

**CSLA/AAPC Annual General Meeting  
Saturday, August 15, 2009 Toronto, Ontario**

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Copies of the CSLA 2008 Annual Report, 2009 Approved Budget and the AGM agenda were provided for participants.

**1. Call to Order**

CSLA President, Cathy Sears called the seventy-fifth Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects to order.

**2. Welcome and Introductions**

The President introduced members of the CSLA Board of Directors and the new Executive Director Paulette Vinette. She introduced special guest Angela Dye, President of ASLA.

**3. Establishment of Quorum**

The Executive Director confirmed that a quorum was established. In accordance to the CSLA Bylaws, a quorum is constituted by 100 voting members present in person or by proxy.

**4. Notice of meeting**

The Executive Director confirmed that the notice of the meeting was sent out in accordance to the CSLA Bylaws.

**5. Approval of Agenda**

Three items were added under new/other business:

1. The plan to charge GST on CSLA dues in 2010
2. A recommendation to apply for a Governor General award
3. A recommendation to increase the subscription fees for *Landscape Paysages*

**MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA 2009-1**

Moved by Cam Patterson and seconded by David Brown "that the revised agenda be approved as amended." Motion carried

**6. Approval of 2008 AGM Minutes**

**MOTION TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE MINUTES 2009-2**

Moved by Sara Jane Gruetzner and seconded by Anne Charlton "the the reading of the minutes from the 2008 CSLA AGM be waived. Motion carried.

**MOTION AGM 2009-3**

Moved by Lawrence Stasiuk and seconded by Jim Vafiades "that the minutes of the 2008 CSLA Annual General Meeting held March 11, 2008 in Quebec City be approved". Motion carried.

**7. President's Report**

The President presented a report outlining some of the accomplishments of the past year which included CSLA becoming LA CES certified, the establishment of a succession plan for the Accreditation Council and the electronic submission process for Award nominations among many accomplishments outlined in the 2008 Annual Report distributed at the meeting. She thanked the Board for helping during the Executive Director transition period.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2009-4**

**Moved by Tim Dobson and seconded by Lawrence Jacowski that the President's Report be received as presented. Motion carried.**

#### **8. Executive Director's Report**

The Executive Director thanked the members for such a warm welcome since joining CSLA in January. She stated that she understood the role of staff is to support the efforts of the volunteer leaders in implementing the strategic plan. She reviewed staff's activities during the first half of 2009. She offered special thanks to Cathy Sears and Arnis Budrevics who have worked closely with her to help her learn what is needed from staff.

#### **9. Financial Reports**

Board member Arnis Budrevics presented the financial reports.

##### **9.1 2008 Audited Financial Statements**

Arnis reviewed the audited financial statements approved by the Board showing net assets of \$251,313.

9.2 On behalf of the Board, Arnis recommended that Welch LLP be reappointed as auditors.

9.3 On behalf of the Board, Arnis reviewed the elements of the 2009 budget.

#### **MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS 2009 -5**

**Moved by Arnis Budrevics and seconded by Adrienne Brown "that the 2008 audited financial statements be accepted and that Welch LLP be reappointed as auditors in 2009". Motion carried.**

#### **10. ASLA President Angela Dye, FASLA**

Angela congratulated CSLA on its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and presented the CSLA President with an ASLA Appreciation Certificate. She encouraged CSLA members to advocate the work of landscape architects and its relevance. She stated that ASLA are promoting the fact that the profession has been green since 1899 and urged the audience to work to elevate our profile.

#### **11. CSLA President's Closing Remarks**

Cathy echoed Angela's remarks by stating that "thinking beyond our individual projects or firms, it is also a critical time to support and elevate our national reputation to ensure the public and governments are aware of our competencies and how we can contribute to some of our urgent problems" and invited the audience to support the CSLA to help elevate our profile and grow the profession nationally. She thanked the Board for their tremendous support during a year of change; Paulette for contributions, Angela for our growing friendship and shared opportunities with the ASLA, and OALA for hosting our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Congress.

#### **12. CSLA President-Elect Report**

Linda Irvine began by recognizing Cathy's tremendous contributions, especially during the six month period CSLA was without an Executive Director. On behalf of the members, she presented Cathy was a gift of appreciation.

She recognized Neil Dawe, NLALA, CSLA as the new President-Elect. She stated that she is committed to continuing to stay the course of our Strategic Plan, and intends to continue to work with Component Presidents on key issues, in particular the national labour mobility issue.

#### **MOTION TO RECEIVE THE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S REPORT 2009-6**

**Moved by Don Hester and seconded by Glenn O'Connor that the President-Elect's report be received. Motion carried.**

#### **13. Announcement of CSLA Election and Introduction of new CSLA President-Elect**

The new Executive Director explained that she misunderstood the voting process for electing a President-Elect and resorted to using an electronic voting mechanism to maximize the time members had to vote; those who do not use email received mailed hard copy with a stamped return envelope.

**MOTION TO USE ELECTRONIC VOTING 2009-7**

**Moved by Jim Melvin and seconded by Lawrence Stasiuk that CSLA endorses the use of electronic voting with provisions for members who do not use email. Motion carried.**

**14. CSLA Future Congresses**

Cathy introduced Randy Heaps of AALA who invited everyone to the 2010 Edmonton CSLA Congress to be held in August.

Cathy then introduced Chris Grosset of NUALA who presented an invitation to CSLA to hold its 2011 Congress in Iqaluit, Nunavut.

**15. New/Other Business**

**15.1 GST**

Arnis Budrevics explained that the Board has approved that CSLA charge GST on CSLA member dues in 2010 and beyond to take advantage of the input tax credits that should translate into a \$30,000 benefit to CSLA.

**15.2 Governor General Award**

Cornelia Hann Oberlander spoke to the merits of pursuing a Governor General award for landscape architecture.

**MOTION TO PURSUE A GOVERNOR GENERAL AWARD FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE 2009-8**

**Moved by Adrienne Brown and seconded by Gordon Smith**

Whereas Landscape Architecture has contributed to Canadian culture, aesthetics and the environment for 75 years  
and

Whereas the Governor General's Awards bring significant achievements in art and design to the attention of the public at large

**Therefore, be it resolved that the CSLA shall actively pursue the establishment of a Governor General's award for landscape architecture, and shall devise and executive a strategy to work with the Governor General to achieve this goal. Motion carried.**

**15.3 Landscape Paysages Subscription Fees**

Don Hester, Chair of the L/P Editorial Board spoke to the need to increase financial resources for the production of our Landscape Paysages magazine and proposed doubling the subscription fees. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the Editorial Board should work with the CSLA Board to study the recommendation further.

**16. Adjournment**

**MOTION AGM 2009-9**

**Moved by Jim Floyd "that the 2009 Annual General meeting of the CSLA is adjourned."**