

Council Members Present:

Glenn O'Connor	President (Chair)
Joanne Moran	Vice President
Lawrence Stasiuk	Past President
Bryce Miranda	Treasurer
Morteza Behrooz	Secretary
Johanna Evers	Officer
Jonathan Loschmann	Councillor
Sarah Koeppe	Councillor
Elise Shelley	U of Toronto Representative
Sean Kelly	U of Guelph Representative
Nell Slingerland	Associate Councillor (Sr.) (voting)
Jon Woodside	Associate Councillor (Jr.)
Todd Douglas	U of Toronto Student Representative (voting)
Najib Najjar	U of Guelph Student Representative

Staff Members Present:

Aina Budrevics	Administrator (recording)
Karen Savoie	Registrar
Linda MacLeod	Acting Registrar

Regrets:

Linda Thorne	Lay Councillor
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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

This regular meeting of the OALA Council is called to order at 6:09 p.m. Quorum is established. Glenn O'Connor, President, is chairing the meeting.

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

New business item 7.3 Update on a Complaint, and item 6.8 Associate verbal report to be added to the agenda.

Motion 2.0	That Council approves the agenda as amended.	
Moved by: Sean Kelly	Seconded by: Lawrence Stasiuk	
CARRIED.		

3.0 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the November 14, 2011 Council meeting are reviewed. On page 3, item 4.5 Common Ground Project, remove 'Morteza says...' and leave it to read, 'look to the Marketing Committee to see if this is something we should pursue.'

Motion 3.0	That Council approves the minutes of November 14, 2011 as amended.	
Moved by: Morteza Behrooz	Seconded by: Sarah Koeppe	
CARRIED.		

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Membership Candidate Options

Karen reviews the presented reports, which were accepted in principle at the November Council meeting. The suggested changes are reflected in the document presented.

Motion 4.1	a) That Council approve the creation of a new Option 2: Full Membership in an Equivalent Provincially Regulated Canadian Jurisdiction with the membership requirements outlined in the revised Membership Candidate Options document, dated December 12, 2011, and b) That Council approve the attached revised version of Section 7 of the OALA Handbook: Membership Candidate Options, dated December 12, 2011, and c) That the changes take effect immediately, and d) That any application in process prior to December 13, 2011 may continue to be processed according to the previous requirements as applicable.	
Moved by: Lawrence Stasiuk	Seconded by: Joanne Moran	
CARRIED.		

Discussion: The introduction of a new Option 2 will enable us to be in compliance with the new Labour Mobility Act. The previous Option 2 is now Option 4. With the new Labour Mobility Act, the new Option 2 only applies to BCSLA members. The other policies are in place for the other provinces. AALA does not yet have the same membership entrance requirements. When they bring up their membership entrance requirements to the same level as Ontario and BC, then Option 2 will apply to them as well.

4.2 Online Membership Application - AIT

Karen presents the application procedure for the new Option 2, which was accepted in principle at the November Council meeting.

Motion 4.2	a) That Council approve implementing an Online Full Membership Application procedure and application forms for Membership Option 2 - Candidates from an Equivalent Provincially Regulated Canadian	
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	Jurisdiction as shown on the attached Draft #6 December 12, 2011, and b) That Council approve the application and processing fee for Membership Option 2 be set at \$1,500.00.
Moved by: Lawrence Stasiuk	Seconded by: Morteza Behrooz
CARRIED.	

Discussion: With regards to the budget, there may be a cost for the creation/implementation of an online application. The included reading list is the same for all OALA applications. When the reading list is revised, it will affect all the applications for the Association. Jon confirms there is a perception that the reading list could use a review. Joanne asks if the fee will be seen as punitive, and Karen replies that it is not. This and the application for the Oral Senior Examination will be available online for all.

4.3 2012 AGM

Joanne presents some information that was discussed by the Continuing Education Committee. The theme will revolve around Sustainable Landscapes. The educational portion will be a debate format between a politician, a Landscape Architect, and possibly an engineer. The Mayor of Markham has been confirmed to open the day, and then an academic type LA will introduce the topic and the speakers. Possible speakers include: David Miller (politician), Martha Lush (Landscape Architect). The discussions will illustrate how LAs are a lead in sustainable landscapes. Wrap up the discussion with town hall comments from the members. The AGM will be held in the afternoon.

