



# MALA eLetter

## DECEMBER 2023

### MALA/CSLA 2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES

The MALA invoices for 2024 Membership Dues were sent out November 17 via QuickBooks, so please check your inbox and observe the payment deadline of **December 31, 2023**. E-transfers can be sent to [mala@mala.net](mailto:mala@mala.net). If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to the MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS INC. and submit to the MALA Office at 148 Buxton Road, Winnipeg, MB, R3T 0G9. Contact the MALA office with your new contact details if you have moved or changed employers.

Thank you all for your continued support of the profession of Landscape Architecture!

### MALA EVENTS

*Thank you, MALA members, for joining us at our inaugural Curleoke Event, held at the Heather Curling Club and Limelight Karaoke Bar! First-time curlers and seasoned sweepers joined forces to throw rocks at houses, enjoy a beverage, and connect with one another. The sweeping continued with amazing renditions of Piano Man, Toxic and many more tracks by our MALA membership at Limelight. Special thanks to Shannon Loewen for the Limelight connection and Ryan Wakshinski for impromptu curling lessons! We'll see you all next year! - Brennan Fedak and Vincent Hosein*



The MALA also had a great turn out for the first ever Amaze In Corn event which was held in the evening of October 20. Thank you, MALA Members, for your participation and the Communications Committee for coordinating! Watch for further information on MALA's next event in January - Tobogganing!

These events are great ways to get involved. If you can volunteer for a future MALA event, please contact Janet at the MALA office at [mala@mala.net](mailto:mala@mala.net). By volunteering your time, you can earn CE credits and socialize and collaborate with others in your field!

And the 50<sup>th</sup> MALA AGM/MALA Night will be held Friday, **March 15, 2024**. Please save the date in your calendars! The 2024 AGM will bring with it vacant positions to fill on the MALA Council and Examining Board. The Nominating Committee will be looking for engaged, passionate individuals interested in volunteering. Prior experience with Council or other MALA committees is not required. Watch for calls for expressions of interest coming in January.

## MALA STRATEGIC PLANNING

The MALA is currently working toward updating its 2016 – 2022 Strategic Plan and will be looking to its members for input. Please watch your inbox for a short MALA survey to be sent out early December. Your input is needed, and appreciated, in order to shape the future of the Association and the profession.

## MALA MANDATORY CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM – DEADLINE APPROACHING

All Full Members and long-term Associates (Members who have been Associates longer than 7 years) are reminded to continually monitor and submit your Continuing Education (CE) activities. The first full 3-year mandatory submission term began January 1, 2021, and ends **December 31, 2023**. If the required credits are not submitted by the end of the term, a penalty applies. Full Members are required to submit online [here](#). If you encounter any issues with log in, contact Janet at [mala@mala.net](mailto:mala@mala.net) for assistance.

Long-term Associates are requested to contact Janet at the MALA office to receive a credit submission form which is to be completed and submitted to the MALA Office by no later than **January 31, 2024**.

Out-of-Province Members please note that the MALA office will accept proof of CE approval from any other regulated association (BCSLA, AALA, OALA) for this 3-year period at the end of 2023.

For more information on the Continuing Education Program Policy and credit resources click [CEP Credit Resources](#).

## SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACTS FOR THE 2024 CSLA/MALA CONGRESS

Submit your Abstracts for the 2024 CSLA-MALA Congress to be held at the RBC Convention Centre, Winnipeg May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 1st, 2024.

The Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA) together with the Manitoba Association of Landscape Architects (MALA) invite qualified experts to submit abstracts for presentations and sessions to be presented at the upcoming 2024 CSLA-MALA Congress. [Learn More](#).

The deadline for submissions is **January 10, 2024**, at 4 pm ET.

## FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE ENDOWMENT FUND CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Faculty of Architecture, at The University of Manitoba, invites submissions for the annual disbursement from the Faculty of Architecture Endowment Fund. The Call for Proposals submission deadline is **March 1, 2024**. The intent of this early call is to allow lead time before March 1st for planning, fund-raising, scheduling of student-led proposals, conferences, lectures, exhibitions, events and publications. It is anticipated that there will be approximately \$100,000 available to be awarded. All funds awarded will be made available April 7, 2024.

