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## From the Executive Committee

*Amy Bell, ASLA*

Happy 2011 NMASLA Members!!!! After a successful 2010, the NMASLA Executive Committee is in full swing and is planning several exciting events for the new year. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your membership and update you on what's in store.

Perhaps our biggest announcement is that NMASLA is working to become an approved provider in ASLA's Continuing Education System. This means that members will be able to easily obtain and track continuing education hours earned at NMASLA events. Proof of attendance will be mailed to attendees and records can be accessed and downloaded from the ASLA website. Best of all, the credits will be approved in advance by ASLA and CLARB!

Our recent switch to quarterly events has been very popular! Once again, our "Q" events in 2011 will take the form of tours, workshops, mini-conferences, and opportunities to network

and socialize with members across the state. Mark your calendars for these exciting events planned for 2011:

Q1: April – Join us for a tour of Quarai Mission, part of the Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument, in Central New Mexico. The tour will be led by renowned Southwestern Cultural Landscapes author Baker Morrow, FASLA. We will learn about the ancient inhabitants of New Mexico and how they used and modified the surrounding landscape. The event serves as a celebration of Earth Day and National Landscape Architecture Month. Lunch and transportation will be provided from Albuquerque and continuing education credits can be earned by attending.

Q2: August – Our most popular event, the NMASLA Golf Tournament and Vendor Expo, is in its' 16th year! The traditional team "scramble" format will be back in full swing. There will be food, fun, prizes, and product demonstrations from NMASLA sponsors. If you haven't attended before, come and see what all the fuss is about!

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Q3: October – We have a new event planned for fall 2011! A mini-education conference will be held in Albuquerque and will provide members with up to four continuing education hours, free of charge! Possible topics include proper irrigation system installation, edible landscapes, lighting design, and a review of the new Sustainable Sites Initiative. This Friday afternoon event will be followed by our annual Student/Professional Mixer. Join us for refreshments while mentoring the next generation of talent in New Mexico.

Q4: December – This year's Q4 event will be our 2011 NMASLA Design Awards Gala! After a five-year break, we're excited for another opportunity to promote our profession and recognize the achievements of practicing professionals statewide. This is YOUR opportunity to showcase your best work. The executive community would like the 2011 awards to represent all facets of New Mexico Landscape Architecture, including work from firms, sole practitioners, government agencies and students. Stay tuned for submission requirements and deadlines.

Finally, we hope you'll notice many improvements to our website throughout 2011! Visit [www.nmasla.org](http://www.nmasla.org) frequently for updates on chapter news and events, links to stories relevant to the profession, and profiles of recent landscape architecture

projects in New Mexico. We want everyone to see what YOU are working on! Send your project photos and descriptions to our website manager for inclusion throughout the year.

The Executive Committee strives to provide NMASLA members with the services they need to grow and succeed. From providing continuing education to lobbying elected officials, our goal is to support and market the profession while creating opportunities for members to join together and share ideas. We are available to answer questions about licensure, the LARE, or any other issues pertinent to Landscape Architects in New Mexico. Let us know how we can help!

Here's to a successful 2011!  
See you at the Q1 event.....

The NMASLA Executive  
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## NMASLA Q4 Event

*Aaron Zahm, ASLA*

NMASLA capped off another fun year of networking and educational opportunities with our Q4 event – a bus trip to the El Camino Real International Heritage Center and Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge. We marveled at the history, architecture, and vistas of the Heritage Center, while the warm November day was perfect for enjoying a delicious outdoor lunch and getting to catch up with friends and colleagues. Our guided tour of Bosque del Apache was informative and watching the cranes and snow geese land at sunset was a real bonus! We finished up with a lively dinner at Socorro Springs Brewery.

If you still haven't joined us for a 'Q' event, please plan on it in 2011. Your Executive Committee is organizing another awesome slate of events for the year and

we'd love to see you. Our goal: to maximize the value of your NMASLA membership!