Morteza reports that the facility has webcasting capabilities installed. Audio streaming is possible, and Aina will contact the Markham AV personnel. This possibility could save the cost on outsourcing audio streaming to another company.

Currently Victor Ford and Marianne Mokrycke are the working committee for the educational portion. LAs from Markham will be encouraged to be involved as well.

4.4 Practice Act Task Force Update

An update report submitted by Eha Naylor, Chair of the task force, is received by Council. This update report explains the format of the final report that will be presented to Council and then the membership in March. The task force unanimously believes that there is a strong case to be made for a Practice Act for Landscape Architecture in Ontario that includes developing a legal definition for the scope of practice to help the public to distinguish between the responsibilities of Landscape Architects and the services of other design professionals. Maja Lees is also preparing information to help form the report.

Lawrence comments on the excellent work the task force has completed thus far. Questions that need to be addressed when presented to the membership include: What's the impact on me now and in the future? What would be the cost for the professional liability insurance? How easy is it to obtain the insurance? In Section 5 of the report – process for moving forward – we need to understand the different tools for achieving the practice act, be it private members bill, or another avenue. Given our current entrance requirements, how do the members with or without the seal get addressed in this issue?

Aina will notify Eha that the report is received by Council, to which Council is very appreciative. The next report should be ready for preview at the January 25th ExeCom meeting, and then for the February 9th Council meeting.

4.5 Mandatory Continuing Education Task Force

Joanne presents a verbal update. The task force is preparing a draft recommendation report to present to the membership at the AGM. Simplifying the situation and expected implications and outcomes will likely prove more successful to deliver the information to the members. The report will incorporate the BCSLA's mandatory continuing education structure, as well as who and what is included in the system.

4.6 Green Infrastructure Ontario Recommendation Report

Joanne presents a report submitted by Doris Chee, OALA representative on the Green Infrastructure Ontario Coalition. Council receives the report. GIO recommends Council commit to supporting the publication of the Green Infrastructure Strategy for Ontario report by providing funding or printing of the report, and that Council commit to support the Green Infrastructure Strategy for Ontario report by providing a launch engagement at the OALA's annual general meeting and conference in March, 2012.

The OALA has paid the onetime cost of \$3000 and has also offered support on their subcommittees. We have fulfilled our commitment financially. OALA supports their second request to provide a launch engagement at the 2012 AGM, however amend the first request to state that Council does not financially support the printing of the report.

Motion 4.6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council not commit to supporting the publication of the <i>Green Infrastructure Strategy for Ontario</i> report by providing funding or printing of the report, and 2. That council commit to support the <i>Green Infrastructure Strategy for Ontario</i> report by providing a launch engagement at the OALA's annual general meeting and conference in March, 2012.
Moved by: Joanne Moran	Seconded by: Bryce Miranda
CARRIED.	

Discussion: Green Infrastructure is at the core of Landscape Architecture, and the strategy should not be overlooked. Our commitment to GIO was to provide \$3,000 and a representative and input into the report, and this we have followed through on. The topic is compatible with our AGM topic and format. If we're setting up an exhibit or table, there might be some associated costs, and so we may want to budget a nominal amount. It is not clear if they will give us any materials.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE TO BE CONSIDERED

5.1 World Landscape Architecture Month

Information for this annual CSLA competition was submitted to the OALA. It has been posted to the OALA website. This could be a great opportunity for students or associates. The deadline is in mid-January.

5.2 Green Purchasing Guide

This useful information is received by Council. No action required.

5.3 Correspondence received from MP's and MPP's

The letters are received by Council. This attention and recognition by MP's and MPP's is excellent.

