

Minutes

MALA Annual Meeting
Friday, March 16, 2018
Festival Hall – Manitoba Museum
190 Rupert Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE (in person)

Full Members:

Chantal Alary
Mark Bauche
David Bodnarchuk
Bhavana Bonde
Kaili Brown*
Heather Cram
Matthew Derksen
Bruce Dixon
Cheryl Dixon
Constantina Douvris*
Ryan Epp
Monica Giesbrecht
Darcy Granove*
John Harper
Christina Harris*
Aaron Hirota*
Ute Holweger*
James Hudson*
Meaghan Hunter
Andy Johnson
Vanessa Jukes
Marcela Karsin
Glen Manning*
Suzy Melo
Leanne Muir
Shauna Prociuk
Scott Rosin*
Dean Spearman
Chelsea Synychych*
Alan Tate
Jim Thomas
Anna Thurmayr
Ryan Wakshinski

Associates:

James Frank
Krista Goodman
Tim Hogan
Rachelle Kirouac*
Blaise Lachiver
Marie Lachiver
Shannon Loewen
Aileen Zubriski

Students:

Kenneth Anggara
Rebekkah Brubacher
Courtney Champagne
Madeline Dafeo
Andrea Doussis
Rob Freeman
Janelle Harper
Heather Lins
Alyssa Magas
Kristopher Mariash
Kathryn McCudden
Orontes Mejia
Jessica Miranda
Karissa Noselski
Krista Renwick
Dilaxshy Sivaguranathan
Vanessa Vermeulen
Yiqi Yang

Friends of the Profession

Kevin Bettridge
(Park Street Solutions)
Michael Lacroix
(Playgrounds-R-Us)

Other:

Valerie Lindberg (Ex Dir)
Marcella Eaton (Prof)
Jeff Palmer (StorefrontMB)**

*No Dinner

**No Charge for Dinner

(by Proxy)

Shannon Baxter	Gregg Kahan	Susan Russell
Allan Beech	Andrea Kennedy	Rajinder Singh
Colin Berman	Rebecca Lauhn Jensen	Bob Somers
Gord Bone	Vic Lee	Dietmar Straub
Lee Caldwell	Danielle Loeb	Kristen Struthers
Douglas Clark	Ted McLachlan	Ben Tymchyshyn
Cynthia Cohlmeier	Derek Murray	Jackie VanderVelde
Ana Hodych	Emeka Nnadi	Jennifer Wagner
John Irwin	Cheryl Oakden	Jackie Wilkie
Scott Johnson	Stephen Popovich	Christine Wilson-MacLeod
David Jonas	Ken Rech	Liz Wreford
Natasa Juck	Lana Reimer	

Total of full members present: 68
Minimum required for quorum: 52 (51% of 102)

Therefore, it was established that a quorum existed and this was a legally constituted meeting in accordance with the By-laws.

President C. Alary called the meeting to order at 4:14 p.m. She thanked all in attendance for the 44th MALA AGM, and extended a warm welcome to the Association's special guests, inviting them to stand if present for the business portion of the meeting:

- Dr. Jonathan Beddoes (Interim Dean from the Faculty of Architecture)
- Lisa Delplace, Landscape Architect (Keynote Speaker)
- Jeff Palmer (StorefrontMB)
- David Van Vliet (Photo Competition Judge)
- Mohammad Almaleki (MALA Lobbyist)

She also recognized two Friends of the Profession in attendance:

- Kevin Betteridge from Park Street Solutions
- Michael Lacroix from Playgrounds-R-U's

C. Alary introduced the MALA Council Members, inviting them to stand if present:

- Monica Giesbrecht (Past President)
- David Bodnarchuk (Vice-President)
- Ryan Wakshinski (Treasurer)
- Alan Tate (U of M Rep)
- Shauna Prociuk (Director)
- Vanessa Jukes (Director)
- Marcela Karsin (Associates Rep) and Lia Abolit (Alternate Rep)
- Vanessa Vermeulen (Students Rep) and Krista Renwick (Alternate Rep)

She acknowledged the Executive Director, Valerie Lindberg, and indicated that Council cannot thank her enough for her due diligence in all matters, which allows the governing body of MALA to continue to grow and stay current. She also asked for a round of applause for all who volunteer their time and contribute to the operation and wellbeing of the Association, acknowledging their busy schedules (life/work balance) and thanking everyone who dedicates their free time to the cause of the profession.

C. Alary referred to a slide that contained an organization chart, which listed an additional 20 members who serve on various committees, taskforces, and outside boards and thanked them for participating and contributing as representatives of landscape architecture in this city.

She acknowledged the students of LASA (especially Vanessa Vermeulen and Krista Renwick) for their tremendous efforts in organizing the AGM + MALA Night, and for spearheading other collaborative events between LASA and MALA throughout the year.

