

## A. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

My term as MALA President is coming to a close and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of Council for their support and hard work during the last two years. In particular, I would like to recognize those who will be leaving Council after many years of dedicated service. **Don Hester** has served continuously as a Director since 2000, and his considerable experience and expertise will be greatly missed. Since 2002, **Tom Fred** has ably served as Treasurer, but with his retirement this year he has decided not to stand for re-election. Finally, after six years of service, **Eduardo Villafranca** will conclude the final leg of his term and I look forward to presenting him with the Past President's Award. In various ways, these members have made a tremendous contribution to our Association and the profession it serves.

I will endeavour to provide a brief overview of Council's activities over the past year, but please refer to sections of this Annual Report for in-depth coverage of various initiatives.

As instructed at the 2007 AGM, Council has been busy fine-tuning a revised Experience Record Book (ERB) for approval by the membership. Building on the format developed by the Membership Qualifications Committee, and inviting a small but representative group of Associates to review and comment on proposed revisions, Council has sought to produce a workable ERB. While it has not been possible to accommodate the unique situation of every Associate, Council has attempted to simplify the process of documenting work experience for the vast majority as they strive to qualify for full membership, while still building enough

flexibility to document work that departs from the norm.

Name Act legislation continues to elude MALA, despite our best efforts to overcome a lack of "political will" to proceed. The Name Act Taskforce has recently regrouped with **Eduardo Villafranca** as Chair; **Bob Somers** has agreed to join existing members **Derek Murray** and **Susan Russell** in an attempt to breathe new life into this initiative. Please feel free to make our case when you come into contact with legislators.

The Communications/Website Committee has made great progress in establishing the new MALA website, and the volunteer work of webmaster **Raj Singh** is acknowledged with gratitude. As recently announced, MALA has instituted a fee for non-members to advertise employment opportunities on the MALA website. Firms and organizations that do not employ MALA members will be charged \$75.00 to post their advertisements for a three-month period. It is anticipated that this will generate potential revenues for the Association. If you have not already done so, be sure to visit [www.mala.net](http://www.mala.net) and browse around. It's a great way to stay connected with MALA.

Another initiative spearheaded by the Communications/Website Committee was the development of a new MALA Firm Roster. **Raj Singh** did a great job in designing a new and improved colour format with graphics. Well done!

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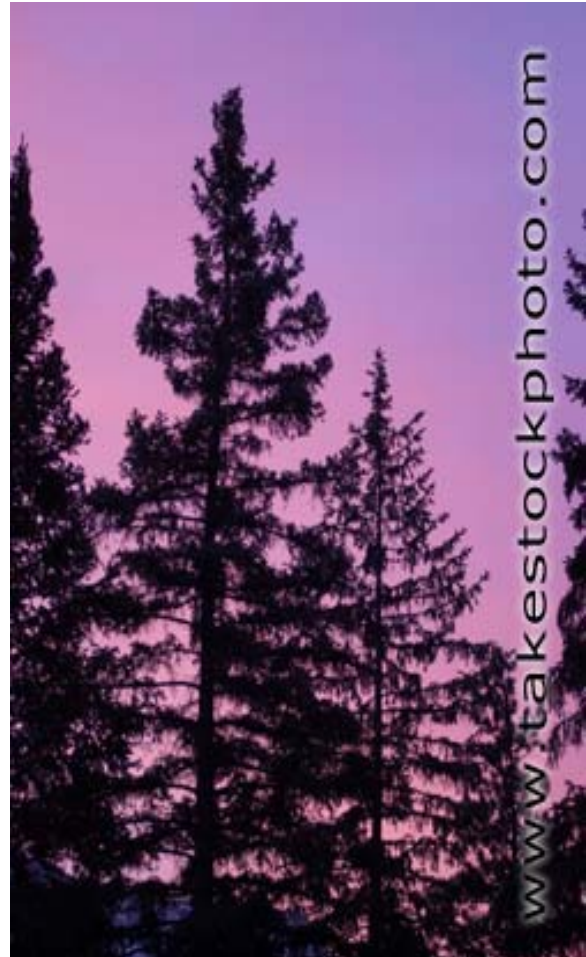
### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT (continued)**