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## Santa Fe Public School District

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Remember the treehouse that you used to play on when you were a kid? You know the one; it was built by your parents or your friend's parents and it kept you busy on long, lazy, summer afternoons. The wood railings weren't straight, the tree stump was the only thing holding it up, you usually had to jump from other items just to get there, and somehow there was even a slide attached to it. Admit it, you always thought it would fall down when you were all playing on it, didn't you? But that made it all the more exciting to play on. In fact, if you think about it, some of your best summer memories occurred while hanging

outside with your friends, watching the sun set each evening.

It bears asking the question – "Whatever happened to playing in nature with friends?"

The Santa Fe Public School District asked that question when they were designing two new themed playground structures for the Amy Biehl Community School at Rancho Viejo. Their answers brought back a touch of the treehouse designs to the school yard, and even made the design team reminisce about their own childhoods.

When it came to the playground areas, rather than providing the typical, cookie-cutter, primary colored playground for the school, a team of dedicated individuals

met to design a natural, fun place for the children to play. The building committee team consisted of a diverse mix of people; some came from the Santa Fe Children's Museum, the school district, and members of the community. Another team member was local landscape architect, Claudia Meyer Horn of Design Office. When discussing the project, Claudia said, "The community team was a mix of teachers, administrators and parents all who believe that not only can the outdoors be used for recreation, but it can also be used as a learning environment for education. Many of the conversation points were based on Richard Louv's book *Last Child in the Woods* which discusses the staggering divide between children and the outdoors. Richard Louv links the lack of nature in today's children's lives to rises in obesity, attention disorders, and even depression. A lot of the members of the community took to heart the ideas presented in this book and wanted to create a science-based study plan based in and around nature, and not limiting the children to just staring at the four walls of a classroom."

After the community design team met and discussed their playground ideas of what Amy Biehl Community School at Rancho Viejo should be,

*Tree Fort Playground*





*Clubhouse Playground*

Claudia meet with Butch DeFillippo of PlaySafe, LLC. PlaySafe, LLC is a national playground consultant firm that works with the Santa Fe School District. After talking about possible concepts and design concerns, the team opted to build the playgrounds to resemble an old-styled tree clubhouse and a tree fort. Butch stated, "It was a challenging task to take this dream of bringing children back to nature and to incorporating the need for playground safety. I think most people would be surprised by all the requirements that exist. I believe the whole team of consultants, installers, and district staff worked very hard to balance the needs of the children with the need to bring the students back to the natural world." Butch also stated that during a meeting

with Superintendent Bobbie Gutierrez, he was told that the district wanted Amy Biehl to be viewed as the flagship of the Santa Fe Public School District and that it should make a bold statement in the community. Superintendent Gutierrez stated, "The high quality and imaginative design of the Cre8Play equipment pairs perfectly with the open concept design of Amy Biehl Community School."

With the desire to keep the natural Tree House theme moving forward, but to also comply with the school district and the current national playground standards and guidelines, Cre8Play was chosen to assist. Cre8Play is a Minnesota based company which specializes in creating custom themed environments. They

have completed themed designs for restaurants, zoos, municipalities, school districts, and even a universally accessible Tug Boat environment near the Olympic Oval in Richmond, one of the official Venue Cities of the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Todd Lehman, the owner of Cre8Play said in a telephone interview, "In the past we've had people tell us that they wanted to play in a barn, so we designed an accessible compliant playground in the shape of a barn; with slides, climbers, and we even used a portion of the prior grain silo as a roof of the playground... which was a request from the owners. With the Amy Beihl Community school project, there was a great design team in place and they had a clear concept of what they wanted. When the call came into the office, we were excited! We knew that we would be able to design play systems with their nature themed concepts, and we wanted to showcase our talents to the Santa Fe School District...and the state of New Mexico. We were given excellent details on what the team was looking for, with regards to the look of the structure and the play components, so we were able to provide a design of the their playground design. Usually there are several conceptual drawings that go

*"Students are enjoying these straight from nature play structures – they have been the major backdrop/ story starter for playground fairytales and places far far away."*

back and forth between our design group and the final owner, but with Santa Fe's detailed vision, we were able to execute the design and the entire design and production process moved along quickly."