Full application details and the Terms of Reference can be found at the link by scrolling down to *Other funding opportunities*: <http://umanitoba.ca/architecture/student-experience/funding-and-awards>.

In the past, grants have gone to support conferences, speakers, and other special events, the publication of the Warehouse, the acquisition of library material and special equipment, as well as to support research and creative work by student-led initiatives.

All students are encouraged to submit proposals. For more information please contact: Tara Vogelsang, Office of the Dean, Faculty of Architecture, University of Manitoba [arch.endowmentfund@umanitoba.ca](mailto:arch.endowmentfund@umanitoba.ca).

### **LAAC SEEKS EVALUATORS TO REVIEW CANADIAN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS - Submit your Name to the LAAC's Roster of Visiting Evaluators**

The Roster of Visiting Evaluators (ROVE) is the pool of candidates from which visiting team members are selected to review landscape architecture programs whose accreditation is due for renewal. Each visiting team generally consists of:

- one landscape architecture educator,
- one landscape architecture practitioner, and
- one non-landscape architect academic administrator.

To be eligible to participate, you must complete the ROVE application form to the LAAC for review. The LAAC then makes appointments to ROVE in order to develop a pool of potential visiting team members. Appointments are for 5 years and are renewable.

If you volunteered in 2021, your name will still be on our list. Please let us know if your willingness to be an evaluator has changed. Click [here](#) to read more about the positions and how to apply.

### **OTHER UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE**

**January 11, 2024, 10:00 pm. ET** - Deadline to submit a project for the 2024 National Urban Design Awards. Read more here: <https://raic.org/news/call-submissions-opens-2024-national-urban-design-awards>

**February 1, 2024, 4 pm EDT** – CSLA is calling for nominations for the 2024 Governor General's Medal. Learn more here: [Governor General's Medal in Landscape Architecture Nomination Guidelines 2024 | CSLA \(csla-aapc.ca\)](#)

### **CITY OF WINNIPEG PARK DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES AND PARK DESIGN STANDARDS**

Just recently the Park Development Guidelines and Park Design Standards have been officially posted to the City of Winnipeg website under Park Development: [Parks Planning - Planning, Property and Development - City of Winnipeg](#).

### **LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE REGISTRATION EXAMS (LARE) - TODD READE CANADIAN L.A.R.E. SUPPORT PROGRAM**

To provide support to candidates testing for the Landscape Architecture Registration Exam (L.A.R.E.) in Canada, the Alberta Association of Landscape Architects, BC Society of Landscape Architects, **Manitoba Association of Landscape Architects**, and the Ontario Association of Landscape Architects together with

matching support from the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) have established the **Todd Reade Canadian L.A.R.E. Support Program**. This pilot program is intended to provide financial relief to Canadian candidates who are preparing for or actively taking the L.A.R.E.

In 2023, the MALA funds from the **Todd Reade Canadian L.A.R.E. Support Program** will be used as a relief to MALA members who paid their CLARB Council Record and recently sat the L.A.R.E.s. We will use a formula that distributes the funds equally to all L.A.R.E. candidates who are current MALA members in good standing, paying professional dues, and sat for the L.A.R.E. between December 2022 to October 2023. If you are eligible, you will automatically receive a credit sent via e-Transfer. For more information, please contact Janet Thomas at the MALA office.

*The support program has been named in memory of Todd Reade who passed away suddenly in 2022. He served as the Alberta Association of Landscape Architects Executive Director. Todd also volunteered his time and energy to the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards and the Canadian Fence Association. Anyone who knew Todd knew his love of travel, aquatics, and volunteering. He spent most of his career dedicated to non-profit work, which fulfilled these loves, and led to many awards of recognition which he humbly accepted.*

### ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THE LARE?

Assess your readiness with CLARB's new practice exams. Use them to familiarize yourself with the exam format and preview the types of questions/answers you can expect on the LARE — all at your own pace.

- 50 questions per section
- Get instant results and rationale
- Attempt each section up to three times
- \$25 per section

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**All the best to you and yours for a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season!**

Janet Thomas  
MALA Executive Director

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