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2020 Annual Report



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Top Row (Left to Right): Aina Budrevics (OALA Executive Director), Ingrid Little (OALA Registrar), Morgan Quinn (Student Representative, University of Toronto), Stefan Fediuk (Secretary); Second Row: Cynthia Graham (Councillor), Liat Margolis (Appointed Councillor), Jane Welsh (President), Leah Lanteigne (Associate Councillor - Senior); Third Row: Matthew Canaran (Student Representative, University of Guelph), Steve Barnhart (Treasurer), Justin Whalen (Councillor), Brendan Stewart (Appointed Educator, University of Guelph); Bottom Row: Doris Chee (Past President), Cameron Smith (Councillor).
Not Pictured: Kendall Flower (Vice President), Peter Hersics (Lay Councillor), and Chen Zixiang (Associate Councillor - Junior).

OALA Council

Council term: June 23, 2020 to April 22, 2021

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Student Representative, U of T

The Honours, Awards & Protocol (HAP) Committee is a standing committee of the OALA as defined by the general by-laws. The Committee is charged with the responsibility for administering the Association's awards program, and for considering potential new awards, or areas in which members and others should receive the recognition of the Association.

The HAP Committee is responsible for encouraging, receiving and considering recommendations and submissions for honours and awards to OALA members and others; making further recommendations to Council to change or add to the awards or criteria for awards as may be appropriate and, overseeing appropriate protocol as the code of ceremonial forms and courtesies of precedence accepted as proper and correct in official interactions.

The HAP Committee saw a change to its membership in 2020 as members stepped down and new members joined. In the spring, Jane Welsh, OALA President and Leah Lanteigne, Associate Councillor stepped down to open for two new positions in the committee. In the summer Chen Zixiang, our new Junior Associate Representative on Council joined the committee, and in the fall we welcomed Khatereh (Kat) Baharikhoo, Associate member who responded to our call for volunteers. It is always good to have fresh eyes on the work of HAP and these two new members are welcome additions. Chen was quick with developing the new nomination forms while Kat was inquisitive of the award rules and criteria.

In 2020, the HAP Committee continued to review the awards criteria and requirements continuing the work of 2019 and included the review of the Emeritus Award. Due to the changes to the OALA membership requirements for Retired and Semi-Retired Members, HAP made changes to the Emeritus Award criteria to conform to the new membership options. As you may recall in the 2019 Awards, the Emeritus Award category was not offered, however, after HAP revised the criteria for this Award, it was offered for the 2021 Awards. At the 2021 Awards, the following 10 awards are available for nominations:

OALA Full Members are eligible for these awards:

- OALA Pinnacle Award for Landscape Architectural Excellence
- OALA Public Practice Award

- The David Erb Memorial Award
- The Carl Borgstrom Award for Service to the Environment
- OALA Research & Innovation Award (*non-members also eligible for this award*)

Non-members are eligible for these Awards:

- OALA Award for Community Service to the Environment
- OALA Honorary Member

Only Retired members are eligible for:

- OALA Emeritus Member

Only Associate members are eligible for:

- The Jack Copeland Award for OALA Associate Leadership and Contribution

2020 was a year of differences. As the pandemic took hold and changed attitudes and protocols, so too it changed how the OALA operated. The 2020 Awards of Excellence became virtual announcements. A challenge that brought great creativity and tested our planning abilities. We created a new format to present the awards virtually with social media and mass email announcements to members, allied professionals, municipal and provincial governments and media releases. The presentations were spread out throughout the month of May with a few awards per week. Evidently, there were more viewers online than the in-person ceremonies of the past and the recipients received many congratulatory emails. It was a success, far more than expected. Our OALA staff must be commended for their continued support and non-stop productivity during 2020's unusual circumstances.

The 2021 Call for Nominations was released in early October and provided members with nomination forms for quick and easier access to the nomination criteria and requirements. Thanks to the Committee's continued work to revise procedures and protocols, we hope to see more visibility and ease in future nomination processes. These changes respect the *OALA Strategic Plan 2018-2020 priority #3.6: To celebrate members' achievements.*

HAP Committee recommended the recipients of the 2020 Awards to Council for approval, and they were conferred on May 1 to 15, 2020 through virtual presentations. A summary of the



2020 recipients of the awards and honours are provided on page 8 of this OALA Annual Report.

In 2020, our members also achieved recognition through the CSLA Awards of Excellence program for their work in landscape architecture. CSLA Awards of Excellence celebrate the work of individuals, groups and organizations nationally, in all aspects of the profession. In 2020, of the 13 awards in eight categories, seven projects by OALA members were recognized and awarded. As well, the 2020 National Urban Design Awards (NUDA), a joint recognition by the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC), Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) and the CSLA, also promotes the work of landscape architects and OALA members were recognized. To see the award-winning projects from both of these awards, see the Summer "Excellence 2020" issue of *Landscapes Paysages* or go to the CSLA website to view details of these projects.

Our members have also won many awards from related professions and organizations for their design and work contribution to the environment. Based on culture, health and stewardship, our members are honoured and recognized. Through the OALA monthly e-Newsletter, those members having received awards and recognition from other professions and organizations are recognized for their achievements. The OALA encourages all members to submit their work for recognition by related professions and organizations as a way to encourage awareness of landscape architecture and landscape architects' contribution to the built environment. It is an excellent way to highlight our expertise in mitigation and adapting to the natural systems and changing environments.

The OALA continues to collect and post competitions and awards from other professions and organizations that may be of interest to our members. We encourage our members to enter external competition and awards which meets the *Strategic Plan 2018-2020 priority #3.8: To encourage members to submit for external awards.*

2021 will be another informative year of change and a new normal. HAP continues to work on the OALA Awards of Excellence and ceremonies to ensure correct and appropriate protocols are used and administered. Whether we are in-person or virtual, this includes formalizing procedures, processes and protocols at OALA Annual Meetings, ceremonies, functions and events. These protocols will be rolled out as they are developed and when appropriate.

The following members comprised the 2020 - 2021 HAP Committee:

- Doris Chee, OALA, Past President and Chair
- Stefan Fediuk, OALA, Secretary on Council
- Nelson Edwards, OALA
- Jim Melvin, OALA
- Chen Zixiang, Junior Associate Representative on Council
- Khatereh Baharikhoo, Associate member

HAP received administrative support from Aina Budrevics, OALA Executive Director.

The HAP Committee is a good place for first-hand knowledge of achievements by individual members and groups. If you would like more information or wish to join this committee, please contact the Chair for further information.

I sincerely thank the committee members for their volunteered time and expertise to ensure the success of this annual awards program. I also would like to extend my gratitude and thanks to our staff, Aina Budrevics, Ingrid Little, Sarah Manteuffel and Juleen Anderson for providing enormous amount of support as the pandemic sailed through 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Chee, OALA, CSLA
Past President, HAP Chair

2020 OALA Award Recipients

OALA President's Award

Kendall Flower OALA, CSLA

OALA Pinnacle Award for Landscape Architectural Excellence

Jim Melvin OALA, FCSLA

OALA Public Practice Award

Jeff Bruin OALA, CSLA

David O'Hara OALA, CSLA

David Erb Memorial Award for Exemplary Volunteer Service

Cynthia Graham OALA, CSLA

Andrew Wilson OALA, CSLA

Carl Borgstrom Award for Service to the Environment

Brian Basterfield OALA, CSLA

Mike Hensel OALA, CSLA

OALA Jack Copeland Award for Associate Leadership and Contribution

Leah Lanteigne OALA, CSLA

OALA Research & Innovation Award

Michael von Hausen

OALA Service to the Environment Award

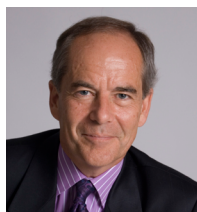
The Treaties, Lands and Environment Department at Chippewa of the Thames First Nation

OALA Service to the Environment Award - Certificate of Merit

Reforest London

OALA Honorary Member Award

Ian McAskile



OALA 2020 Award Winners. Top Row: Jim Melvin, Jeff Bruin, David O'Hara, Cynthia Graham. Second Row: Andrew Wilson, Brian Basterfield, Mike Hensel, Leah Lanteigne. Bottom Row: Michael von Hausen, The Treaties, Lands and Environment Department at Chippewa of the Thames First Nation, ReForest London, Ian McAskile. Right Photo: Kendall Flower receiving the President's Award from President Jane Welsh at a Council meeting in March 2020.



Jane Welsh
President

2020 was a year for the history books. As we adjusted our lives to keep ourselves and others safe, we dug deep and discovered new ways of working and connecting to the landscape. The rest of the world did too – and rediscovered the importance of having space to be outside. In our backyard (for those of us fortunate enough to have one), in our local parks and along expanded public right of ways to cycle, walk, or enjoying an outdoor patio. We became much more aware of our fundamental need to connect with other people and most urgently, to connect to nature – so incredibly important for our collective mental health. Many of you were engaged in work that contributed to providing this space. It was also a year to challenge our values and understanding of the role of landscape architecture in diversity, equity and inclusion. As Clara Kwon articulated so well in her Letter from Atlanta in the Fall 2020 Issue of *Ground Magazine*:

"If racism isn't part of your lived experience, it takes extraordinary effort, mindfulness, and time to empathize with a reality that is not your own and sit with a truth that is damning and uncomfortable." https://www.oala.ca/ground_articles/letter-from-3/?issue=43761

The OALA was proactive in 2020, nimbly shifting plans to meet the many challenges faced by our profession and our stakeholders. Our Annual General Meeting, originally planned for May 1st 2020 in London, ON, was held virtually on June 23rd. Members approved the extension of

Council terms for one year and an updated 2020 budget that was revamped to address operational changes due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Despite being unable to meet in person, we have been successful with increasing awareness of landscape architecture to all levels of government. Members have met virtually with federal, provincial and municipal politicians across Ontario. Many were unaware of the depth and variety of the work of our profession. The meetings provide an opportunity to convey the important role OALA members play in creating safe, accessible places, protecting natural features and functions and in addressing climate change and climate resilience. All whom we met were duly impressed.

'Why Ontario needs a Practice Act for Landscape Architects'

To aid in communication, we produced a summary document (see page 38) entitled '[Why Ontario needs a Practice Act for Landscape Architects](#)' which outlines that a practice act would reduce red tape and risk of litigation, ensure ethical practices, and allow Ontario landscape architects to have similar standing as the majority of US states. It has been sent to several key MPPs and circulated to the membership. Please continue to share the brief document to make politicians aware of what landscape architects do and why we need a practice act. Read the reports of the Practice Legislation Committee and the Municipal Outreach Committee for more examples of outreach and raising awareness of the profession carried out and achieved by our members this past year.

Membership and staffing

As of December 31, 2020 the OALA membership comprises over 2,000 members. The largest categories of membership include: 949 Full Members (including semi-retired Full Members); 164 Full Members-Retired (including former members on Full Waiver); 69 Full Members-Inactive (formerly Leave of Absence); 393 Associate members; 353 active Student members; 21 Emeritus members; and 30 Affiliate members. More details on the membership statistics can be found in the reports of the Registrar and Examining Board.

The membership is supported by three full time staff who have gone above and beyond, with an increased

workload due to COVID, to deliver all programs and services with excellence. This year we said so long to Sarah Manteuffel, our wonderful Coordinator for the past five years. Sarah left to pursue a Master's degree in City Planning at the University of Manitoba. We were sad to see her go, but excited to stay in touch with her as she completes her studies and still participates on the *Ground* Editorial Board. In August we welcomed Juleen Anderson, our new Coordinator. Juleen's previous experience of coordinating meetings and events at The College of Family Physicians of Canada, and her education in communications, event marketing and management have already proved to be an asset to the team. We feel very lucky to have hired her. She brings new ideas to the team and integrated seamlessly despite working remotely from her first day on the team.

AGM, Awards and Congress

Our first ever virtual OALA AGM was held on June 23, 2020. Over 340 members attended and many provided positive feedback.

We presented our virtual conference over two dates in May, with excellent keynote presentation on May 13 from Michael von Hausen speaking on *Jump-Starting Small to Mid-Size Downtowns for the New Economy* and on May 21 Dr. Mhairi McFarlane from Nature Conservancy Canada spoke about *Restoration Big and Small* with about 120 attendees at each. Our awards were announced over email and social media, with Jim Melvin receiving the prestigious 2020 Pinnacle Award. [A full list of award winners](#) can be found in the HAP Committee Report, and in Kendall Flower's Vice President's Report you will read more details about the annual Conference.

The 2021 OALA AGM will be held online on April 22, 2021. The OALA has partnered with CSLA to deliver the 2021 Congress on the theme of "Nature-Based Solutions: The Green recovery that Ensures a Great Recovery" May 27-29, 2021 with confirmed keynote speakers Martha Swartz, renowned landscape architect and artist, and Maude Barlow, senior advisor to the United Nations on Water. The Conference is chaired by Colleen Mercer-Clarke with support from the CSLA Committee on Climate Adaptation which includes OALA members Miriam Mutton, Ben Watt-Meyer and myself.

The CSLA recognized outstanding work by landscape architects across the country, including seven awards for projects by OALA members. OALA member Steve Wimmer was honoured as an inductee to the CSLA College of Fellows. To read more about the CSLA accomplishments and awards, please look to the CSLA Annual Report.

Strategic Plan

In the usual course of events, we would have completed the Strategic Plan (2018-2020) and started on a new Plan (2021-2023). However, given the pandemic, Council instead decided to keep the current plan active and monitor impacts of COVID to the profession via member surveys (these are described in the Vice President's report). Council is planning to update the Strategic Plan in 2021 integrating some key new focus areas that will impact the profession.

In 2020 Council, Staff and our many volunteers advanced the priorities of our current Strategic Plan:

1. Promote and strengthen the profession.
 - Continued to pursue a Practice Act and raise awareness of the value of the profession through meetings with elected officials. We held in person/virtual meetings with 12 MPPs and one MP. See additional details on this work in the Practice Legislation Committee report.
 - Increased awareness of the profession through commenting and advising on important issues, including meeting with Transportation Minister Caroline Mulroney regarding placement of electronic billboards along provincial highways; an open letter to Premier Ford and several of his Cabinet Ministers expressing concern with the government's plan to make changes to the Conservation Authorities Act (Bill 229); and in response to their request, submitting comments to the NDP on their Green New Deal.
 - Increased awareness of the profession at the municipal level through the work of the Municipal Outreach Committee including meetings with municipal politicians and publishing an article in the March 2020 Municipal World magazine entitled Keeping Canada's shorelines safe. More details can be found in the Municipal Outreach Committee report.

- Continued to be active members of the Construction and Design Alliance of Ontario (CDAO). The 18 members include: Ontario Association of Architects (OAA), Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario (ARIDO), Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD), Consulting Engineers of Ontario (CEO) and Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE), and more. Visit www.cdao.ca to learn more about this influential alliance.
 - Enhanced our strong positive relationships with related professions by attending the Landscape Ontario Designers' conference in January 2020. We also attended the OAA, PEO and OPPI virtual annual general meetings. In addition, the Executive Director, Aina Budrevics, meets regularly with LO leadership, and also keeps in touch with OPPI and OAA. In 2020, she also included discussion on diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives.
2. Achieve financial stability and accountability.
- Focused to remain within the approved balanced budget. The OALA updated the 2020 budget to address the potential challenges engendered by COVID-19 and also applied for and received Part 1 of the CEBA loan from the Canadian Government to support COVID-19 impacts. More details are found in the Treasurer's report.
3. Improve OALA's membership experience as a service provider.
- Published the second edition of the Ontario Association of Landscape Architects [Product Directory](#) which provides a valuable resource for OALA members. The Directory is available in both print and digital formats and is published annually.
 - Continued to work with Municipalities to understand future requirements for digital submissions and with Notarius to provide the option of the digital seal to members. 21 members signed up to use the Notarius digital seal for the use of a secure electronic signature for landscape architects
4. Support for OALA members and their engagement with the profession.
- Starting in April the OALA provided timely updates on what landscape architects needed to know to address the Covid-19 pandemic; we also created a new monthly e-newsletter that focuses solely on the increased continuing education opportunities that have been available online.
 - This year many of our members raised their collective voices to challenge us, both provincially and nationally, to more fully address diversity and inclusion. In response Council created a working group on diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) to manage responses and identify a path of action. In late November 2020, the OALA issued a call to join a DEI task force which launched in January 2021. The OALA is committed to ensuring that the important dialogue raised by the Black Lives Matter movement continues past the events in mid-2020 and results in meaningful, proactive action.
 - 2020 marked the launch of new member categories to support members during their careers in the profession. Long term members who start to decrease their work load may apply for the Full Member-Semi-Retired category. In addition, the Leave of Absence Category was updated to Full Member-Inactive. Requirements for this category are consistent with those of other regulated jurisdictions. The updated category provides a clear process for members to return to the profession in Ontario.
 - In July 2020, all Canadian jurisdictions signed the [National Reciprocity Agreement for the Practice of Landscape Architecture in Canada](#). The agreement includes consistent language and status titles as well as expectations of landscape architects who plan to work in jurisdictions beyond their home province or territory. Please consult the reciprocity agreement and explanation to understand requirements to apply for membership in the OALA as well as other Canadian jurisdictions.
 - In August 2020, the OALA (and the AALA and BCSLA) took part in a Pilot Study with

CLARB for remote proctoring of the first and second Section of the L.A.R.E. After the successful pilot, the option was rolled out to all CLARB jurisdictions in December 2020.

Thank you to all OALA members for your continued support of the Association and the work of Council in what has been a very difficult year for all of us.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Welsh, OALA, FCSLA
President



Kendall Flower
Vice President

When I last saw many of you at the 2019 Blue Mountains AGM, who of us would have imagined that a global pandemic was about to change the world and the very ways in which we live and work?

This unprecedented year has impacted OALA members in different ways, both personally and professionally. OALA members are the heartbeat of our Association and the profession of landscape architecture in Ontario. With a staff of three and more than 300 volunteers powering our Association, we depend on your support and recognize the reciprocal nature of this relationship. I know that OALA staff members went above and beyond this year to support OALA members and keep our Association running smoothly. I would like to recognize these significant efforts and give a sincere thank you to Aina, Ingrid, Sarah (who has now moved on to pursue a graduate degree) and Juleen who joined our organization in August. Thank you also to each of the volunteers who contributed to the OALA over the past year, including those who may have had to step away as balancing family and work needs became suddenly so much more challenging.

Many of our members faced hardship in 2020 and remain concerned about uncertain times ahead, while others have weathered the pandemic relatively well. We are still learning about members' varied experiences through the pandemic via discussions and results from the joint survey with our sister jurisdictions AALA, BCSLA and MALA and the support of the CSLA. My sense has been that the community

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LASW Conference Organizing Committee Meeting in March 2020. Left to right: Jocelyn Morris, Andrew Macpherson, Michelle Peeters, Sarah Manteuffel (front), Sara Bellaire, Kendall Flower, Andrew Wilson, Stephanie Wilson, Jane Welsh, Eric Conway, and Aina Budrevics.

within our profession and between OALA members remained strong, through 2020. I am proud of the resilience, support and empathy that OALA members have shown to one another through these times.

One of the roles of the Vice President is to chair the OALA AGM and Conference Organizing Committee. Throughout 2019, I worked with an enthusiastic and capable team of OALA volunteers to plan what would have been a fantastic AGM to showcase London, ON. Members of the Southwest Chapter (LASW) had organized a lineup of top-notch speakers, engaging social receptions and local tours highlighting London and the work of local landscape architects.

When COVID-19 arose, the Association made the tough decision to cancel the in-person AGM and Conference and move this event entirely online. OALA Staff worked hard to make this first major online event successful and engaging.

Thank you to the 2020 Conference Organizing Committee, who have indicated their interest in rebooting planning efforts to host a London conference in the near future: Sara Bellaire, Eric Conway, Stefan Fediuk, Andrew Macpherson, Jocelyn Morris, Michelle Peeters, Andrew Wilson and Stephanie Wilson.

An additional thank you to Ron Koudys, who generously hosted committee meetings on several occasions at his office, and to OALA Staff for their immense efforts in moving the AGM and Conference online.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kendall Flower, OALA, CSLA

Vice President

Chair, AGM & Conference Organizing Committee



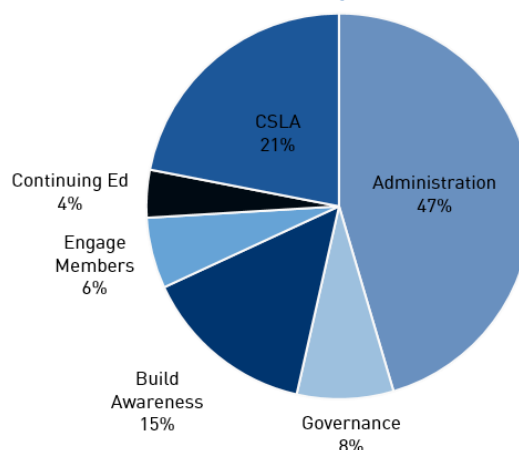
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Treasurer

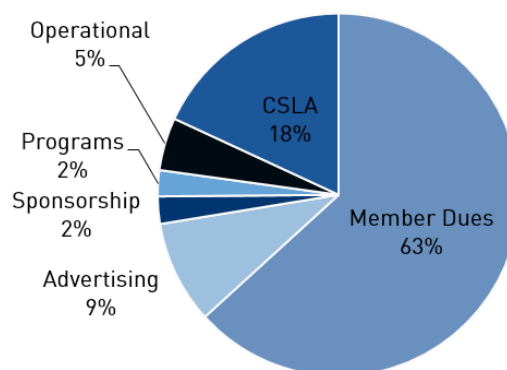
On March 17, 2020 the Province ordered a lockdown to protect public health. Through careful fiscal management and in an abundance of caution, OALA Council and the Treasurer reduced costs and programs early on in the pandemic to be conservative as the full extent of the pandemic was unknown. Council responded quickly by adjusting the Annual General Meeting and Conference planned for London, Ontario to an all-virtual event. The result of this shift away from an in-person event provided an opportunity to adjust to maintain strong program delivery and member services. Staff and committees did a remarkable job quickly adjusting expenses by cancelling any unnecessary expenditures to allow time for the full impact of the pandemic to be recognized.

