



# MALA eLetter

## NOVEMBER 2024

### ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Due to personal reasons **Marcela Karsin** has resigned as the MALA President. The Council would like to thank Marcela for all her volunteer work on the various MALA committees and serving on the Council and wish her all the best going forward! As a result of Marcela's departure, **Darcy Granove** has ascended to President, **Bhavana Bonde** into the role of Vice-President, and **Jackie Wilkie** into the role of CLARB Representative. The Council is committed to moving forward in a good way. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to Darcy at [Darcy.Granove@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Darcy.Granove@gov.mb.ca).

You can view the new MALA Organization Structure here: [MALA Org Structure](#).

And, as you may now know, I have decided to resign from my role as MALA Executive Director. I will be staying on with the Association until the end of March 2025 and will be assisting through the transition and working closely with Council to find a great replacement. While it saddens me to go, I am grateful to have met so many great people along the way.

You can view the MALA ED job here: [MALA jobs](#). Please consider promoting this job opportunity to those within your professional network.

### MALA MEMBERSHIP, DUES, FEES AND CHARGES INCREASE

For 2025 the MALA Council voted to approve an increase in MALA membership dues, fees and charges based on the August 2024 total consumer price index established by the [Bank of Canada](#). This 2% increase is necessary to keep up with rising operational costs and to continue supporting our members. Key initiatives that require investment in the coming fiscal cycle include MALA web modernization, fair living wages for the ED, Name Act pursuit and promotion. [Click here](#) to view the full 2025 MALA and CSLA Membership Dues, Fees and Charges. Please note that the CSLA has also increased its dues for 2025 and you can [click on this link](#) for complete CSLA details.

All MALA professional dues will be invoiced in mid-November and are due annually in advance, i.e., by December 31 of the preceding year. Any Member, Intern/Pre-Intern or MALA Affiliate allowing dues to become delinquent may be assessed a penalty.

Full MALA Members, Affiliates, and Interns 7 years or longer, your MALA 2021-2023 Continuing Education Credits must be submitted before you can renew your MALA dues for 2025.

If you plan on requesting a change of Membership status in 2025, please advise the office at [mala@mala.net](mailto:mala@mala.net) as soon as possible.

## MALA EVENTS

**Save the Date:** November 22, 2024, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MALA Curleoke. Watch your inbox for the details.

**MALA 2024 Golf Tournament** - The MALA Golf Tournament was held on a beautiful day, Friday, September 6, 2024. Seventeen teams enjoyed 9 holes of Texas Scramble play and exciting contests followed by a local food truck dinner and prizes, including prize for Best Dressed Team, which went to Urban Systems Inc. Congratulations to all the prize winners!



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The Golf Tournament Committee would like to thank all participants for joining this year's Tournament and

helping to raise \$8632 to support student initiatives, scholarships, and activities within the Department of Landscape Architecture at the University of Manitoba.

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**Maze-in-Corn** - The fall Maze-in-Corn event was on October 26, 2024! This evening is an ideal blend of adventure, networking, and autumn festivities and an opportunity to enjoy the season while connecting with fellow students, professionals, and families.

**MALA (mini) Mentoring** – Held on October 23, 2024, was an opportunity for LARE writers, interns, and newly licensed landscape architects to get together in an informal setting for conversations surrounding internship, exam-taking, and navigating CLARB. A big thank you to Emily Sinclair and Brydget Lewicki for spearheading this event!

If you have an event idea that you would like the MALA Communications Committee to consider, we would love to hear from you. Don't hesitate to contact [mala@mala.net](mailto:mala@mala.net)!

## MALA NEW MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

### MEMBERS

Trent Workman | Ian MacDonald | Brydget Lewicki

### OUT OF PROVINCE MEMBERS

Ashley Hosker | Robert McDonnell

## AFFILIATE MEMBERS

*(Members of the Association without use of an Official Seal. Formerly Associate Members (now Interns) who do not intend to pursue full membership.)*

Brenda Brown	Prachi Dey	James Frank	Timothy Hogan	Kurtis Kowalke	Jason Hutchison	Danny Simmons
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## MALA CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE)

The Continuing Education Program was developed in order to maintain high standards of professional competence among Members of the Association and to strengthen the public's confidence in the MALA. All Full Members, Affiliates, and long-term Interns (7 years or longer) are requested to continually monitor and submit on a required basis their Continuing Education (CE) activities online on the MALA website: [Member Area - MALA](#).

The MALA portal is open for entering your 2024 – 2026 CE Credits. If you have any issues with log-in, or general questions, please contact the MALA office at [mala@mala.net](mailto:mala@mala.net).

## TAKE THE L.A.R.E. EXAM DECEMBER 2 - 18, 2024

The next opportunity to take the LARE is **December 2 - 18, 2024**. [Register/cancel](#) by November 25. If you encounter issues registering for the exams or booking an exam administration or during the examination please take screen shots and email CLARB at [info@clarb.org](mailto:info@clarb.org)

For MALA Interns planning on taking your exams and are looking for opportunities to study, contact Brennan Fedak, MALA Intern Representative, at [bfedsy@gmail.com](mailto:bfedsy@gmail.com).

## FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE ENDOWMENT FUND CALL FOR PROPOSALS – ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT 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 **February 28, 2025**.

It is anticipated that there will be approximately \$100,000 available to be awarded. All funds awarded will be made available April 7, 2025. Full application details and the Terms of Reference can be found [HERE](#) by scrolling down to *Other funding opportunities*.

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.

## FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE ENDOWMENT FUND CALL FOR MALA REPRESENTATIVE

The Faculty of Architecture Endowment Fund Committee needs one professional association representative. The term of appointment is for 2 years to attend the Endowment Fund Committee

meeting held annually in March to adjudicate the award sums. The 2024/25 meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., a light supper will be served.

If you are interested in volunteering on this committee as a MALA representative, please notify the MALA office at [mala@mala.net](mailto:mala@mala.net) by no later than January 31, 2025. Note: CE credits apply under #6. Committee & Volunteer.

### **COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS: SECOND EDITION**

The CSLA's National Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee invites you to the Courageous Conversations series.

Explore the meaning of justice, equity, diversity and inclusion during the second event of the series, which will be held virtually at 2:30 pm ET on December 5th, 2024.

This edition of 'Courageous Conversations' will be held virtually and will be moderated by Gail Schillingford and Lina Al-Dajani, member and chair, respectively, of the CSLA Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee. [Courageous Conversations | CSLA \(csla-aapc.ca\)](#).

### **THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX: CALL FOR ABSTRACTS FOR THE 2025 CSLA-OALA CONGRESS**



The Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA) together with the Ontario Association of Landscape Architects (OALA) invite qualified experts to submit abstracts for presentations and sessions to be presented at the upcoming 2025 CSLA-OALA Congress.

The Congress theme is: Outside the Box: Challenging Traditional Paradigms in Landscape Architecture.

In-person presentations are scheduled to be held in Ottawa, Ontario on June 6th and 7th, 2025. 250 to 300 delegates expected to be present.

Submission Deadline: December 12th, 2024 at 4pm ET. Read more about this year's congress theme and how to make your submission: [Learn more](#).

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