



MALA e-Letter #1

February 1, 2019

Hello. I am Janet Thomas and I am both honored and excited to have been chosen as the new Executive Director of the Manitoba Association of Landscape Architects. I am pleased to be on board and thank the MALA Council members and the entire membership for allowing me to be a part of this group. I look forward to chatting with you all in the months ahead and hopefully I get a chance to meet you in person at the upcoming Annual General Meeting.

The **Annual General Meeting and MALA Night** has been scheduled for Friday, March 15, 2019 and will be held at Fort Gibraltar. The agenda packages will be mailed by March 4, so please watch for your invitation!

Thank you to those who have submitted their 2019 membership dues. These funds allow MALA to continue to offer valuable MALA Programs and Services in support of landscape architecture in Manitoba. Final reminder notices were sent on January 21, 2019. The grace period for payment of 2019 dues has now passed. **If you have not submitted your payment do so today to avoid fines and penalties.** Penalty fees are assessed at \$15.75 for full Members and \$5.25 for Associates (if paid by February 28th). If you have not already mailed your cheque, please be sure to add the appropriate amount to your payment and remit as soon as possible. Be reminded that you may pay by cheque, or INTERAC e-Transfer to the MALA email address (mala@mala.net).

The **2019 CSLA Congress and CSLA-BCSLA Showcase** will be held in Vancouver May 7 – 8, 2019 (the BC Land Summit opens at 5:30 PM on May 8). The theme is Acknowledgement, Awareness, and Engagement – Landscape Architecture and Reconciliation. Click here to learn more <https://www.csla-aapc.ca/events/2019-congress>

Following acceptance by the Examining Board, membership applications have been approved by MALA Council. We are pleased to welcome the following individuals to MALA:

Brad Wilson was accepted as an *Active Out-of-Province Member*. Brad graduated with a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from the University of Idaho in 2008. He has been a member of CSLA and SALA since 2013. Brad has been employed with Stantec Consulting Ltd. in Saskatoon since 2009.

Curtis Krul was accepted as an *Associate Member*. Curtis graduated with a Bachelor of Environmental Design from the University of Manitoba in 2012 and a Master of Landscape Architecture from the University of Manitoba in 2017 and is currently employed with Colliers Project Leaders in Winnipeg.

In the December 2018 e-Letter it was noted that Ian Legge was accepted as a *Member* and that Ian “has been employed with the City of Winnipeg since 2016.” Correction – Ian has been employed with the City of Winnipeg since 2008.

Important deadlines to note:

- The Atmosphere 11: Adaptation Symposium is **Feb 7 – 9, 2019**. The location is the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Architecture in Winnipeg, MB. Click here for information: <http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/architecture/atmosphere/2019/>

- **2018-19 BENCHmark Call for Proposals** deadline: **February 13, 2019**. Click here for more info and full proposal brief: storefrontmb.ca/about-benchmark/
- For your consideration is information regarding the Manitoba Nursery Landscape Association Event scheduled for **February 13, 2019**. To register online and see full details, click here: <https://grow.mbnla.com/registration/#id=159&cid=1144&wid=4101>
- Submissions to the 2019 AZ Awards are open through **February 19, 2019**. Click here to learn more: [the AZ Awards](#).
- Click here for information on the upcoming 2019 Rec Connections Municipal Parks and Trails Forum. <https://reconnections.com/conference/parks-trails-forum/> This forum will be held on Tuesday, **February 19th, 2019**, at Canad Inns Destination Centre Polo Park, Winnipeg.
- The Faculty of Architecture Endowment Fund deadline for the Winter Term Call is **4:00 p.m., Friday, March 1, 2019**. Click here to learn more: <http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/architecture/facstaff/EndowmentFund.htm>

MALA has been working with **Notarius** to launch an authenticated and legally reliable digital seal, which as of January 1, 2019, is in effect. A total of five CSLA components now use Notarius to provide this service to its registered Members. Use of a digital seal (and associated costs) are voluntary, however, be reminded that MALA's current professional seal (rubber stamp) or the approved digital seal are the only approved methods for sealing documents. Everything you need to know about the MALA Digital Seal and the newly developed Digital Seal Policy are posted to the MALA website. A series of webinar presentations will be arranged to familiarize you with the features and benefits of using a digital seal. The first such webinar is to be held **March 6, 2019, at 2:00 PM**. Duration of the Webinar: 1 hour. Stay tuned for further details.

Regards,
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MALA Executive Director

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