The 2020 Treasurer's Report reflects the strategies identified by Council to remain nimble with expenses given the uncertain business environment that may impact our members. The 2020 audit conducted by Kriens-LaRose Chartered Professional Accountants confirmed all financial transactions reported to Council and did not report any irregularities. The summary of year-end financial highlights is provided below.

Expense by Program Area



Revenue by Program Area



Financial Highlights for Fiscal 2020

OALA Council adjusted budgeted revenue expectations downward shortly after the provincial public health restrictions were put in place on March 17th. Changes in operations were made immediately in response to the pandemic crisis that included staff working remotely. All in person events were cancelled and all charges were reversed. Council replaced its in person Annual General Meeting planned for London to a remote only event in June and was able to present its annual report and financials to members virtually.

1. The financial impact of the pandemic was factored in to association operations with minimal impact on our financial position.
2. The Association renewed its endowment contribution to the University of Toronto of \$5,000 and the University of Guelph for \$10,000.

Revenues	2020 Actual
Member Dues	645,575
Advertising Income	93,686
Programs	23,664
Operational	34,037
Sponsorship	24,950
Government CEBA Loan ^{See note 3,4}	14,036
CSLA fees collected	184,892
Total Revenues	1,020,840
Expenses	
Administrative Support	424,913
Governance	73,593
Build Awareness & Create Opportunities	132,316
Engage Membership	54,041
Continuing Education	36,317
CSLA contribution ^{See note 6}	187,179
Total Expenses	908,359

- The Association received \$40,000 in Government assistance from the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) with 25% forgivable. The forgivable portion in the amount of \$10,000 is shown as government assistance.
- The Association received Temporary Wage Subsidy for its employees in the amount of \$4,036 which is not repayable but is taxable.
- Full Member dues income for 2020 was higher than budgeted at \$542,659; an increase over the 2020 budgeted amount of 5%.
- CSLA fees are considered as a flow through of fees collected on behalf of the national association and then remitted to them. A small portion of CSLA contribution related to the subscription fee for all Retired members is paid on behalf of those OALA members and is treated as an operational expense.

- Interest for the reserve fund grew \$15,478, keeping the reserve balance healthy at \$249,205 and in alignment with the reserve fund policy.
- The full impact of COVID-19 on planned programs resulted in a further surplus of \$122,480.
- The operational surplus generated during the 2020 fiscal year of \$122,480 will be reduced by \$30,000 with the repayment of the CEBA loan in fiscal 2021.

Cost Control

Expenses for 2020 were lower than budgeted at \$908,359 down approximately 14% due to savings in administrative costs, lower than anticipated program expenses and lower than anticipated legal and insurance fees. The repayment of the CEBA loan liability of \$30,000 is carried forward into 2021.

For 2021, we plan to continue to minimize administrative costs while investing strategically to ensure continued effective support of the profession while maintaining a positive and efficient member experience with the Association.

Thank you to our Budget Committee members, Arnis Budrevics, Glenn O'Connor, April Szeto and Steven Wimmer, who provide insight and guidance to the Treasurer. OALA Council continues to plan strategically to meet the evolving needs of our members and to support the profession in Ontario. Council continues to focus on fiscal responsibility. In 2020, Council implemented administrative changes to minimize expenses and continues to be prepared to manage possible effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Barnhart, OALA, CSLA
Treasurer



Leah Lanteigne
Senior Associate Rep



Chen Zixiang
Junior Associate Rep

2020 is a year that brought many Associate members a number of challenges. As a result of this, we were faced with an opportunity to develop new ways of communicating, learning, working, and connecting. Although potentially faced with roadblocks and setbacks, the OALA and its members persevered. During the past year, we welcomed 56 new Associate members to the OALA.

The OALA Associate Representatives act on behalf of all OALA Associate members to ensure that their needs are properly represented on Council. At the 2020 Virtual AGM last June, Mark Hillmer wrapped-up his two-year term on Council and Leah Lanteigne became the new Senior Representative. Chen Zixiang was also welcomed as the new Junior Associate Representative to Council.

Since the 2020 AGM, we have been working rigorously to ensure the OALA Associate members are well represented on Council. In addition to our continued attendance at Council meetings, we have represented the interests of Associate

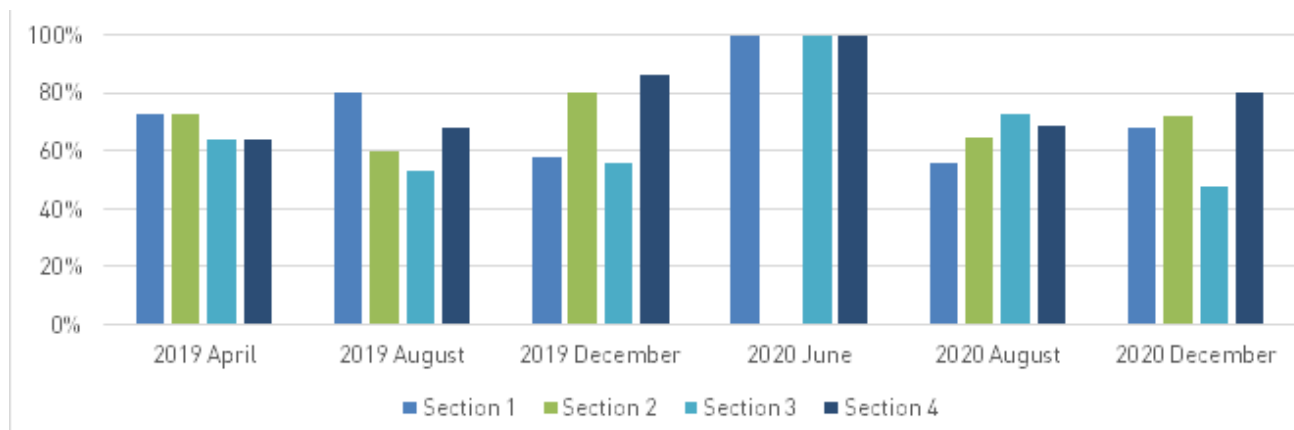
members by holding positions on numbers of OALA Committees including: the Honours, Awards and Protocols (HAP) Committee, and the DEI Task Force. We have also encouraged participation and continued to provide support to those preparing to write the Landscape Architectural Registration Exams (L.A.R.E.s.) Through a series of initiatives including L.A.R.E. prep information session and online study groups, these goals are being achieved.

Three L.A.R.E. prep information sessions were held in March, July, and October 2020, and opened to all current Associate and Student members. The information sessions were provided as an interactive teleconference presentation, followed by an open question and discussion period. Events were hosted by the Associate Representatives as well as guests, including a pre-information session with AALA and BCSLA. Due to the turbulent times presented by COVID-19, the sessions were less attended than hoped, but feedback from attendees was overall positive.

An important component of the Path to Licensure is the L.A.R.E. To obtain certification as a landscape architect and Full Member of the OALA, all associates need to pass a minimum of three sections of the exam (all four to obtain their seal). In 2020, OALA members wrote a total of 250 exams. We wish to extend our congratulations to the successful candidates. The 2020 pass rates for OALA exam takers are noted in the chart below.

In 2020, we faced challenges with how to meet the needs of members virtually. Due to COVID-19, we were able to develop an interactive virtual platform

OALA Members' L.A.R.E. Passing Rates: 2019 to 2020



for the L.A.R.E. study sessions to allow members to attend sessions remotely. Moving into 2021, we will continue to investigate ways of improving how we deliver important L.A.R.E. information to the membership and make information sessions more effective and better attended. All feedback from Associate members and students is welcome. Our goal as the Associate Representatives is to engage and support all associate members within the OALA. We will continue to work with OALA's Registrar and representatives from BCSLA and AALA to ensure webinar sessions are hosted regularly by OALA Associate Representatives or guest speakers.

In addition to the OALA hosted sessions, we plan to better provide equal access to study materials for all associates throughout Ontario, create local networking opportunities with other members, and continuing to promote the profession to recent graduates. As virtual platforms become better refined, it is anticipated that members from across Ontario will become even more thoroughly engaged.

Budget

As in previous years, the 2020 Associate Budget was used primarily to host the L.A.R.E. workshops and to offset the attendance costs of Associate members at the 2020 AGM and Conference.

Moving Forward

In 2021, we plan to maintain momentum by advancing initiatives set up by previous associate representatives with an entirely virtual presence. Along with plans to continuously improve the format for L.A.R.E. study sessions, we would like to encourage and increase attendance of associates at networking and social events virtually. Finally, we would like to express what a privilege and pleasure it has been to represent, engage, connect, and meet the OALA Associate members over this past year!

We continue to encourage all Associate members to contact us with any questions, concerns or ideas they may have. As we look back on 2020, we are proud of the work we have accomplished together and challenges we have overcome as Associate members and we look forward to an exciting new year in 2021!

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Lanteigne and Chen Zixiang
Associate Representatives

Leah completes her term as Senior Associate Representative to Council at the 2021 AGM. Chen will move into the Senior Position for the second year of his term. A new Junior Associate Representative to Council will be announced at the 2021 OALA Virtual AGM.

In 2020, the Examining Board met six times and reviewed 247 applications. The January and March meetings were held at the OALA office with an option to join virtually. The four remaining meetings were held virtually. All Examining Board members quickly learned how to complete the many reviews and all paperwork online. After reviewing each file, the Board recommended to Council the following OALA membership applications:

- 37 requests for Full Membership through the PDP and LARE
- 12 requests for Full Membership through Option 4 – Equivalent Membership
- 17 requests for Full Membership with Seal (from Membership with Certificate Only)
- 55 requests for Associate Membership
- 13 requests for Reinstatement of Full Membership
- 16 requests for Full Member-Inactive Membership
- 16 requests for Full Member-Retired Membership
- 18 requests for Full Member-Semi-Retired Status
- 11 requests for Reduction of PDP
- 6 requests to participate in the Senior Oral Exam
- 4 requests for Affiliate Membership

Ingrid continued to support the Board in 2020 in her capacity as Registrar. Thank you Ingrid for your continued hard work and dedication in 2020.

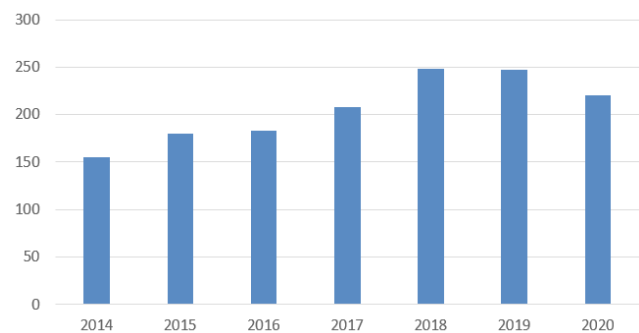
We were happy to welcome many new Associate members from across Canada and around the world. The application rate decreased significantly after March. We hope that 2021 will bring new opportunities for recent graduates entering the profession. In 2020, we continued to see an increase in requests for membership from areas beyond Ontario, and outside of Canada. All Canadian jurisdictions signed the National Reciprocity Agreement for the Profession of Landscape Architecture in Canada and we believe the increased understanding of the requirements for landscape architects practicing outside of their home jurisdiction will lead to new members with strong skills who also have the required understanding of local practices to provide safe designs for the Ontario public.

The Board continued to review approximately 40 applications at each meeting. Although 2020 also saw a decrease in applications for full membership through the traditional PDP and LARE path due to the lockdown requirements that saw the one of three L.A.R.E. exam sittings cancelled and a challenge for many young members to complete the required mentored hours. Despite the challenges caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic many members found new ways to ensure strong communication for mentorship of our Associate members.

Three new Full Member subcategories were introduced in 2020. The Examining Board added to the types of applications for review to include: Full Member-Inactive, Full Member-Semi-Retired and Full Member-Retired. The eligibility requirements for these are available in the [OALA Handbook](#). A graphic with a summary of information is available on the website under Membership Category Updates.

The charts provide a quick view application patterns from 2014-2020:

Total Applications



Applications Received by Category



In addition to the review of applications, the Examining Board updated the OALA Handbook to clarify requirements for membership. All process details and applications are available online in the Handbook. The Examining Board also updated the PDP Independent Course of Study Reading List (Handbook Section 9.2.4). This living document was designed to ensure that all OALA members are aware of local regulations required to design safely.

We would like to thank the volunteer members of the OALA who have supported the Associate Professional Development program (PDP) this past year. The ongoing work of our membership as both advisors and reviewers is vital to the success of the program and important to our profession. 2020 saw challenges for Associates and their advisors who looked for innovative ways to continue to benefit from the insight and experience of mentors while working from home. We welcome comments and ideas to support ongoing virtual mentorship. If you wish to volunteer to be a Professional Development Program (PDP) reviewer or a member of the examining board please contact the registrar at the OALA office for information.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicola Miele, OALA, CSLA
Chair, Examining Board

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Darlene Broderick	David Lashley	Anne-Claude Schellenberg	
Helle Brodie	Yuk-Woo Lee	Mark Schollen	
Jeff Bruin	Sally LePage	John Shank	
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Claude Cormier	Patricia Lynes	Todd Smith	
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In 2020, the OALA pivoted in March to manage the challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic. From March 9th onward, the office shifted to provide all services while working from home. All processes were reviewed to meet Ontario lockdown requirements. With strong support from volunteers who all shifted to remote meetings, the OALA was able to meet application schedule expectations and continued to provide services for the public and members.

Below we have listed some of the projects and the progress made in 2020 along with comments on immediate actions we took to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and Ontario lockdown. We welcome ongoing input from members on these projects and other areas of interest.

Database Update

The project to replace the OALA database continued but was delayed due to immediate technical updates required to manage the shift to remote working. Analysis work progressed in 2020 where Staff and technical consultants reviewed options to improve and simplify member data entry; reporting for the Professional Development Program (PDP); and Mandatory Continuing Education (MCE) requirements.

Electronic files and payments

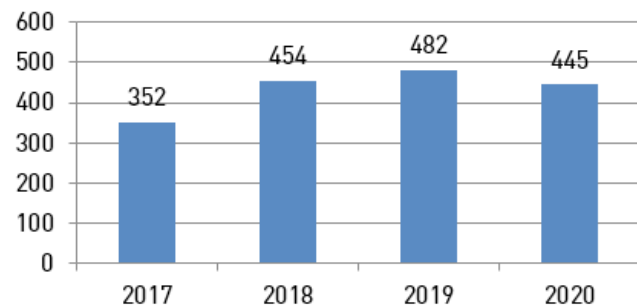
For the second year, all members received invoices by email with the exception of a few who requested delivery by regular mail. AGM and other official information were also emailed and available online in the Members' Area of the website. Members were also able to pay all invoices online either by credit card or e-transfer through secure banking portals.

Professional Development Program (PDP)

The OALA welcomed 56 new associates to the PDP program in 2020; 22 fewer than in 2019, a 28% decrease. New applications dropped sharply after March. Thank you to our current advisors and reviewers. The mentorship and support roles became even more important during this year when most insight was provided remotely. We are interested to hear from members of any innovative methods used this year to support young professionals working from home.

Although we had fewer new Associate members

PDP Reports Reviewed



join, most current members continued to progress in the PDP. OALA volunteers reviewed 442 PDP Experience reports – a 7% decrease from the 482 reports reviewed in 2019.

Associates Plus 7

The OALA continues to encourage associates to complete all aspects of the PDP in a timely manner. The Associate program is meant to be a temporary status on the path to full membership in the Association. We encourage all associates who have questions as to how to complete the program to review the [PDP – Associate Resources page](#) in the Members' Area of the website.

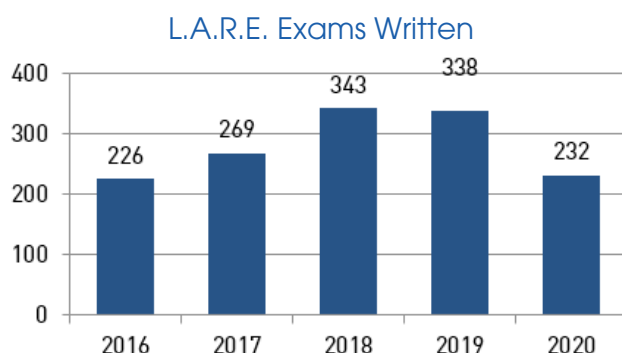
In 2020, many Associates Plus 7 worked to either complete remaining sections of the L.A.R.E. or experience reports to be eligible for full membership. Congratulations to the five members who went back and completed the final sections of the L.A.R.E. after extended breaks.

Landscape Architectural Registration Exam (L.A.R.E.)

The L.A.R.E. is the required exam for four Canadian provinces and all 50 US states. Ontario is the fourth largest jurisdiction writing the L.A.R.E. With support and insight from our Associate Representatives to Council we continued in 2020 provide support OALA members preparing for the the L.A.R.E. Many associates continue to use the OALA Library where we have all CLARB recommended books. In 2020 we shifted to book pick-ups or delivery by mail during the lockdown. We continued to work with the Alberta Association of Landscape Architects (AALA) and British Columbia Society of Landscape Architect (BCSLA) to offer study session webinars for members in all three provinces.

Due to the lockdown, all exams were cancelled in April 2020. Ontario's extended lockdown meant our members could not write in the June replacement sitting. In August 2020, the OALA took part in a Pilot Study for remote proctoring of the 1st and 2nd Sections of the L.A.R.E. After the successful pilot the option was rolled out to all CLARB jurisdictions in December 2020. CLARB is working to update the question style on the design questions in Sections 3 and 4 to permit remote proctoring for these sections in the near future. We thank your Associate representatives, Leah Lanteigne and Chen Zixiang, for their work in organising and leading webinars as well as managing the Google study group, and their advocacy work keeping Council up to date on Associate member needs.

Below is a chart that shows the L.A.R.E. participation by OALA members:



Our Full Members continued to increase their skills and accreditation. Sixteen full members with certificate completed their final section of the L.A.R.E. to become Full Members with Seal and Certificate.

In 2020 we continued to see new members from other provinces and internationally. Twelve became members through reciprocity and four through the senior oral exam process. Our website outlines [path to membership](#) and more complete details on education requirements in Section 7.2.

Students

The student members of the OALA continued to grow in 2020, with students from the University of Guelph and the University of Toronto taking advantage of the free student membership option to start their path to full membership. In 2020, 74 students applied for Student Affiliate membership in the OALA.



OALA Members presenting to University of Guelph Students via Zoom.

The Ontario universities that offer accredited programs: the University of Guelph; and the University of Toronto, John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design; have provided strong support for the Association. In 2020, the University of Guelph invited the OALA to present to students via Zoom. The first virtual presentation provided the students with the opportunity to submit questions in advance and allowed the OALA to include participation from around Ontario. Thank you to OALA member and University of Guelph Professor Brendan Stewart for organising the event and to OALA members Tim McCormick, Justin Whalen, Jenny Trinh and Lindsey McCain for sharing your time and insight with the students. This was the first ever online presentation to students but provided some new options for participation.

Collaboration with Canadian Jurisdiction partners

MCE Program Reciprocity

In 2020, we continued our work with the other Canadian regulated jurisdictions, Alberta and British Columbia to minimize barriers for our members. OALA members that hold membership in multiple regulated jurisdictions with Mandatory Continuing Education (MCE) requirements (currently AB, BC and ON only) will only be required to file their CE credits in the province where that they pay CSLA dues. Each component receiving CE Credits will advise the other components when submissions are received and approved. The confirmation of completion from the jurisdiction's office will be accepted by the alternate regulated jurisdictions.

OALA Members who are also AALA members will be required to update accounts annually to maintain good standing with the AALA. Any

member component may request an audit of a member's submission and members will be required to comply with an audit request.

CSLA Reciprocity Agreement Update

In July 2020, all Canadian jurisdictions signed the [National Reciprocity Agreement for the Practice of Landscape Architecture in Canada](#). The agreement includes consistent language and status titles as well as expectations of landscape architects who plan to work in jurisdictions beyond their home province or territory. Please consult the reciprocity agreement and explanation to understand requirements to apply for membership in the OALA as well as other Canadian jurisdictions.

2020 New Member Categories

New OALA Membership categories came into force on January 1st 2020. Based on the work of the Task Force for Membership Categories (TFMC) and approved at the 2019 AGM, two new Full Member sub-categories launched in January 2020:

1. Full Member – Inactive. This sub-category replaces the Leave of Absence category;
2. Full Member – Retired. This sub-category replaces the Waiver of Dues category.

To help members understand the changes at a glance, we created a summary graphic for the new categories and how they fit into member category options. The graphics are available on the website under membership with this link: [2020 Membership Category Updates](#).

Information on all member categories is posted on the website in the [Handbook, Section 7](#).

All members who plan to change member category should consult the Handbook and must submit an application to change membership to the Examining Board.

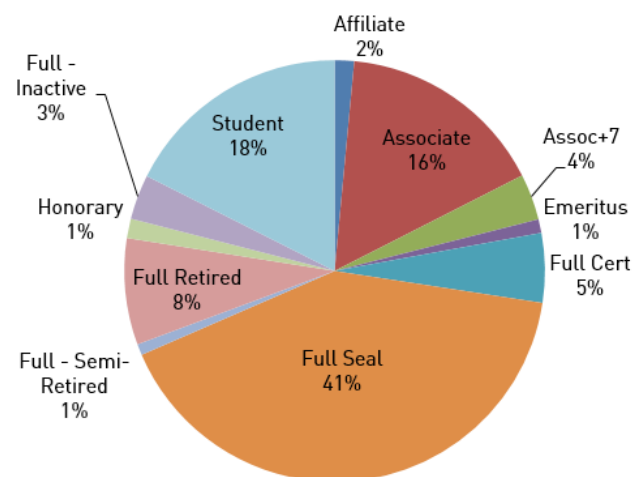
Membership numbers for the OALA:

As of December 31, 2020, the OALA comprised:

- 949 Full Members which includes 17 Semi-Retired
- 164 Full Members-Retired
- 69 Full Members-Inactive
- 21 Emeritus Members
- 30 Honorary Members
- 393 Associate Members
- 30 Affiliate Members and
- 353 Student Members.