The result of the dedicated professionals involved in this project is now available to be seen and played on at Amy Biehl Community School at Rancho Viejo at 310 Avenida Del Sur, Santa Fe, NM 87507. It's made for children, but built strong enough for adults to climb around, too. Here are some of the highlights of the play areas. The larger playground, which was designed for 5-12 year old children is in the form of a Tree Fort. The Tree Fort has a "cut tree stump" as the ADA transfer platform, a natural looking Tree Climber that doubles as additional support for the deck, a Tree Fort Ladder that has angled planks to climb up and down from the six foot tall deck, a curvy slide, a Stump Climber that looks like six cut trees, and even a Sliding Pole. To enhance the Tree Fort look, there are a wood looking planks that create the roof and a barrier that looks like it came right off your parent's saw table...if your parents weren't the best at woodwork.

The second playground was designed as a Clubhouse

to be used by the younger children. The idea was to spread out the equipment and create a fun layout to crawl around. This concept allows children to jump from piece to piece, making the Clubhouse and the free standing items all play-functionally linked into one big play area. The design includes a few Log Steppers that lead to natural looking boulders, which vary in size. These boulders lead to a Log Balance Beam and a Stone Pillar. The Boulders continue until they reach the "cut" Tree Stump transfer platform on the Clubhouse. There's even a four foot long Hollow Log Crawl the children can climb on or through. And we haven't even gotten to the Clubhouse yet. It has its own cool features; there's a Tree Stump Climber, a Double Slide, and a Balcony with two telescopes...that really work! There are also tactile elements throughout the Clubhouse to engage the children's senses.

Pam De La O, the Principal of Amy Biehl Community School, was asked about the final project results and she said, "The unique design really catches the students' attention and they have really enjoyed playing on the new themed playgrounds."

In the Southwest, durability of playground equipment is

always a concern, although these playgrounds may look like they were just thrown together...but looks can be deceiving. All the natural looking trees are made of concrete...yes, that's glass fiber reinforced concrete. Some of the other items that are used to make these creations look natural include: composite wood, sculpting epoxy, various plastics and other "secret" materials. Put them all together and take care of it and you'll get a playground that even your children's children can play on.

Someday, we hope that the children attending Amy Biehl Community School at Rancho Viejo will look back and have a positive memory of playing in an exciting Clubhouse and Tree Fort, just like we can remember spending our summer afternoons with our childhood friends. Superintendent Gutierrez said, "Students are enjoying these straight-from-nature play structures – they have been the major backdrop and story starter for playground fairytales and places far, far away." Although a student of Amy Biehl may have said it best when she first walked outside to the themed playground area. With an excited, hushed voice asked, "Can we go play on the tree house?"

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## From Source to Sink

### Integrating sustainable stormwater management into the urban fabric

*Anthony Fettes, Associate  
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The creation of impervious surfaces in conjunction with traditional stormwater conveyance systems can have significant impacts on the hydrology of an urban area. With limited opportunities for infiltration and evapotranspiration, runoff is quickly conveyed into nearby waters, carrying with a cocktail of suspended sediment, nutrients, and pollutants. The issue of non-point source

pollution is so critical that the U.S. E.P.A. has reported that urban runoff is the leading source of water quality impairments to estuaries and the third-largest source of impairments to surveyed lakes.

Understanding the prevalence of this issue, this research/design project explored ways to effectively manage stormwater in the urban landscape, while integrating essential ecosystem services into a functional design. The resulting proposal suggested ways to manage rainwater throughout an entire catchment and also offered a site specific design solution for an existing storm sewer outfall.

#### Context

Located amidst a glacially formed landscape in the upper Midwestern United States, the urban center of Madison, Wisconsin (population 236,000) is situated on a narrow isthmus of land between two large inland lakes. What was once a mosaic of tall-grass prairies, oak woodlands, and diverse sedge meadows, is now home to the State Capitol, the University of Wisconsin, and a dense and diverse mix of businesses, offices, and residential development.

#### Site

At the southern edge of the isthmus is 187-acre Monona

*Perspective looking southwest along the Main Street axis bicycle/pedestrian path*





Plan view of the Brittingham Park design & constructed stormwater wetland

Bay. The shoreline of this shallow bay and its 424-acre watershed is completely developed with the largest of 35 storm sewer outfalls discharging directly into the bay at Brittingham Park. According to source loading estimates, this outfall alone contributes around 50 percent of the total runoff and suspended solids into Monona Bay. Therefore, this specific stormwater catchment, corresponding outfall, and Brittingham Park were the focus of this design proposal.

