflows.

Finally, we can't wait to help host the Rendezvous 2024 on MSU's campus!

- Rebekah VanWieren
Associate Professor



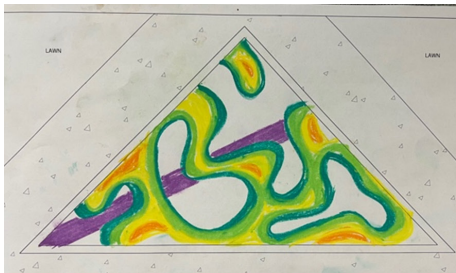
Senior LARC 432
Site Design II Studio

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Montana State University, Bozeman MT



Departmental bouquet workshop



Student work from campus project in LARC 331 Planting Design Studio (Credit: Nina Barfoot)



Sketch throwdown at BYLA-Bozeman firm visit with LARC 225 Landscape Graphics course

Upcoming Events

Montana Green Expo

Billings, MT
Jan 3-5, 2024

Montana Nursery & Landscape Association holds the Montana Green Expo each year in early January. The Green Expo includes two components: a Trade Show and a Convention. The Trade Show includes 80+ exhibitors. Attendance is open to anyone who works in the horticulture industry, though MNLA members enjoy reduced registration.

Masters of the Green - INLA Horticulture Expo

Boise, ID
Jan 17-19, 2024

The 2024 INLA Horticulture Expo is full of workshops and trade talks for all aspects of the green industry. Visit with innovative exhibitors during tradeshow time to gather information on products and services that can benefit your business. Don't miss this great opportunity to learn, share and connect with other industry professionals! <https://inlagrow.org/>

Professional Development Committee Panel Discussion

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Bonneville Commons- Pocatello, ID

Matthew Adams and Chad Lorentzen had the opportunity to present The Bonneville Commons subdivision as a case study project for the 2023 Idaho Montana ASLA Advocacy Committee project highlight. Each year IMASLA highlights a project to educate Federal, State, and Local officials on the role that landscape architects play in creating spaces to improve people's lives and strengthen communities. The team also presented to the American Falls High School FFA students on the role of landscape architects and careers in this exciting field.



The Bonneville Commons, a 2022 IMASLA Planning and Analysis Honor Award recipient, reimagines the formerly shuttered Bonneville Elementary School block as a new model of sustainable development for the city. This legacy project was planned, designed, and entitled by the integrated design team from The Land Group and Myers-Anderson Architects to bring 26 high-quality housing units to the two-acre school site that sat largely untouched for nearly two decades.

The project's exceptional outcomes include the amendment of the city's infill development code that will facilitate future investment in the



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city's urban core, and approved plan for housing that will provide direct relief to the region desperately seeking quality workforce housing, and an exceptional community designed in step with the Bonneville neighborhood that enable residents at different life-stages to find comfort and community.

This infill project represents the value and expertise that a landscape architect brings to integrated design and development teams. The Land Group, an Idaho-based landscape architecture and civil engineering firm, provided a range of land planning, site design, and engineering services for the Bonneville Commons project. The people in this neighborhood are fully embracing this development and are excited to see life in this abandoned lot. Architectural services, as well as several of the graphics were provided by Myers Anderson Architects. This exceptional project was the ambitious vision of NeighborWorks Pocatello and brought to fruition by the outstanding general contractor team at Construction Solutions Company.



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