Nine Full Members left the OALA through default, and thirteen Full Members resigned from the Association.

The chart below outlines OALA membership by membership category.



The following 36 Full Members were approved for membership through the L.A.R.E. and PDP process in 2020:

Nick Assad	Kaari Kitawi
Jasmeen Bains	Simon Latam
Alasandro Bartolo	Valerie Manica
Daniel Beauchesne	Karen May
Katie Black	Cameron Maybee
Lee Ann Bobrowski	Lindsey McCain
Erika Bullock	Aaron Mills
Amanda Cadger	Edward Moynihan
Alexander Cassini	Shahrazad Nezafati
Katey Crawford	Laura Orlando
Rebecca Egger	Heather Pelz
Rebecca Embrett	Jonah Rannie
Rachael Fitkowski	Heather Schibli
Patrick Gauvreau	Karen Shlemkevich
Cory Gray	Julia Taucer
Kamila Grigo	Philip Wiersma
Mark Hillmer	Zachary Wolochatiuk
Kaila Johnson	Yingyi Zhao

Twelve Full Members were admitted through reciprocity:

Joshua Bernsen	Yogeshwar Navagrah
Jason Bobowski	Kyoung Bae Park
Debra Guenther	Lucie St-Pierre
Ryan Herm	Laurelin Svisdahl
Gregg Kahan	Matthew Williams
Shelley Long	Grace Yang

Four Full Members were admitted through the senior oral exam process:

Constantina Douvris	Mansoor Ma
Isabelle Giasson	Marie-France Turgeon

We welcomed 56 new Associate Members in 2020:

Suhanija Arullsothy	Sarvin Khosravi
Khatereh Baharikhoob	Adam King
Angel Bancal	Devon Kleinjan
Linzey Bedard	Yusong Li
Kimberley Beech	Yuxin Liu
Pradeep Bhatt	Gavin Marrs
Kaitlyn Bisch	Kaja McDonald
Joshua Black	Reesha Morar
Myles Carbert	Pauline Moskal
Kendra Cheeseman	Neda Nassiri Toosi
Waiyee Chou	Allan Neal
Melissa Coderre	Adam Nordfors
Corrie Daneliak	Pooja Panchal
Hillary DeWildt	Adam Persi
Lauren Dickson	Amirhossein
Youssef Elsaai	Sadeghiesfahani
Zahra Eslami	Dean Sadeh
Aiden Fudge	Summer Scott
Lauren Gibbons	Rana Soldouz
Harmandeep Gill	Claire-Bronté St-Amand
Brennan Guse	Nicholas Stumpo
Bryan Henderson	Raees Syeda
Aaron Hernandez	David Vandermay
M H Isabell Holmstedt	Kelsey Walker
Martin Hong	Carmen Williams
Samantha Howarth	Hao Wu
Han Huang	Siteng Xu
Thevishka Kanishkan	Jennifer Zimbehl
Kira Ketchabaw	

Eleven Inactive Members were reinstated as Full Members:

Emily Brown	Han Liu
Sandra Cappuccitti	Jennifer Mahoney
Sarah Eakins	Stefania Nero
Leah Forte	(nee Mariotti)
Caitlin Harrigan	Marta Toesev
Shannon Kavanaugh	David Waverman

**31 Full Members were granted
Inactive Status that began in 2020:**

Sara Bellaire	Jenna Matthews
Jeffrey Burnett	Matthew Mills
Shannon Card	Michelle Moylan
Jia Cheng	Stefania Nero
Peggy Chi	(nee Mariotti)
Jessica Connors	Douglas Olson
Rebecca Egger	Diane Relyea
Rachael Fitkowski	Erika Richmond
Sarah Geisser	James Sampa *
Halyna Godzyk	Marina Signer
Kaila Johnson	Abby Sin
Gregg Kahan	Sara Sturm
Hyun Chung Kim	Marta Toesev
Monika Kokoszka	David Waverman
Stella Lin	Joshua Weber
Sarah MacLean	Yijia Zhang

** No longer a member at December 31st 2020*

**Fourteen Full Members were granted
Full Member – Retired status:**

Edwin Baker	Brian Lind
Murray Cameron	Sheila Murray-Belisle
Serge Chukseev	Daniel Ritz
Gordon Dorrett	Leslie Seal
Erik G.T. Hess	Thomas Sparling
Michael Hubicki	Carolyn Woodland
Linda Irvine	Candace Zboch

Nine former members defaulted in 2020:

Mark Ambtman	Ian Hampson
Roy Averill	Kendra Kryszak
Michael K Pui Chan	James Sampa
Barry Day	Moir Wilson
Stan Fung	

**Thirteen Full Members resigned
during the year:**

Elena Brescia	Tracey Schwets
Victoria Lister Carley	Maria Smith
Michael Clement	Jordan Vander Klok
William Montague	Jeffrey Waring
Samuel Ng	Peter Windolf
Tim O'Brien	Kyle Yakimovitch
Christina Schmoll	

No Member died in 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Ingrid Little
Registrar

On behalf of the OALA Council we would like to extend our appreciation to the following volunteer efforts this past year. The OALA greatly appreciates the contribution of all volunteers who have given their valuable time, talents, and advice to promote, improve and advance the profession of landscape architecture and maintain standards of professional practice and conduct consistent with the need to serve and to protect the public interest. The Association relies on its volunteers and we appreciate the exemplary volunteer spirit that you have shown!

The OALA would like to thank the following members:

Christine Abe	Paul Brydges
Kanwal Aftab	Arnis Budrevics
Kathryn Allan	Virginia Burt
Andrew Anderson	Melissa Cameron
David Antonsen	Les Camm
Garth William Armour	Matthew Campbell
Brian Baird	Matthew Canaran
Shannon Baker	Lei Chang
Christopher Baker	Doris Chee
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 Brian Jacobs
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 Bruce Johnson
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 Gregory Johnstone
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 Eriks Kalvins
 Jeffrey Kaster
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 Paul Lucier
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Scott Torrance
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Timothy Turner
Ben Tymchyshyn
Shalini Khaitan Ullal
James Vafiades
Paul Van de Gevel
Jacqueline VanderVelde
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Gregory Velis
Salvatore Viola
Jacqueline Viscardi
Sibylle von Knobloch
Martin Wade
Xuan (Sally) Wang
Daniel Weagant
David Wells
Jane Welsh
Scott Wentworth
Justin Whalen
Stacey Willick
Stephanie Wilson
Andrew Wilson
Steven Wimmer
Mitchell Wiskel
Kelly Wojnarski
Carolyn Woodland
Eddie Wu
Manzure Yaermainaiti
Kyle Xuekun Yang
Yvonne Yeung
Mary Anne Young
Joel Zavitz
Juanjuan Zhao
Chen Zixiang
Stacey Zonneveld

*Designates non-member volunteers, as of December 2020.

The OALA endeavours to recognize all volunteers. If we have inadvertently missed anyone who volunteered in 2020, please notify the OALA office.

The Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA) is the voice of the profession in Canada. As an advocate for Canadian landscape architects on issues such as urban design, urban renewal, sustainable development, climate change and cultural heritage, the CSLA delivers programs and services to:

- increase public awareness and promote the profession;
- provide opportunities for professional development;
- recognize members and celebrate member achievements;
- support education and research.

Since it was founded in 1934, the CSLA has increased the awareness and appreciation of landscape architecture and the vitality of the profession in Canada and throughout the world. CSLA holds representation on the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) Americas Region and at the IFLA World Council. The CSLA is dedicated to advancing the art, the science and the practice of landscape architecture.

The [Canadian Landscape Charter](#) seeks to uphold the following core principles: recognize landscapes as vital; consider all people; inspire stewardship; expand knowledge; show leadership. The CSLA and each of the nine component associations it represents, including the OALA, adopted these guiding principles in 2015 and committed to building a practice of landscape architecture that creates an improved and sustainable living environment for all.

The Society is managed by the volunteer Board of Directors, comprised of one representative of each of the nine component associations, plus an Executive Committee. Executive Director, Michelle Legault, capably delivers core business and member services, Communications Coordinator, Katherine Velluso.

Despite the pandemic, the CSLA was very active over the past year and the following list briefly highlights of some of the achievements.

2020 CSLA Congress in Alberta was cancelled

Although the 2020 CSLA Congress, 'The Essence of Time' in Alberta was cancelled due to the



pandemic, a series of virtual presentations were available to members to participate in. A series of six presentations by CSLA members were presented from December, 2020 to May, 2021; one each month, to provide information and educational sessions on landscape architecture. The AGM was also virtually attended by members in June 2020. Although it took some re-arranging, both the Congress and the AGM was delivered and well received by all members.

The 2021 CSLA Congress will be held virtually and jointly hosted with the OALA. The theme of the 2021 Congress is 'A Green Recovery for a Great Recovery,' and will be offered virtually from May 27 to 29, 2021. [Visit the CSLA website for more information.](#)



Hope Parnham, APALA, is CSLA 2020 - 2021 President

Hope Parnham, APALA was elected President of the CSLA and began her term at the 2020 AGM. Hope Parnham has provided landscape architecture, planning and climate change research services in Prince Edward Island (PEI) for over a decade. She grew up on the beaches of PEI and is passionate about her research on the Island's vulnerable coastline. She advocates for more responsible coastal development and erosion control techniques, coastal risk awareness and sustainable adaptation solutions. She is currently working as a senior climate change policy adviser



for the Government of PEI. She is the incoming president of the CSLA, a member of the CSLA's Committee on Climate Adaptation and was a member of the IFLA's Working Group on Climate Change.

Carolyn Woodland, OALA, FCSLA is the President-Elect and she will begin her mandate as president at the 2021 AGM, which is scheduled for May 12th, 2021.

Reciprocity Agreement

The updated CSLA Reciprocity Agreement is now signed by all components and is in force. For details of this agreement, please go to the CSLA website to read and understand your abilities to work as a landscape architect within Canada.

Committee on Climate Adaptation

Dr. Colleen Mercer Clarke, APALA, FCSLA, who led this Committee is now chairing the International Federation of Landscape Architects' (IFLA) Professional Practice and Policy Committee. Jane Welsh, OALA President has taken on the Chair role of the Committee on Climate Adaptation and continues the great work that Colleen started.

Frederick Gage Todd, a National Historic Person

On October 21, 2020, The Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada and Parks Canada designated Frederick Gage Todd as a National Historic Person. His work throughout Canada in the early half of the last century, influenced landscape architecture in Canada. He became the President of the CSLA and created memorable landscapes. This is the first such honour to be bestowed on a landscape architect in Canada. [Read more about Frederick Todd and the National Historic Person honour on the CSLA website.](#)

Governor General's Medal in Landscape Architecture

On September 29, 2020, Peter D. A. Jacobs, AAPQ, FCSLA, FASLA received the 2020 Governor General's Medal. This is only the third medal to be awarded to a Landscape Architect in Canada. A Professor at the Université de Montréal, he has lectured widely in North America, Europe and Latin America. He is a recipient of numerous awards

and was a past president of the CSLA. [Read more about Peter Jacobs' accomplishments and the Governor General's Medal on the CSLA website.](#)

OALA Member installed in the College of Fellows

In 2020, one OALA member was welcomed into the College of Fellows. Steven Wimmer is the recipient of the highest honour bestowed by the Society. Steven was honoured for Executed Works of Landscape Architecture. [Read more about Steven and the College of Fellows on the CSLA website.](#)

CSLA President's Award

On June 17, 2020, Eha Naylor, OALA, FCSLA, ASLA, CIP, OPPI was one of two recipients of this award. Eha's work in planning and designing outdoor spaces and environments has been influential and widely recognized. Her 40-year career has been an outstanding contribution to landscape architecture. [Read more about Eha and the President's Award on the CSLA website.](#)



Left to right: Eha Naylor, OALA, FCSLA; Peter D.A. Jacobs, AAPQ, FCSLA, FASLA; and Steven Wimmer, OALA, FCSLA.

CSLA 2020 Awards of Excellence

In mid-February, 2020, an annual gathering of jurors from across Canada convened in Winnipeg to adjudicate 68 submissions of landscape architectural excellence in six categories. This was my second time adjudicating and I returned to the center of Canada to Chair this excellent recognition of superior design on forward thinking and inclusivity. The caliber of work from across our vast country is astounding. It was a difficult decision to choose only 13 projects worthy of the awards.

We congratulate all the award recipients. These awards as well as the OALA's awards and other

professional awards signifies landscape architects are truly professionals when it comes to the land and its inhabitants. These are great recognitions of our contribution to society and community.

Landscape Architecture Accreditation Council Standards

The mission of the CSLA's Landscape Architecture Accreditation Council (LAAC) is to evaluate, advocate for and advance the quality of education in Canadian landscape architecture programs. In pursuit of this mission, it is the policy of the LAAC to ensure a minimum level of achievement of commonly accepted professional skills while encouraging experimentation, innovation and flexibility in the curriculum. The LAAC must also work proactively to assist the programs to define their intended learning outcomes, evaluate their programs, and refine their curricula on an on-going basis. It is through the Standards and Procedures that the LAAC is able to achieve this objective.

A formal LAAC Standards and Procedures review will take place from 2021 to 2022 and the LAAC will seek advice and input from landscape architecture educators and practitioners during this process.



Publication of the Second Edition of the Canadian Landscape Standard

The Canadian Landscape Standard (CLS), second edition, was published in March 2020. The CLS is an indispensable tool to the success of any landscape project that is designed, built and maintained to this nationally recognized standard. It is a resource which defines good landscape construction practices. It should be used by land developers, parks staff, landscape architects, landscape contractors and the building industry.

Because of its important role in the profession, the CSLA in collaboration with the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association (CNLA) published the CLS as a subscription with updated versions available

quarterly and included a free digital edition for every full, associate and student member. If you have not downloaded your free edition of the CLS, contact the CSLA for access to the member download portal.

New Committees and Task Forces

Following the approval of the CSLA's 2021-2023 Strategic Plan at the Annual General Meeting, the CSLA established two new committees, one new workgroup and one new task force. They are:

- Committee on Human Health and Well-Being
- Committee on Cultural and Historic Landscapes
- Diversity and Equity Task Force
- Urban Canopy Workgroup

The above is just a snapshot of the activities members of the CSLA are working on and continuing to support and advocate for landscape architects. If you have interest in any of these activities or want to learn more about the CSLA, please visit the CSLA website or contact Michelle Legault, Executive Director for more information on how you can volunteer or get involved.

I have enjoyed my membership on the CSLA Board of Directors as the representative of the OALA at our national level. I have met and learned about the many, many fine landscape architects throughout Canada. I think we all should be proud of our fellow members as there is so much talent and ingenuity to achieve a singular goal, a healthier planet.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Chee, OALA, CSLA
OALA Past President
Board of Directors, CSLA

The Professional Practice and Ethics Committee is responsible for reviewing and advising members and the general public as to the practice of landscape architecture in Ontario and where applicable associated ethical considerations. The Committee engages in a wide range of issues, from interpretations on current codes, policies and procedures to copyrights on landscape designs, insurance contract stipulations by employers, third party inspections, and intellectual property rights of drawings. The Committee draws on expertise from a broad spectrum of representation in different areas of landscape architecture professional practice to deal with the challenges presented.

This year has seen unprecedented pressures, thus a huge “thank you” to all the Committee members that have sacrificed their time, offer their expertise, perspective and endless dedication to provide guidance to members, and bring resolution to all challenges forwarded to the team.

Committee Members:

Geoff Bayne, Team Leader, Park Development, City of Mississauga

Ian Dance, Partner at Dillon Consulting, Richmond Hill

Doug Fountain, Principal at FOTENN, Ottawa

Marianne Mokrycke, Principal of OMC, Hamilton

Cameron Smith, Senior LA, Public Services and Procurement Canada / Government of Canada

In addition I would like to sincerely thank Aina Budrevics, OALA Executive Director, for her capable assistance, guidance in managing, and administration of this committee, its many requests and ongoing initiatives.

The committee held 11 meetings and contributed countless hours reviewing supporting documentation in preparation to meet, discuss, and address questions with response as to best practices of landscape architects. Each inquiry is received, information reviewed by the committee and written responses provided on matters between members of the association, clients, employers and the general public.

Over the years the Committee has been dealing with different issues, some are unique while in other

cases there are common elements. This perspective has allowed identification of areas of practice that could benefit with specific tools and informative guidelines to assist members and heighten awareness of best practices and ethical conduct.

Present initiatives include:

- Part 3 of the *Engaging a Landscape Architect Series*, ‘OALA Guide to Standard Written Agreements’.
 - Final edit stage, preparing for release spring 2021.
- Guideline document
 - Taking over a project from another landscape architect.
 - Final edit stage, preparing for release spring 2021.
- Review of proposed updates to *Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Practice*.
 - Review of document provide feedback to sub-committee.
- Development of case study scenarios for education purposes.
 - Ongoing.



The members of the PP&E Committee are proud to serve the OALA membership and dedicate the time necessary to provide support and responses to all inquiries. This Committee encourages engagement, and is always open in welcoming new members to assist in addressing the challenges presented. The PP&E Committee looks forward to assisting members, participating in important ongoing deliberations, and working for continuing improvement of the practice of landscape architecture for our members and for the general public.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoff Bayne, OALA, CSLA
Chair, PP&E Committee

The Practice Legislation Committee (PLC) is pleased to present its annual report on activities related to practice legislation initiatives. The Committee with the support of Council and Executive Director Aina Budrevics has continued to work with the government, stakeholders and our members.

Nine years ago Council struck a task force to review our title act and to recommend a path forward. The task force reviewed the practice legislation in the US and researched how others in Canada were addressing updating their legislation. It was evident that enhanced legislation benefited the local landscape architects that it governed, and better protected the public that were being served. Our current Act was approved in 1984 and remains the same, while there have been many changes in the political and regulatory environment where landscape architects work. Council decided that advancing our legislation from a Title Act to a Practice Act was a strategic priority and we have been working towards this goal ever since.

The activities of the PLC this year have been impacted by the unprecedented health emergency we are experiencing worldwide. Many of OALA's actions in the past relied on face to face meetings with legislators and discussing the importance and merit of our pursuit for updated legislation. The work has successfully and effectively continued on-line once the pandemic halted in-person meetings.

The OALA has been able to point to the importance of our profession to human health. Research has demonstrated that spending 20 minutes in nature improves human health by reducing stress. By protecting, restoring and creating these environments, landscape architects' work keeps our communities safe. The pandemic has day lighted:

- The importance of public parks to human health.
- The need to design and build safe public spaces to reduce risk of injury from overcrowding and to enable social distancing.
- The rise of linear parks and the prominence of green space systems, has been elevated from an 'amenity' to core infrastructure that is needed for the health and well-being of society.

We have worked with the Attorney General's office to respond to his request to explain [Why Ontario Needs a Practice Act for Landscape Architects](#). This was shared with members in the 2020 April Progress Post. On a phone call in October 2020 with the policy and legal advisor for the Attorney General he indicated that due to the pandemic and other priorities, the PLC's request would not be considered in this current term (ends in June 2022). Due to this news, PLC has discussed with OALA Budget Committee and Council that we will adjust Brown & Cohen fees from a 70/30 split between Practice Act focused activity (#6042- Practice Act) and other association support, building awareness of the profession etc. (#6200 – Public & Professional Relations Consulting), to a 50/50 split of the fees in OALA's budget lines, to better reflect where we are utilizing their resources and efforts.

Actions in 2020

Consistent with the PLC's mandate set out in the Strategic Plan, we have continued with core actions that include:

- Held in-person and on-line meetings with 12 MPPs including both NDP and Liberal Attorney General Critics **Gurratan Singh**, MPP (Brampton East) and **Lucille Collard**, MPP (Ottawa Vanier) and attended 11 events with Ministers and MPPs including Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte) and Premier **Doug Ford**, MPP (Etobicoke North).
- Received letters of support for an OALA practice act from MPPs:
 - **Bhutila Karpoché** (Parkdale-High Park), NDP Critic for Early Learning and Childcare
 - **Teresa Armstrong** (London-Fanshawe), NDP Critic for Children and Youth Services
 - **Peggy Sattler** (London West), Opposition House leader and NDP Critic for Labour and Democratic Reform
 - **Terence Kernaghan** (London North Centre), NDP Critic for LGBTQ and Government Services and Consumer Protection
 - **Gurratan Singh** (Brampton East), NDP Attorney General Critic
 - **Doly Begum** (Scarborough Southwest),

NDP Critic for Citizenship, Immigration and Foreign Credentials

– Green Party Leader **Mike Schreiner** (Guelph).

- Participated in the online Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference in August, as coordinated by the OALA Municipal Outreach Committee.
- Met with Deans from the University of Toronto and University of Guelph Landscape Architecture programs to receive support for our Practice Act request.
- Engaged with Minister Downey's Policy and Legal Advisor **Patrick Schertzer** requesting a timeline for the Practice Act.
- Prepared an open letter to Transportation Minister **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe) expressing concerns with the province's plan to install electronic billboards along the 400 series highway and Metrolinx rail lands to provide insight as to how to execute the government's billboard plan in a way that won't ruin Ontario's landscape. OALA was subsequently invited by the Minister to work closely with MTO staff to develop solutions and standards for implementation of E-Billboards. This is an excellent example of the power to influence public policy, a result of prior excellent meetings with Minister Mulroney, when she was then Attorney General. Ongoing meetings with the Ministry of Transportation have been led by the Municipal Outreach Committee, with the support of PLC members and the expertise of members-at-large.
- Provided feedback, at the request of NDP's Director of Stakeholder Relations **Alex Callahan**, for the NDP *Green New Deal* in the form of a [four page letter](#), shared with members in the December Progress Post.
- Prepared an [open letter to Premier Ford](#) and several of his Cabinet Ministers expressing concern with the government's plan to make changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

These activities have been regularly documented in monthly *Progress Posts* that are emailed to OALA members.