#### **Watershed Proposal**

The most effective approach to managing water is to handle it where it falls. Understanding

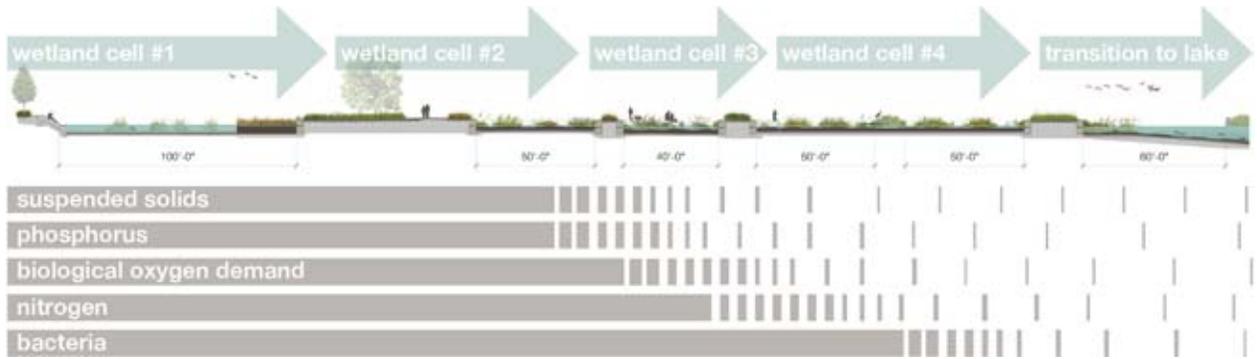
and mitigating the effects of urbanization throughout the entire stormwater catchment were a key consideration in the design proposal. Numerous low impact development (LID) strategies were proposed to effectively reduce runoff by increasing the time of concentration and decreasing the peak flow of stormwater runoff. Additionally, these decentralized interventions would aid to filter concentrated “first flush” pollutants from the stormwater runoff. However, even with full LID compliance, it was recognized that ‘the pipe’ would still remain. Therefore a constructed stormwater wetland was proposed at the outfall in Brittingham Park.

#### **Brittingham Park Design**

Inspired by the glacial movement and landforms across the greater landscape, the primary objective for the Brittingham Park design was the integration of a constructed stormwater wetland while preserving much of the existing program of the park. The 195,000 square foot wetland fuses urban and ‘natural’ systems to create a dynamic interaction between infrastructure, ecology and public place.

The overall design strives to maintain a sense of legibility between what is park, wetland, and lake. Framed by linear

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Section of the constructed stormwater wetland & pollutant removal effectiveness

stone walls, raised prairie plantings and pathways traverse the park and separate the wetland cells, representing the drumlin hills that occur throughout the greater landscape. These features are organized on axis with the direction of the glacial movement which formed the lakes and isthmus which have come to define the city.

**Constructed Stormwater Wetland**

Sized to be slightly larger than one-percent of the contributing watershed, the constructed wetland system begins its treatment process at the storm sewer outfall. As the effluent enters the forebay and wet cell, energy is dissipated and the heavier pollutant-laden solids would begin to settle out in the contained area.

Beyond the forebay, a series of four treatment cells of would be planted with locally specific wetland species which are able to tolerate pollutants and fluctuating water levels. These cells not only provide a highly productive matrix for

