



# MALA eLetter

## FEBRUARY 2025

### ASSOCIATION UPDATE

I am pleased to announce that **Paige Axworthy** will be joining the MALA as the new Executive Assistant.

Paige comes to the MALA with an extensive administrative background, customer service expertise, and proven organizational skills. With Paige's experience and dynamic personality, both the MALA Council and I are confident she will help the Association get to the next level.

Over the next few weeks Paige will be working with us to transition into her new role. Don't hesitate to contact the [MALA office](#) during this transition time.

### MEMBERSHIP DUES 2025

A reminder to all members that the MALA and CSLA 2025 membership dues are now past due. If you have not paid your dues by January 31st, 2025, late fees and penalties may apply. Please contact the [MALA office](#) with any inquiries in this regard.

### UPCOMING MALA EVENTS

**MALA Speed Mentoring.** Each year the MALA and the Landscape Architecture Student Association (LASA) host a speed mentoring event, which creates a casual setting for conversations surrounding various topics in Landscape Architecture between students and professionals. Watch your inbox for further details.

**MALA Rendering Competition.** The winning renderings will be used to promote the profession of Landscape Architecture on the Winnipeg Community Relations Bus. Details coming to your inbox soon.

**MALA AGM/MALA Night.** This event will be held **Wednesday, APRIL 23, 2025**. Please **SAVE THE DATE** in your calendar! More information will be coming out soon.

### NEW MEMBERS TO MALA

MEMBER	OUT OF PROVINCE MEMBER	INTERN	FRIEND OF THE PROFESSION
Calvin Tan	Brian Nolan William Hrycan Jeff Burnett	Tasnim Ferdous	Stephen Miville Celestino Ambatan

Welcome to the MALA!

## MALA CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Continuing Education Program was developed 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.

The CSLA landADAPTerre Webinar Series features 16 live-streamed events that explore climate change challenges and innovative design strategies for climate adaptation. This series offers a valuable opportunity for professional development, capacity building, and earning CE credits. Webinar recordings are available on the CSLA webpage.

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](#).

## THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT REGISTRATION EXAMINATION (L.A.R.E.)

The L.A.R.E. is administered three times a year over a two-week period in April, August and December. The next offering is Monday, March 31 - Wednesday, April 16. See [Dates, deadlines & fees](#). All 4 sections of the L.A.R.E. must be successfully completed to become a full MALA member. Reach out if you would like to be connected to the MALA study group.

## THE 2025 CSLA-OALA CONGRESS JUNE 5 – 7, 2025 – MALA DISCOUNT OFFERED

### **Outside the Box: Challenging Traditional Paradigms in Landscape Architecture**

As communities grapple with the pressures of urban densification, climate adaptation and the global housing crisis, landscape architects are uniquely positioned move beyond conventional approaches and shape solutions that are both innovative and holistic. The 2025 CSLA-OALA Congress invites professionals and thought leaders to think outside the box, pushing the envelope of design and urban planning. The theme encourages us to think beyond the boundaries - re-imagining placemaking in a way that is both inclusive and responsive to the critical issues of our time—equity, reconciliation, affordable housing, the rise of new technologies including AI-driven design processes and the growing need for biodiverse and sustainable urban environments.

The Congress will explore how forward-thinking design can transform underutilized spaces, create resilient and equitable urban environments, and address the urgent demands of climate adaptation. [2025 Congress | CSLA](#).

The MALA Council is pleased to offer MALA Students and Interns/Pre-Interns an automatic **50% discount** on registration to the CSLA-OALA Congress. When you go to place your order, you will see a question on the top right-hand corner of the "register now" screen that says, "Have a promotional code?" - enter "**MALASTUDENT50**" or "**MALAASSOCIATE50**".

## REIMAGINE LABASH MARCH 12-15, 2025, UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH ON

A landscape architecture conference for landscape architecture students. With the rise of new technologies, increased environmental stresses, and a changing climate we are celebrating innovation as we reimagine the future of landscape architecture. Info and registration: <https://www.labash.org/>.

## 2025 COOL GARDENS

Call for proposals is open on Storefront Manitoba’s website. Cool Gardens is a public exhibition of contemporary garden and art installations that offer a shift of sensation for the summer—cooling—as a general theme for public projects in the downtown. Cool Gardens creates a biennial design competition and invitational platform to engage local and international designers with garden design in Manitoba, celebrating contemporary garden culture and the local landscape while offering a pleasant relief from the summer exasperations. Since its inception in 2015, more than 30 gardens have been exhibited around downtown Winnipeg and as well as Brandon, Manitoba. **Application deadline: March 9th, 2024.**

## 2024 LACF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to MALA student affiliate Ruichen Zhu for receiving the Andre Schwabenbauer / University of Manitoba MLA Scholarship. Other University of Manitoba winners include Rielle Ettawacappo: Peter Jacobs Indigenous Scholarship and Vanessa dos Santos Martins Macedo Alfonso: Maglin/University of Manitoba Scholarship. The MALA is pleased to congratulate all the 2024 LACF regional and national scholarship recipient. [2024 LACF Scholars | LACF.](#)

## ROBERT N. ALLSOPP URBAN DESIGN FELLOWSHIP

A reminder that the deadline to submit your application for the LACF 2025 Robert N. Allsopp Urban Design Fellowship is **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**, at 4 pm ET. [Robert N. Allsopp Urban Design Fellowship | LACF.](#)

## MESSAGE FROM OUTGOING ED!

As this will be my final e-letter to the membership, I will take this opportunity to say how much I enjoyed working with you all over these past several years. It has been a pleasure to serve the Association, and I am grateful for having the opportunity to assist you in achieving your goals. I wish you all the very best for the future!

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

MALA extends its heartfelt gratitude to Janet for her dedication and outstanding service over the past six years. As she embarks on this new chapter of retirement, we wish her all the best and are grateful that she will continue to support our bookkeeping needs. Her contributions have been invaluable, and she will always be a cherished part of the MALA community.

Janet Thomas  
MALA Executive Director

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