C. Alary took a moment to acknowledge the passing of Gunter A. Schoch on September 9, 2017. She noted that he was a Charter Member of MALA and he had given so much back to the profession, serving as the Association's Executive Director for many years. On behalf of MALA Council, she extended her condolences to his family and fellow colleagues and she announced that in lieu of flowers, MALA had donated \$500.00 to the Landscape Architecture Canada Foundation, as per his request. She invited those in attendance to join her in a moment of silence.

C. Alary announced that 12 new registered Members had been admitted over the last year (nine in the Province of Manitoba). Those confirmed to be in attendance included:

- Meaghan Hunter
- Leanne Muir
- Chelsea Synychych
- Marcela Karsin

Those not in attendance included:

- Jori Pincock
- Marie Etcheverry
- Noman Syed
- James Hudson
- Kristen Struthers

C. Alary congratulated the following award recipients:

- Glen Manning, who was welcomed to the CSLA College of Fellows during the World Design Summit in Montreal in October. She noted that Glen was recognized for Executed Works, Service to the Community or Public, and Direct Service to the Society.
- Member firms HTFC and Scatliff + Miller + Murray, which were recently awarded CSLA Awards of Excellence.
- Heather Lins and Vanessa Vermeulen, who were each granted \$2,062.50 from the MALA Fellowship in Landscape Architecture for the Fall 2017 and Winter 2018 Session.
- Ian Laya, who was the recipient of the Joys of Landscape Prize.

At this point, C. Alary turned her attention to the formal part of the AGM and reminded those in attendance that only registered Members of MALA have voting rights.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

C. Alary requested a slight change to the Agenda, namely that items 3 and 4 be reversed.

MOVED by Wakshinski/Villafranca that the Agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Wakshinski/Karsin that the Annual General Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2017 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. 2017 ANNUAL REPORTS

i) Update on Name Act Taskforce

Ute Holweger thanked Taskforce members Chantal Alary, David Bodnarchuk, Bhavana Bonde, Maggie Bonnetta, Monica Giesbrecht and Bob Somers, as well as others who have contributed to advancing Name Act legislation.

She noted that significant progress had been made since last year's Annual General Meeting, especially since Fall of 2017. She announced that MALA has been working closely with MLA Reyes and a Manitoba PC Caucus Policy Analyst in working towards a draft Act, which could be introduced into the Legislative Assembly for first reading this spring. In the meantime, she advised that MALA has developed a *Frequently Asked Questions* document to assist in answering key questions that MALA and other stakeholders may have regarding the process, copies of which were circulated before the meeting.

U. Holweger asked if there were any questions about the document or the process. As none were forthcoming, she encouraged all MALA members to continue to advocate for the profession.

ii) Update on Communications Committee

D. Bodnarchuk recognized the many volunteers who serve on the Communications Committee, and he thanked them for their hard work. He stressed the need for more volunteers and noted that it is a great privilege to work on various successful initiatives.

He briefly reviewed the many accomplishments of the Committee, including office visits for students, speed mentoring events, and various initiatives connected to Manitoba Landscape Architecture Month (MBLA Month). He announced that Emily Sinclair had recently joined the Committee to take over social media promotion from Meaghan Hunter, and he reminded the membership to follow MALA on Twitter and Instagram. He was happy to confirm that the new MALA website had been launched and he encouraged everyone to check out mala.net. He reported that in due course, new log-in information and passwords would be distributed. In the meantime, he noted that online reporting for Continuing Education would be suspended until the new program (effective 2019) was formally presented to the membership for approval.

D. Bodnarchuk concluded by encouraging all members to submit feedback or suggest new ideas for consideration by the Communications Committee.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

i) MALA Life Member Award – Eduardo Villafranca

C. Alary announced that MALA was proud to bestow Life Member Status to Eduardo Villafranca. She noted that this status grants all privileges of membership, but recipients are exempt from paying annual membership dues. She went on to summarize his career, as follows:

Eduardo received a degree in Forestry from the University of Concepcion (Chile) in 1969 and a degree in LA from the University of Toronto in 1974. He was employed as a landscape architect with Public Works and Government Services Canada from May 1976 for 31 years, ending his career as Manager Professional Services with Real Property Services for Canadian Heritage, Environment Canada and Parks Canada Dedicated Unit. Since retiring from the feds, Eduardo has done consulting work for the government of Chile, however, recently confirmed that he retired at the end of 2017.

Eduardo has been a Member of MALA/CSLA since March 1, 1978. During his 3 ½ years on MALA Council, Eduardo was extremely conscientious, and he lead a concerted effort with MALA Associates to assist them in qualifying for full membership. He was also an active member of the Name Act Taskforce for approximately 10 years.