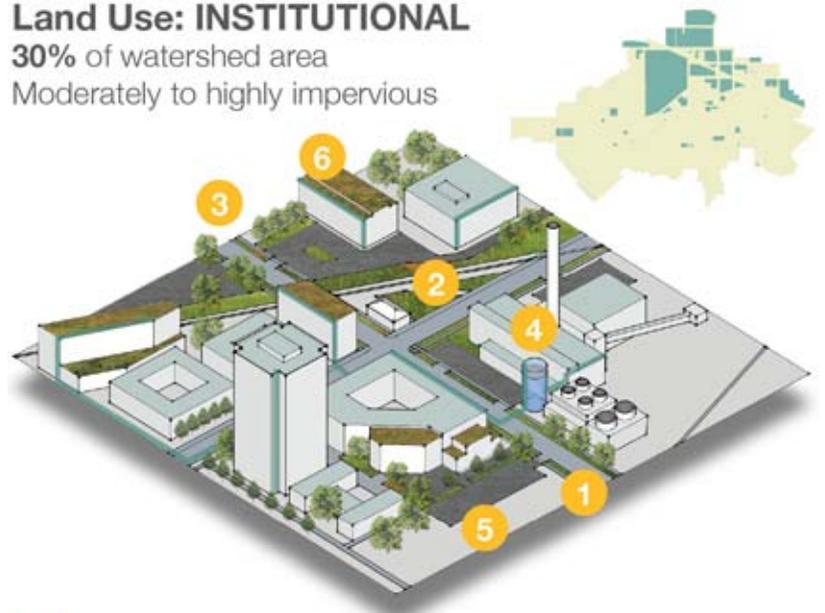
the filtration of nutrients and pollutants, they also provide valuable wildlife habitat for numerous avian, herpetofauna, and fish species.

Due to the low invert elevation of the storm sewer outfall, an inflatable control dam was

proposed to divert stormwater into the constructed wetland. This dam helps create a gradient to allow for regulated flow through the treatment cells, compensate for fluctuating discharge and lake levels, and also provide a way to bypass the wetland

Strategies to reduce runoff in one of the major land uses of the catchment

**Land Use: INSTITUTIONAL**  
 30% of watershed area  
 Moderately to highly impervious



- 1 **Infiltration planters** to reduce runoff and increase time of concentration
- 2 **Stormwater pocket parks** to infiltrate on-site water
- 3 **Street trees** to intercept and slow rainfall
- 4 **Rainwater harvesting** to capture roof runoff for physical plant cooling
- 5 **Permeable paving** on parking lots and alleys to reduce runoff
- 6 **Green roofs** to slow rooftop runoff



Monona Bay watershed, main storm sewer lines, & Brittingham Park location

for maintenance in the winter months.

### Conclusion

Ultimately, no single design intervention is going to solve the complex water quality issues of the urban landscape. It is only through the collective implementation of water sensitive design that we can begin to adapt our built environment and transform what is now a source of pollution, into a sink.

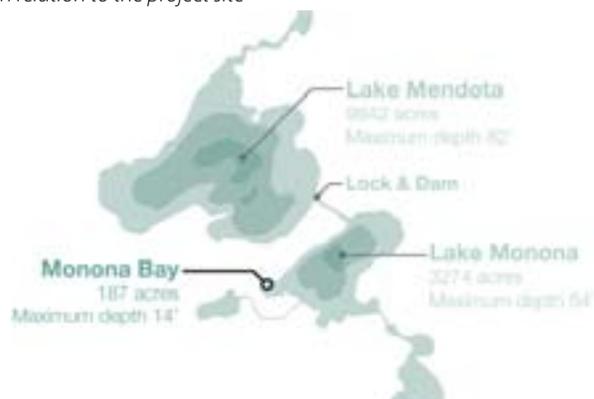
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Area lakes in relation to the project site



## Society of Landscape Architecture Students (SOCLAS)

### Fall 2010 Overview

*Todd Frier, MLA Candidate  
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*Society of Landscape Architecture Students  
University of New Mexico*

The Society of Landscape Architecture Students (SOCLAS) at the University of New Mexico has worked extremely hard this past Fall Semester to grow the student membership of the organization, assist the School of Architecture and Planning (SAAP), familiarize the student population with ASLA and strengthen the Masters of Landscape Architecture (MLA) program. The organization was successfully re-chartered, as is required by the University of every Student Organization on an annual basis, and immediately set to work. This year marked the 10th Anniversary of the MLA program at UNM receiving accreditation and was celebrated this past November with tributes to past and present students and faculty. SOCLAS members worked

tirelessly to create artwork, organize events and promotions, and enliven the venue for this auspicious occasion.