The Attorney General's decision has caused

the OALA in the interim to refocus the work of our government relations consultants, towards supporting the Municipal Outreach Committee and facilitating broader advocacy of the landscape architecture profession including through Association of Ontario Municipalities and our allied professions.

Practice Legislation Sub-committees

The Risk of Harm Sub-committee completed their review of the scope of practice in the draft Act, and revised it to focus on risk of harm instead of the definition of the various roles that landscape architects undertake. This work was significant because it is foundational to practice legislation. Thank you to sub-committee members: Sheila Boudreau, Virginia Burt and Tim Dobson.

The update to OALA Code Professional Conduct has progressed and is undergoing peer review ahead of being finalized. This was shared by newsletter with the members in January 2021 – ***Why We Need an OALA Code of Conduct*** and will be tabled for approval at the 2021 AGM. This update is necessary to meeting the OALA's mission to *"promote, improve and advance the profession of landscape architecture and maintain standards of professional practice and conduct consistent with the need to serve and protect the public interest"*. Thank you to sub-committee members: Patrick Li, Tim McCormick, Joanne Moran and Cameron Smith.

My sincerest gratitude goes out to the growing number of volunteers who have moved the 2020 initiatives forward with noted recognition of the PLC committee, Shannon Baker, Tim Dobson, Virginia Burt, Jane Welsh, Doris Chee and Glenn O'Connor for their ongoing, sustained guidance. And of course to Aina Budrevics and her staff, as well as the OALA's legal and government relations consultants who provide timely advice, coordination and liaison with members and external stakeholders.

"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."

Martin Luther King Jr.

Respectfully submitted,

Eha Naylor, OALA, FCSLA
Chair, PLC

Why Ontario Needs a Practice Act for Landscape Architects



Berczy Park
Claude Cormier et Associés - Toronto, ON

The images in this document are all examples of award – winning projects across Ontario that have been recognized by the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects.

Attorney General **Doug Downey**, MPP (Barrie – Springwater – Oro Medonte) asked the OALA what problem they were trying to solve

A PRACTICE ACT WOULD REDUCE RED TAPE

Here are **three reasons** why:

- It would allow landscape architects to **regulate themselves** in a similar manner **as over 30 other professions** in Ontario
- It would allow the **profession to regulate in the public interest** for increased public safety
- It would provide **better value** to the public expediting delivery of quality-built form

A PRACTICE ACT WOULD REDUCE RISK OF LITIGATION

Here's why:

- Landscape architects carry out their profession upholding a **code of ethics** where **public health, safety** and well-being is absolutely paramount
- Additionally, they make **critical recommendations and decisions** affecting the feasibility of projects to meet public health and safety standards
- The contribution landscape architects make on a region wide level (e.g. a ravine strategy) adds to communities' **economic, social and environmental well-being**
- Landscape architects **reduce the risk of litigation** to the consumer and the province by reducing exposure for liability rising from hazardous and **defective design that has caused death, injury and/or property damage**

A PRACTICE ACT WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Here are the facts:

- The Ontario Association of Landscape Architects (OALA) was **founded in 1968**
- In **1984**, the Bill Davis PC government established a **Title Act** for Landscape Architects
- In **2016**, the OALA launched a campaign to enhance legislation to a **Practice Act**
- In the United States, **47 of the 50 states** already have a Practice Act

A PRACTICE ACT WOULD ENSURE ETHICAL PRACTICES

Here's how:

- A **full governing Council** with public representation
- A **fully functioning office** with a separate Executive Director and Registrar
- A **Continuing Professional Development** Program with mandatory credit reporting
- Public interest committees such as **Professional Practice & Ethics and Discipline**

Why Ontario Needs a Practice Act for Landscape Architects



Parliament Hill Escarpment Stairway and Site Rehabilitation,
Civitas Group - Ottawa, ON

A Practice Act would allow landscape architects to better ensure public health, safety and well-being by:

Utilizing their specialized knowledge and experience with green infrastructure to address public health and safety concerns in the built environment resulting from climate change . This would provide solutions to reduce flooding, urban heat island effect and air pollution, as examples, which are known to cause illness or death.	Designing public features such as sidewalks, trails and plazas to meet safety and accessibility standards, ensuring adequate lighting, appropriate surfacing and the design and siting of public space elements , including circulation management devices and site amenity, such as seating, bollards, signage, bike racks, planters and waste receptacles; all ensuring safe, appropriate clearances to minimize conflicts and hazards.	Employing unique knowledge in plant characteristics to design spaces that reduce environmental hazards (solar radiation, air pollution) and discomforts to people (heat, wind) while increasing the ecological services and wellness opportunities in public spaces.
Employing specialized technical knowledge to design site elements , increasing accessibility, experiential satisfaction and wellness, including stairs, ramps, guardrails, boardwalks, and viewing platforms, with compliance to the Ontario Building Code.	Specifying the design & layout of playground equipment to ensure standards for fall zones are met , encourage wellness benefits of exposing children to nature and ensure appropriate materials and surfacing are used to reduce injury.	Design of site grading, drainage conveyance and erosion mitigation to ensure slope stability and dissipation of stormwater, grading design to minimize 'slip and fall' hazards maximizing protection to public and private property.
Creating equity and inclusion for all people by designing supportive accessible spaces , for users requiring mobility aids, such as scooters, wheelchairs and strollers and others having sensory challenges, such as the visually impaired.	Designing recreational, leisure, and open space facilities including parks, sports fields and courts, trail systems and tracks and courses, with layout and orientation that reduces conflicts , and materials and finishes that mitigate risk and harm to the public.	Designing safe and efficient streetscapes that accommodate multi-modal traffic, increases healthful opportunities through active transportation , and adheres to road safety standards; minimizing conflicts between motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

The OALA is a member of the [Construction Design and Alliance of Ontario](#).
Members include:

- Association of Registered
- Interior Designers of Ontario
- Concrete Ontario
- Consulting Engineers of Ontario
- Heavy Construction Association of Toronto
- Mechanical Contractors Association of Ontario
- Ontario Association of Architects
- Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists
- **Ontario Association of Landscape Architects**
- Ontario Electrical League
- Ontario General Contractors Association
- Ontario Home Builders Association
- Ontario Road Builders Association
- Ontario Sewer & Watermain Contractors Association
- Ontario Society of Professional Engineers
- Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario
- Residential Construction Council of Ontario
- Surety Association of Canada



TOcore Downtown Parks and Public Realm Plan
PUBLIC WORK - Toronto, ON

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This year looked a lot different for CLARB due to the ongoing pandemic. The Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) held its first virtual Annual Meeting. Usually spread out over three days, this year's virtual meeting was completed in a few short hours. While the Annual Meeting looked different this year, CLARB remained focused on providing members with an understanding of organizational updates (including a first-year recap from the CEO, information on CLARB 2.0, looking ahead to 2021's job task analysis, and plans for our continued efforts within diversity, equity, and inclusion) and critical business (including elections results and leadership nominations).

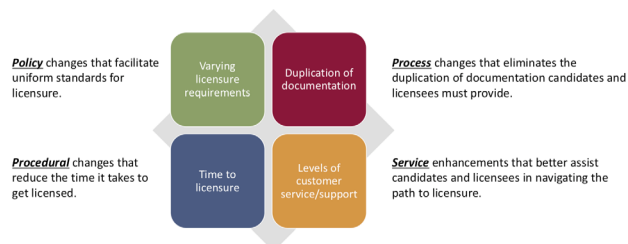
CLARB's Focus in 2020 and Beyond

CLARB remains focused on rethinking landscape architecture regulation to address strong advancements in technology within the profession, the ongoing push for regulatory reform, changing stakeholder preferences and evolving demographics within the profession. In general, the focus is reducing friction (steps, complications and processes that do not have direct impact on public protection) in the licensure process. Currently, CLARB and its members have identified four key areas where such friction exists.

1. Inconsistencies in licensure requirements from state to state and province to province;
2. Redundancy and duplications of documentation;
3. Speed and the time it takes for licensure; and
4. Service levels for customer support.

Key Action Points to Address Friction

CLARB and its members have identified key actions associated with the friction points as it relates to the licensure process. The key action points are identified in the chart below.



CLARB

CLARB's Key Policy Changes to Address Inconsistencies

- CLARB is working with members to develop a uniform standard for licensure that all candidates are evaluated against and is implemented in all jurisdictions.
- Education, experience and the exam are KEY components of the standard.
- Education and exam standards have been established and are defensible.
- Experience requirements vary greatly which creates vulnerabilities for landscape architecture licensure

The three regulated jurisdictions in Canada – OALA, AALA and BCSLA – provide ongoing input to this process.

Process changes that address redundancies:

- Development of a tool – a uniform application that can be used to collect and share applicant data with licensure boards.
- The uniform application will contain the core information all boards need to evaluate a candidate for licensure.
- This will be implemented in phases, first by modifying the Council Record, then ultimately to a two-way electronic transfer of data.

Procedural changes that address speed:

- Empowering board staff to administratively approve a candidate for licensure where possible within local regulations.
- Enabling all candidates to register directly with CLARB for the L.A.R.E. without prior approval.

Remote Proctoring Pilot update

In 2020, CLARB launched online proctoring as an additional testing option for all Section 1 and Section 2 L.A.R.E. candidates. A live proctor monitors the exam(s) writers through a video feed using advanced security protocols. CLARB

worked with the OALA, AALA and BCSLA to pilot this option in August 2020 and expanded the option to all member jurisdictions in December 2020.

CLARB continues to look at ways to provide opportunities for remote L.A.R.E. testing in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. As this is a new process for everyone, kinks in the systems are being worked out and CLARB will continue to offer the remote proctor exam opportunity for the foreseeable future. The current format of Section 3 and 4 does not permit remote proctoring. CLARB is working to update writing options for Section 3 and 4 in the 2022 update for the L.A.R.E. with a goal to evolving the testing system to permit remote proctoring for these exams.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

CLARB remains committed to reviewing its programs and policies that ensure and inclusive, just and equitable CLARB. CLARB is a member of the ASLA President's Council which started a project to improve diversity, equity and inclusion in the profession in 2017. Details on the Council's work may be found on the ASLA website here: <https://www.asla.org/dei.aspx>.

Future Meetings

The CLARB Board of Directors made the tough decision not to hold the 2021 Annual Meeting in New York City. The Board also approved moving to a hybrid format for the 2021 Annual Meeting. There will be a smaller in-person meeting, while providing a virtual participation option to ensure all members can attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Onody, OALA, CSLA

OALA Member Board Member to CLARB

The Municipal Outreach Task Force was initially created, to provide the OALA membership with key messaging on the value of the profession, to dialogue effectively with 2018 municipal election candidates. Through its work, the task force realized there were significant opportunities to promote the OALA and raise the profile of the profession at the municipal level.

As the task force's initial efforts in promoting the profession were extremely fruitful, it was confirmed by OALA Council in May of 2019, that the task force would become a formal OALA committee, known as the *Municipal Outreach Committee (MOC)*. The mandate for the committee can simply be summarized as, *raising the profile of the profession to municipal decision makers*.

The MOC's mandate supports the OALA's Mission Statement, as well as the following Strategic Plan initiatives:

- 1.1- To pursue a provincial practice act;
- 1.2- To advance the LA profession as leaders in the development of the built environment;
- 3.2- To communicate effectively with members;

The work of the MOC may also compliment and support the work of the OALA's Practice Legislation Committee (PLC).

MOC's Primary Focus;

The promotion of landscape architecture to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), preparation of relevant articles to municipally based periodicals, increase understanding of the profession, promotion to key municipal politicians and key staff, as well as researching municipal requirements for the OALA professional seal.

Specific Executed Goals for 2020 included;

On February 11, 2020, Aina Budrevics, Deborah Reader and Robert Norman met with AMO Executive Director Brian Rosborough and Cathie Brown, Senior Advisor.

Our presentations focused on OALA's desire to be recognized, as a partner association of AMO. We further identified our similar goals with AMO, its strategic objectives, themes, policy development and advocacy, noting where the OALA could provide input,



An OALA former president Rob Norman (right) spoke with Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie (left) at an event in Mississauga on March 3.

or assistance. As AMO represents 444 municipalities within Ontario, it is strategic for the OALA to develop a positive and proactive working relationship with AMO.

AMO's 2020 Conference was held virtually from August 17-19 with MOC's members Robert Norman and Stefan Fediuk participating, as delegates. The MOC is preparing a submission, to be considered as a potential seminar topic, for AMO's 2021 Conference. If accepted by AMO, this seminar will promote landscape architects, to AMO's municipal membership.

On October 21, 2020, OALA President and MOC member Jane Welsh assisted in the preparation of a letter to Toronto Mayor John Tory offering OALA expertise in the update to the Toronto Weeds by-law, to allow for increased biodiversity in residential gardens. A follow up meeting was positive, and the work is ongoing.

On March 3rd, both Robert Norman and Howard Brown of Brown + Cohen, attended a Mississauga Board of Trade event, promoting the OALA to Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie, Milton Mayor Gord Krantz, local politicians and business owners.

The MOC produced two articles on landscape architecture related topics, specifically for municipal periodicals. Cynthia Graham and the MOC authored an article entitled, "Keeping Canada's Shorelines Safe", which was published in the March 2020 edition of the *Municipal World* periodical.

A second article, entitled, "Parks are the New Medicine: How Covid Elevated Parks as Essential to Healthy Cities" was also authored by Cynthia

Graham and the MOC, during 2020. This second article is currently being submitted for consideration in a 2021 edition of the *Municipal World* periodical.

MOC members also provided input to the OALA and Province, on several provincial issues. The OALA prepared an April 20, 2020 letter to The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing entitled, "Landscape architects still concerned about proposed regulatory changes pertaining to the community benefits authority under the Planning Act, the Development Charges Act and the Building Code Act".

Secondly, the MOC initiated concerns over the Province's proposal to add electronic billboard advertising for revenue generation, on Metrolinx rail lands and the 400 Series highways in Ontario. A letter from the OALA's Executive Director was sent to Ontario Transportation Minister Caroline Mulroney on May 29, 2020, expressing concerns on the potential impacts of electronic billboards on Ontario's communities. To date, the MOC has met virtually with the Minister on October 28, 2020 on this issue, as well as on two occasions with representatives from MTO and Metrolinx. The MOC have sought OALA member expertise to provide information to the Ministry of Transportation, on a Visual Assessment Analysis process, as well as referencing the MTO's, Highway Design, section 3.9 Landscape Composition and Corridor Design Tools.

During 2020, the MOC also initiated a pilot member survey. Targeting ten municipalities, the survey identified what municipal application types, would require an OALA Seal for submission. Results are being analysed by the OALA's consultant, Brown + Cohen.

Internally, the MOC created guideline documents, on the role and responsibilities for both the committee chair positions and its members. These new guidelines will help in the membership application process and the committee's operation.

Finally, the MOC is also working on a letter targeted to Ontario's municipalities, introducing the OALA and explaining to politicians and municipal senior staff, the services and roles of landscape architects, related to municipalities.

Thank you to the following MOC members, for their contributions of time and talent; Stefan Fediuk,



Transportation Minister Caroline Mulroney, MPP (York-Simcoe) (bottom row, left) held a meeting with the OALA on October 28. Participating were Municipal Outreach Committee Co-Chairs Cynthia Graham (top row, left), Robert Norman (bottom row, centre) and OALA's Executive Director Aina Budrevics (bottom) and Government Relations Consultant Howard Brown (top row, centre). Also joining the meeting was Minister Mulroney's Director of Policy Kanivanan Chinniah (right).

Kyoung Bae Park, Deborah Reader, Jane Welsh, Justin Whalen, Cynthia Graham, and Robert Norman.

We also wish to thank the support of Aina Budrevics, OALA Executive Director, OALA Council, and Brown & Cohen Communications & Public Affairs Inc., consultants to the OALA.

Respectfully submitted by,

Cynthia Graham, OALA, CSLA
Robert Norman, OALA, FCSLA
Co-Chairs, Municipal Outreach Committee (MOC)

The Liability Limitation Task Force (LLTF) was formed in 2019. In 2020 the Task Force members worked to research the topic and learn what steps are needed to best support OALA members. We have noted below a summary of the questions we worked to respond to in 2020 as well as plans for 2021.

Why is this important for all OALA members?

The general consensus of opinion from our related professions and from insurance industry professionals is that landscape architects are working in an increasingly litigious environment. Our risk of being named in a lawsuit has increased through the nature of our work designing places for people, through collaborating in multidisciplinary teams, and through the implementation of complex projects. Although these lawsuits are predominantly in the realm of private practitioners, landscape architects in public practice are not immune from being individually named for errors and omissions for which their employer may not provide adequate coverage. This litigious environment is not new to our allied professions and we have sought out conversations with them to learn how they are protecting their members.

2020 Task Force Progress

The Task Force's research to date has included the following:

- the Task Force has spoken with members who have experienced difficulties acquiring insurance of the type, value and duration necessary to protect members, firms, and the public interest;
- the Task Force has met with insurance industry professionals to discuss options available to landscape architects in Ontario;
- the Task Force has met with other allied professions and initiated a comparison of how other professional associations working in the built environment are approaching insurance for their members. This comparison has been documented in a spreadsheet which is being continually updated as more detail is acquired;

Organizations that the Task Force has spoken with so far include: Consulting Engineers of Ontario

(CEO), Association of Ontario Land Surveyors (AOLS), Ontario Association of Architects (OAA), Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario (ARIDO) and the Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI);

Insight from Research

From the Task Force research in 2020, we found that public sector members will also be interested:

- the Task Force's understanding of the risks associated with public sector practice is on-going, but thus far our understanding from the insurance industry representatives is that these members may have exposure to errors and omissions lawsuits at an individual level as municipal insurance policies may not include coverage for design professionals. Our consultation on this matter is on-going and we would appreciate further input from our members employed in the public sector.

2020 Information for Members

- White Paper: the Task Force summarized research in a white paper, "Did You Know", that provides a synopsis of our findings to date and was presented to Council in December 2020 for approval to distribute to members in 2021;
- Survey Questions: the Task Force assembled survey questions for OALA members to seek their input regarding profession-wide insurance for the 2021 Member Survey, and;
- Legal Questions: the Task Force assembled questions for the legal profession to provide relevant information for the membership.

What have we learned?

The Task Force has learned that litigation is omnipresent for designers of the built environment. Litigation is becoming more common by individuals who use our projects; by public sector clients that seek to cover the limitations in their own insurance policies; and through shot-gun litigation that entangles all of the consultants on a project regardless of scope of work. Additionally, there is increased liability associated with projects completed on difficult sites, such as: brownfield projects, projects involving water features, green roofs, or sites with unusual found conditions.

As well, the Task Force learned that precedents are being set through out-of-court settlements that could influence the financial costs of both the claims themselves, as well as the cost of preparing a reasonable defense for OALA members.

In 2004, the statute of limitations was changed in Ontario to 15 years. To date, this limit has never been tested through the court system and as such, we do not have a full appreciation of its impact on our members.

For all of our members who are planning to retire, there is a critical gap in the ability to be covered by insurance between the time that you retire and the end of the statute of limitations of your portfolio of work. To the Task Force's knowledge, tailings insurance may only be available for up to three years after you cease to practice, and only if your premium is paid in full for the entire three years. Once a member's tailings insurance ends, they and even their estate may be exposed to litigation associated with their work. In the unlikely circumstance that litigation was filed against a project on which a member worked on over fifteen years previously, the member might still have to defend himself or herself until the courts decide that the statute of limitations applies.

In the Task Force's discussions with representatives of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors, we learned that it has taken 35 years to develop their own insurance programme that protects both the public, as well as all of the Association's members for a wide variety of claims. Their insurance programme has the potential, in any given year, of putting money back in the hands of its members, protects its members throughout their retirement and makes possible the opportunity for others to learn from members' lawsuits. For the OALA, this continuing education opportunity might take the form of a claims review committee that looks for patterns of repeated claims, provides continuing education about risks, develops methods of good practice and highlights the risks in RFPs and other contractual relationships, all with the goal of avoiding errors and omissions.

Finally, from the OAA and PEO, we have learned that it is possible to challenge terms of reference that are uninsurable and to develop approaches to negotiate with clients that issue RFPs that knowingly or unknowingly transfer liability to their consultants. Informed conversations with purchasing

departments and clients can lead to positive changes that protect both sides of contractual agreements.

Task Force Next Steps

The Task Force appreciates that our current understanding of professional insurance remains incomplete and that it would like to seek further information:

- regarding historical analysis of actual lawsuits, settlements, and verdicts from the legal profession, so that our members' decisions on insurance are grounded in facts and not simply anecdotal information;
- in the form of case study record that would inform both seasoned practitioners, and newcomers to the profession; and
- for greater study of the chain of liability that exists in contracts and through complex lawsuits involving multidisciplinary teams.

Thank you to Task Force members Kendall Flower (Chair), Tim McCormick, Dave Craig, Rod Mac Donald and Mark Steele, for offering their time toward the work of the Task Force and to Ingrid Little for her organizational efforts as well as her valued input and perspective.

If you are an OALA member with an interest in assisting on this Task Force, please inquire with Ingrid Little (OALA Registrar).

Respectfully Submitted,

Rod Mac Donald, OALA, FCSLA (retired)

Mark Steele, OALA, CSLA

Insurance and Liability Limitation Task Force

Continuing Education Committee (CEC) Report

The CEC sets out to support the OALA Mandatory Continuing Education (MCE) Program in order to offer members enhanced professional development opportunities. The Committee is pleased to consult and liaise with educators, allied professionals and OALA members to provide diverse, appropriate training opportunities from a landscape architecture perspective. The CEC's aim to provide learning experiences that will fulfil MCE Program requirements.