6.0 GOVERNANCE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 President/Executive Committee

6.1.1 ExeCom Report November 30, 2011

Glenn presents highlights of the busy November 30th meeting. Joanne updated about AGM/CEC; Lawrence gave an excellent CSLA report – raising issues and questions, addressed last week at the President's round table. Glenn has asked CSLA to locate an agreement between the components and the CSLA. A Greenstreets! street art project was reviewed and not supported. 'PLA' designation was addressed, but was already addressed with Le'Ann Seely's CLARB report – they will keep us up to date with this topic. ExeCom reviewed an invite to participate in a student educational program organized by 'No.9', however it will not be supported at this time, because it's not in line with our strategic initiatives. It was also reported that IIDEX will be sending us a cheque for the funds we made at the show, as per our contract.

6.2 Vice President

No Report.

6.3 Treasurer

Bryce presents a draft budget. He reports that in today's climate, it is not appropriate to ask our members for more money, and therefore we will keep the membership fees the same as 2011. The main changes Bryce highlights includes a reduction in the LARE Exam fee income, because CLARB will be covering the exam administration. As well a reduced LARE

manual revenue, as we won't be issuing a manual yet during the LARE transition. Expenses for Contract staff will be increased to accommodate IT staff and a bookkeeper at one day a week. Council meeting expenses will be raised to cover the necessity of bringing in Councillors from out of town. Money will need to be added to Legal Council to accommodate the NFP Act. Website hosting expenses have gone down thanks to the new webhost provider. Marketing is suggested to increase to 35K to accommodate a rebranding. The AGM has not been meeting the target budget, so it will be increased based on past year's actual numbers. The Associate's budget will be decreased to \$500 as they have not been spending the \$2000. The UofT request will be raised from last year to match the new scholarship request, and as well the lecture sponsorship will be increased by \$1,000. The same will be given to UofG. We will not be able to accommodate the UofT George Baird special symposium.

This creates an unbalanced budget by \$8,500, and a discussion takes place to try and determine where to find the extra money. Some suggestions include: reducing the AGM expenses to reflect the exceptionally low costs of the 2012 venue. A note should be added to increase the cost again in future years. The Ground income will be reviewed to reflect a realistic number. The Associates haven't submitted their 2011 expenses yet, and wish to have their budget increased to \$1000. It is suggested to decrease the Students budget to \$0, as it hasn't been used in years, and the school budgets usually cover the costs.

This budget is reflective of the strategic plan in numbers, but not yet in layout. The layout will be revised in the future to reflect the strategic plan categories.

Bryce will take the suggestions in advisement and will return with the next draft at the January Council meeting.

6.4 Secretary No Report

6.5 Past President

6.5.1 CSLA Report Deferred to January Council meeting.

6.6 Registrar's Report

Karen presents a verbal report. As this is her last Council meeting, she says it really has been a pleasure working with everyone. She wishes everyone all the very best success in the upcoming programs, and will miss being part of the team. She will keep her wonderful memories and is looking forward to retirement.

6.7 Oral Senior Examination Report

Karen Savoie presents the report from the Oral Senior Examination Panel of November 18, 2011.

Motion 6.7	That Council accepts the Oral Senior Examination Panel Report and approves Douglas Olson and Karel (Kaja) Cervený for full membership with custody and use of the Association Seal.
Moved by: Bryce Miranda	Seconded by: Sarah Koeppe
CARRIED.	

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 2012 Council Meeting Schedule

The January meeting date is good for everyone. The remaining dates will be confirmed in January. Councillors are to notify Aina if there are any conflicts.

7.2 Social Committee Information Report

Deferred to January Council meeting.

7.3 Complaint

Glenn wrote to all of Council at the beginning of November, when the complaint was submitted. We are treating this as a very serious issue. Glenn is interviewing all the members of the group in question. Glenn will report back to ExeCom, and then Council if required. The full documentation of this issue is in process and it will be dealt with appropriately and seriously.

8.0 SETTING OF NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Council meeting: January 9, 2012 at the Novotel.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourns at 7:52 p.m. in a motion from Sarah Koeppe, seconded by Elise Shelley.

A plated holiday dinner in the meeting room at the Novotel follows the meeting.