The annual "Parking Day" movement that is notably celebrated internationally was represented this year by SOCLAS and was the only UNM designed space. This designed space, created entirely through SOCLAS funds and hard work, showcased the program and the possibilities of urban redesigned green space. Additionally, a design competition held for all three years of the MLA program's students led to the creation of a SOCLAS logo and emblem that will be a perennial branding of the organization. The designs were voted on by students, faculty and professionals, with the winner emerging by consensus during the SAAP Open House. SOCLAS was instrumental in organizing the Landscape Architecture portion of the SAAP Open House that is held annually to encourage interested students and parents to learn more about UNM's programs and foster bonds between students, faculty and community members. The open house celebration was a tremendous success for all three programs at the school and was accomplished only through the dedication of the students and faculty members going above and beyond to donate their time and creativity.

Social events and networking opportunities were also

undertaken by SOCLAS during the Fall 2010 Semester. In October, a collaborative design contest held for the Landscape Architecture, Architecture and Planning societies was spearheaded by SOCLAS and resulted in wonderfully unique works. Additionally, SOCLAS members assisted NMASLA in creating the gallery exhibition and student/faculty mixer that was held as elements of the 2010 SAAP Open House.

Finally, SOCLAS members attended the annual ASLA conference in Washington D.C. and presented material from many of the breakout sessions as part of a continuing effort to illustrate best practices and the direction the profession is heading. With the arrival of 2011, SOCLAS will continue to foster collaboration and learning opportunities to the landscape architecture students at the University of New Mexico.

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## NMASLA Holiday Party Recap

*Patrick Gay, ASLA*

Approximately 35 members and guests attended the annual holiday party held at One Up Lounge overlooking Albuquerque's famous Twinkle Light Parade in early December. With great weather (that global warming is really paying off), good food, spirits, massive amounts of twinkle lights, and ugly sweaters to spur us on, a fun time was had by all in attendance. The parade seemed to be longer than ever before with a large and enthusiastic crowd on hand. In the future we would like these events to be more inclusive of the entirety of membership. If you have any feedback, ideas, or suggestions in regards to this goal or the party in general, please let someone on the Executive Committee know about it.

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## Trustee Report

*Chris Green, ASLA*

The Board of Trustees has granted national PR & Communications staff a budget request for additional resources to turn up the volume on public-awareness outreach next year. We are adopting the successful model that helped attain the goal of 50 by 2010 in licensure: identifying and convening dedicated advocates in a coordinated campaign among chapters and the national office. The goal this time is to educate the public about the profession.

The first step is for our chapter to identify one volunteer to agree to be our chapter's public-awareness point person. This person's sole responsibility will be to work with other chapters and national staff to coordinate public-outreach efforts and to ensure participation by members within their states or regions. Because this will be a two-year commitment to the effort, the volunteer should come from our general membership. The national office will host a Public Awareness Summit for the volunteers in early summer 2011 in tandem with the Advocacy Summit to leverage the strengths of both and further

coordinate efforts. The Summit will be held in Washington, D.C. and travel and lodging will be covered by the national office.

If you're interested in representing our Chapter for this effort, please let any Board member know and we'll put your name in the hat.

At the September Board of Trustees meeting, two issues related to membership qualifications were presented: 1) whether licensure should be required for Full membership in the Society; and 2) whether Full membership should be open

to internationally educated landscape architects in place of the International membership category. To ensure that both issues receive careful and thoughtful review, it was agreed that, following the annual meeting, management would provide details of the timeline and process for considering the issues for the trustees and chapter presidents.

The national office is currently in the process of collecting additional information/data, including the following:

- Other organizations' requirements and experience regarding licensure (or other certification system) as a membership qualification.
- Other organizations' requirements and experience regarding membership categories for internationally trained professionals.
- Percentage of ASLA members who are licensed, including analysis by employment type.
- Percentage of licensed landscape architects who are ASLA members.
- Data on ASLA International members and Full members living abroad.
- Member attitudes (via a national ASLA survey) regarding membership qualifications.
- Available data on numbers of landscape architecture program graduates and LARE exam candidates.
- Available data on trends related to new licensees for landscape architecture, architecture, and



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- Constructed Projects
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- Student

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**More details coming soon!**

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### SCHEDULE

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ENTRY SUBMISSIONS DUE:  
**OCTOBER 2011**

GALA AWARDS CELEBRATION:  
**DECEMBER 2011**

The 2011 Design Awards Committee is seeking **volunteers** to coordinate this big event. If you're interested in helping, please contact Aaron Zahm, azahm@mrwnm.com

Note: Participation in the awards committee does not preclude you from submitting!

engineering.