MALA was pleased to report in September that the *MALA Fellowship in Landscape Architecture* at the University of Manitoba received matching funds from the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursaries Initiative (bringing the total scholarship to \$51,000). Annual proceeds from the MPPI/MALA *Making the Links Golf Tournament* are donated each year (MALA only recently received the 2007 proceeds in the amount of \$1,725.44). The U of M will once again apply to the province to match this donation to the *MALA Fellowship*. In the meantime, sincere thanks to our membership for volunteering and participating in this important event!

With regard to MALA membership, full Members increased from 60 to 63 by the end of 2007, and Associates increased from 26 to 27. However, two Inactive members resigned and there was an overall reduction in Student Affiliates, so the combined membership statistics dropped from 129 to 125 in 2007. Membership growth remains both a focus and a concern.

In 2007, several Associates wrote and passed Section A of the LARE and we congratulate these individuals for their efforts to qualify for full membership. It would be remiss not to acknowledge the Professional Advisors who work diligently to mentor Associates during their internships. Finally, the volunteer hours performed by the Examining Board in assessing applications is integral to the growth of the profession in Manitoba. Your individual contributions mean so much to MALA – thank you!

**Dean J. Spearman, CSLA**  
**President**



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### PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Past President represents MALA at the CSLA Board of Directors.

The CSLA Board of Directors met during Congress 2007 in Cuba, in May in Ottawa and in Saskatoon during November. During these meetings the CSLA Strategic Plan was updated, with five key pillars that provide direction and establish priorities for initiatives to be undertaken by the CSLA.

These five pillars are:

- Governance and Administration
- Communications
- Growing the Profession
- Programmes & Activities;  
Professional Development
- Advocacy

#### **Governance and Administration**

The CSLA Bylaw, which has been in force for two years, has proven to be an effective instrument to govern the functioning of CSLA. It has allowed the organization to comply with government requirements and enhance the CSLA's governing capacity.

A review of the CSLA Policy Manual was completed. It includes updated information on the CSLA board structure, roles and responsibilities of board members, and the CSLA's Governance approach.

Guidelines and criteria for the Affiliate category of membership are under development.

Initiatives such as Revenue Generation and a review of Accreditation are ongoing.

#### **Communications**

The recommendations of the "Landscape Architecture 2005: A Strategic and Operational Communications Plan",

completed by Alpha Communications, to "provide overall direction for CSLA's planning and execution of its communications programs and activities" continued to be implemented in 2007.

Communications plans and priorities and recommendations for implementation are currently being reviewed by the Board.

Changes to the CSLA website are ongoing.

Increased promotion of the CSLA Awards of Excellence, renewed interest by all members of the Society, and changes to the submission requirements have contributed to raising the profile of the work of landscape architects nationally and internationally.

"*Landscapes/Paysages*" is being published four times a year. The Society continues its efforts to widen distribution and reach a wider target audience. It has recently undergone a number of format changes.

#### **Growing the Profession**

The "*Canadian Society of Landscape Architects: Strategies for Growth*" report, by Alpha Communications, which presents an outline of the current state of the CSLA and provides strategies for the future of the profession in Canada, is being utilized to identify new, and complement existing, priority initiatives of the Society. The Board of Directors continues to develop strategies and identify task forces to deal with the recommendations and prepare implementation approaches within the framework of the Strategic Plan

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### **PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT (continued)**

CSLA continues to strengthen ties with educational institutions. Discussions are ongoing with Dalhousie University for the creation of a landscape architectural program in Halifax.

A program for Youth (Educational Ambassadors) is being defined with the aim to promote the interest in the profession at the middle and high school levels.

Reciprocity (Mutual recognition) efforts continued in 2007. All components agreed in principle with the invitation from CSLA to pursue this initiative. E. Villafranca led the task force until his term as BoD member expired. A new Board member has been appointed to continue leading this initiative. Look forward to further developments.

