

Election of LATC Officers

At its May 9, 2006 meeting, the Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) elected **Christine Anderson** as Chair and **Stephanie Landregan** as Vice Chair for 2006/2007. The new officers serve a one-year term.

Prior to her appointment as Chair, Anderson served as the LATC Vice Chair. Anderson is a Senior Associate Landscape Architect for The HLA Group, Landscape Architects & Planners in Sacramento. Since joining The HLA Group in 1989, Anderson has provided landscape design and master planning services for a diverse range of projects, including

open spaces, parks and playgrounds, interpretive trails, sports facilities, master planned communities, redevelopment streetscapes, commercial centers, and municipal and private office developments. She has extensive experience in all phases of design and construction, including managing the complexities of public/private partnership developments and community facilitation. She currently serves as a member of the Landscape Architecture Department Advisory Council of California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo; she has served as past president, secretary, and board member of the Sierra



Christine Anderson



Stephanie Landregan

Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA); and she is currently a member of the American Planning Association and California Redevelopment Association. Anderson received her Bachelor of Science degree in landscape architecture from California Polytechnic State University,

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New LATC Appointment

Steven Lang of Long Beach has been appointed to the Landscape Architects Technical Committee. He is the principal and landscape architect for the communications, design and landscape architecture firm Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. Previously, Lang was principal and landscape architect for Purkiss Rose-RSI and Recreation Systems and landscape architect for the Boyle Engineering Corporation. Lang's term expires June 1, 2008.

New LATC Program Manager

The LATC would like to introduce the new Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) Program Manager and staff. Effective December 1, 2005, **Mary Ann Aguayo** was appointed LATC Program Manager in place of the departed Mona Maggio. Welcome Mary Ann!

New to the Department of Consumer Affairs, for the last three years Aguayo was Executive Director of the Division of State Architect's Advisory Board. Prior to that, Aguayo was employed as Assistant Director at the Commission on State Mandates.

Program Manager Aguayo, Special Project Analyst Ethan Mathes, Examinations Coordinator Mary Anderson, Enforcement Coordinator Terri Villareal and Licensing Coordinator Patricia Fay work in team with the five-member LATC under the purview of the California Architects Board. The LATC licenses and regulates over 3,300 landscape architects. Please feel free to contact the LATC at (916) 575-7230 or latc@dca.ca.gov.

Landscape Architects Technical Committee

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CLARB Updates

Improvements to the Landscape Architecture Registration Examination (LARE)

Beginning in April 2006, several improvements were made to the LARE. Graphic Sections C and E are now shorter in length, containing four vignettes each. Also, candidates will now have an additional 15 minutes to complete the vignette problems. The number of questions and time limits for Sections A, B and D remain the same with only slight changes to content and titles.

New Online Tool

Late last year CLARB unveiled a new online tool, the LARE Advisor, that allows candidates the ability to determine how to sign up for the appropriate sections of LARE. This online tool takes information about a candidate's education, experience, applicant test section and testing state to determine the proper registration path for that candidate. To access the

LARE Advisor, go to CLARB's website at www.clarb.org and select *Examinations* – *Getting Started*.

Fall 2005 and Spring 2006

Landscape Architect Registration Examination Administration

The Landscape Architect Registration Examination multiple choice Sections A, B and D were administered on October 3-4, 2005 to 82 California candidates and on April 4-6, 2006 to 145 candidates. Results of these examination sections were sent to candidates on November 1, 2005 and June 1, 2006, respectively.

Graphic examination Sections C and E were administered on December 5-6, 2005 to 153 candidates and on June 12-13, 2006 to 181 candidates. Results of the December Sections were mailed on February 1, 2005, and June Sections results will be sent to candidates in mid-September. As a result of these examinations, 41 candidates became eligible to apply for licensure upon passing the California Supplemental Examination.