The timeline for discussion and consideration of the issues will be as follows:

- Staff and the Licensure and Member Services Committees will review all of the data and provide input and recommendations by mid-January 2011.
- At its February meeting, the Executive Committee will review the information and the recommendations of staff and the committees, and will make recommendations for Board of Trustees action in May.
- In March, an analysis of the

issues and options, a summary of data/information collected, and the recommendation of the Executive Committee will be distributed to the chapters for review and discussion. Chapters will be encouraged to provide feedback by early April to allow for collating of responses prior to the May governance meetings.

- At the May meeting, the Board of Trustees will review the issues, including subgroup discussions, and take action on the recommendations of the Executive Committee. (Note: The board may choose to take no action

or to postpone action on the recommendations if desired.)

We'll keep you updated on the information gathering that national staff has underway and look forward to an active discussion on the merits of these two issues. Please feel free to pass your thoughts along to the NMASLA Executive Committee on these and any other issues.  
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## Chapter Events

### Think Trees Conference

**Date:** February 3 & 4, 2011  
**Location:** Albuquerque, NM  
**Note:** See Attached Flyer

### 16th WATER CONSERVATION AND XERISCAPE CONFERENCE

**Date:** February 24-25, 2011  
**Location:** Albuquerque, NM  
**Note:** For more information and to register, go to  
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## Newsletter

The NMASLA newsletter is produced by students in the MLA program at the University of New Mexico School of Architecture and Planning.

Please submit articles, news, photos, corrections, etc., to the editor:

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## Website

### Have you visited the NMASLA Website?

Please check it out:

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Want to show off your projects???

We are requesting project images or landscape images that anyone would like to have posted on the website. Please include a note with a brief description (name of project/landscape, location... anything else to explain the image).

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## **The Twenty-fifth, Think Trees Conference, 'A Tree Owner's Guide'**

**February 3rd and 4th 2011**

The Twenty-fifth annual Think Trees Conference, 'A Tree Owner's Guide', is scheduled for February 3rd and 4th, 2011, at the Hilton Albuquerque (1901 University Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM). Think Trees New Mexico is a non-profit organization promoting education, training, and appreciation of arboriculture and horticulture. Think Trees New Mexico provides support to professionals in the Green Industry of New Mexico and surrounding regions.

