



Associates News: OCTOBER 2011

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New Website: www.oala.ca

Have you checked out the new and improved OALA website yet? The switch to an improved content management system will mean quicker updates, faster download times, and a much needed face lift! Please note that there is currently no Members' Area on the website to log in to. When that section is complete, you will receive your new login username and password via email from the Registrar.

L.A.R.E. Update:

The next sitting of the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (L.A.R.E.) will be for vignette exams C and E from December 5th and 6th.

Scores from the June 2011 Vignette exams (C, E) have been posted online. The LARE is administered across North America only on dates established by CLARB (see www.clarb.org). The graphic sections of the exam are administered by the OALA in Ontario.

OALA Library Exam Resources:

The OALA library located at their downtown Toronto office include many of the books on the LARE reading lists, and can be a valuable resource for those without their own. Drop by weekdays before 5 pm to sign books out, or if you don't live in Toronto, just call or email to request that the books will be snail-mailed to you (all you have to do is mail the books back when you're finished!).

LARE Changes:

CLARB has announced changes to the exams, taking affect in September 2012. Changes to the exams will include:

1. Five to four sections. - This change will align the content of the L.A.R.E. with current practice, as demonstrated in the 2010 Task Analysis study. For additional detail on equivalency between the current and new exam, view the transition chart.

Section A becomes Section 1 - Project and Construction Management

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LARE Pass Rates:

The following are the percentage of passing exams for both Ontario test takers, and all examinees in the exam this past June.

June 2011, CLARB Overall (Just Ontario):

Section C:
60% pass (ON: 43%)

Section E:
36% pass (ON: 44%)

Section B becomes Section 2 – Inventory and Analysis

Section C&D become Section 3 – Design

Section D&E become Section 4 - Grading, Drainage and Construction Documentation

2. Full computer based testing - By December 2012 all four sections will be delivered by computer to improve relevance, reliability, and accessibility.

Candidates are encouraged to continue taking the current exam, especially those that have already started the exam process. Because the content that is currently tested in Section D will be split between Sections 3 and 4 in the new exam, candidates already in the exam process should complete the current exam to avoid losing credit for Sections C, D or E.

Who ARE We?

As many of you know, associate members are unable to call themselves Landscape architects or use OALA after their name, since we are not full members. Please use our official title “Landscape Architectural Intern” to avoid confusion.

Upcoming Socials:

GreenDrinks: The SoComm invite you to join them at Green Drinks on **Wednesday, October 19st** from 7-9p.m. at Grace O’Malley’s at 14 Duncan Street in downtown Toronto. Green Drink nights are held the third Wednesday of every month and are usually free of charge. This is a great way to get talking with people in other “green” fields, as well as to network internally with other OALA members in attendance. See you there!

www.greendrinks.org/ON/Toronto

Associates Beverages and Board Games Night: Your Associate Representatives invite you to come join them for some board game fun and food at The Court Jester Pub (close to Pape and Danforth) on **Wednesday, November 2nd**. This is a great chance to meet and mingle with other associates. We will be meeting at the Pub at 6:30pm. Hope to see you there!

Your Voice Heard:

Get published in the next Newsletter!

Send in your:

- L.A. related photos
- PDP horror stories
- Book reviews
- Tips, tricks, and whatever else you would like to share with your colleagues.

Contact Us:

To make a submission to the Newsletter, ask questions, or just say hello, feel free to contact us, your friendly Associate Reps, Neeltje and Jon, at:

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