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A MONTHLY NEWS
UPDATE FOR
THE GA ASLA CHAPTER

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Thanks to Volunteers

A HUGE thanks to the following members for accepting the call to volunteer on a GAASLA Committee:

Stella Wiggins – Chair, Green Cuisine Committee
Bobby Bullard – Chair, Legal Defense Fund Committee
Chip Brown – Member, Legal Defense Fund Committee
Mark Crapps – Member, Legal Defense Fund Committee
Whit Alexander – Member, Honors & Awards Committee
Nathan Evans – Chair, Tellers Committee
Nate Pierce – Member, Tellers Committee

GAASLA is a volunteer based organization, please donate your time and volunteer to assist on a committee or run for a position on the executive committee.

Upcoming Events

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- 13th - Savannah Social
- 14th - Executive Committee Meeting in Athens
- 14th - GAASLA & UGA Student Chapter Pizza Party
- 20th - How Landscape Contractors are Certified (see attached information sheet)
- 20th - Macon Lunch and Learn

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- 10th - Executive Committee Conference Call
- 12th - Macon Holiday Social
- 16th - Atlanta Holiday Social

Please note that all Executive Committee Meetings are open to GAASLA members. Please contact an executive committee member for more information.

Fellows Nominations

It is time to begin preparing for Fellows nominations. A list of members eligible for consideration for nomination this year will be distributed to the Georgia Chapter Executive Committee. The Fellows Nominations Committee, chaired by the current Georgia Chapter Trustee, Ed Czyscon, shall draft a list of potential nominees for the Council of Fellows and shall forward that list to the full Georgia Chapter Executive Committee for consideration.

A majority vote of the full Georgia Chapter Executive Committee is required to forward the nomination to national ASLA. The deadline for Council of Fellows nominations for 2009 will be Friday, March 27, giving the Georgia Chapter plenty of time after the holidays to prepare excellent nominations packages!

Please send your email/letter of nomination to GAASLA Trustee, Ed Czyscon, at eczyscon@cha-llp.com

A Message From the President

Hello to all of you fabulous Landscape Architects in the great State of Georgia!

I'm thrilled to be following in the footsteps of the many incomparable Georgia Chapter Presidents who've come before me, and I'm honored to work my butt off for my fellow professionals as we move forward in these odd times. I'm a Georgia transplant, and I've arrived here via College Station, TX, Portland, OR, and Oklahoma City, OK, and likewise I have a unique perspective to offer. I accepted the nomination for this position because I'm continually energized and motivated by the work of Landscape Architects from every nook and cranny, and I get my kicks off promoting the crap out of our profession!

We all know by now that the purpose of ASLA is to "promote the landscape architecture profession and

advance the practice through advocacy, education, communication, and fellowship”, and I promise you all that I am here to overtly PROMOTE and ADVANCE our profession across the state for the duration of my tenure as President. The Georgia Chapter Executive Committee is a hard-working group of highly-motivated people who are here to serve you, and our goals for the upcoming year are as follows:

1. To provide members with innovative continuing education and fellowship opportunities
2. To improve interactions and communications with members, sponsors, and media
3. To increase member involvement at the Section and Chapter level
4. To increase transparency of the GAASLA Executive Committee business and transactions
5. To organize and standardize GAASLA Executive Committee business and transactions
6. To promote/market the Sustainable Sites Initiative at the state Chapter level

In our efforts to achieve the aforementioned goals this year, we will be bringing back the GAASLA Annual Meeting in July, upgrading our Chapter website to include a registration interface, advertising events and award-winners in media outlets statewide, providing more events at the Section level to participate in, partnering with other like-minded organizations, making Executive Committee Meeting agendas and meeting minutes available on-line, and doing our all-out best to keep our members and the profession posted on all things ASLA!

But we can't do it without you! **As President, I challenge every single one of you to actively participate in, and even help organize, one Chapter or Section event this year.** Help us to help you, and give voice to the creative genius, closet multi-tasker, or class clown inside of you that's begging to be heard.

With massive amounts of appreciation and a wink to the year ahead,

Jamie Csizmadia
President, Georgia Chapter of ASLA

Clarification

To clarify our September newsletter article entitled 'What is in a name..' regarding the ASLA designation, there are plenty of individuals who are not a member of their professional organization (ASLA or AIA) who are licensed. Our article was meant to discuss what adding those initials to your name says about you professionally. You do not have to be a member of ASLA or AIA to be a licensed professional. Also, you must be a paying member of said organization to use these designations. Our apologies if any confusion was caused.

Have a great Thanksgiving Holiday!