C. Alary acknowledged it was unfortunate that Eduardo was out of the country and unable to attend today, but she called on Andrew Johnson to accept the award on Eduardo's behalf.

Andrew Johnson conveyed the following message from Eduardo Villafranca:

Dear MALA Council and Colleagues:

It is a privilege and an honour to be awarded Life Member Status by MALA. In the most humble way, I thank you for the recognition you are giving me on this occasion, which gives me additional energy to continue supporting the MALA programs, and furthering of the profession of Landscape Architecture. Thank you again and regards to all.

*Eduardo A. Villafranca MALA, CSLA
Membership Number 16*

ii) MALA Past President Award – Monica Giesbrecht

C. Alary confirmed that it was her great pleasure to present the Past President Award to Monica Giesbrecht. She indicated that she had the opportunity to collaborate with Monica for the past 8 years on Council, on various communication initiatives, as representatives of the Executive, and most importantly, during the pursuit of Name Act for the past two years. She went on to describe Monica's contributions as follows:

*Monica and I are fellow alumni *a year apart* from the U of Manitoba, and we navigated Associate membership at the same time. I recall an early discussion with Monica about joining MALA, and her response was that she would join when she felt she was ready, which was a few years later. As Monica and I share the same birthdate (and are both strong-headed Capricorns) I understood Monica's drive to commit to a cause and see it through with dedication and intent. I've appreciated the countless discussions about our practice, about our governance and our education. Perspective of experience helps us navigate in the world of practice and I thank you for sharing your view and especially for your willingness to share – as a landscape architect and as an owner of a practice.*

MALA thanks you for your countless hours of dedication to our Association, where your passion for the practice of landscape architecture has strongly been vocalized and represented. While we will no longer see you at the monthly Council Meetings, your involvement and contribution to our field will continue at the national level as the chair of the CSLA Advocacy Committee until 2019. Best of luck!

She then invited Monica Giesbrecht to join her at the front to accept the Past President Award.

iii) MALA Advocate of the Profession Award – Susan Algie

C. Alary explained that the MALA Advocate of the Profession Award goes to a candidate who has shown a commitment to connect landscape architecture with other related professions and the public in a meaningful and productive way that improves the culture and health of our communities. Nominated by Monica Giesbrecht and Bob Somers, she noted that Susan Algie is the 2nd recipient of this award. She went on to explain Susan's achievements as follows:

Susan is the Executive Director of the Winnipeg Architecture Foundation (founded by herself and others in 1996) and has contributed to the elevation of architecture/built environment with her tireless commitment and support for the design professions in Winnipeg. Recently, Susan guided MALA with a three-year History of the Profession project that included extensive archival research, oral interviews and videography of a significant generation of Manitoba landscape architects. She also collaborated with MALA to develop the Colour Your Landscape colouring book, a publication that celebrates significant designed landscapes across our province, communicating the value of our profession and the land to the public in a fun and accessible way.

Susan's personal commitment to this project and the WAF's assistance with research, graphic design, publication and distribution of the book have helped MALA sow the seeds to inspire current and future landscape architects and landscape advocates in our province. The Colour Your Landscape collaboration was the recipient of a CSLA Award of Excellence for Communications in 2017.

C. Alary regretted to advise that Susan was currently in Italy until April. She indicated that MALA hoped to present her with the Award at the *piet oudolf* film screening for the Architecture & Design Film Festival during the event from April 18 to 22.

5. CONSIDERATION OF 2017 BUDGET

V. Lindberg introduced the 2018 Budget and indicated that a balanced budget of \$71,772 was presented for the membership's approval. As usual, she wished to discuss a few issues with last year's budget.

She noted that actual Total Revenues in 2017 were \$32,103 higher than what was budgeted, and she explained that the primary reason is that there was a \$30,000 Investment Transfer from the MALA Savings Account into the MALA Chequing Account. This amount represented a portion of the CSLA Congress proceeds received from CSLA in 2016.

V. Lindberg pointed out that actual Total Expenditures in 2017 were \$18,468 higher than projected. While MALA came in slightly under budget in every other category, she noted that \$23,445 was expended under "Other". Some of these expenditures related to disbursement of MALA's share of the Congress proceeds, including \$10,000 in donations to six awards/funds at the University of Manitoba, \$5,000 to establish the LACF Directed Partnered Scholarship for the University of Manitoba, and \$7,447.69 which had to be reimbursed to CSLA because of their bookkeeper's accounting errors. MALA also donated \$500 to LACF in memoriam of Gunter Schoch.

V. Lindberg explained that in 2017, Actual Revenues exceeded Expenditures in the amount of \$13,635. She reminded the membership that at last year's AGM, the membership approved an amount of \$11,392.88, which MALA could retain from the Congress proceeds to offset extraordinary expenses relating to Name Act. While some of these expenses have already been covered, she noted that others – such as anticipated fees for legal and accounting services – will be incurred in 2018.