#### **Program and Activities, Professional Development**

CSLA Congress 2007 in La Habana, Cuba, brought together landscape architects, engineers and architects from Canada, Cuba, Colombia, Costa Rica and other countries in the Caribbean who shared their knowledge and expertise in conservation, sustainable development, tourism, environmental education, etc. The Congress culminated with the signing of a memorandum of cooperation between CSLA and the Union of Architects and Engineers for the Construction of Cuba (UNAICC).

CSLA is encouraging the “maintenance and enhancement of the state of art” knowledge of its members and the component associations through continuing education (credits). Further details will follow.

#### **Advocacy**

CSLA continues its outreach program to further the recognition and value of the profession to society. CSLA is a corporate member of the *Federation of Canadian Municipalities* and a supporter of *Communities in Bloom* and is currently exploring the benefits of becoming a member and/or supporter of other organizations.

*For further information on the strategic initiatives of the CSLA, please visit the CSLA website ([www.csla.ca](http://www.csla.ca)).*

#### **Eduardo Villafranca, CSLA**

MALA Past President

Member of the CSLA Board of Directors  
(to September 2007)

#### **Dean Spearman, CSLA**

Member of the CSLA Board of Directors  
(from September 2007)

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### TREASURER'S REPORT

The Manitoba Association of Landscape Architects' finances in 2007 were divided within two (2) portfolios. These were:

#### **Royal Bank of Canada Operating Account Portfolio**

The Executive Director is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Association's activities. This includes the financial management of the Association's annual operating budget and account.

The Association does not have a legal requirement to conduct a formal audit of the financial books. Consequently, for cost saving reasons, an audit has not been conducted in the past nine (9) years. Therefore, to ensure the accuracy of the Executive Director's annual financial statement and ledger, I have performed an (unofficial) audit of all financial documents dated from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

In completing this audit, I have concluded that the annual financial report as submitted by the Executive Director is accurate and there are no errors.

#### **BMO Nesbitt Burns Primary Account Portfolio**

	Dec 31/06	Dec 31/07
Cash from interest	\$ 9.93	\$ 22.93
SEI Income 100 Bond Fund	<u>\$ 44,963.22</u>	<u>\$ 45,281.00</u>
Total Value at Year End	<u>\$ 44,973.15</u>	<u>\$ 45,303.93</u>
Net Change in Value from 31/12/06 to 31/12/07	+ .68%	\$ 330.78

**Tom Fred, CSLA**  
**Treasurer**

## B. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

### **ASSOCIATES REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

I have now taken on the full responsibility of being the Associates Representative and it has been fun and informative. If any Associates have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am currently looking for another Associate to sit on Council as the non-voting member to replace Kurtis Kowalke. If you are interested in participating or would like to know more, please contact me: [rajindersinghca@yahoo.ca](mailto:rajindersinghca@yahoo.ca).

The ERB has been revised by Council and is almost ready to be implemented. The intent of the revised ERB is to be a lot simpler and more inclusive of future members in all fields of work that the profession practices in. Once the revised ERB is approved by the membership, it will be uploaded to the MALA website for Associates to download and complete as a qualification requirement in becoming registered Members of MALA.

I look forward to continuing to represent the MALA Associates. Please contact me if I can be of assistance.

**Rajinder Singh**  
**Associates Representative**

### **STUDENT AFFILIATES REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

The 2008 school year has been one of transition for the Landscape Architecture Student's Association (LASA), with a completely new executive attempting to fill the shoes of the excellent leadership of years previous. LASA continues to actively represent all levels of Landscape Architecture Students from third year Environmental Design to Graduate Studies. 2008 has been an eventful year with continued traditions, new exhibition opportunities and our student involvement with MALA increasing to 37 student affiliate members.