FALL 2005 AND SPRING 2006 EXAMINATIONS

| Section | Section Format | Oct/Dec 2005 Candidates | Total Passed/Failed | April/June 2006 Candidates | Total Passed/Failed |
|--|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| A – Legal and Administrative Aspects of Practice | MC | 52 | 38 / 14 (73%) / (27%) | 111 | 74 / 37 (67%) / (33%) |
| B – Analytical Aspects of Practice | MC | 40 | 27 / 13 (68%) / (32%) | 83 | 47 / 36 (57%) / (43%) |
| C – Planning and Site Design | G | 100 | 33 / 67 (33%) / (67%) | 116 | - |
| D – Structural and Materials and Methods of Construction | MC | 44 | 25 / 19 (57%) / (43%) | 87 | 45 / 42 (52%) / (48%) |
| E – Grading, Drainage, and Storm Water Management | G | 104 | 25 / 79 (24%) / (76%) | 147 | - |

Enforcement Actions

The California Architects Board (Board) is responsible for investigating complaints against licensees and those engaged in unlicensed activity. The Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) assists the Board with this endeavor. The Board also retains the authority to make final decisions on all enforcement actions taken against its licensees.

Listed below is a brief description of recent enforcement actions taken against individuals who were found to be in violation of the Landscape Architects Practice Act.

Every effort is made to ensure that this information is correct. Before making any decision based upon this information, you should contact the LATC. Further information on specific violations may also be obtained by contacting the LATC at (916) 575-7230 or by email at latc@dca.ca.gov.

Administrative Actions

David Allen Yakish (Florida) Effective December 29, 2005, David Yakish's landscape architect license number 3843 was revoked; however, revocation was stayed and Yakish was placed on probation for three years with specific terms and conditions, including restitution to the complainant, taking a class in ethics, and submitting quarterly reports to the Board. This action came after a stipulated settlement was negotiated and adopted by the Board.

An Accusation was filed against Yakish for an alleged violation of Business and Professional Code (BPC) Section 5671 (Negligence, Willful

Misconduct in Practice), for failing to provide a landscape design plan to the client, after the client paid Yakish \$2,900.

Citations

Joan Adler (Lincoln) The Board issued an administrative citation that included a \$500 civil penalty to Joan Adler, an unlicensed individual, for an alleged violation of BPC Section 5640, (Unlicensed Person Engaging in Practice, Sanctions). This action was based on evidence that Adler prepared landscape architectural plans and partial construction details for a residential project. Adler paid the civil penalty satisfying the citation. The citation became effective April 3, 2006.

Rebecca Rivera (Los Gatos) The Board issued an administrative citation that included a \$500 civil penalty to Rebecca Rivera, an unlicensed individual, for an alleged violation of BPC Section 5640 (Unlicensed Person Engaging in Practice, Sanctions). This action was based on evidence that Rivera prepared landscape architectural plans and partial construction details for a residential project, which were displayed in a storefront window. The citation became effective July 21, 2005.

Raul Grajeda (Pleasanton) The Board issued an administrative citation that included a \$500 civil penalty to Raul Grajeda, an unlicensed individual, for an alleged violation of BPC Section 5640 (Unlicensed Person Engaging in Practice, Sanctions.) This action was based on evidence that Grajeda stated he was a landscape architect in a flyer which he used to advertise his business. Grajeda paid the civil penalty satisfying the citation. The citation became effective August 3, 2005.

David R. Fox (San Jose) The Board issued an administrative citation that included a \$500 civil penalty to David R. Fox, expired landscape architect license number 1966, for an alleged violation of BPC Section 5640 (Unlicensed Person Engaging in Practice, Sanctions). This action was based on evidence that Fox submitted a letter for relicensure along with a resume stating that he was practicing landscape architecture. Additionally, Fox submitted plans to the Board that he created with his name and description "Landscape Architecture" in the title block. Fox paid the civil penalty satisfying the citation. The citation became effective November 3, 2005.

Expired License Reminder

Licensees are reminded that a license that is not renewed within three years after its expiration is cancelled and may not be renewed, restored, or reissued thereafter. If that occurs, a previous license holder must apply for and obtain a new license (see information below) in order to continue

practicing landscape architecture in California.

The maintenance of a license is the professional responsibility of the licensee; however, as a courtesy, the LATC would like to remind the following individuals that they are within six months of approaching the three-year

cut-off (in which an expired license is cancelled and the relicensure process would be required in order to obtain a new license) or the five-year cut-off (in which re-taking and passing all sections of the current licensing examination would be required in order to obtain a new license).

An individual whose license has been **expired for less than three years** would be required to pay all accrued and unpaid renewal fees in order to bring his/her license current. An individual whose license has been **expired for more than three years, but less than five years**, would be eligible for a new license through the re-licensure process and upon meeting the following conditions:

- The applicant passes the California Supplemental Examination.
- No fact, circumstance, or condition exists which, if a new license was issued, would justify its revocation or suspension.
- The applicant submits the following documents to the LATC: re-licensure form; Eligibility/Examination Application form; required work samples; and supporting documentation.
- The applicant pays all fees that would be required of the applicant if applying for a license for the first time.
- The applicant passes the current national licensing examination, or otherwise establishes to the satisfaction of the LATC (through the re-licensure process) that he/she is qualified to practice landscape architecture without taking the entire examination or portions of the examination.

An individual whose license has been **expired for more than five years** would be eligible for a new license upon meeting the conditions

| License # | Expiration Date | Name | City |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 3398 | 11-30-2003 | Patricia A. Ayala | Henderson, NV |
| 4588 | 6-30-2003 | Linda M. Barfield | San Juan, PR |
| 3982 | 9-30-2003 | Kathy J. Barrett | Springfield, Va |
| 4015 | 12-31-2003 | Jeffrey D. Bentz | Tempe, AZ |
| 121 | 5-31-2003 | Donald R. Carter | Mill Valley, CA |
| 4332 | 11-29-2003 | Barbara M. Castillo | Corona Del Mar, CA |
| 1229 | 12-31-2003 | Ronald L. Christman | Grass Valley, CA |
| 1380 | 11-30-2003 | Raymond J. Collins | San Francisco, CA |
| 943 | 10-31-2003 | Donald E. Crump | Stockton, CA |
| 3656 | 7-31-2003 | Laurie K. Eder | Walnut Creek, CA |
| 2336 | 10-31-2003 | Robert B. Farrington | Bozeman, MT |
| 1795 | 5-31-2003 | Emily Gabel-luddy | Burbank, CA |
| 4473 | 10-31-2003 | Ted R. Green | Kaaawa, HI |
| 3242 | 11-30-2003 | Colleen M. Hallenbeck | Puyallup, WA |
| 262 | 11-30-2003 | Asa Hanamoto | Mill Valley, CA |
| 3480 | 8-31-2003 | Tom E. Hough | Denver, CO |
| 2496 | 10-31-2003 | Debra Jewell | Piedmont, CA |
| 224 | 9-30-2003 | Alfred J. Kennerly | Boulevard, CA |
| 4436 | 5-31-2003 | Mary M. King | Huntington Beach, CA |
| 1389 | 7-31-2003 | Peter Koos | Napa, CA |
| 4421 | 8-31-2003 | Patricia J. McGowan | Oakland, CA |
| 1717 | 8-31-2003 | William Montgomery | Santa Rosa, CA |
| 2121 | 5-31-2003 | John P. Montgomery | Delray Beach, FL |
| 3169 | 6-30-2003 | Margo A. Partridge | Wilson, NY |
| 4185 | 11-30-2003 | Enid E. Paulk | Rio Vista, CA |
| 1246 | 11-30-2003 | Richard O. Reed | Hollister, CA |
| 2600 | 8-31-2003 | Karen Scarborough | Del Mar, CA |
| 1720 | 11-30-2003 | Peter W. Shaw | Menlo Park, CA |
| 3296 | 12-31-2003 | Goang-jong Shu | Santa Ana, CA |
| 4429 | 12-9-2003 | Ursula S. Slate | Lyme, NH |
| 1594 | 8-31-2003 | Chris S. Wang | Kensington, CA |
| 1234 | 11-30-2003 | William E. Yocom | Avon, CT |

Regulatory News

Changes to California Code of Regulations (CCR)

Effective July 5, 2006, the Landscape Architects Technical Committee "Complaint Disclosure" and "Citation Authority" regulations were amended.

CCR 2608 - Complaint Information System was adopted to establish conditions of disclosure to:

- Provide complaint information to the public.
- Clarify information to be disclosed regarding complaints and disciplinary actions.
- Set a timeframe for incorporating complaint information into the Board's system.
- Spell out additional ways in which members of the public can request information.
- Establish a timeframe for responding to requests for information.
- Define conditions for not disclosing certain information to the public.

CCR 2630 and 2630.1 - Issuance of Citations and Assessment of Administrative Fines elevates the level of Class A, B, and C fines in order to enhance the deterrent level of the specific violations. Additionally, a provision has been added to allow for additional fines of \$2,501 to \$5,000 if the violation meets certain criteria:

- The citation involves a violation that has an immediate relationship to the health and safety of another person.
- The cited person has a history of two or more similar violations.
- The citation demonstrates a willful disregard of the law.
- The citation is perpetrated against a senior citizen or disabled person.

The above adopted and amended regulatory language can be viewed in full by accessing www.latc.ca.gov/laws.htm.



Strategic Plan

**July 1, 2006 through
June 30, 2007**

The LATC reviewed and updated last year's Strategic Plan; specifically the action plan goals encompassing major areas of regulation and enforcement, professional qualifications, professional and public awareness, organizational relationships, and organizational effectiveness. The Strategic Plan July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 is available to view on the LATC website at www.latc.ca.gov.

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San Luis Obispo and an Associate of Science degree in architecture from Bakersfield College.

A former LATC Chair, Landregan was reappointed to a second four-year term to the LATC by the Speaker of the Assembly on May 11, 2006. She is Chief Landscape Architect for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority where she works with the agency to design and provide public access to open space in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. Landregan is active in the ASLA and is a former president of the Southern California Chapter. She also teaches for the UCLA Extension Certificate Program in landscape architecture. Landregan graduated from the University of Kentucky with a bachelor degree in Arts and is a graduate of the UCLA Extension Certificate Program in landscape architecture.

Pending Legislation and Regulatory Changes

The following sections of the Landscape Architects Practice Act are in the process of being amended.

BPC 5615 - "Landscape Architect" - Practice of Landscape Architecture

Business and Professions Code (BPC) Section 5615 adds language stating that anyone who "offers" to perform professional landscape architecture services are subject to regulatory requirements as outlined in the Landscape Architects Practice Act. The proposed language is part of Assembly Bill 2256, which is currently before the Senate Committee on Business Professions & Economic Development. The proposed language is part of Assembly Bill 2256, which is currently on the Senate floor for third reading.

BPC 5616 - Landscape Architecture Contract - Contents, Notice Requirements

BPC 5616 adds language clarifying written contract requirements to be more consistent with the protections and provisions of architects and professional engineers. The language will specify the parameters for executing a contract between the licensed landscape architect and client, termination procedures, instances when contract requirements do not apply, and a clarification of the term "written contract." The language has been reviewed and approved by the LATC and Board, and will be pursued for legislative action in the future.

BPC 5640 - Unlicensed Person Engaging in Practice - Sanctions

BPC 5640 adds language to expand on the definition of unlicensed activity, such as use of a stamp or advertising, with respect to landscape architecture. The language has been reviewed and

approved by the LATC and Board, and will be pursued for legislative action in the future.

BPC 5678, 5678.1, 5678.2, 5678.3 and 5678.4 - Reporting Requirements

BPC 5678, 5678.1, 5678.2, 5678.3 and 5678.4 adds language clarifying licensed landscape architect report requirements to be made to the California Architects Board (Board) in matters related to judgments levied in any civil action, judgment, settlement, arbitration award or administrative action resulting in a judgment settlement or arbitrations award against the licensee. The language also outlines reporting timelines, monetary reporting amounts, and disciplinary action as a result of a failure to comply with the statute. The proposed language is part of Assembly Bill 2256, which is currently on the Senate floor for third reading.

CCR 2649 - Fees

This proposed regulation would increase the Landscape Architect Registration Examination fees paid by candidates for examination sections C and E, increase for standard reviews and red line reviews, and remove language in regulation that is no longer applicable to the LATC examination process. At the May 9, 2006 LATC meeting, the members voted on and approved an amendment to 2649. The proposed regulation was submitted to the Office of Administrative Law and published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on July 21, 2006. The public hearing is scheduled for September 13, 2006.

CCR 2670 - Rules of Professional Conduct

This proposed regulation would require a landscape architect or candidate for licensure to respond to the Board's requests for information and/or evidence within 30 days whenever the Board is conducting an investigation, require a landscape architect to respond in writing within 30 days to any request from the Board for information solicited in connection with a candidate's application for license, and clarify language within existing regulation. The proposed regulation was submitted to the Office of Administrative Law and published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on July 21, 2006. The public hearing is scheduled for September 13, 2006.

EXPIRED LICENSE

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noted above; however, the applicant would not be eligible for the re-licensure process and would therefore **be required to take and pass all sections of the current national licensing examination.**

The LATC realizes that cancellation of a license may sometimes be intentional on the part of a licensee; however, there are instances when renewal of a license may be overlooked or a licensee may fail to forward a change of address to the LATC, etc. In the latter cases, individuals put themselves at risk if they continue to practice without a current and valid license, as such action could result in disciplinary action taken against them by the LATC.

Landscape Architect Extension Program Certification

The Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) reviews and certifies the California Extension Certificate Programs every five years. The two programs in California undergoing certification are the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and the University of California, Berkeley (UCB). Review of the two extension programs consists of a Self Evaluation Report and a site team visit, concluding in October 2006.

The LATC sought out professionals to take part in one of the three-member site review teams. The following landscape architects will review the two programs:

UCLA Team

Linda Gates
Robert Cardoza
Larry Kasparowitz

UCB Team

Christine Anderson
Catherine Blake
Wayne Romanek



VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT!

California Supplemental Examination Development

It's not too late to volunteer to be part of the occupational analysis of the landscape architect practice and the development of a new California Supplemental Examination (CSE)! This important study is being carried out under the direction of the California Architects Board and the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee. Administered since June 2000, the LATC was charged with the task of developing a new version of the CSE due to the age of the examination and security concerns with the take-home format. The CSE development process will take place annually. If you are a licensed landscape architect and interested in participating please email the LATC at latc@dca.ca.gov.

Updating the CSE will involve multiple sessions tasked with three distinct goals:

1) Occupational Analysis

The occupational analysis session will define the landscape architect practice in terms of the actual tasks that a new licensee must be able to perform safely and competently at the time of licensure. In order to develop a supplemental examination that is fair, job-related, and legally defensible, it must be based solidly upon what landscape architects actually do on the job.

2) Examination Development

Examination development will focus on training the landscape architect panel in the technical, professional, and legal standards that serve as specific guidelines for the development of examinations. From this, the panel will develop exam questions so that a candidate's ability can be assessed based on knowledge specific to the landscape architectural profession in California.

3) Criterion Referenced Passing Scores

The criterion referenced passing score session will first seek to determine a minimum level of competency that candidates must possess in order to pass the examination. The panel will then develop definitions of the different levels of candidate performance by identifying critical work behaviors that contrast the highly effective, the minimally competent, and the ineffective candidate, which will be used as a basis for determining a passing score for the examination.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

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| September 7-9, 2006 | CLARB Annual Meeting | San Antonio, TX |
| October 3-5, 2006 | LARE (Sections A, B and D) | Statewide Testing Centers |
| October 6-9, 2006 | ASLA Annual Meeting | Minneapolis, MN |
| November 7, 2006 | LATC Meeting | TBA |
| December 4-5 | LARE (Sections C and E) | TBA |

We've moved!

LATC offices are now located at
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