She concluded by stating that although the 2017 budget was skewed due to revenues and expenditures relating to Congress, the 2018 Budget was a realistic projection of revenues and expenditures anticipated this year.

As there were no questions forthcoming from the membership, V. Lindberg called on MALA Treasurer Ryan Wakshinski to make a motion to receive as information the unaudited MALA Financial Statements as at December 31, 2017 and to confirm the approved MALA 2018 Budget.

MOVED by Wakshinski/Giesbrecht that the unaudited Financial Statements as at December 31, 2017 be received as information, and the 2018 Budget be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

5. ELECTIONS TO COUNCIL

In her final duty as Past President, M. Giesbrecht referred to the Agenda attachment and reviewed the proposed slate of Directors on MALA Council:

<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>OFFICE [2018-2020]</u>
Chantal Alary, CSLA	Past President*
David Bodnarchuk, CSLA	President*
Vanessa Jukes, CSLA	Vice-President*
Ryan Wakshinski, CSLA	Treasurer*
Alan Tate, FCSLA	University of Manitoba Representative
Shauna Prociuk, CSLA	Director
Shannon Loewen	Director (Associates Representative)
Vanessa Vermeulen	Director (Student Affiliates Rep) [one-year term]

*To be formally appointed by Council upon election.

In addition to the above slate of Directors, the appointments of the following Examining Board members were confirmed for the terms noted:

Bruce Dixon, CSLA	Examining Board Chair [2016-2019]
Aaron Hirota, CSLA	Examining Board Representative [2017-2020]
Jennifer Wagner, CSLA	Examining Board Representative [2018-2021]

M. Giesbrecht invited further nominations from the floor, but as none were forthcoming she called the vote.

MOVED by Alary/C. Dixon that the proposed slate of Directors for Council and appointments to the Examining Board be declared by acclamation.

CARRIED

At this point, M. Giesbrecht invited incoming MALA President David Bodnarchuk to chair the rest of the meeting.

CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS

i) Resolution: 2019 MALA Dues

To open the discussion, D. Bodnarchuk presented the Resolution attached to the Agenda, and briefly reviewed the proposed changes in membership dues, effective 2019:

	<u>2018 CURRENT</u>	<u>2019 PROPOSED</u>
Members:	\$260.00	\$325.00 (25% increase)
Active Out-of-Province Members:	\$260.00	\$325.00 (25% increase)
Active Out-of-Country Members:	\$260.00	\$325.00 (25% increase)
Retired Members:	\$130.00	\$162.50 (25% increase)
Inactive Members:	\$ 65.00	\$ 81.25 (25% increase)
Associates:	\$219.00	\$200.00 (8.67% decrease)
Students:	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00 (no change)
Friends of the Profession:	\$225.00	\$225.00 (no change)

Discussion:

B. Dixon requested further explanation regarding the rationale for the proposed changes.

D. Bodnarchuk reminded the membership that MALA membership dues are among the lowest of all CSLA components and there hasn't been an increase for full Members since 2010. Since a recent survey demonstrated that MALA Associates pay some of the highest dues among all CSLA components, Council determined that an equalization was appropriate, so a modest decrease was proposed for that category.

D. Bodnarchuk noted that MALA was "growing up" and Name Act will impose new requirements on the Association, including the annual services of an accountant. C. Alary agreed that some outside services are unavoidable, although MALA volunteers still perform a considerable amount of work without compensation. M. Giesbrecht also pointed out that new initiatives and important activities are progressing, and R. Wakshinski suggested that increased costs associated with a new Executive Director should be anticipated.

As there were no further comments, D. Bodnarchuk called the vote.

MOVED by Giesbecht/Wakshinski that the Resolution be adopted, as follows:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 1, 2019, MALA annual dues (excluding CSLA dues and applicable taxes) be approved as proposed.

CARRIED

8. QUESTIONS

D. Bodnarchuk invited questions from the membership. As none were forthcoming, C. Alary asked for an opportunity to make a presentation to Valerie Lindberg, as follows:

On behalf of Council, it is my pleasure to present Valerie with a little something to acknowledge her dedication and service as the Executive Director of MALA. Valerie joined us in January 1997. While we are all aware that she will be retiring at the end of this year, and we have already started the process to address this transition, we felt it timely that we mark this occasion, unrelated to her pending retirement.

She then invited Valerie to join her at the front to receive a memento of her time with MALA. Valerie Lindberg expressed her sincere gratitude for this unexpected gesture.

D. Bodnarchuk concluded by thanking all in attendance and asking for a motion to adjourn.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Wakshinski that the meeting be adjourned (at 4:55 pm)