The LASA leadership of the past year was celebrated at the Faculty of Architecture's awards ceremony in November. In recognition for her work as 2006-2007 LASA President, Shannon Baxter was awarded the LASA scholarship, made possible by the funds from last year's initiatives and financial support from MALA. Marilyn Gould was awarded a LASA certificate in honour of her industrious leadership in organizing our first plant sale fundraiser. This year, the tradition of fundraising continued with a successful Ditchball BBQ, held on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to the tireless dedication of Amanda Yakiwchuk, the 14<sup>th</sup> issue of *Berm and Swale* was released in November 2007. *Berm and Swale* is a student run publication developed to promote awareness of the innovative work and concepts explored by individual students of Landscape Architecture at the University of Manitoba. This year's publication is an exciting collection of student work conducted over the summer months.

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### **STUDENT AFFILIATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT (continued)**

The most recent issue is available for viewing at <http://web.mac.com/berm.swale>. The issue date of the next publication is yet to be announced, but will be edited by Marla Clarke.

The showcasing of student work is taking a primary role in student activity this year. Our annual gallery exhibition through which student, professional and academic landscape architectural work is exhibited was held March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at the Ace Art Gallery. A wine and cheese opening was held on the Friday evening at 7:00 pm, with the gallery open on Saturday from noon until 5:00 pm. This year's theme for the photography competition was "Reveal", with the winners yet to be named. We would like to thank the MALA for its involvement and support in this night.

In addition to this traditional annual event, the student body is looking forward to two new events that will showcase student work to those outside the profession. Thanks to the organization of Suzy Melo, student work in landscape architecture will be exhibited for the first time in University Center's Gallery of Student Art. The exhibit will run from March 24<sup>th</sup> until April 4<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, student work from the 2007/2008 school year will be on display in the J. A. Russell Building during an open house held in conjunction with the department of Architecture. The open house will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00 pm. Feel free to stop by and see student work in the studio atmosphere.

On behalf of the 2007/2008 Landscape Architecture Student's Association, I would like to thank you for your support.

Our on-going relationship with MALA and its members is greatly appreciated.

**Erin Sawatzky**  
**Student Affiliates Representative**



## B. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

### **REPORT OF THE EXAMINING BOARD**

The Examining Board members for the year 2007 were Stephen Miville, Emeka Nnadi, and Rick Hurst, Chair.

Overall membership decreased from 129 to 125 members, which can be attributed to the resignation of two Inactive Members and a net decrease in Student Affiliates.

During 2007, the Examining Board recommended three membership applicants and four associate applicants to Council:

#### **Full Members:**

Carolle Koziak Roberts  
Aaron Hirota  
Ryan Wakshinski

#### **Associates:**

Windy Fok  
Jocelyn Chorney  
Darcy Fisher  
Shauna Prociuk

#### **Student Affiliates:**

The Examining Board does not convene because student membership is automatic if the student is also a member of LASA. New Student Affiliates admitted to MALA in 2007 included:

Kim Bamburak  
Cameron Bradshaw  
Erin Ediger  
Priscilla Fulmes  
Alisha Gunderson  
Hope Gunn  
Darryl Hardman  
Aileen Zubriski  
Allan Rosnes

Rick Hurst will continue as Examining Board Chair until 2009; Stephen Miville and Emeka Nnadi will continue as Board Members until 2010.

**Richard D. Hurst, MALA  
Examining Board Chair**



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### **REPORT OF THE WEBSITE / COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Well, it's been almost one year since the official launch of the new MALA website. The new site has allowed visitors to easily navigate the website with coloured tabs at the top. The key features are:

- A new homepage that shows upcoming events and links to the most frequently accessed sections;
- A calendar that lists current and upcoming events;
- A frequently asked questions page;
- A members page where you can create a profile to access information for registered members only;
- A bulletin board system that allows for discussions for registered members of the website;
- A downloads page where frequently required information is available, such as newsletters and ERB worksheets.

If you haven't done so already, please take some time to review the new website and provide any comments to me (the webmaster) by email at:

[rajindersinghca@yahoo.ca](mailto:rajindersinghca@yahoo.ca).