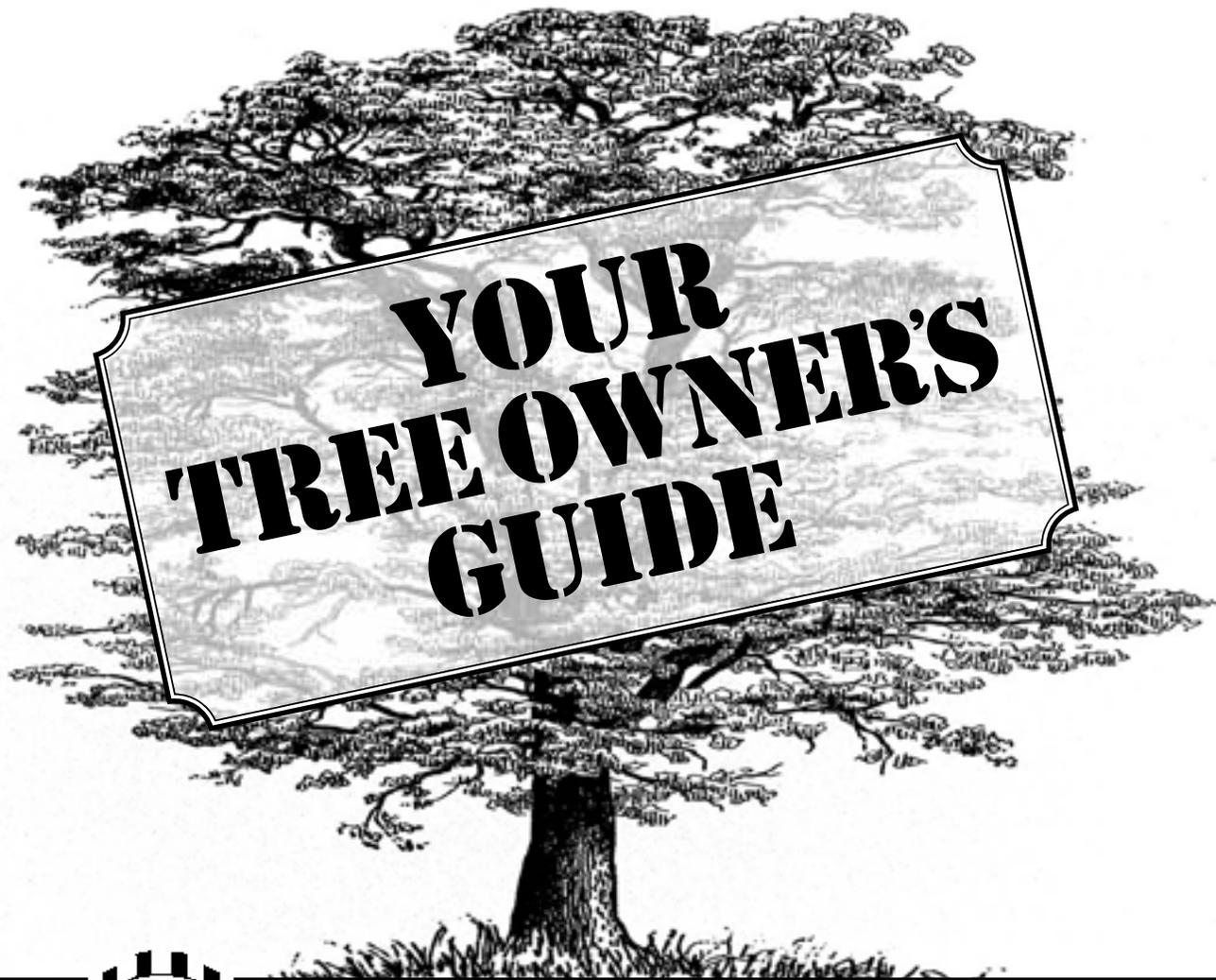
The overall theme of the upcoming conference is on practical, sustainable landscape management, with a focus on proactive tree maintenance practices. The theme will follow the new, national version of the "Tree Owner's Manual" for the tree and landscape care professional. This program can be a starting point for developing a comprehensive tree maintenance program patterned on an accepted national model. It can be used by any professional that needs to supply a comprehensive plan for tree/landscape maintenance. This plan may be used to meet the requirement of a maintenance plan required by the new national Sustainable Sites Initiative for credentialing as a 'sustainable landscape'.

The scheduled speakers include recognized national experts Dr. John Ball (SDSU), Dr. Larry Costello UCASF), Dr. Ed Gilman (UF), Dr. Gary Johnson (UMN), Dr. Tess Grasswitz (NMSU), all of whom conduct active research into various areas of tree/landscape health care. Topics to be covered include planting, pruning, trees and turf, developing a proactive maintenance plan, irrigation systems, and tree/plant health care strategies. Learn more about the new nursery/ landscape professional certifications soon to be offered in NM, and the changes to the national ANSI standards. There will be an ISA Certification exam on Friday February 4th at the conference hotel. For more information, watch for conference updates on the Think Trees NM webpage: <http://thinktreesnm.org>

Conservation of resources is a major part of designing, building, and maintaining a sustainable landscape, as tree and grounds care professionals, we need to promote healthy landscapes. Join us in Albuquerque, NM February 3rd and 4th, 2011 for an opportunity to meet, partner with, and learn from some of the best in modern arboriculture.

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# 25th Annual Think Trees Conference



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**February 3&4, 2011**  
**Albuquerque, New Mexico**

## **Speakers**

**Dr. John Ball**  
**Dr. Larry Costello**  
**Dr. Ed Gilman**  
**Dr. Tessa Grasswitz**

**Dr. Gary Johnson**  
**Randall Miller**  
**Willie West**  
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