The CEC continues to bring forward training opportunities that are available in a variety of formats including webinars, seminars, workshops and tours that align with the MCE Program guidelines. The Committee intends to the extent possible, to support training offerings both within and outside the Greater Toronto Area. These training opportunities are archived in the OALA video library for post-presentation access and viewing.

In this past year, the presence of COVID-19 restricted some of the format offerings by the Committee to mostly monthly webinars on a variety of current topics. This format has proven to be very successful as demonstrated by the number of online attendees and positive feedback.

In 2020, the Committee supported a number of very topical lunch and learn webinars including:

- 'Designing for Dogs' on dog park planning and design by Sue Alexander of *Dogs in the Park*;
- 'It's All Downhill' professional liability case study for landscape architects by Candace Pietras of *HUB International*;
- 'Ontario Building Code Compliance and Enforcement' webinar by Troy Drummond of *LMDG Building Code Consultants*;
- 'Municipal Splash Pad Procurement and Design' by OALA member Werner Schwar of the *City of Thunder Bay* which included indigenous consultation in the public vetting process;
- 'Ensuring Toronto's Growth is Climate Resilient' and the role of the LA to make it happen, a webinar by OALA President Jane Welsh, *City of Toronto*;
- 'Irrigation in Ontario' webinar by OALA member Jen Hill, *Daniels Faculty, University of Toronto*;
- 'Changes to the Ontario Construction Act'



CEC Zoom Meeting top row: Shalini Ullal, Ingrid Little (OALA Registrar), Jen Hill. Bottom Row: John Collver, Kellie Spence, Werner Schwar. Not pictured: Cory Blaquiere, Stefan Fediuk, Jim Hosick.

and their Effect on Landscape Architects by Denis Viens of *Dillon Consulting Limited*;

The CEC continues to explore diverse, appropriate training offerings from the OALA membership and allied professionals. Webinar ongoing feedback is important in providing continued direction for new presentations.

After a successful first Truth and Reconciliation Session (Indigenous Cultural Competency Training) in November 2019, the Committee is interested in supporting a second round offering in 2021. The Committee is working with Liat Margolis at *Daniels Faculty, University of Toronto*, to organize this online session.

On June 8, 2020 OALA Council unanimously committed to advancing dialogue for the Black Lives Matter movement and fostering diversity, equity and inclusion efforts. The CEC offers its continuing assistance and support to the efforts of the OALA, CSLA, component organizations and allied professions in this important collaboration. We look for topics and as of 2021 will include a land acknowledgement at the start of each webinar.

The CEC is exploring new topics this year include Municipal Playground Design, Navigating the TRCA Step Program, Sustainable Sites, Naturalistic Planting Design and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.

The CEC continues to reach out to Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI), Ontario Association of Architects (OAA), National Capital Commission Urbanism Lab and other allied professions for opportunities to share common interests in a structured format for mutual learning. We continue to follow up on these strategic

alliances to provide cross discipline, diversified educational opportunities for wider appeal.

The CEC is fortunate to have a number of creative and energized Committee members that work well together. They include:

Cory Blaquiere	Kellie Spence
John Collver	Shalini Ullal
Stefan Fediuk	Ingrid Little, Registrar,
Jen Hill	Staff Liaison
Werner Schwar	Jim Hosick, Chair

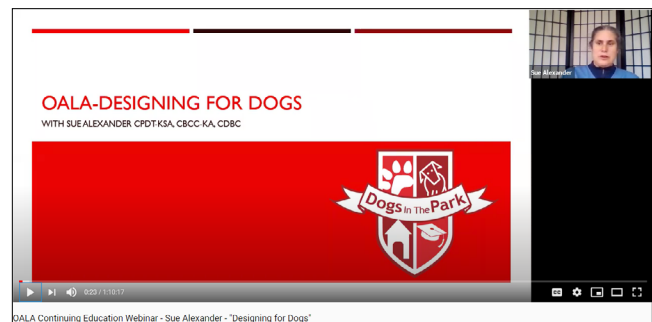
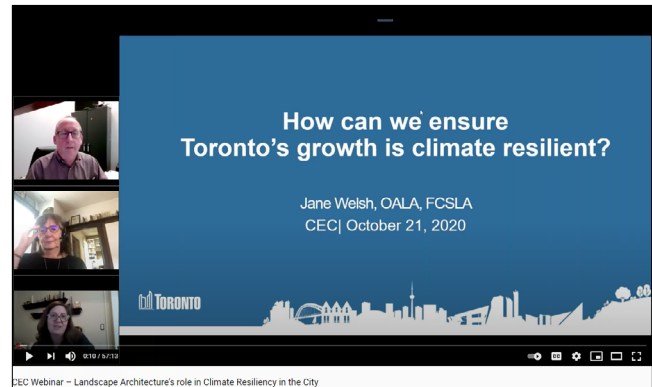
We wish to thank the Committee members for their ongoing support and commitment.

We continue to encourage other members, associates and students to get involved or share ideas with the CEC. In addition, the OALA website lists other continuing education opportunities (not necessarily hosted by the OALA) which could interest members and could count toward mandatory CE credits.

Stay safe!

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Hosick, OALA, CSLA
Chair, Continuing Education Committee



Examples of CEC Webinar recordings. Top: 'How can we ensure Toronto's growth is climate resilient?' by Jane Welsh, OALA, FCSLA. Bottom: 'Designing for Dogs' by Sue Alexander from Dogs in the Park. Recordings of CEC Webinars are shared in the Members' Area on the OALA website under 'Continuing Education (CE) Seminars'.

The Mandatory Continuing Education Program completed its second reporting period at the end of 2020 and we are now into a new three-year reporting period including 2021 through 2023.

The OALA Mandatory Continuing Education Program primarily supports Strategic Priority #4, *“Learning and Growth Perspective: To provide support for OALA members and their engagement with the profession of landscape architecture in Ontario”*, under goal 4.2 *“To advance professional development”*.

Additional Strategic Goals supported by the MCE Program include:

- 1.1 To pursue a Province of Ontario Landscape Architecture (LA) Practice Act.
- 1.2 To advance the LA profession as leaders in the development of the built environment.
- 3.4 To grow and broaden sense of community within OALA membership and local chapters.

The role of the Mandatory Continuing Education Committee includes monitoring and evaluating the program for continuous improvement, maintaining the online reporting page and supporting OALA Staff with the audit process.

I would like to thank each of the committee participants who contributed their time and effort toward completion of these tasks in 2020: Haley Sadler, Katie Hickey, Michelle Gignac and OALA Staff representative, Ingrid Little.

The MCE Committee is currently looking for two additional members to join the committee and assist with the upcoming audit process. Please reach out if you are interested in participating.

In 2020 the MCE Committee developed additional resources to assist OALA Members with completing their continuing education reporting, including two how-to videos, updates to the OALA Handbook, recommended updates to OALA by-laws as a contribution to the by-law review process and re-formatted online written MCE resource documents and guides to match the OALA’s graphic standards.

The MCE Committee considered whether continuing education requirements should be reduced for OALA members within the context of the pandemic and discussed this matter with OALA Council and the Examining Board. In reviewing continuing education

opportunities available to OALA members, the Committee found that more online and free education sessions were offered by the OALA, comparable professional organizations within the industry, university landscape architectural programs and by product suppliers in 2020 than in previous years. As the 30 credit per 3-year period requirement is considered the minimum reasonable commitment to continuous learning to remain current within the profession, the Committee and Council decided not to reduce the requirement. Other similar professional organizations in Canada and the USA made the same decision. OALA members who experienced significant hardship and extenuating circumstances that would have prevented their completion of continuing education during 2020 may apply for a partial exemption from the 2019-2021 reporting period requirements through the OALA Examining Board.

As a reminder, changes were made to enforcement of the MCE Program as voted on by OALA Members at the 2019 AGM. These changes include removal of Membership in Good Standing status following two warnings after the deadline to report credits for a reporting period, and a \$300 administration fee to reinstate Membership in Good Standing to be applied to dues once a member who was confirmed as non-compliant with MCE requirements has met their continuing education requirements.

Another recent change to be aware of is the reciprocity agreement developed between the OALA, BCSLA and AALA (Ontario, British Columbia and Alberta). Members that hold membership in more than one of these regulated jurisdictions will only be required to file their credits in the province where they pay CSLA dues. OALA members who are also AALA members will need to update their accounts annually to maintain good standing with AALA. Members should keep in mind that any Association in which you are a member may complete an audit of a member’s reporting.

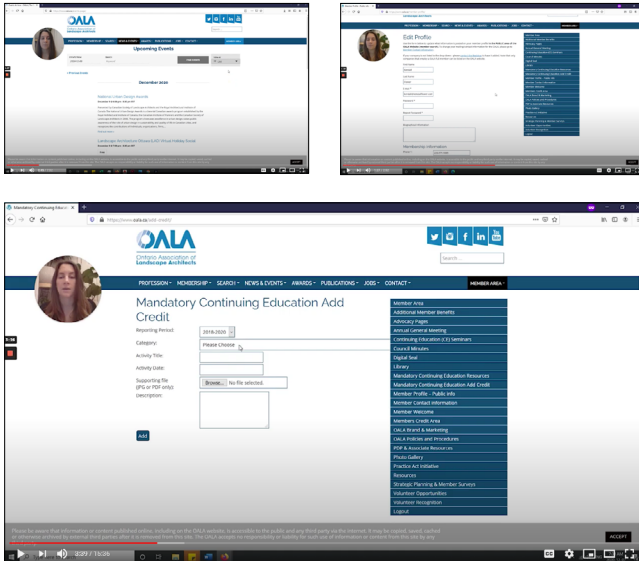
If you are an OALA Member with an interest in assisting on this committee, please inquire with Kendall Flower.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kendall Flower, OALA, CSLA

Vice President

Chair, Mandatory Continuing Education Committee



MCE 'How-to' Videos outlining the steps to complete tasks for MCE requirements. Videos include, "Ideas for Earning Continuing Education Credits" (top left), "Updating your OALA Profile and Contact Information" (top right), and "Reporting your OALA Continuing Education credits" (bottom). Members can watch these videos by logging into the OALA Members' Area and clicking "Mandatory Continuing Education Resources".

The Marketing Committee was inactive for most of 2021 due to a number of factors, including but not limited to the pandemic, shifting roles and work climate and external responsibilities. As we move forward in 2021 the goal is to reestablish the committee by:

- Selecting a new committee chair
- Calling for more members to join the committee
- Reviewing the committee mandate and working on new initiatives

From time to time, OALA Council also has initiatives that would utilize the Marketing Committee budget, to market the association or the profession.

If you are interested to get involved with the OALA's Marketing Committee, please reach out to Juleen Anderson, OALA Coordinator.

Respectfully submitted,

Juleen Anderson

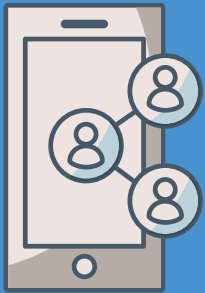
OALA Coordinator

On behalf of the Marketing Committee

2020 Strategic Plan Snapshot

Customer/Client Perspective (External) Strategic Priority #1

To promote and strengthen the profession of landscape architecture through the use of advocacy and outreach.



610

new followers on social media (Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, Facebook)

1,975

average OALA website visits per month
(11% increase from 2019)



New OALA LinkedIn private group with

635

OALA members



340

Attendees at the Virtual Annual General Meeting



344

volunteers in 2020 or

17%

of membership

MOC produced two articles on LA related topics for municipal periodicals

11 meetings with MPPs & Ministry staff

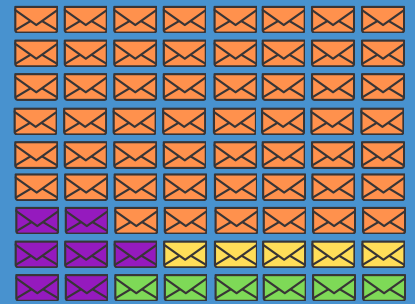
Excellent Stakeholder Engagement:

- Attended 7 CDAO Meetings;
- Attended 4 related professional virtual conferences and AGMs
- Attended AMO Conference with some of MOC's members

146 e-blasts sent to members with a

38%

average open rate (4% above industry standard)



104
Member e-blasts

22
Newsletters

10
Sponsor e-blasts

12
Progress Posts

Internal Business Perspective Strategic Priority #3

To improve the OALA's membership experience as a service provider and community of professionals.

Chapter Engagement:

LASW	LAO
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organised OALA Vision Conference• Supported LO Plant Symp• 355 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Met 6 times• Hosted and supported 4 events• 140 members

HAP refined awards criteria, and made new submission form

21

members using the newly implemented Notarius Digital Seal



151

Ski Day participants



517

Participants total for 2 Virtual Movie Screenings

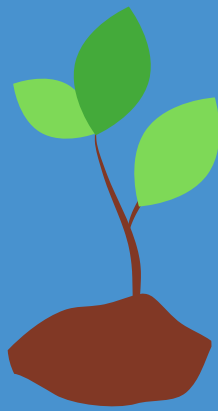
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OALA Awards presented



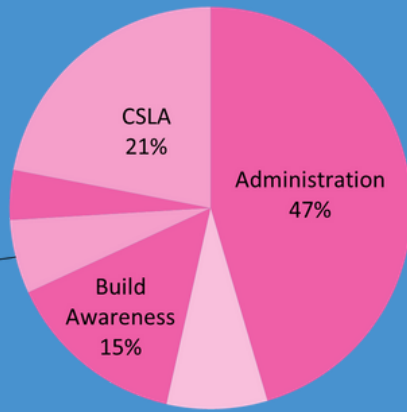
Updated Reciprocity agreement signed

Expenses by Program Area



Continuing Ed
4%

Engage
Members
6%



Governance
8%



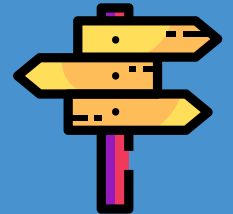
Adjusted budget to
reflect impact of
Covid-19

Financial Perspective Strategic Priority #2

To achieve financial sustainability and accountability of the OALA, in its delivery of the OALA Strategic Plan.



Made the first of 10
annual payments into
the University
Endowment Funds



Launched new
membership options
including: Retired,
Semi-Retired and
Inactive

Non-Dues Revenue Sources:

- Ski Day
- Job Postings
- OALA Product Directory
- Newsletter Ads
- Application Fees
- Ground Ads & Subscribers
- Sponsorship (Social Events)

Learning & Growth Perspective

Strategic Priority #4

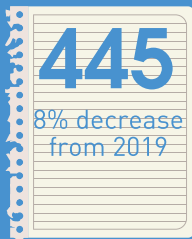
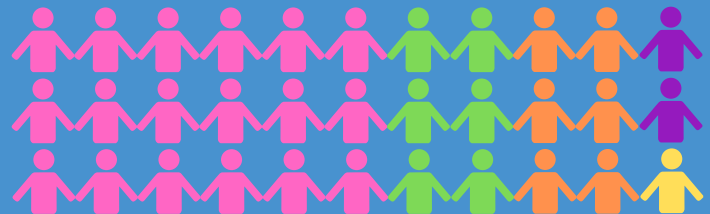
To provide support for OALA members and their engagement with the profession of landscape architecture in Ontario.

2,009
OALA Members

54%
Full Members
18%
Students

20%
Associates
5%
Affiliate & Honorary

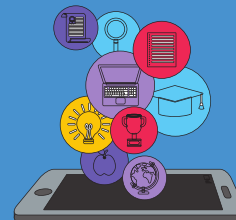
3%
Full - Inactive



PDP Reports
reviewed
by
70
Reviewers



DEI Task Force
formed



CEC launched
member webinars:
over

900

registered for 7
webinars



L.A.R.E. Exams
written in Ontario



77

New Student
Members



56

New Associate
Members



67

New Full
Members



247

membership
applications reviewed

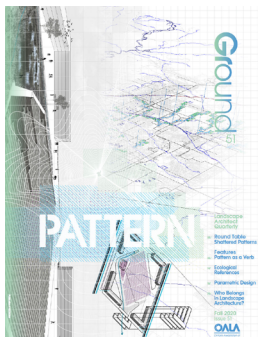


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downloads of the
Engaging a Landscape
Architect Guides



Took part in a Pilot
Study for remote
proctoring for LARE
exams



GROUND 49-52 Covers: 'Access,' 'Flow,' 'Pattern,' and 'Myth'

The past year required us to quickly adapt to new realities, and the *Ground Magazine* Editorial Board was not exempt from this transition. At the end of 2019, Eric Klaver stepped down from his role as the Editorial Board Chair, and Nadja Pausch was appointed in his place. Eric remains a key member of the Editorial Board, and we thank him for his many years of continued service, writing, and thoughtful contributions to the magazine. Glyn Bowerman continues as Ground Magazine's Editor, and Jennifer Foden posts and provides the digital articles online and ensures they are shared on social media.

In March 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Editorial Board transitioned our monthly meetings to a virtual platform. Having discussed the option for virtual attendance in years' past, we are hopeful this new format will open volunteer opportunities to interested candidates whose schedules or location had previously precluded them from attending in-person meetings. Monthly Editorial Board meetings will continue virtually for the foreseeable future. Many thanks to Aina Budrevics for facilitating these meetings through the OALA's GoToMeeting account.

To further broaden volunteerism and input to the magazine, the OALA released a call for volunteers accompanied by testimonials from past and present Editorial Board members about their experience. We have also been regularly reaching out to OALA Chapters, in addition to the Advisory Panel, for ideas and input.

In order to more effectively solicit written content for the magazine, the Editorial Board compiled an "Articles 101" resource which outlines the article types regularly featured in the magazine along with a description and approximate page count for each. Many thanks to Glyn Bowerman and Editorial Board member Eric Gordon for their work on this useful tool. This resource can be found on the OALA website.

The events of 2020 have delayed the implementation of various 2019 Visioning Session outcomes, such as reimagining the Advisory Panel, showcasing past content online, and the consideration of proposals for improving the *Ground* online portal. We have also seen a small reduction in print ads sales this past year, which has spurred discussion on opportunities to bolster advertising sales through previously untapped avenues. As the events of the past year have given us much to consider regarding the direction of the magazine, and as we have welcomed many new members to the Editorial Board, we believe it will be valuable to facilitate a follow-up Visioning session which reassesses and builds on the thoughts and themes from our workshop in August 2019. All members are welcome and encouraged to submit ideas for their association's magazine.

The social justice movements from the past year have also spurred discussion within the Editorial Board regarding the diversity of voices in *Ground*. We are committed to actively facilitating increasingly diverse voices within the magazine, specifically from BIPOC, indigenous, and other marginalized perspectives, highlighting issues related to our profession and seeking voices for more inclusive and robust discussion.

We look forward to more *Ground* issues in the coming year and beyond, exploring the possibilities of whatever format that might take. The Editorial Board would like to acknowledge and thank OALA Council for their continued support of *Ground*.

2020 Editorial Board members:

Kanwal Aftab	Phaedra Maicantis
Shannon Baker	Sarah Manteuffel
Trish Clarke	Alexandra Ntoukas
Tracy Cook	Nadja Pausch
Eric Gordon	Erika Richmond
Mark Hillmer	Katie Strang
Kaari Kitawi	Dalia Todary-Michael
Eric Klaver	Stacy Zonneveld

The Editorial Board is also supported by OALA Executive Director, Aina Budrevics and OALA Coordinator, Juleen Anderson.

We are always on the lookout for more volunteers, writers, and article ideas! If you are interested in contributing to the magazine or joining the enthusiastic and creative Editorial Board, please don't hesitate to reach out to magazine@oala.ca

Ground 2019 Published Issues:

Ground 49: Access (Spring)

Ground 50: Flow (Summer)

Ground 51: Pattern (Fall)

Ground 52: Myth (Winter)

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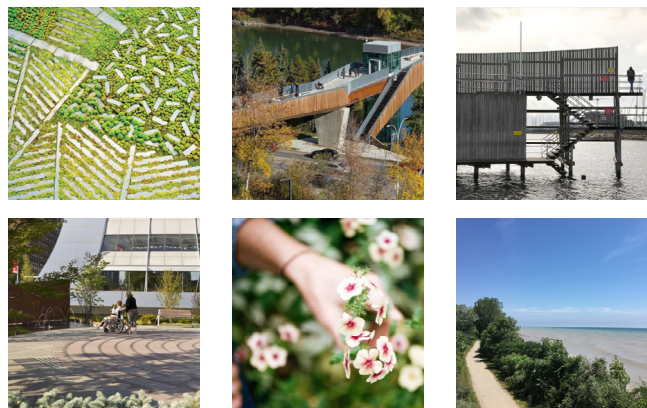
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Respectfully submitted,

Nadja Pausch, OALA, CSLA
Chair, Editorial Board



Editorial Board Members in attendance at the January 18, 2021 virtual meeting. Top Row (left to right): Aina Budrevics, Sarah Manteuffel, Stacy Zonneveld, Tracy Cook. Second Row: Nadja Pausch, Saira Abdulrehman, Helene Iardas, Glyn Bowerman. Third Row: Eric Klaver, Mark Hillmer, Erika Richmond, Dalia Todary-Michael. Bottom Row: Trish Clarke.



Top: OALA Instagram feed (@OALA_ON) featuring images from recent Ground articles. Bottom: OALA Ground Twitter page (@OALA_ON).

The OALA Social Committee meets monthly, with a mandate to create opportunities for the OALA membership to participate in fun and engaging activities, while also promoting networking opportunities. We meet this mandate by hosting a variety of social events, in numerous locations throughout Ontario, to serve the diverse interests of our membership. The committee is always accepting new members, and we openly solicit your event ideas and any feedback on past events.