When you get a chance, please create a member profile in the members section so that you can have access to private downloads for members only and access to the bulletin board system for online discussions.

In addition to getting access to specific information for registered members, we also want to begin to use the website as a tool to email the membership of upcoming events and updated information. Eventually the MALA office will stop issuing emails to the membership and let the website issue them automatically.

Once everyone has registered on the website, the membership will have to check the MALA website on a regular basis to see what events are coming up and what information has been posted that will be available for downloading. We will begin to run some testing of the emailing option from within the website soon. Please keep a lookout in your email inbox.

I would again like to thank Tom Fred for his participation on this Committee and in development of the new website, Council's support, and Derek Murray's assistance. I hope that all the members of MALA enjoy, explore and register with the website. Thank you for the opportunity.

**Rajinder Singh**  
**Website / Communications Committee**  
**Chair**

### **REPORT OF THE ETHICS COMMITTEE**

The Ethics Committee did not receive any complaints concerning infringement of MALA's Code of Conduct during the last 12 months.

Since the CSLA is currently in the process of revising its Code of Conduct, MALA may subsequently decide to revisit its document in due course.

**Alan Tate, PPLI, CSLA**  
**Ethics Committee Chair**

## C. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

### REPORT FROM THE U of M ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

The Endowment Fund (established 1981) is the result of generous contributions by staff, students, alumni, and friends. It is administered by a committee of students, professionals, and academics and is chaired by Dean Emeritus Michael Cox, Faculty of Architecture. The primary role of the Committee is to review grant applications and allocate approximately 70% of the interest revenue. The remainder is recapitalized to keep the fund healthy enough to support proposals which will provide enrichment for students and faculty.

#### 2007 Allocations

On March 21, 2007, the Committee met to review twenty proposals and to allocate the available interest revenue of \$38,000.00. Submissions were assessed based on the selection criteria outlined in the Endowment Fund Terms of Reference. While all proposals met one or more criteria, the committee selected those that exhibited the highest degree of excellence and offered the broadest benefit of the Faculty. The recipients were:

<b>Short Title of Project</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Clothing in Architecture	300.00
Acoustic Field Measurement	1,500.00
Cultural Events Printing	1,000.00
Berm & Swale	1,500.00
Hungry for Thought Lecture Series	2,400.00
LA Photography Competition and Gallery Exhibit	1,250.00
Ditchball 31	1,000.00
Faculty of Architecture Gallery Exhibits	16,500.00
Warehouse Journal 16	13,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,450.00</b>

**Dean J. Spearman, CSLA**  
**MALA Representative on the Endowment Fund Committee**

## REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

This year has been an exciting year for the Department as we prepare and plan for some major curriculum changes. Next fall we will be offering a new two-year option in the Environmental Design program. This option which will focus on Landscape + Urbanism and will be jointly taught by Landscape Architecture and City Planning. In anticipation of these changes in the undergraduate program the Department faculty have been engaged in a review of our current program and are proposing some exciting changes to the professional degree to further address the changing societal and professional climate that our graduates find themselves practicing in. Over the next year, as these plans are finalized, we will be presenting them to the MALA for your insight and reflection.

In the summer we welcomed Dietmar Straub and his family to Winnipeg. Dietmar is a Landscape Architect from Germany and takes up the position of Assistant Professor in our Department that was previously held by Seiko Goto. This fall we celebrated the contribution of Charlie Thomsen who retired after 31 years of teaching, research and administration at the University of Manitoba. The University Administration demonstrated their continuing support for the Department by immediately providing us with a new position to replace Charlie. We are currently advertising for a new assistant professor with a passion for design.

With the strong economy, high demand for our graduates and the larger number of students in the program there was a corresponding increase in graduates. There were 15 students that graduated this past year.

They are: Reese Cowan – “Avian Urban Dwellers: Opportunities To Increase Bird Habitat and To Enrich The Human - Urban Birds Experience Within Winnipeg’s Urban Environment” her advisor was Ted McLachlan; Elizabeth Wreford – “Field Works” her advisor was Richard Perron; Darcy Fisher – “Productive Rooftop” her advisor was Karen Wilson Baptist; Marilyn Gould – “A Saskatoon City Park Case Study: Inventory/Exploration of Value Based Design Possibilities” her advisor was Alan Tate; Jay Hallett – “The City in the Forest: Forest Naturalization Strategies for a Winnipeg Community” his advisor was Ted McLachlan; Ian Taylor – “Onramp” his advisor was Karen Wilson Baptist; Jianyi Yu – “Rekindling the Local Neighbourhood Culture – A New Neighbourhood Development Project In Guangzhou, China” her advisor was Alan Tate; Maggie Bonnetta – “reInterpret deIndustrial: Dominion Bridge” her advisor was Jean Trottier; Tian Dai – “Transitional Geo-landscape Network at the University of Manitoba Fort Garry Campus” her advisor was Richard Perron; Robyn Gibson – “Virtual/Urban Morphologies” her advisor was Richard Perron; Andrea Kennedy – “surfacing a guide for approaching landscape” her advisor was Marcella Eaton; Michael Klassen – “Voice Map Trekking” his co-advisors were Marcella Eaton and Karen Wilson Baptist; Greg Little – “692 Main Street – A Revisioning of an Urban Void: An exploration into challenging cultural perceptions of an urban vacant lot” his advisor was Ted McLachlan; Mohammed Tariq – “Liveable Streetscape: Creating a Pedestrian Network in the Town of Morden, Manitoba” his advisor was Ted McLachlan;

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OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
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and Kim Unger – “ Foothills Country Hospice: Design Inquiry” her advisor was Karen Wilson Baptist.

We are very pleased to acknowledge the generous support of the MALA who have set up the MALA Fellowship in Landscape Architecture with the donation of \$25,000. This was then matched by a grant from the Provincial Government. This will provide over \$2,500 a year in fellowship money. This year with the retirement of Charlie Thomsen, colleagues, friends and family have set up the Charlie Thomsen Award in Landscape Architecture in recognition of his long-time commitment to the education of Landscape Architecture students. This award will support a student who is engaged in a community outreach project. We would also like to acknowledge the continued support of Barkman Concrete who has for the past four years generously donated \$9,000 a year to support students through scholarships and the Concrete Site Fixture Competition. This continuing support from the community is very important to attract and support the high quality students that the program has become known for.

This was also a year of a number of significant awards and achievements for faculty and students. Alan Tate was promoted to Full Professor and also received the Andre Schwabenbauer Award in recognition of his devoted service to the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects as Chair of the CSLA Awards of Excellence. Jean Trottier was granted Tenure. David Lucas was awarded the first Carl Nelson Teaching Award from the Faculty.

Brenda Brown was a fellow at Yaddo, the artist residency center in Saratoga Springs, New York this past spring. Amanda Yakiwchuk, a Master's 2 student, has had her "Aqua Dress" selected to be shown and judged among 50 other pieces at the Canadian Wearable Art Awards in British Columbia this Fall. The project was done as part of a special topics course with Prof. Karen Wilson-Baptist. This year Cameron Bradshaw, Erin Sawatsky and Leanne Muir were successful in receiving University of Manitoba Graduate Fellowships.

The students have also been very busy this year with a number of initiatives. These are highlighted in their Student Affiliates Report. These initiatives (in particular, the recent exhibition of student and professional projects at Ace Art, the publication of Berm and Swale and the upcoming exhibition of student work) have been an enormous help in the daily life and promotion of the Department. Mark your calendars and come out to the Russell Building April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 to see the exhibition of this year's Design Studio projects and help celebrate all of the students' great work.

In closing, on behalf of the Department of Landscape Architecture, I would like to thank the MALA for all its support for the students and the program.

**Ted McLachlan, FCSLA  
Professor & Department Head  
Department of Landscape Architecture**