



# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

## Hawaii Chapter E-News Express

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### 2016 & 2017 Chapter Elections – *YOU are NEEDED!!*

We are five months into the 2015-2016 term and, as most of you are aware, the response to the 2015 call for members to serve the HASLA Executive Committee was unusually low.

Your Executive Committee has been working diligently to ensure that the day-to-day needs of our chapter are addressed. However, due to limited human resources, we have not been able to plan for the chapter activities that we all expect and enjoy.

We are looking for members to fill the position of **President-Elect** and **Oahu-Island Member-At-Large**. The **Secretary's** position was filled through an interim appointment because to date we have had no offers to serve.

We understand that everyone is busy. We also understand that many of you have served in the past. HASLA is a small, member-run organization, with just over 90 members spread out across the State. The reality is that everyone needs to help out at some point, sometimes more than once. Our local chapter is a volunteer organization, and without membership support there is a possibility it will not exist past 2016.

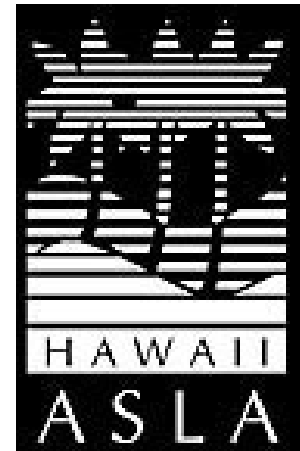
Let's close out 2016 on a good note even though we are still in the middle of it. Consider helping out HASLA chapter in some capacity, either as an Executive Committee member, a standing committee member, or to help organize a Chapter event.

Get involved! Contact:

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### Help Defend Licensure by Participating in the Landscape Architecture Task Analysis - TODAY

The landscape architecture community has seen an increase in threats to licensure over the last year. Do your part to help defend licensure and your scope of work by taking the [2016 Task Analysis survey](#). Your personal participation will support the profession, help protect the public's health, safety and welfare and defend licensure.

The Task Analysis, conducted by the [Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards](#) (CLARB), is a study of the profession that ensures the content of the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (L.A.R.E) remains legally defensible and relevant. The Task Analysis results are also used to **defend your scope of practice** as a landscape architect.

Our Board has partnered with CLARB to promote the survey because your participation:

- **Strengthens the case for licensure and your scope of practice:** The results will demonstrate the knowledge, skills and abilities that landscape architects rely on to protect the public's health, safety and welfare.

Complete the survey here: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/global\\_taskanalysisMB](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/global_taskanalysisMB)

**It will be open from April 4–18.**

CLARB is randomly selecting *10 survey respondents to each win a \$250 USD Visa gift card—five winners will be chosen on April 11 and five winners will be chosen when the survey closes. The sooner you complete the survey, the more chances you have to win!*

If you have any difficulty responding to this survey, contact CLARB:



- **Ensures all critical aspects of licensed practice are recognized:** As the scope of practice of a landscape architect evolves so should the licensure exam. Your input helps ensure the exam stays defensible and relevant.
- **Ensures that your voice is heard:** Provides you with an opportunity to inform the knowledge, skills and abilities required to protect the public as a licensed landscape architect, and ensures that the voice of your state's landscape architects is represented in the research.
- **Requires only 30 minutes** of your time to complete the survey but will have a great effect on our profession.

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## Advocacy & Community Outreach

Kyle Sasaki is the appointed HIASLA representative to ASLA National Advocacy efforts.

Of note for chapter members is that here have been quite a few states with threats of deregulation the past several years, with more coming. ASLA's concern, and yours should be, is that deregulation means less government. As landscape architects we are often grouped with other unrelated professions. For the most part legislators don't understand what we do. There is a lot of misunderstanding of the profession's efforts to ensure public health, safety, welfare, and the overall economic benefits to communities.

Following is a list of community outreach and advocacy activities that have happened or are in progress so far in 2016:

- **Complete Streets Bill** (SRC No. 41 and SR No.19) public comments provided (February 2016)
- **OahuMPO ORTP 2040** public comments provided (March 2016)
- **West Maui Greenway** Charrette with NPS-RTCA (March 2016)
- **GI/LID (Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development in Hawai'i)** – on-going with SOEST/NOAA with two-day workshop to be held in August.

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## Licensure & Continuing Education

**Joel Kurokawa** is in first term as landscape architect representative to the Hawaii Engineer, Architect, Surveyor & Landscape Architect Licensing Board (EASLA). **Ben Lee** was recently appointed by Governor Ige. Thank you gentlemen for stepping up to represent the profession and the members of the chapter who are licensed here in Hawaii!

Contact EASLA:

<http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/engineer/>

## ExComm continues monthly meeting at AIA-CFA – Honolulu

The Executive Committee continued its agreement with the Honolulu AIA Chapter - Center for Architecture to hold the monthly ExComm meetings at the Fort Street Mall space. The three main advantages with using their office is to strengthen ties between ASLA and the AIA, the location is walking distance for the majority of the members, and it allows us to conference with our Neighbor Island members as well as any member who wishes to attend our monthly meeting.