Well, as we all know, what a wild year 2020 has been! Under normal circumstances, we at the OALA Social Committee would have conducted another year of popular and fun events such as the Blue Jays Night at the Ballpark, the Bowling Night and Curling Bonspiel, to name a few, with the OALA Holiday Parties rounding out the year. However, given the pandemic circumstances, these events could not be held; but that did not stop us at the Social Committee! We continued to work hard to bring alternative and engaging events to our members.

For the first time, we hosted two virtual movie nights, presenting *Five Seasons: The Gardens of Piet Oudolf* (July) and *City Dreamers* (November). These films were extremely popular in attendance and received much praise from the membership. Additionally, we held an excellent virtual speaker event to cap off our year, featuring renowned American landscape architect Gina Ford and Voices from the Coalition (WxLA), with thanks to Jenny Trinh and Ryan James of the Ottawa Chapter for organizing.

Looking to 2021... we will be planning more virtual options, and we're very excited about the programs we are putting together. Please stay tuned!

In closing, we would like to thank our Committee members who continue to volunteer their time and valuable input, month after month: Juleen Anderson (OALA Coordinator), Kevin Bettridge, Sean Mealand, Carleigh Pope, Elizabeth Birks, Jenny Trinh, Fiona Rintoul, Julia Taucer, Nadine Bohner and Jacqueline Viscardi. We would also like to extend a big thank you to Sarah Manteuffel, the past OALA Coordinator, who played a critical role in our Committee. She left the OALA in July to pursue her Masters in City Planning in Manitoba and while Sarah is missed, we wish her all the best with her future endeavours!



Social Committee hosted two virtual movie nights, presenting *Five Seasons: The Gardens of Piet Oudolf* (July) and *City Dreamers* (November).

We look forward to further serving the membership in 2021. We can't wait to see you "virtually" at the next OALA Social Committee event!

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Whalen, OALA, CSLA
Chair, Social Committee

The LAO operates in accordance with OALA guidelines for the structure and operation of chapters, and our activities are aligned with the OALA's strategic priorities. Our chapter comprises approximately 140 members who are a diverse and vibrant group of professionals and community members. The LAO provides a forum for discussion of, and a voice to address, local issues that are relevant to our members. Our annual budget is used to sponsor events and to deliver topical programming and information to our members and the broader community.

Our leadership team is run by volunteers. We convene six yearly business meetings and individual members also attend additional meetings related to specific events and initiatives on an as-required basis. In addition to our local work, we act as a liaison between our members and the OALA.

Ryan James	Chair
Aaron Hirota	Secretary
Greg Velis	Treasurer
Jeff Kaster	Treasurer
Veronica Porter	Continuing Education Committee
Kelly Wojnarski	Continuing Education Committee
Jenny Trinh	Social Committee
Andrea Singh	Social Committee
Diane Matichuk	Advocacy Member
Erin Pietersma	Urban Forum Member
Nelson Edwards	Urban Forum Member
Gerald Lajeunesse	Canadensis Member
Cameron Smith	OALA Councillor
Kyoung Park	Municipal Outreach Committee

2020 Calendar of Events

The LAO was pleased to promote, sponsor, organize, and participate in many events.

February 11-13, 2020

Green Trade Expo and Julie Moir Messervy Workshop

The Green Trade Expo is an annual event where a wide range of people working in the landscape industry gather to learn and network before the start of another growing season. Many of our members attend this event and some even participate in presentations and panel discussions.

The workshop, *Landscapes by Design: Process, Product and Practice*, hosted by Julie Moir Messervy (ASLA) was a full day of lectures, fun activities, and practical exercises to develop design skills. Some of our local members enjoyed this event along with OALA members from other parts of the province.

February 26, 2020

Skating Under the Stars at Rideau Hall

This popular family and friends event, at the beautiful and historic Rideau Hall, was postponed when the NCC closed the venue due to a severe snowstorm. Unfortunately, rescheduling was not possible with the onset of Covid-19 shortly thereafter.

Event planning for all our committees was heavily impacted by the pandemic. Much of the impact was cramping our usual style, but there were some positive outcomes as well. Our Social Committee, for instance, saw more active collaboration with the OALA and the rest of the province as virtual events easily reach over the limits of our broad geography.

July 30, 2020

Summer Social and Cognitive Mind Maps

Another collaboration of our Continuing Education and Social Committees. Within the new context of physical distancing, we proposed an opportunity for each of us to look closer at our own environments that register on our senses and join in a virtual alternative to find social connections. Our membership was invited to pull out pens, pencils, markers, cameras, and other art supplies to create a cognitive mind map of how they have been experiencing their neighborhood or local environment during the early days of the pandemic. Submissions were broadcast through a video session in a Pecha Kucha-style format, which was followed by an informal chat over our observations from a world changed by the pandemic.

December 9, 2020

LAO Holiday Event with Gina Ford and company

Our holiday event this year was held virtually, featuring special guests Gina Ford (ASLA),

Alexandra Mei, Alexandra Via, Linda Chamorro, and Samantha Solano. Given the current situation, we were unable to host our annual in-person event and knew we wanted to bring in speakers to engage the audience. Gina Ford, Principal of Agency Landscape and Planning and Co-Founder of WxLA spoke briefly about her career but focused on the work of WxLA. WxLA is an initiative working towards gender and racial equality and justice within the profession. Alexandra M., Alexandra V., Linda C. and Samantha S. are all women heading organizations that also strive toward this goal. The event was attended by over 60 members of the OALA, warmly receiving the topics and initiatives at hand.

Looking Ahead

The OALA Ottawa Chapter is looking forward to another great year of events in 2021. We sincerely thank the OALA Council and the broader OALA membership for their continued support as we continue to provide a forum for our local members.

Under the circumstances, our Urban Forum has not been active in 2020. The Urban Forum has been, and continues to be, focused on live presentations and public gatherings. The Committee does hope to coordinate some events later in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan James, OALA, CSLA
Chair, OALA Ottawa Chapter (LAO)



Screenshot from December 2020 LAO Holiday event with Gina Ford, discussing work completed with WxLA.

The 2020 OALA Southwest Chapter activity was to have culminated with the 2020 OALA AGM and Conference in London, ON, that chapter members organized with the OALA administrators. No need to restate the reason for the cancellation of the in-person event. We're still living it and will be for some time. Fortunately, our field has remained active, so while many members are or have been working from home, they're practicing still. Good to be a profession focused on landscape. People have been concerned especially with the quality of their private residential landscapes.

As with the last few years, the Chapter and OALA collaborated with Landscape Ontario's (LO) London Chapter in the February presentation of the 2020 *Plant Symposium* in London. Once again, the event sold out bolstered by the attendance of Fanshawe's horticulture and landscape design students. 2020 presenters were: Master Gardener, Sean James; OMAFRA Nursery and Landscape Specialist, Jen Llewellyn; Proven Winners Director of Product Development, John Gaydos; and "Gardening from a Hammock" co-author, Dan Cooper.

Sean James leads a design-build landscape firm with attention paid to 'eco-initiatives' such as rainwater harvesting and biodiversity. His talk was about hardscape material use in landscape creation as an essential complement to the use of plants. Jen Llewellyn and University of Guelph Professor Emeritus, Glen Lumis (known perhaps fondly depending on one's enjoyment and appreciation of his plant ID course in the era of plant cards) have worked with Landscape Ontario to put together an updated list of trees suitable for use in urban environments. John Gaydos spoke of Proven Winners expanding market impact and variety of perennials and grasses they produce with an emphasis on new plants for 2020. Dan Cooper shared his philosophy of low-maintenance gardening from a stage rather than a hammock.

And then the pandemic lock-down and we haven't seen much if anything of each other in-person since. Nevertheless, there has been a good selection of online courses and conferences we can attend to remain engaged in the profession beyond our regular practice.

Respectfully,

Andrew Wilson, OALA, CSLA
Chair, OALA Southwest Chapter



Save the date graphic for the 2020 AGM & Conference originally planned for London, ON before the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year was challenging for our landscape architecture programs, students, staff and faculty, but 2020 also was a year that saw many successes and innovations, and one that will no doubt have an oversized influence on the shape of our future as a school and as a profession.

The University closed for a week in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic in mid-March 2020, and then resumed teaching and some research in an online capacity. The pivot in the spring came with several weeks left in the winter semester, and while it presented innumerable technological, pedagogical and other challenges, and left us feeling many emotions including a sense of anti-climax for our graduating students, classes were completed, studio projects were reviewed and MLA theses were defended.

Our students who were away on exchange semesters faced a range of situations, and many made their way back to Canada in order to shelter in place, and far fewer internship positions were available to our students than normal, owing to the impacts of the pandemic on the economy, and the challenges faced by all organizations in figuring out how to on-board and manage new employees remotely.

In early June, in response to the Black Lives Matter movement, the OALA and CSLA received an open letter, signed by many members, urging our Association and our accredited schools to do more to build a diverse, equitable and inclusive profession.

The events of 2020 have given us all pause, and have inspired many important conversations about who we are as landscape architects and who our work serves, and forced new experiments in the ways that we teach, learn, work, collaborate and build community. There is little doubt that we are living through a pivotal historical moment.

But despite all of the challenges brought on by the several inter-related crises we are facing, the many successes of our students, faculty and staff, and the creativity and innovation we've witnessed during this time of pandemic and societal change deserve extra celebration. The following report highlights some of the notable achievements and activities our community has been up to in the past year, but underscoring all of this, what is perhaps most noteworthy is the readiness, flexibility and

adaptability that our students have shown. Employers and future OALA colleagues should know that our students are ready and able to find new ways of doing things at a moment's notice, and they are widely capable and competent. Perhaps more than any generation in our schools history, our grads from 2021-2023 will be 'tested and true', and this alone deserves celebration and special recognition.

STUDENT AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Here are a few notable award recipients (and future OALA members!) from this past year:

Graduating Awards:

Chanasyk Medal for Professionalism:

Devon Kleinjan, BLA

Sima Kuhail, MLA

The Landscape Architecture Student Award of Merit:

Elizabeth Bray, BLA

Kevin Todd, MLA

Landscape Architecture Foundation – Olmsted Scholar (2020):

Elizabeth Bray, BLA

Kevin Todd, MLA

ASLA (Certificate of Honour)

Elizabeth Bray, BLA

Amirhossein Sadeghiesfahani, MLA

ASLA (Certificate of Merit)

Sienna Turnbull, BLA

El Martinez, BLA

Sita Ganesan, BLA

In-Course Awards:

Ontario Association of Landscape Architects:

Sadie Campbell, BLA

Justin Luth, BLA

Cibele Souza Donato, MLA

Emma Kirk, MLA

Landscape Architecture Alumni Association:

Shelby Brubacher, BLA

Jenna Stusek, MLA

Helen Kippax Memorial Scholarship:

Amanda Passero, BLA

Caitlyn Weir, MLA

Garden Club of Toronto Scholarship:

Shelby Brubacher, BLA

Howard B. Dunnington Grubb Scholarship:

Emily Moffat, BLA

Vera Bezerey Memorial BLA Design Scholarship:

Cara Lozano, BLA

PMG Landscape Architects Scholarship:

Nicole Moore, BLA

OAC "BLA Class of 82" Peer Mentor Scholarship:

Tatijana Vukovic, BLA

Canadian Heritage Garden Foundation Scholarship:

Holly MacAlpine, BLA

Land Art Design Landscape Architecture Inc Scholarship:

Amanda Passero, BLA

Dean's Scholarship:

Emma Cervinka, BLA

Megan Haralovich, BLA

Durante Kreuk Scholarship:

Xuejin Zhuge, MLA

Bell-Sargent Scholarship:

Winona Khuu, MLA

Soden Memorial Scholarship:

Rachel Pigden, MLA

W.E. Coates Memorial Scholarship:

Sara Seyedeh Mokhberi, MLA

Earnest Austin Weir Memorial Scholarship:

James Diemer, MLA

John E. (Jack) Irving Scholarship:

Steven Shuttle, MLA

Thompson Graduate Studies Scholarship:

Jenny Andrews, MLA

Stantec Landscape Architecture Scholarship:

Laphong Tudo, MLA

Master Aboriginal Graduate Student Scholarship (2020/21)

Stuart Cameron, MLA

Ontario Graduate Scholarship: (2020/21):

Matthew Canaran

Dominique Madill

Natassya Lu

Lindsey McCain

Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarships in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST 2020/21):

Caitlyn Weir

University Graduate Scholarships W20/F20:**W20 recipients:**

James Hughes

Emma Fox

Natassya Lu

Sonia Jin

Jenny Andrews

Diana Lawson-Canning

Stuart Cameron

Steven Shuttle

Matthew Canaran

Jenna Stusek

Victoria Coffen-Smout

F20 recipients:

Ethan Aquino-Chien

Rachel Pigden

Susan Garwood

Viane Resh

Abigayle Lalonde

Tiffany Roberston

Jacob Leach

Casey Ross

Allison Neuhauser

External Awards**Cullen Scholarship (Fall 2020):**

Charissa Teal, BLA

2020 LACF University of Guelph Scholarship:

Evan Wrigley, BLA

Emma Kirk, MLA

2020 LACF Alain Lamontagne Scholarship:

James Lamb, BLA

2020 APALA - LACF Peter Klynstra**Memorial Scholarship:**

Caitlyn Weir, MLA

2020 LACF Grant:

Quinn Howard, MLA

International accolades:

Professor Nathan Perkins wins the CELA 2020 Excellence in Teaching Award, Senior Level

COMMITTED FACULTY & STAFF

Our Faculty remains very active in varying professional and scholarly capacities:

Nadia Amoroso received a SSHRC SIG-Explore grant, a SSHRC SIG-Exchange grant and a SSHRC

Connection Grant that will help support digital design and visual communication exploration via creative scholarship projects and targeted guest lectures. She also received a University of Guelph grant called “Creating in a Time of Coronavirus” to create a series of creative maps reflecting various aspects pertaining to COVID-19 on campus. Nadia also published several articles, and continues to sit on the board of directors for the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture.

Steve Clarke, BCSLA, CSLA, serves as SEDRD’s Landscape Architecture Community Outreach Coordinator and advises as a Core Team Member for Globally We Design (GloWD). Through GloWD this past fall, Steven contributed to the development and implementation of a Global Experimental Live-Lab (GEL-Lab). The GEL-Lab provided an opportunity for eight undergraduate students to participate in one of two tracks with students from the California College of the Arts, University of Johannesburg and the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. The experience provided a unique multi-disciplinary, multi-generational, and multi-national opportunity for students to collaboratively and iteratively explore new design frontiers for all aspects of applied design into the future through virtual means and methods. Steven continues his research on Design Leadership and Agricultural Urbanism, actively contributing to a trans-disciplinary proposal for a Canadian Smart & Healthy Cities training platform focused on healthy cities, food resilience, and food security.

Robert Corry served as the interim editor for Landscape Journal (University of Wisconsin Press), the flagship journal of the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA). Simultaneously, Rob led the task force that delivered two RFPs to CELA to re-envision the future of Landscape Journal and served on the permanent editor search committee. He continued to teach and research through the year, co-authoring an article on landscape connectivity in the journal, *Land*.

Larry Harder retired in September after 31 years at Guelph, teaching something like 30 different courses and roundabout 1800 students from the diploma level to PhD examining committees. He capped off his teaching assignments in the winter semester with an undergrad studio co-taught with Martin Holland, using downtown Guelph as a laboratory for

exploring urban design interventions, and a grad seminar, looking at the role of landscape architecture in some of the “big issues” of our times, including climate change, ecological goods and services, First Nations, refugees and global human migration, community engagement, and social empowerment. He finished his graduate student advising role with the successful completion of a number of MLA theses. Rounding out the end of his career at Guelph was remarkable for the beginning of the pandemic, rapid last minute adjustment to studio teaching online, graduate seminars across two continents and seven time zones, and Zoom faculty meetings and thesis defences. His last days on campus in August were spent eerily alone in the LA Building, filling six large moveable bins with recyclables and another with just plain garbage, and leaving behind shelves of books that have found, or hopefully will find, new homes with colleagues and students. What Larry’s future holds in retirement is unsure, but certainly will involve continued engagement in his interests in the role of landscape architecture in global human rights and social justice issues.

Professor **Martin Holland** continues to serve as President of the Alliance for Historic Landscape Preservation (AHLPP), an international association of scholars, practitioners, non-profit agencies and government officials who conserve our cultural and historic landscapes. Dr. Holland has started teaching both the undergraduate and graduate landscape history courses with Professor Larry Harder’s retirement in the spring of 2020. He has secured a publication contract with Professor Nadia Amoroso from Routledge Press and looks forward to the publication early in 2022.

Continuing as Director of the School, **Sean Kelly** remains steeped in activities and operation of many things – with the added layer of COVID-19 protocol. Sean’s efforts on the Landscape Architecture Building improvements came to fruition including the new Digital Media Lab (completed in fall 20), and the renewal of the BLA/MLA studios and the building envelope, both currently under construction, and scheduled for completion by spring 2021. He was critical to the OAC Space Use Master Plan process, completed in fall 2019, addressing 25+ UofG buildings towards supporting priorities of excellence in OAC education and research in food, agriculture, communities, and the environment.

Sean continues with new fundraising efforts and scholarships for SEDRD and landscape architecture students and is delighted to continue with Alumni engagement through Guelph's Landscape Architecture Alumni Association (contact Sean if you wish to be involved!). And as always, Sean remained available to his teaching responsibilities at both the BLA and MLA levels.

The necessary shift to social distancing and on-line learning in 2020 was a challenge for all of us. Nevertheless, **Karen Landman** managed to complete theses with MLA students in their work on inclusivity in the public realm, planting design for bio-retention facilities, community engagement for climate change adaptation, design for small town waterfronts, and urban agriculture.

Studio work in the past year included a native-plants design for a residential garden on the Sunshine Coast, a design for the Cowbell Brewery site in Blyth, ON (good beer was had!), the annual OSSGA design competition, and an interpretive project for the Marcolongo Farm green space in the City of Guelph. Students were able to engage with clients throughout these projects.

Nate Perkins retired in September 2020 after 30 years at the University of Guelph. Given the state of the world, conferences and travel were cancelled in his last semester but these are hardly things to complain about. Nate has now joined the 'ranks' and is happily, and surprisingly, busy following the advice he gave to three decades of students: "Ut novis nota est, et nota novis".

Brendan Stewart taught two community design studios, professional practice and materials and techniques. Despite the challenges of remote teaching, he and his students experimented with new digital tools like Miro which created new and effective ways to collaborate and to present and review design work, and invited numerous guests into the classroom from near and far, taking advantage of the way that Zoom 'collapses' geography. Brendan's research focussed on advancing *plazaPOPS*, and included releasing a video and exit report about their 2019 pilot project. The project was awarded a SSHRC Partnership Engage Grant with the City of Toronto, and Brendan shared the research at the 'Making Do in Urbanism' symposium in November, hosted by the University of Oregon's 'Slow Lab', and wrote

about it in an article for *Ground Magazine*. Brendan continues to serve as Guelph's appointed educator on the OALA Council, and was very involved with the task group established to chart new OALA policies and practices related to diversity, equity and inclusion.

University Professor Emeritus **Robert Brown** continued as Professor at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. He and Dr. Corry published a paper "Evidence-Based Landscape Architecture for Health and Well-Being" in the open-access journal *Sustainability*. He also collaborated with University of Guelph Alumna Dr. Wendy McWilliam, now at Lincoln University in New Zealand, on a paper entitled "Reducing the Incidence of Skin Cancer through Landscape Architecture Design Education". His Microclimatic Design Research Group (MDRG) now has members from all corners of the world and his Microclimatic Design Laboratory added a store-front lab in downtown Bryan, Texas.

Professor Emerita **Cecelia Paine** continued her role as Associated Graduate Faculty, which included peer-review of papers and serving on thesis committees. The NCC renewed her term as a member of the Advisory Committee on Planning, Design and Real Estate, where she has the opportunity to provide advice on emerging projects in the Capital Region and interact with Guelph alumni. Cecelia continues on the Board of the Landscape Architecture Canada Foundation and serves as the Chair of the Scholarship Committee. Four UofG students were among the 15 recipients of LACF regional scholarships awarded in Canada in 2020. Once again, thanks to all OALA members who donate to LACF and help to support these worthy students. As an executive member of the LACF Board, Cecelia also contributed to the development of the CSLA Equity and Diversity policy in response to the Black Lives Matter movement. In 2020 she completed work that documents cultural heritage resources in the Cootes to Escarpment Ecopark System.

Professor Emeritus **Jim Taylor** remains active in the School as a member of the Associate Graduate Faculty at the University of Guelph. He has served on MLA thesis committees, as an advisor to students, a design critic and recently was a reviewer on a major new book on landscape architecture. Professor Taylor is also on the *Landscape Review* (*New Zealand Journal*) Editorial

Board. Jim is a founding member and president of Trees for Guelph, a charitable organization that facilitates the planting of over 5,000 trees each year within the City of Guelph with the assistance of school children and community volunteers.

Dedicated, Involved Professionals

The school was strengthened by numerous practicing professionals (many of whom are OALA members) serving as **Sessional Instructors**, including:

Stasia Stempski	David Duhan
Paul Krahling	Kendall Flower
Mark Zuzinjak	Shirley Hall
Scott Henderson	Shannon Kavanaugh
Karen May	

Also, our students benefitted from the knowledge and feedback of many invited **lecturers and reviewers** in our courses, including:

James Giddings	Howard Tam
Marilyn Baxter	Victoria Taylor
Ben Reid-Howells	Sheila Boudreau
Jane Hutton	Terence Radford
Walter Kehm	Andrea Mantin
Annabel Vaughan	Mali Sedore
Joey Giamo	Cynthia Graham
Jamie Miller	Jeffrey Fitzpatrick
Ute Maya-Giambattista	Marc Garon-Nielson
Raymon Yim	Jenny Trinh
Aisha Hassan	Kate Fox-Whyte
Mike Barker	Bryce Miranda
Dave Duhan	Todd Smith
Kearney Coupland	Keith Nyhof
Morgan Hannah	Caroline Tomlin
Rod MacDonald	Jason Jones
Lisa MacTaggart	Rayna Syed
Stacey Laughlin	Thevishka Kanishkan

Respectfully submitted,

Brendan Stewart, OALA, CSLA, CAHP

Assistant Professor of Landscape
Architecture, University of Guelph

UofG Appointed Educator, OALA Council

The University of Guelph's Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (BLA), and Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA) students have had a year like no other. We started off 2020 excited for all the challenges and opportunities associated with a new year. *None* of us realized how quickly our educational experience, or our day-to-day lives would change. While we saw institutions like ours in other parts of the world closing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were still surprised when we learned that it was our turn.

On Friday the 13th of March, at 3:10 in the afternoon, we learned of our new reality. We received the fateful email from the University's President outlining the cancellation of face-to-face classes. Professors were given a week to prepare their curriculums for online delivery. Students were asked to adapt. Our educational experience was turned upside down in an instant.

In a normal year, we would have gone on field trips to exciting destinations and attended conferences in sunnier climes. We would have hosted dozens of events attracting hundreds of students and professionals from across the industry. This year has certainly been different. Despite all the challenges, the school's faculty, staff, and students have proven resilient. Professors have devised creative solutions for virtual learning and teamwork. Staff have kept us engaged and informed. Students have not only adapted – in many instances – we've even thrived. While this may not have been the year people expected, everybody deserves a big kudos for their efforts. Together, we've not only managed to get through 2020, but we've also made some fantastic memories along the way.

LA Networking Night

In January 2020, the School of Landscape Architecture hosted its third annual Networking Night at the University of Guelph's Arboretum. Twenty-five firms from across Ontario mingled with BLA students, MLA students, and faculty. The 2020 event took on a new format compared to previous years. Every firm had a booth, and students hopped from one booth to another connecting with industry professionals and learning about the exciting work being done in the field. The event was a roaring success! We were lucky to host this



First-year MLA students posing in Microsoft Teams. The new cohort of MLAs and BLAs who began their educational journeys in 2020 deserve special recognition. While this was not the first-year experience they were anticipating, they have been more than just "making do". They've found new ways to build community and to achieve academic excellence.

event before the pandemic, and we look forward to hosting the next event as soon as we are able!

Come Alive Outside Design Challenge

In the fall semester, Guelph assembled a team of MLAs and BLAs to compete in the Come Alive Outside Design Challenge to create a new school yard for St. Michael's Catholic School and Nicholson Catholic College in Belleville, Ontario. This year's competition took place online and included teams from Niagara College and Seneca College. Design teams virtually engaged with students and teachers to design a playful and nature-rich space for the school community. By incorporating learnings from the engagement process, Guelph's team proposed a design that created opportunities for interactive play and carved our space for wildlife. Guelph student's talent and perseverance were on full display, and their hard work paid off! In early February 2021, Guelph's team was announced the winner of the competition. We look forward to seeing how Guelph's designs are applied to enrich and enliven the schoolyard for the whole community.

Clair-Maltby Urban & Community Design Project

Located in the south-end of Guelph, Clair-Maltby is the last unplanned greenfield area in the city. The site has massive potential and is expected to accommodate up to 25,000 new residents in the next 25 years. As a result, Professor Brendan Stewart, and his class of fourth-year BLAs were excited to center their community design studio on the future of this site. The class started with an inventory



Student plans for the Clair-Maltby area featuring extensive skating trails to encourage year-round active living.

and analysis before moving on to developing their visions and designs. Student designs focused on creating livable communities, and proposed concepts including large outdoor skating trails, bicycle routes, rainwater collection mechanism, and even buildings inspired by the site's rich glacial history. Students received praise for their contributions from City of Guelph officials, and the local media too.

Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care Design

As a part of a design studio with Professors Karen Landman and Martin Holland, first-year MLAs proposed designs to animate the public space at Yee Hong Centres for Geriatric Care in Toronto, Ontario. Students were tasked with designing culturally appropriate landscapes and programming for residents facing chronic health conditions. Student designs were centred around keeping residents active, bringing nature to their doorsteps, and designing spaces that multiple generations of a family can enjoy together. While the project was cut short due to the pandemic, this assignment proved to be a useful exercise for students to explore the deep relationship between landscape architecture, aging, and active living.

Vimy Centennial Park Design Competition

In 2019, Professor Martin Holland assembled two teams of BLA and MLA students to participate in a competition to design a water feature adjacent to the Canadian National Vimy Memorial in France. Participating teams were invited to submit 3-D concept illustrations, and a full set of construction details and specifications. The design competition also involved written proposals, budget amendments,

and presentation to a jury. In 2020, we learned that the University of Guelph's submission titled 'Memory's Edge' was selected as a finalist. The process of working on a project of national and international significance proved to be a rewarding and memorable experience for team members.

OSSGA Design Competition

Third year BLA students participated in the OSSGA (Ontario, Stone, Sand, and Gravel Association) Competition. This year's site was the CBM Codrington pit located in Northumberland County, Ontario. Students proposed designs for the rehabilitation of the gravel pit once it reached the end of its life. Students submitted their projects to the OSSGA Competition at the end of December. Guelph students won big for their 2019 submissions, and despite all the challenges faced this year, students repeated their success in 2020! Guelph students garnered the top 3 spots in the competition yet again! The winning entry – titled 'Carbon Sink Conservation' – boldly called for the reversal of Codrington Pit's carbon emissions through the large-scale rehabilitation of tallgrass prairies. Through their calculations, students estimate that their rehabilitation of this extraction pit could lead to the absorption of over 2,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide in 10 years! The three students behind the winning entry were Claire Martin, Holly MacAlpine and Rachael Dickie. We would like to extend a special congratulations to these three BLA students for their success!

Studio V

As the University of Guelph's student journal of landscape architecture, *Studio V* was not going to let the challenges of 2020 stop them from celebrating the creativity and the excellence displayed by MLA & BLA students. The theme of this year's publication was "growth", as growth occurs in all areas of *life* and *landscape architecture*. While the theme was chosen before the pandemic, it became even more relevant, given the changes we all had to make this year. Lastly, the *Studio V* team would like to give a special



thanks to the OALA for their continued support and contributions to the journal. OALA support ensured that Studio V was a success! This year's journal can be accessed through the following link: https://issuu.com/studiovuog/docs/studio_v_2020_for_print

Landscape Architecture Guest Lecture Series

2020 proved to be an incredible year for the School of Landscape Architecture's Guest Lecture Series. Professor Nadia Amoroso invited industry leaders from across the globe to speak at our school. Mitchell Joachim from Terreform One in Brooklyn, NY spoke about designing against extinction. Shannon Nichol of Gustafson Guthrie Nichol called in from Seattle to speak about drawing common ground. M. Elen Deming and Kofi Boone from North Carolina State University conversed with us on the idea of selective memory in public space. Paul Cureton dialed-in from Lancaster University in the UK to share insight with us on the future of visualization and mapping. Colleen Mercer Clarke joined us to talk about resiliency and sustainability in the face of climate change. More speakers from far and wide participated in the lecture series, making it one of the most successful to date! Despite not being able to serve pizza to attendees virtually, the lecture series had a great turnout from both students and the international landscape architecture community.

Closing Remarks

This report was written from a student perspective and should be read in tandem with the University of Guelph Landscape Architecture report provided by Professor Brendan Stewart. Together, these reports provide a more complete view of the University of Guelph's accomplishments, events and awards in 2020. Last year had its challenges, but the resiliency of the University of Guelph's landscape architecture community shone bright. Despite the pandemic and its cancellations, we adapted. We participated in community design efforts, we hosted international events *virtually*, and we shared our talent with the world through design competitions and through our student journal, *Studio V*. We look to 2021 with optimism and acknowledge the role the OALA plays in ensuring Guelph students are equipped to take on the challenges and embrace the opportunities unique to *this* new year.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Canaran

University of Guelph Student
Representative, OALA Council

With contributions from the following University of Guelph students; **Diego Alvarez, Natassya Lu, Manuel Spiller, Tatijana Vukovic, and Caitlyn Weir.**

The Daniels Faculty is grateful for the Ontario Association of Landscape Architect's continued support of the Master of Landscape Architecture Program. In 2019-2020, The Association supported the annual Michael Hough/OALA Visiting Critic, two OALA Scholarships and networking event for students and professionals. Travel funds were not disbursed due to travel restrictions associated with COVID-19.

Michael Hough/OALA Visiting Critic, 2019-2020

The Michael Hough/OALA Visiting Critic was established by the OALA in 2002 to bring a recognized and esteemed landscape critic to the Daniels Faculty to meet with students and faculty over several days; to participate in informal critique of student work; and importantly, to present an OALA-identified public lecture as part of the Daniels Faculty lecture series to the community. The 2019-2020 Michael Hough/Ontario Association of Landscape Architects Visiting Critic was **Teresa Gali-Izard**. Gali-Izard is principal of the firm Arquitectura Agronomia, a landscape architecture firm founded in 2007 and based in Barcelona and a professor of landscape architecture and director of the new Master of Sciences in Landscape Architecture program at ETH Zurich in Switzerland. Her talk titled "LANDSCAPE LANDSCAPE URBANISM: the Garden of the XXI Century" was originally scheduled for March 2020 and canceled due to travel restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Gali-Izard delivered her [public talk](#) virtually in November of 2020. She also met with the MLA students for a more intimate discussion session.

Upcoming Michael Hough/OALA Visiting Critic, 2020-2021

Walter Hood is the 2020-2021 Michael Hough/Ontario Association of Landscape Architects Visiting Critic. His talk is titled "Black Landscapes Matter".

2019-2020 OALA Scholarships

This annual contribution to fund two awards of \$1,500 for students completing their first year of the Daniels MLA program is an important means of recognizing merit, as well as providing financial assistance to the students selected. In 2019-2020, this scholarship was awarded to Madison Appelby and Agata Mrozowski.

2019-2020 Travel Funds

The funding for travel from the OALA makes the opportunity available to students, providing them with travel-related resources associated with participating in an option studio, research travel related to their thesis, etc. Students were advised of the availability of the funds and were encouraged to submit a financial need application with the Registrar and Awards Committee. Travel funds were not disbursed due to travel restrictions associated with COVID-19 and will carry forward.

Students-Professionals Networking Event, 2019-2020

Daniels Faculty in partnership with OALA organized a networking event for MLA students on **January 28, 2020**. Approximately **50 students** and **29 professionals** participated in the event, which provided an opportunity for students to ask questions about the association, as well as to have the chance to network with professionals. The 2020-2021 networking event will be rescheduled for 2021-2022.

Responding to Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action

The MLA Program received a **\$1,000 donation from the OALA** to support Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action. Given the challenges due to the pandemic, programming has been rescheduled to 2021.

2019-2020 Admissions

The Master of Landscape Architecture Program at the University of Toronto continues to receive quality applicants. The class entering the **MLA 3-year program** in the fall of 2020 included **83 applicants**, of which **27 enrolled**. **Advanced Standing** entry into the second year of the MLA Program totaled **20 applicants**, of which **2 students enrolled**. The 2019-2020 academic year had a total enrolment of **80 MLA students across the three years**.

Admissions Scholarships

John and Myrna Daniels Scholars

Luis Felipe Bendezu Carbajal

Samantha Louise Dauphinais

Emiley Switzer-Martell

University of Toronto Fellowship

Afsah Ali	Yi Chen Ma
Hsuan-Fen Hsu	Atousa Blair
Molly Lalonde	Emily McCarthy-Bachetti
Chen-Hui Cheng	Zirong Liu
Kiran Khurana	Chengfan Liang
Chloe Quinn Lauder	Hongyu Wu
Samantha Miotto	

Admissions Scholarships (renewals)

John and Myrna Daniels Scholars

Elif Ozcelik

Patrick J. Bennett, Jr. Admission

Dagmar Ivanenko

Donald Morgan Quinn

In-Course Scholarships

Ontario Graduate Scholarship

Louisa Kennett

Hilary Todhunter

Stefan Herda

LACF University of Toronto Scholarship

Louisa Kennett

OALA Scholarship

Madison Appelby

Agata Mrozowski

Landscape Arch. Endowment Scholarship

Andrew Taylor

Xin Xin (Tina) Cui

Garden Club of Toronto Scholarship

Lauren McLachlan

William Rock, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Xueni Hu

Barry Lorne Ardiel Scholarship

Louisa Kennett

PFS Studio Award of Excellence

Allison Smith

Gal Kaufman

Ecological Design

Lauren McLachlan

Donald Morgan Quinn

Andrew Taylor

Claude Cormier Design Award

Ruiqi Zhao

Irving Award

Hilary DeWildt

Michael Wideman

Graduating Awards, June 2020 Graduation

Academic Honours Certificate

Hilary Jane DeWildt

Michael Allen Wideman

American Society of Landscape Architects

Certificate of Honor

Hilary Jane DeWildt

Alexandra Frances Marie Walker

American Society of Landscape Architects

Certificate of Merit

Alexandre Ribeiro Dos Santos

Francis Edward Marchant

Faculty Design Prize:

Ambika Pharma

Michael Allen Wideman

Maria Paula Cortes Herrera

Heather M. Reisman Gold Medal in Design

Ambika Pharma

Ontario Association of Landscape Architects

Certificate of Merit

Avery Clarke

University of Toronto Student Leadership Award

Emilie Elspeth-Holland

International Student Awards

ASLA

One of our MLA 2020 graduates, **Zixin (Sing) Chen** received **American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) Student Awards**, the most prestigious student award in North America. Only 25 students were awarded this year, out of 560 submissions.

Sing received the **Honor Award** in the **Urban Design Category** for her Thesis titled “Adaptive Traditions of the Eastern Waterfront of Mumbai, India”. A key image from her thesis was used for the cover of the Fall 2020 ASLA Magazine titled [Landscape Architecture Magazine](#); Advisor: Liat Margolis.

World Landscape Architect

Sarvin Khosravi (MLA19) received the **2020 World Landscape Architect (WLA) Merit Award** in the **Design Category** for her 2019 MLA thesis titled “Defiant Gardens”, Advisor: Pete North.

LAF Olmsted Scholar

Maria Cortes Herrera (MLA20) was named as one of the **2020 LAF Olmsted Scholar** in the Landscape Architecture Foundation’s Olmsted Scholars Program.

CELA

Aaron Hernandez (MLA19) has won a **CELA student award** in creative research for a paper based on his MLA thesis. Aaron’s thesis project emerged from a **SSHRC Partnership Development Grant** on which **Jane Wolff** was a co-applicant with **Nina-Marie Lister of Ryerson University**. Aaron worked on the SSHRC research team as Jane Wolff’s research assistant from 2017 to 2019, and the grant supported both the formulation of his research question and the writing up of his endeavour for publication. Aaron’s thesis was also the subject of Timothy Schuler’s article “Drawn Conclusions” in the September 2020 issue of the **ASLA’s Landscape Architecture Magazine**.

Faculty-Wide Changes & Program Curriculum Developments

1. MLA Professor **Rob Wright** assumed the role of **Interim Dean**, July 2020-June 2021.
2. Daniels Faculty increases efforts on EDI and established a new **EDI Officer role** (job search recently concluded).
3. Daniels Faculty established a new role in response to the U of T TRC 34 Calls to Actions, Call #11: **First Peoples Leadership Advisor to the Dean**. Ojibway **Elder Whabagoon** was selected for this role. Whabagoon is co-lead (with Liat Margolis) of a U of T Access (pathways for postsecondary education) program for Indigenous Youth, which responds to Call to Action #26.

4. Fall 2020 marked the inaugural academic year for our new PhD program.
5. MLA Program Director formed an **Advisory Board to MLA Program on Anti-Black Racism and Inclusion** with 3 U of T MLA Alumni: **Kaari Kitawi, Clarence Lacy, Joshua Kirk**.
6. MLA program joins two [Collaborative Specialization](#) (Certificate) at U of T: **Environmental Studies** and **Environment and Health** to allow students to explore a novel interdisciplinary area and to complement their degree studies on issues related to environment, climate change and sustainability.

Faculty Accomplishments, January 2020 – December 2020

Select Faculty Accomplishments

Behnaz Assadi and her partner, Nima Javidi in Ja Architecture Studio were invited by Cooper Union’s Dean Nader Tehrani to create an exhibition at the School of Architecture’s hallway gallery which they titled 1:1, a literal and conceptual reconstruction of their Toronto studio. <http://cooper.edu/architecture/events-and-exhibitions/exhibitions/one-one-11-digital-exhibition>.

Georges Farhat released an edited book, *Landscapes of Preindustrial Urbanism* in the famous series **Dumbarton Oaks Colloquium on the History of Landscape History** (Washington D.C./Cambridge MA: Dumbarton Oaks, Harvard University/Harvard University Press, 2020.). This collection of original essays, authored by archaeologists, anthropologists, historical geographers, and urban landscape preservationists, was initiated at the **2017 symposium he co-organized with the Garden and Landscape Studies program at Dumbarton Oaks**, in Washington D.C. His introductory essay in this book, titled **“Bridging Remote Sensing and Worldviews: Urban Landscapes from a Preindustrial Perspective”** looks at the nexus between technologies and environments that shaped urban landscapes in preindustrial times.

Mark Laird’s co-authored article **“Schoch and ‘Schrubs’: Translations of a German Shrubbery Manual of 1794”** was published in *Garden History* 48:1 (July 2020). Mark’s review essay entitled **“In Memoriam: Douglas Chambers (29 November 1939 – 1 May 2020): His Writing and Gardening Life”**

will be published in *Garden History* 48:2 this fall to commemorate Evelyn400. His “**History and Guide to the Gardens of St. John’s College, Oxford**” is being published within Geoffrey Tyack’s new edition of *St. John’s College, Oxford: Short History and Guide*.

Liat Margolis received a **Community Planting and Stewardship from City of Toronto Urban Forestry** to support the **Nikibii Dawadinna Giigwag – Indigenous Youth Employment, Mentorship and Pathway to Post-Secondary Education**. The 7-week intensive summer program, is co-led by Liat and Ojibway **Elder Whabagoon** in collaboration with **Evergreen**. Liat is also a co-PI on a **NSERC Create Grant titled Design of Living Infrastructure for Ecosystem Services (DLIFES)**. Summer 2020 marked the inaugural year of the training program where over two dozen landscape, engineering, biology and forestry students were trained through mini courses on a range of technical and design issues related to green infrastructure. Courses were delivered in partnership with industry and government partners (TRCA, Gro-Bark, Bioroof).

Fadi Masoud assumed the role of **Director of the Centre for Landscape Research** as of July 2020. He is PI on a **School of Cities Urban Challenge Group** with Dalla Lana School of Public Health, Munk School, Physics / Climate Science / Engineering titled “**Towers in the Park: A Prospective for Equitable Resilience in Toronto - Building and Governing Climate Resilient Cities**”. Fadi co-authored “Zoning Resilience: From End-State Planning to Dynamic Codes” in *Adaptation Blueprints*, edited by Carolyn Kousky, et al. Billy Fleming, and Alan Berger (Island Press, 2020); and “Climate action zones: A clustering methodology for resilient spatial planning in climate uncertainty” in *Enhancing Disaster Preparedness: From Humanitarian Architecture to Community Resilience*, edited by Martins A. N et al. (Elsevier, 2020).

Alissa North’s edited book entitled *Innate Terrain* is in final stage of approval at UTPress. She is a co-applicant on a **SSHRC Connection Grant** titled “**Bridging Scales and Disciplines An Ecological Approach to City Building in Toronto**” with Shelagh McCartney, Sheila Boudreau, Nina-Marie Lister, Brendan Stewart, Jane Hutton, and Sonja Vangjeli. See below for joint work with **Pete North** as part of **North Design Office**.

Pete North received a **2020/2021 MITACS Grant** for

\$30,000 to support his ongoing phytotechnologies research at AyA in Mississauga, ON. With **Alissa North**, as principals of **North Design Office**, they are the lead landscape architect on a number of urban design, housing and institutional projects including **U of T Woodworth College** and the **International Estonian Centre**.

Elise Shelley is Landscape Director with **gh3**. The firm was recently awarded two **Governor General’s Medals in Architecture**: Borden Park Natural Swimming Pool and the Real Time Control Building, both in Edmonton. The firm was also named one of the **world’s most innovative companies of 2020** by Fast Company. She presented with Jane Wolff in two conferences: **International Association of Landscape Ecology**, **IALE North American Annual Meeting** and **The City and Complexity – Life, Design and Commerce in the Built Environment Conference**.

Jane Wolff received the **SHHRC Institutional Grant** to support the convening of a workshop titled “**Mapping Toronto**,” held by the **Mapping Toronto Working Group** (Doug Anderson, Allison Meistrich, Jane Welsh, Jennifer Wemigwans, Jane Weninger and Jane Wolff). Held at OISE, the workshop brought together **Indigenous Elders and experts in environmental history, public art, archival research and digital cartography** to discuss the creation of an interactive GIS database that will make the evolution of Toronto’s Indigenous and settler landscape publicly available through the Internet.

Respectfully submitted,

Liat Margolis, Associate Professor
Director, Master of Landscape Architecture Program
Associate Dean, Research

The year 2020 brought many challenges, but Masters of Landscape Architecture (MLA) students at the John H. Daniels Faculty did not let it slow them down. Not a beat was missed as classes and studios moved online in response to the global pandemic. Students were active throughout the summer demanding social justice in support of the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement. In the fall, new programs initiated by students were created to keep the community connected upon returning to a distanced learning experience. Although we all wish we could return to the studios, students of the John H. Daniels Faculty still found opportunities for improvement in a year of unprecedented change.

