

OALA NEWS

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OALA HONOURS AND AWARDS Call for Nominations

OALA members are invited to nominate deserving fellow members and others for awards and honours, to be presented at the 2011 OALA AGM. There are six awards to be considered:

- Pinnacle Award for Landscape Architectural Excellence
- David Erb Memorial Award
- Ontario Association of Landscape Architects' Award for Service to the Environment
- Ontario Association of Landscape Architects' Carl Borgstrom Award for Service to the Environment
- Public Practice Award
- Emeritus and Honorary Members

Kindly submit your nominations or suggestions to the OALA office, addressed to the Honours Awards and Protocol Committee, chaired by the immediate Past President, Lawrence Stasiuk. The committee will then forward its recommendations to Council. Award criteria can be found on the OALA website - **click here to link**.

The deadline for nominations is **January 17, 2011**.

2011 OALA SKI DAY

The OALA will host its 2011 Ski Day on Friday, February 11th at Craigleith Ski Club in Collingwood. Details and registration are on the OALA website – **click here to link**. Join us for a day of fun with fellow OALA members, sponsors and friends. Registration includes lift ticket, hot breakfast, gourmet lunch and prize draws.

Ski Day is a wonderful way to help OALA support Landscape Architecture at both the University of Guelph and University of Toronto. All surplus proceeds from Ski Day go directly to student scholarships, endowment funds and to support lecture series.

Register today to take advantage of early-bird prices.

OTHER OALA NEWS...

Payment of OALA Dues

Members are reminded the December 31st deadline to pay 2011 membership dues has now passed. As noted on your invoice, there is an increased rate between January 1st and the calling of the AGM. ...continued on pg. 2

Payment of dues can be made on-line (**click to link to the payment page online**) or by sending a cheque to the OALA. Please refer to your original invoice for other payment options. Thank you for your attention to this.

From the Associate Member Representatives

We are happy to report that OALA Associate members continue to post high pass rates on the LARE multiple-choice exams in 2010. Pass rates for Section A, B and D in March were 68%, 73% and 75% respectively while the rates in September were 83%, 75% and 53% for the three sections. In September, OALA Associate members outperformed the overall pass rates of all candidates in all three sections! It's great to see such strong numbers from our members and we encourage you to keep up the good work and to continue to show the rest of North America that we have the best Associate members!

Another sitting of the LARE graphic exams has come and gone as over 50 Associate members wrote Sections C and E this past December. We would like to acknowledge and are very grateful for the assistance the OALA provides the Associates both financially and in preparation for the exams. The OALA absorbed nearly \$20,000 in costs associated with the exams including administration fees, tutorials, and exam facilities. We would especially like to thank Rich McAven, Stephanie Snow, Sean Kelly, Nick Miele, Tim McCormick and Aaron Hill for volunteering their time for the tutorial sessions. The high pass rates of OALA Associate members are a direct result of their dedication and efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Hajdu and Daniel Jackson
Associate Representatives to OALA Council

SALARY SURVEY AVAILABLE

Last fall OALA members were asked to participate in a salary survey. The results of the survey are now available. If you participated in the survey, you can purchase a PDF of the complete results at the discounted price of \$99. Others can purchase the survey for \$199. Requests for the survey can be sent to salariesurvey@sdacanada.com or follow the link on the SDA site at www.sdacanada.com. The SDA (Society for Design Administration Canada) has the list of those who participated in the survey and can match your request to participant or non-participant.

MEMBER NEWS

Glenn O'Connor, Principal of G. O'Connor Consultants Inc. is proud to announce that the firm was recently awarded the 2010 Infrastructure Award by the Ontario Concrete Awards. Recognition was awarded for the Dufferin Street Widening and Reconstruction Project. G. O'Connor Consultants Inc. is an integral part of the Morrison Hershfield team.



NEWS FROM UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH

The Ontario Agricultural College Teaching Trust has awarded Dr. Robert Brown and Dr. Robert Corry funding to enhance undergraduate education (in Landscape Architecture). Brown and Corry proposed to apply funding to measure and monitor microclimates and wildlife using cutting-edge equipment including terrestrial radiation sensors, digital anemometers, and motion-activated photography. The OAC TT award is expected to benefit the BLA student body of 200 students by enhancing their understanding and visualization of landscape attributes.

IN OTHER NEWS...

Alberta Association of Landscape Architects now a fully recognized Professional Regulatory Association

On December 16, 2010, the provincial cabinet of the Province of Alberta approved the Landscape Architects Regulation (LAR). This law is very similar to existing legislation in Ontario and BC in that it provides Title Protection and sets up publicly accountable self regulation of the profession for the Province of Alberta. The AALA has been pursuing legislation since its inception in 1970, so this accomplishment fulfills a 40 year objective! Complete news can be found on the AALA website at <http://www.aala.ab.ca/>.

COMING EVENTS...

OALA Guelph Social

The OALA Winter Social is taking place in Guelph on Wednesday, January 26th, 2011 at the Albion Hotel, 49 Norfolk St. Guelph, ON from 6-8:30pm.

Click here to see the invite.

This is a family friendly event for OALA Members, Associates and Students of Landscape Architecture. Guelph supports free 2 hour on-street parking.

Toronto Botanical Garden: Soil and Urban Trees Conference

The Toronto Botanical Garden is offering a two-day conference – Soil and Urban Trees – April 26 and 27, 2011. In this conference, leading experts will introduce concepts of ideal soil structure and biology. Speakers include William Bryant Logan, Paul Stamets, Olaf Ribeiro, Peter Wild and James Urban. For more information, visit the TBG website at:

www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca

