



Plain News - August 24, 2009

Letter From the President, Joe Daly, ASLA

Impossible to imagine but we are in the last swing of summer – kids are going back to school, the Chiefs infinite preseason has started and the Royals are, well it's still fun to get out to the K right!

The winding down of summer also brings the annual Mark D. Moore Scholarship Golf Tournament - presented by Commercial Landscapers - that will be held on September 28 th at Falcon Lakes Golf Course. We hope to see as many of you out there as possible – [see the website for early bird registration prices](#). We also received a thank you letter from Jonathan Ryan – who is our most recent recipient of the Scholarship – [please read the letter](#) to see the why we you're your support every year!

As a Chapter we have recently completed the task of providing volunteers to jury the Vermont and Illinois Chapters Awards Submittal individually. Collectively 12 PGASLA and 2 AIA members joined to provide this valuable service and were rewarded with comments like, "We were told to try and get PGASLA to jury our awards because of the effort you all put into it." That says it all about our membership in my opinion.

We would also like to recognize the incoming Executive Committee for 2009-2010 that will take over after the completion of the 2009 Annual Meeting.

President Mike McGrew
President Elect Korey Schulz
Past President Joe Daly
Vice President Noel Challis
Treasurer Celine Armstrong
Secretary Matt Schoell-Shafer
Wichita Member David Grossi
Trustee Chip Winslow

Please join me in congratulating them and supporting them in the coming year.

Don't forget to RSVP for the August Happy Hour sponsored by Loma Vista Nursery at Garozzo's in Columbus Park on Wednesday August 26 th! More details to follow.

As always, please join us at any Executive Committee meeting or contact any member of the Executive Committee at your convenience if you have a pressing issue!

Joe Daly, ASLA
President PGASLA

2009 Calendar of Events

August 26 – PGASLA Happy Hour @ Garozzo's in Columbus Park – Sponsored by Loma Vista Nursery, Inc.
August 28 – PGASLA Welcome Back Event at Kansas State University – all members are welcome and encouraged to attend.
September 3 – PGASLA Executive Committee Meeting – Final Meeting for 2008-2009 Executive Committee – AIA Kansas City Office
September 16-18 – Chapter Presidents Council and Board of Trustees Meetings in Chicago, IL.
September 18-21 – ASLA Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL
September 21 – ASLA Awards Ceremony – Professor Dennis Day, FASLA will receive the Jot D. Carpenter Teaching Medal
September 28 – [Mark D. Moore Scholarship Golf Tournament presented by Commercial Landscapers Inc. – Falcon Lakes Golf Course – Basehor, Kansas](#)

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Government Affairs

- **The ASLA Licensure and Advocacy Summit VIII was held August 7-9 in Alexandria, Virginia.** There were 47 landscape architects from 35 chapters in attendance, along with representatives from the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. Discussion topics included continuing education requirements, restraints to practice, and presentations from recent success stories: Michigan, Washington, and Illinois. Evaluations show that this was the highest rated summit thus far!
- In the midst of a state budget battle, **Connecticut is facing the possible elimination of the Board of Landscape Architects.** The proposal would also abolish numerous other state boards, including those that regulate architecture and engineering, and transfer the duties of the boards to the executive branch agency.

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Publishing and Resource Development

- **Registration for the annual meeting is still outpacing last year with 2,821 individuals registered as of noon today.** More than 200 tickets have been sold for both the Fellows Dinner and the President's Dinner, and tickets for the Gala at the Art Institute have soared to 417. Four tours and one field session have sold out and student registration continues to climb with 365 students registered to date. Thirty-four individuals have also contributed to the carbon offset program. Two reminder messages about Friday's advance registration deadline have been sent out to more than 30,000 contacts. The onsite program for the annual meeting is in development and set to go to press on August 26.
- **Customized messages promoting the annual meeting are being sent** to firm key contacts, targeted Professional Practice Networks (PPNs), AIA, and APA members outlining annual meeting education topics of interest to each group.
- **The number of EXPO 2009 exhibitors has increased to 355 and revenue is at 83 percent of the budget goal. Forty-seven exhibitors have already signed contracts for EXPO 2010** valued at 18 percent of the 2010 budget goal. Fifty percent deposits are being collected, which will assist with cash flow in the fall.

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Stay tuned for more event information in the very near future!

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Movers and Shakers . . .

- **Cale Doornbos** has recently started at 360 Architecture.

Please contact Kristen Fisher (info@pgasla.org) with any new employees.