If you are interested in attending, Please contact Liz Fischer, ASLA for more information.

**ExComm meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Montly from 11:30 to 1:00 PM.**

***All members are WECLOMED to attend!!!***



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## HIASLA Constitution & Bylaws Update 2016

The ASLA Board of Trustees is voting on proposed changes to the national organization's Constitution and Bylaws at the midyear meeting in May.

To prepare for the potential changes, last year's ExComm reviewed the current HIASLA Constitution and Bylaws (*click the image to open the respective PDF*) and noted the need for an update. Each member is encouraged to review these documents which were last updated in 2004 and become familiar with them. Those who are interested in helping to update them should contact Joel Kurokawa,

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HI ASLA Constitution (2004)



HI ASLA Bylaws (2004)

On a related note: Past ASLA National President, Parliamentarian, and Constitution and Bylaws Committee Chair, Donald Leslie, FASLA, died last month. For those who knew him, he was key to keeping passionate order in BOT meetings and a wise advisor to all.

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## HIASLA 2016 Strategic Plan

In 2015 the HIASLA ExComm took the first steps to revitalize chapter operations by drafting a strategic plan with a new vision for the chapter. Here are the proposed vision and the chapter's adopted management and operational structure.

### Proposed Hawaii Chapter Vision

Be the leaders to enhance and preserve (malama) Hawaii's natural environment and healthy lifestyle while respecting (ho`ihi) the local culture; to raise awareness about and promote the profession through increased collaboration with local agencies, allied professions, and the public.

Chapter Management & Operations structure is adapted from ASLA National's. From here forward, all discussions and business of the Hawaii ASLA Chapter will be organized using the following five core areas as a unifying structure.

1. **Governance & Management:** *chapter operations, constitution & bylaws, elections*
2. **Member Services & Support:** *programs, awards & recognitions, communications, allied professions, public awareness*
3. **Advocacy & Awareness:** *licensure, continuing education*
4. **Future of the Profession:** *UHM LA Program, Young Professionals activities*
5. **Malama Pono** – *programs and activities that are Hawaii-specific (Respect the local culture and geographic location while expanding the horizon of the profession*

***E Ola Pono Me ka 'āina a me ke kai*** (Live Right with the Land and the Sea).



HI ASLA Draft Strategic Plan  
(*click the image to open the PDF*)

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## Sister / Allied Professions

### Hawaii Sister (Allied) Organizations Leaders Group

Last fall, HI AIA President Ben Lee took an idea a number of us had been kicking around and brought it to fruition – a regular gathering of the allied design and construction professions and associations who work in Hawaii. Participating are the Hawaii chapters

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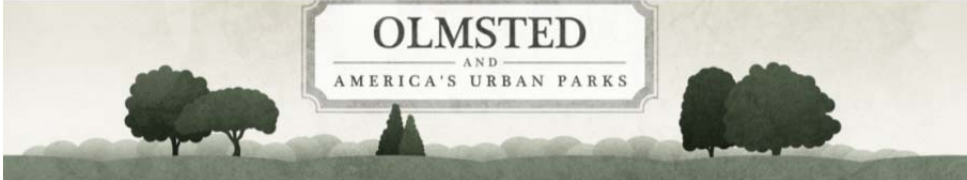



of: ASL, AIA, APA, ULI, WTS, NAWIC, GSA, HAF, BIA, ASID, and ASHRAE. Also participating are DOCOMOMO, Open-shop (Merit) Contractors, and BIA. Liz Fischer as the HIASLA representative has asked that LICH be invited to the group. Meetings are quarterly at AIA.

**LICH**

Call for a HIASLA member to represent the Chapter at LICH events. To ensure a continued strong partnership with the other member organizations of LICH, HIASLA needs a chapter member who works closely with the industry to step up.

## Upcoming Events

<b>APRIL 2016 – Landscape Architecture Month</b>	
<a href="#"><u>Historic Urban Parks Presentation &amp; Talk Story - Community Event</u></a> will Focus on the <b>History and Significance of Urban Open Space</b> – the history of our urban parks and why they still matter: a presentation & talk story event in Kakaako.	April 9 from 9-11am – Halekauwila Place Apartments Community Room located at 665 Halekauwila St, Honolulu
<b>LaBASH – Ohio State University</b>	April 7-9
<p><b>Hawaii Island Celebrates Architecture Month</b> Both Aravena and Olmsted created highly successful projects through great design. The brilliance of great design is that it can solve multiple problems, create beauty for the inhabitants, and point to a positive future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Olmsted and America’s Urban Parks</b>, A film by Rebecca Messner, Mike Messner executive producer.</li> <li>• <b>The Power of Synthesis, Alejandro Aravena</b> a 2014 TED talk</li> </ul>	<p><b>Kona:</b> April 14 6:00 pm - Donkey Mill Art Center, 78-6670 Mamalahoa Hwy Info: Shaun Roth, 808-936-9815</p> <p><b>Waimea:</b> April 21 5:30 pm - W.M. Keck Observatory Headquarters, Hualalai Learning Theater, 65-1120 Mamalahoa Hwy Info: Clem Lam, 808-885-4431</p> <p><b>Hilo:</b> April 29, 5:15 pm - Hawaii Innovation Center at Hilo, Conference Room. 117 Keawe St Hilo Info: Terry Cisco, 808-937-8953</p>
	