01.30.20

Annual MLA Student-Professionals Networking Event

The OALA and the Daniels Faculty co-hosted another successful Student-Professional Networking Event on January 30, 2020. This popular event gives future landscape architects an opportunity to hear from, and ask questions of, seasoned professionals who generously impart their experience, stories, and advice. Jane Welsh OALA, FCSLA and Doris Chee OALA, CSLA attended on behalf of the OALA along with representatives from 19 other firms and public agencies.

03.16.20

Classes Move Online in Response to COVID-19

Following the World Health Organizations determination that COVID-19 had reached the level of a global pandemic, the University of Toronto cancelled in-person classes across all three campuses and moved to complete the academic year by other means. Although this change came suddenly, the Daniels Faculty and students rose to the challenge. Courses and studios quickly moved online, barely skipping a beat.

04.16.20

Daniels' First Remote Thesis Reviews

In a testament to the resilience and dedication of Daniels MLA students, the graduating class of 2020 had to pivot in just one month to deliver their final thesis presentations online. Reworking large-format drawings, cohesive panels, and physical models required a huge effort and a lot of creative

problem solving of behalf of the students.

05.29.20

Daniels Graduates Win World Landscape Architecture Awards

The work of two recent Daniels MLA graduates received recognition for their work at the 2020 World Landscape Architecture (WLA) Awards. Shaine Wong (MLA 2017) received an Award of Excellence for her thesis, titled "The Constructive Deconstruction" and Sarvin Khosravi (MLA 2019) won a Merit Award for her thesis project, "Defiant Gardens."

06.03.20

Black Lives Matter

In solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement, Daniels students mobilized and joined efforts to catalyze positive change in our communities. Authoring and endorsing letters addressed to the Daniels Faculty, the OALA, and related institutions Daniels students made their voices heard and highlighted some of the issues that need to be addressed to fight systemic racism in our society.

08.06.20

Daniels Student Initiates Mentorship program

A new mentorship program, initiated by Shalice Coutu (MArch 2021), pairs incoming students with one in their second or third year. Although building this type of support network was always a good idea, it came at a critical time when students from different years are not able to mingle in the studio.

08.13.20

First-year MLA Students Get Published

Each year, students learn the art of precision mapping, 3D model fabrication, and narrative development in Professor Fadi Masoud's Visual Communication course. For the past few years, he has had students compile the work from the entire class and publish it as books in the series "Forts & Tumuli."

08.31.20

Distanced Field Studies

New students normally get acquainted with each other, the city, and the program during excursions in the first-year Field Studies course. This was not a normal year, however, and some student were

not in the country let alone Toronto. Associate professor Jane Wolff overcame this challenge by asking students to walk their own transects in their hometowns. This solution allowed students to share “their environments, their homes, and the landscapes that have shaped their understanding” in a way the course had not addressed before.

09.10.20

MLA Graduate Wins ASLA Honor Award

2020 Graduate Sing Zixin Chen’s thesis project “Adaptive Traditions” won an Honor Award in the Urban Design category of this year’s American Society of Landscape Architects Student Awards. The project proposes a number of carefully considered, low-tech design interventions for the eastern waterfront of Mumbai, the largest city in India.

09.15.20

Daniels Faculty Fall 2020 Lectures & Talks

There are some advantages to doing things online, such as being able to connect with designers from around the world. The Daniels Faculty hosted more than 50 leading architects, landscape architects, designers, artists, ecologists, and urbanists participate in the 2020 public programming series.

09.15.20

Distanced Studio Takes Students to Switzerland

A third-year Optional Studio taught by Aisling O’Carroll took students (virtually) to the Swiss Alps to explore reconstruction as a critical design practice. Design proposals developed through careful readings of digitised archives and representations were presented to local and international practitioners, including Bianca Elzenbaumer (Brave New Alps), Michael Jakob (HEPIA & HEAD, Geneva), Jonathan Hill (UCL, Bartlett) and Thaisa Way (Dumbarton Oaks, University of Washington).

10.20.20

Students Tackle Climate Justice at Urban Scale

Integrated Urbanism Studio, taught by Professors Fadi Masoud, Mason White and Michael Piper, joined second year MLA, MArch and first year MUD students together to reconsider the role of urban development in our fight for climate resiliency. Student projects were scattered across Toronto,

and addressed urban issues such as food insecurity, increasing density and frequent flooding.

11.02.20

Daniels Radio, a New Student-made Podcast

The first episode of Daniels Radio, a podcast about the student experience at the Faculty, aired in November 2020. The podcast is produced entirely by students with the first episode, titled “Black Lives Matter”, focused on the black student experience. “We’re not speaking for the school, but allowing the school to speak,” says Jay Poole, one of the professors who helped organize the initiative.

11.30.20

The Daniels Faculty’s Fall 2020 Reviews Happen Online, and Everyone’s Invited

The Daniels network reaches far and wide, and often the school brings in renowned designers as critics for final reviews. This is often complicated by the time of year and logistics of travelling for those coming from afar. The same is true for others interested in sitting in on the event. Not this year though. The online format gave students the opportunity to presented to critics and audiences from all over the world.

On behalf of the MLA students at the University of Toronto, I would like to thank the faculty, staff, and members of OALA for their continuous support.

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan Quinn

UofT Student Representative, OALA Council

AALA Alberta Association of Landscape Architects	CLC Canadian Landscape Charter	MCE Mandatory Continuing Education	PLC Practice Legislation Committee
AAPQ Association des architectes paysagistes du Québec	CSLA Canadian Society of Landscape Architecture	MCEC Mandatory Continuing Education Committee	PP&E Professional Practice and Ethics Committee
AGM Annual General Meeting	FCSLA Fellow of the CSLA	MOC Municipal Outreach Committee	SALA Saskatchewan Association of Landscape Architects
AMO Association of Municipalities of Ontario	HAP Committee Honours, Awards & Protocol Committee	MP Member of Parliament	SEDRD School of Environmental Design and Rural Development (at the UofG)
APALA Atlantic Provinces Association of Landscape Architects	IFLA International Federation of Landscape Architects	MPP Member of Provincial Parliament	TCLF The Cultural Landscape Foundation
ARIDO Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario	L.A.R.E. Landscape Architecture Registration Examination	NCC National Capital Commission	TFMC Task Force on Membership Categories
ASLA American Society of Landscape Architects	LACF Landscape Architecture Canada Foundation	NuALA Nunavut Association of Landscape Architects	TRCA Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action
BCSLA British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects	LAO Landscape Architecture Ottawa (OALA Ottawa Chapter)	NWTLA Northwest Territories Association of Landscape Architects	UofG University of Guelph
BILD Building Industry and Land Development Association	LASW Landscape Architecture Southwest (OALA Southwest Chapter)	OAA Ontario Association of Architects	UofT University of Toronto
CDAO Construction and Design Alliance of Ontario	LAW Land, Air, Water Campaign (from the CSLA)	OAC Ontario Arts Council	WLA World Landscape Architecture
CE Continuing Education	LAWB Landscape Architecture Without Borders	OALA Ontario Association of Landscape Architecture	WLAM World Landscape Architecture Month
CEC Continuing Education Committee	LO Landscape Ontario	OPPI Ontario Professional Planners Institute	
CELA Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture	MALA Manitoba Association of Landscape Architects	PDP Professional Development Program	
CLARB Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards	MC Marketing Committee	PEO Professional Engineers of Ontario	

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CSLA College of Fellows in attendance at the Investiture Ceremony during the 2019 CSLA Congress in Vancouver. Photo: J. Landry.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2020

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	2020	2019
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	804,217	665,056
Accounts receivable	11,941	15,058
Prepaid expenses	18,052	10,883
	834,210	690,997
RESERVE FUND INVESTMENT (Note 2)	249,205	258,727
EQUIPMENT (Note 3)	12,840	12,222
	1,096,255	961,946

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL:

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	2020	2019
	\$	\$
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	82,529	68,068
Government remittances payable (Note 4)	48,584	49,857
Deferred revenue (Note 5)	435,566	472,405
	566,679	590,330
LONG TERM DEBT		
Canadian Emergency Business Account (CEBA) (Note 6)	30,000	-
	596,679	590,330
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted net assets	250,371	137,889
Reserve fund (Note 2)	249,205	233,727
	499,576	371,616
	1,096,255	961,946

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
 AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2020

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	Unrestricted Net Assets \$	Reserve Fund \$	Total 2020 \$	Total 2019 \$
Balance, beginning of year	137,889	233,727	371,616	298,252
Excess of revenues over expenses for the year	112,482	15,478	127,960	73,364
Balance, end of year	250,371	249,205	499,576	371,616

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
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	2020 <u>Operations</u> \$	2020 <u>Reserve Fund</u> \$	2020 <u>Budget</u> \$ (Note 9)	2019 <u>Actual</u> \$
REVENUES				
Full members dues	542,659	-	516,400	488,390
CSLA dues collected	184,892	-	195,385	161,569
Advertising	93,686	-	86,650	98,045
Associate dues	82,076	-	80,098	75,208
Events/sponsors and other	55,425	-	58,750	203,529
Examination & application fees	23,714	-	16,125	23,947
Affiliate and leave of absence dues	17,247	-	15,370	15,420
Government assistance (Note 7)	14,036	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	1,280
Retired dues	3,592	-	-	-
Interest	1,745	3,975	2,500	8,145
Social committee	1,500	-	12,500	14,501
Digital Red Seal royalty	268	-	-	-
Investments unrealized gain	-	10,396	-	12,663
Investment realized gain	-	1,107	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	1,020,840	15,478	983,778	1,102,697
EXPENSES				
Administrative support, schedule I	424,913	-	460,186	393,822
Affirming membership value (engage membership), schedule II	142,145	-	191,200	283,687
CSLA dues paid	184,891	-	191,550	161,566
Governance, schedule III	73,593	-	126,700	106,745
Build awareness, schedule IV	36,941	-	48,425	45,018
Advocating LA education, schedule V	36,000	-	23,000	23,002
Engage members (being more inclusive), schedule VI	9,875	-	16,100	15,493
TOTAL EXPENSES	908,358	-	1,057,161	1,029,333
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	112,482	15,478	(73,383)	73,364

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ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
SCHEDULES TO STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
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	2020 <u>Actual</u> \$	2020 <u>Budget</u> \$ (Note 9)	2019 <u>Actual</u> \$
SCHEDULE I - ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT			
Staff salary and expenses	320,042	320,583	283,276
Office occupancy	49,412	52,203	47,800
Communications	12,283	26,000	7,554
Credit card charges	12,224	17,000	20,864
Supplies, furnishings and equipment	11,250	25,000	13,817
Insurance and bank charges	7,189	7,300	7,249
Equipment leasing and servicing	6,243	9,100	6,168
Amortization	3,593	3,000	1,688
Uncollected dues	2,677	-	5,406
	424,913	460,186	393,822

SCHEDULE II - AFFIRMING MEMBERSHIP VALUE (ENGAGE MEMBERSHIP)

Ground Landscape Architect Quarterly	71,051	75,000	63,739
Program and committee	29,180	42,200	72,779
Ground editor	24,000	24,000	24,000
Annual general meeting	11,569	16,300	106,447
Special projects (Council)	2,991	6,500	4,584
Landscapes/paysages	2,288	2,000	2,368
Honours and awards	886	2,000	1,105
Continuing education	175	12,500	6,031
Mandatory continuing education	5	200	127
CSLA Board delegate	-	500	2,507
Contingency COVID-19	-	10,000	-
	142,145	191,200	283,687

SCHEDULE III - GOVERNANCE

Practice act	46,931	52,000	48,594
Legal and audit	23,202	60,200	38,143
Council and insurance	3,460	13,500	20,008
Strategic planning	-	1,000	-
	73,593	126,700	106,745

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ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
SCHEDULES TO STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

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	2020 <u>Actual</u> \$	2020 <u>Budget</u> \$ (Note 9)	2019 <u>Actual</u> \$
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SCHEDULE IV - BUILD AWARENESS

Media relations & advertising	30,936	38,980	36,356
Issues and policies	2,970	2,945	4,058
Promotion	2,442	3,000	2,918
Municipal outreach	404	2,500	-
Officers' expenses	189	1,000	1,686
	36,941	48,425	45,018

SCHEDULE V - ADVOCATING LA EDUCATION

Endowment gifts	15,000	-	-
Student scholarships	9,000	9,000	9,000
University special projects	6,000	6,000	6,000
Lecture sponsorship	6,000	6,000	6,000
Student outreach	-	2,000	2,002
	36,000	23,000	23,002

SCHEDULE VI - ENGAGE MEMBERS (BEING MORE INCLUSIVE)

Examining Board/CLARB	7,445	12,100	13,293
Library and new member documentation	2,430	3,000	2,200
Associates and students	-	1,000	-
	9,875	16,100	15,493

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ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

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	2020 \$	2019 \$
CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash receipts from membership dues	610,125	664,959
Cash receipts from events & sponsors and other	58,542	256,116
Cash receipts from CSLA dues	183,502	187,539
Cash receipt from advertising	93,686	98,045
Cash receipts from examination and application fees	23,714	23,947
Interest income	1,745	2,927
Other cash receipts	1,768	15,781
Cash receipts from government assistance	14,036	-
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(898,747)	(1,022,906)
	88,371	226,408
CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Sale of investments	25,000	-
Purchase of equipment	(4,210)	(7,100)
	20,790	(7,100)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
CEBA loan advances	30,000	-
Change in cash	139,161	219,308
Cash, beginning of year	665,056	445,748
Cash, end of year	804,217	665,056

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PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Association is a not for profit organization founded in 1968 to provide certification to Landscape Architects practicing in Ontario. It was incorporated under The Ontario Association of Landscape Architects Act, 1984. The affairs of the Organization are managed by the Elected Council.

The Association is a not for profit Association under section 149(1)(l) of the Income Tax Act (Canada) and, as such, is exempt from income taxes.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations in Part III of the CPA Handbook and include the following significant accounting policies:

Financial Instruments

The Association initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value. The Association subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost. Changes in fair value are recognized in the statement of operations. Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash and accounts receivable. Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the reporting date and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses for the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates. Significant financial statement items that require the use of estimates are allowance for doubtful accounts and accrued liabilities. These estimates are reviewed periodically and adjustments are made, as appropriate, in the statement of operations in the year they become known.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand and fixed income investments with maturities of less than 90 days.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Prepaid Expenses

Prepaid expenses are recorded for goods and services to be received in the next fiscal, which were paid for in the current year.

Equipment and Amortization

Equipment is stated at acquisition cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization is provided on the following basis at the following annual rates:

Furniture, fixtures and library	20% diminishing balance
Computer equipment	30% diminishing balance

Where equipment no longer has any long-term service potential to the Association, the excess of their net carrying amount over any residual value is recognized as an expense in the statement of operations.

Revenue Recognition

The Association follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable, if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Membership Fees, Events and Examination & Application Fee

Annual membership fees, events, examination & application fees are recognized as revenue when invoiced except for membership fees received in advance of the year of membership and fees received in advance of the service being provided. These are deferred to the following year.

Advertising and Other Income

Advertising revenue and other income are recognized as revenue when invoiced.

Investment Income

The unrealized gain or loss on investments, being the difference between book value and fair value, is included in the statement of operations. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred. Unrestricted investment income and realized capital gains are recognized as revenue when earned.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Government Assistance

Government assistance is a restricted contribution and is accounted for using the deferral method based on the assistance provided:

Wage Subsidies

Wage subsidies are recognized as revenue in the year the related wages are incurred.

Forgivable Loans

Forgivable loans are accounted for based on how the proceeds are utilized. If used for current operations, the amounts are recorded as revenue in the corresponding period. If used for operations in later periods, the amount is deferred until those periods. If used for the acquisition of an asset, the amount is deferred and is recognized as revenue on the same basis as the amortization expense related to the acquired capital asset.

Donated Property and Services

During the year, voluntary services were provided. Because of these services are not normally purchased by the Association, and because of the difficulty of determining their fair value, donated services are not recognized in these statements.

2. RESERVE FUND

The Reserve Fund was established to fund future special projects in accordance with the guidelines established on July 23, 1991 and on January 10, 2011. During the 2009 fiscal year special assessment fees, as approved by Council, were allocated to the Reserve Fund.

The Reserve Fund is defined as any funds held by the Association that Council determines, on the date of approval of any OALA annual budget, will not be required to fund such annual budget and any investment income earned on the funds.

In fiscal year 2019, members approved a withdrawal from reserve fund of \$25,000 to support the expansion of services to members under 2018 - 2020 Strategic Plan, including the support of the Practice Legislation Committee activities. The \$25,000 was withdrawn from the investment account in fiscal year 2020.

2. RESERVE FUND (continued)

The Reserve Fund investment policy is:

Reserve Fund investments will be diversified to the extent prudent in light of general economic and investment conditions.

An amount of Reserve Funds equal to approximately three months of operating expenses of OALA will be maintained in investments that may be converted to cash without penalty or loss of capital.

The target rate of return is a return that exceeds inflation by a nominal amount that, in the opinion of the Council, has the potential to grow the Reserve Fund without subjecting it to undue risk of capital loss.

The Reserve Fund may be used to fund:

Special projects that may be proposed from time to time by OALA members and that are determined by Council to be consistent with the objects of OALA.

For any other purpose approved by a vote of OALA members at an annual general meeting or special general meeting held in accordance with the general by-law.

The Reserve Fund assets are invested in a Manulife Strategic Income Fund. Transactions in the year were as follows:

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Balance beginning of year	258,727	240,846
Interest earned in the year	3,975	5,218
Unrealized gain	10,396	12,663
Realized gain on redemption	1,107	-
Transfer to operations	(25,000)	-
	249,205	258,727

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3. EQUIPMENT

	2020		2019	
	Cost \$	Accumulated amortization \$	Cost \$	Accumulated amortization \$
Furniture, fixtures and library	29,862	(27,588)	29,862	(27,020)
Computer equipment	24,637	(14,071)	20,427	(11,047)
Less accumulated amortization	41,659		38,067	
Net book value	12,840		12,222	

4. GOVERNMENT REMITTANCE PAYABLE

The Government remittances payable is the harmonized sales tax owed by the Association to Canada Revenue Agency.

5. DEFERRED INCOME

Deferred revenue represents membership fees received in advance of the year of membership.

6. CANADA EMERGENCY BUSINESS ACCOUNT (CEBA) LOAN

In fiscal year 2020, the Association received \$40,000 in Government assistance from the Canada Emergency Business Account. The CEBA loan is interest free with 25% forgivable if repaid by December 31, 2022. Any balance owing after December 31, 2022 will be converted to a three-year term loan with a fixed interest rate of 5% per annum. The full balance must be repaid by no later than December 31, 2025.

Management concluded that the loan will be repaid by December 31, 2022 and therefore the forgivable portion of \$10,000 (25%) has been recognized as government assistance revenue in the fiscal year. The remaining amount of \$30,000 (75%) remains payable.

7. GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

During the fiscal year, the Association received Government assistance as follows:

	\$
Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) loan forgiveness	10,000
Temporary Wage Subsidy for Employers (TWS)	4,036
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Total Government assistance	14,036
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Refer to Note 6 for details on the CEBA loan.

The TWS serves as reduction in the amount of payroll deductions required to be remitted to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). The assistance received is not repayable albeit is subject to audit by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). The TWS was temporary and was available from March 18, 2020 to June 19, 2020.

8. COMMITMENTS

Office lease

On January 8, 2020, The Association entered into an agreement to extend the long term lease for its premises for the period May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2025. The annual base rental payments remaining from this agreement are as follows:

2021	31,763
2022	33,495
2023	33,495
2024	35,805
2025	12,898
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	147,456

In addition to the above base payments, the Association is required to pay its share of operating costs.

Equipment leases

The Association has entered into various equipment leases and has accounted for the leases as operating leases. Minimum rental commitments remaining under these leases approximate \$19,000, of which \$6,000 is due annually from 2019 to 2023.

Endowment fund

The Association pledged to contribute to an existing endowment fund of the University of Toronto's John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design for 10 years at \$5,000 each per year, for a total of \$50,000, starting from the 2020 fiscal year. As at December 31, 2020 the Association is in the 1st year of the 10 year of pledge.

The Association pledged to contribute to an existing endowment fund of the University of Guelph - Landscape Architecture program of the Ontario Agricultural College for 10 years at \$10,000 each per year, for the total of \$100,000, starting from the 2020 fiscal year. As at December 31, 2020 the Association is in the 1st year of the 10 year of pledge.

9. BUDGET

The budget figures as presented for comparison purposes are unaudited and approved by the Council.

10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Association is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following presents the Association's risk exposure and concentration at December 31, 2020.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. The Association credit risk would occur with their accounts receivable. Actual exposure to credit losses has been minimal in prior years. The allowance for doubtful accounts is \$0 (2019: \$0).

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk the Association will encounter difficulties in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Association expects to meet these obligations as they come due by generating sufficient cash flow from operations, and from unrestricted net assets. There has been no change in the risk assessment from the prior period.

Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risks: currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

Currency Risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The Association is not exposed to foreign currency risk.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Association has a low interest rate risk.

10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Other Price Risk

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market. The Association is exposed to price risk through its investments in mutual funds. The exposure to this risk fluctuates as the Association's investment market values change from year to year. The risk exposure has increased from previous years due to the instability of the investment market as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

11. IMPACT OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic due to the outbreak of the novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19"). The situation is continuously developing and the economic impact has been substantial to both Canada and around the globe.

As at March 10, 2021, the Association is aware of the changes in operations as a result of the pandemic, including staff primarily working remotely and the inability to hold in-person events. As a result, all in-person events were cancelled and all charges were reversed. As a replacement, the Association hosted a virtual event/webinar during the fiscal year.

The Association is not able to fully estimate the impact of COVID-19 on operations at this time given the continuous evolution of the pandemic and the global responses thereon to mitigate the spread. Management is closely monitoring the situation, and as at March 10, 2021, estimates the financial impact on future operations to be minimal given the current financial position. The financial impact will be accounted for when it is known and able to be assessed.



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