



MALA eLetter #2 February 5, 2018

The **Annual General Meeting and MALA Night** has been scheduled for Friday, March 16, 2018. The agenda packages will be mailed by March 2nd, so watch for your invitation!

The grace period for payment of 2018 MALA dues has now passed. Penalty fees are assessed at \$15 for full Members and \$5 for Associates (if paid by February 28th). If you have not already mailed your cheque, please be sure to add the appropriate amount to your payment and remit as soon as possible. Be reminded that you may pay by cheque or INTERAC e-Transfer to the MALA email address (mala@mala.net).

The **2018 CSLA-OALA Conference** will be held in Toronto from April 5-7, 2018. The theme is *Moving Forward: Addressing Society's Challenges Through New Paradigms in Landscape Architecture*. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Ontario Association of Landscape Architects, so don't miss the celebrations! [CLICK HERE to learn more...](#)

Don't forget that the submission deadline for the **Governor General's Medal in Landscape Architecture** is April 16, 2018. This medal is intended to honour exceptional landscape architects whose lifetime achievements and contributions to the profession have had a unique and lasting impact on Canadian society. Visit this CSLA website link to [download the nomination form](#).

Following acceptance by the Examining Board, a membership application has been approved by MALA Council. We are pleased to welcome the following individual to MALA:

Gregg M. Kahan was accepted as an *Active Out-of-Province Member*. Gregg graduated with a Bachelor of Science with a concentration in Landscape Architecture from Arizona State University in 1991. He has been a member of CSLA through AALA since 2011 and SALA since 2013. Gregg has been a member of ASLA through the Arizona Society of Landscape Architects since 1995 and has been employed with *Urban Systems Ltd.* in Calgary since 2011.

The **MALA Name Act Taskforce** continues to make important progress in enacting *The Landscape Architects Act*. Policy Analyst Darius Maharaj Hunter has submitted a draft version to an internal committee with the Province of Manitoba for review and post approval. Once it is slotted for "First Reading", a short statement and a tabling of the bill will be made public! In the meantime, MALA has registered for articles of incorporation and will soon be acquiring the services of an accountant to register for GST (requirements for Name Act consideration). The Taskforce will ensure that the membership and all other stakeholders are kept informed as this initiative develops. Stay tuned for further updates!

Regards,
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