<b>May</b>	
<b>ASLA BOT/ CPC Midyear Meeting (Washington DC)</b>	May 18-21
<b>ASLA National Student Awards Submissions Due</b>	May 13
<b>June</b>	
<p><a href="#"><u>LAF Summit on Landscape Architecture and the Future</u></a> (Philadelphia) The engaging event will bring together the landscape architecture community, including preeminent thinkers and emerging leaders, to celebrate the LAF’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and discuss directions for the future of the discipline.</p>	<p>June 10-11</p> 
<b>Congress for New Urbanism (CNU) (Detroit)</b>	June 8-11
<b>ASLA National President 2017 Voting Closes</b>	June 23
<p><a href="#"><u>2016 SHADE Summer Institute</u></a> Supported by HIASLA</p>	June through August
<b>July</b>	
<b>4 Nurseries* Tour (6 hours)</b> *Tentatively <i>Contemporary Landscaping, Koba’s Nursery, Hawaiian Sunshine, &amp; Hui Ku Maoli Ola</i>	<b>TBD</b>



HIASLA Chapter Elections Open (depending on BOT approval in May)	July 15
<b>August</b>	
Green Infrastructure / Low Impact Development in Hawai'i (GI/LID) – An outcomes focused workshop. Urban stormwater management best practices are to collect and treat rainfall on site and prevent runoff from entering the storm sewer system. Identify solutions for Hawaii's health and build a network of resources to implement them. <b>Co-sponsored by HIASLA.</b>	August 09-10
ASLA Advocacy Summit ( <i>Indianapolis</i> )	August 12-14
HIASLA Chapter Elections Results Due (depending on BOT approval in May)	August 19
<b>September</b>	
<a href="#"><u>IUCN World Conservation Congress</u></a> ( <i>Honolulu Convention Center</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#"><u>Hawaii Pavilions</u></a> - this event is the <b>FIRST TIME EVER</b> that a subnational government has hosted this international meeting. It is <b>HUGE</b> for the State of Hawaii to take this role.</li></ul>	September 1-10
<a href="#"><u>The Tao of Planning</u></a> ( <i>Kaua'i Grand Hyatt at Po'ipū</i> ) Hawai'i Congress of Planning Officials Conference	September 21-23, 2016
<b>October</b>	
LICH Conference & Tradeshow	TBD
HI ASLA Annual Meeting & Officers Induction	TBD
AIA Hawaii CANstruction	October 8
ASLA Annual CPC/ BOT Meeting ( <i>New Orleans</i> )	October 20-21
ASLA Annual Meeting & Expo ( <i>New Orleans</i> )	October 21-24
<b>November</b>	
Joint meeting of HI ASLA 2016 & 2017 ExComm	<b>TBD</b>
<b>December</b>	
Holiday Season!!	
<b>January 2017</b>	
ASLA National Fellows Nominations Close	January 15
ASLA National Annual Meeting Presentations submissions due	January 30
<b>February 2017</b>	
RE-LEI Design Competition Opens	February 15
<b>March 2017</b>	
ASLA National Professional Awards Submissions Due	March 15
ASLA National Honorary Member Nominations Due	March 15
<b>Later in 2017</b>	
RE-LEI Design Competition Entries Due/ Awards	April 1/ May 1
ASLA Annual Meeting & Expo ( <i>Los Angeles</i> )	October 20-23



## 2016 HIASLA Executive Committee

<b>Trustee:</b>	Joel Kurokawa	<b>Member-at-Large Hawaii:</b>	Mark Maheney
<b>President:</b>	Liz Fischer	<b>Member-at-Large Kauai:</b>	Scott Fiorovich
<b>Past President:</b>	Allan Schildknecht	<b>Member-at-Large Maui:</b>	David Sereda
<b>President Elect:</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>Members-at-Large Oahu:</b>	Jennifer Matsumura + <b>VACANCY</b>
<b>Vice-President:</b>	Meredith Tanioka Komata	<b>Chapter Advocacy Lead:</b>	Kyle Saski
<b>Secretary (Appointed):</b>	Rachel Katzman	<b>Chapter Public Awareness Lead:</b>	Brian Wolfe
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Jennifer Appel	<b>ASLA Diversity Summit:</b>	Angelica Rockquemore
<b>Standing Committees:</b>			
• Nominating & Tellers:	• V-P, Past President, + <b>Volunteers</b>		
• Constitution & Bylaws:	• Trustee, President, + <b>Volunteers</b>		
• Audit:	• Treasurer, + <b>Volunteers</b>		

# The Hawaii Chapter ASLA



Needs  
**YOU**

**to volunteer for chapter offices and committees.  
Make YOUR chapter a better organization.  
Step up and Make it Happen for YOUR Profession!**