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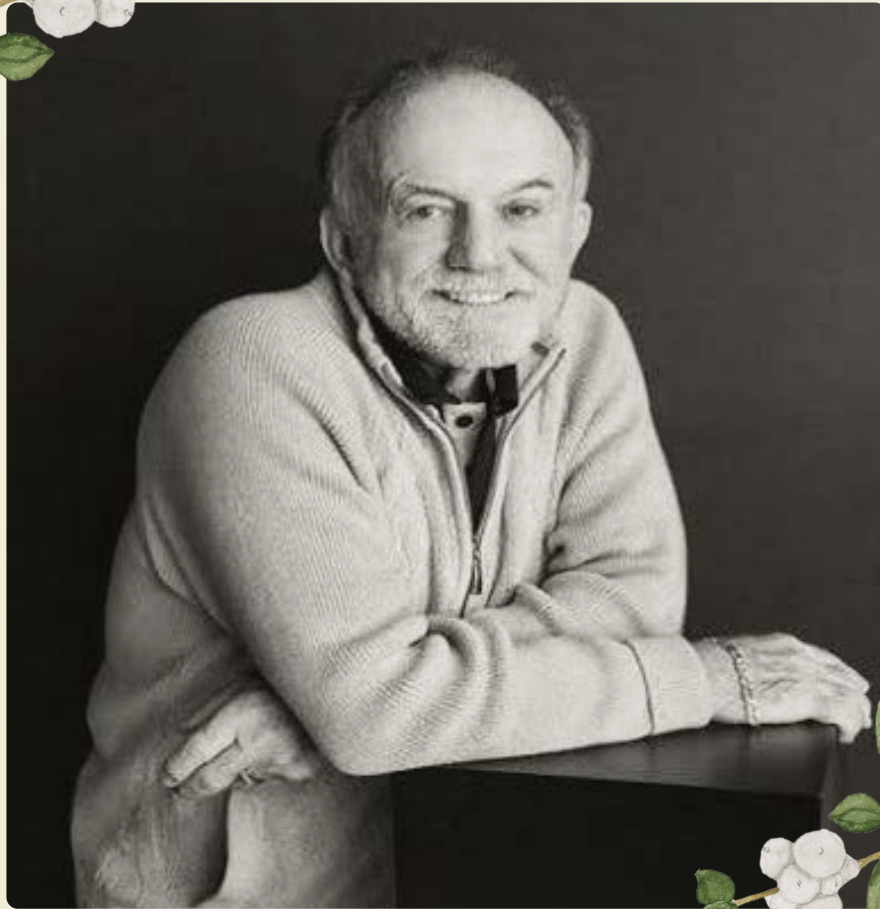
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BLESSING JACK WAYNE ZUNINO

July 13, 1948 - October 20, 2024



Jack Wayne Zunino, an esteemed landscape architect and proud Nevada native, passed away on October 20, 2024, at the age of 76, surrounded by his loving family. Born on July 13, 1948, in Elko, Nevada, Jack was the son of John Wilson Zunino and Loretta Yvette Hansen. He was a third-generation Nevadan and the grandson of Italian immigrants who arrived in the U.S. in 1901. Jack had three siblings and was a product of the Elko school system.

Jack's dedication to his education led him to the University of Utah, where he earned a degree in Psychology, followed by a master's degree in landscape architecture and environmental planning from Utah State University. He worked as a road construction laborer to finance his studies, demonstrating his determination and work ethic from a young age.

Jack's most significant career milestone was establishing JW Zunino Landscape Architecture in 1989, a firm that became a cornerstone of landscape design in the Southwest. Under Jack's visionary leadership, the firm garnered a reputation for its sustainable and innovative designs, transforming Las Vegas's public and private spaces. His work reflected the natural beauty of Nevada's desert environment, merging aesthetics with functionality and sustainability. JWZ Landscape Architecture became synonymous with iconic projects, receiving numerous awards for creativity, environmental sensitivity, and forward-thinking design.

A Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), Jack also served as president of the local chapter, contributing greatly to the profession. He was a mentor to many aspiring architects and designers, and during his career, he taught at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), nurturing the next generation of local landscape architects. Jack's passion for the craft extended beyond the office, as he was always eager to share his knowledge and inspire others.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Jack cherished his family. He was a devoted husband to his beloved wife, Roxann, and a proud father and grandfather. Some of his fondest memories were coaching his sons in baseball and celebrating their successes, such as making it to the All-Star team. He and Roxann enjoyed Sunday dinners, vacations, and time at the family cabin in Utah, surrounded by family.

Jack was also an active member of the Las Vegas community, supporting organizations like UNLV Rebels Football and Basketball, the Las Vegas Raiders, and The Smith Center for the Performing Arts. He was a familiar face at local events. Jack found joy in golfing, playing bocce, and attending sporting events.

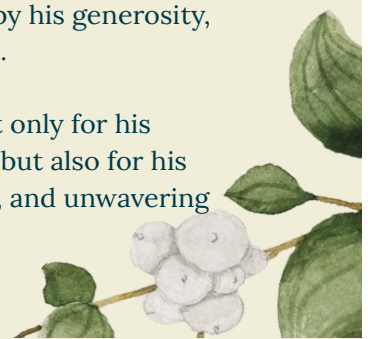
Jack's legacy lives on through his transformative work in landscape architecture, the countless individuals he mentored, and the vibrant family and community he cherished. He will be remembered for his remarkable contributions to Nevada's physical and cultural landscape, as well as his enduring love for his family and community.

Jack is preceded in death by his parents, John W. Zunino and Loreta Y. Pearse, sister, Lori Zunino, son, Micheal Zunino and stepson Matthew Hoffman.

He is survived by his wife Roxann Zunino, sons; Zachary Zunino, Jacob Zunino, and stepdaughter Tracilee (Elizabeth) Hoffman, his sisters; Crystal (James) Cloud and Stacy (Mike) Hunt, and grandchildren, Trace Hoffman, Emma Hoffman, Oliver Mileti-Hoffman and Andrew Mileti-Hoffman.

Along with numerous colleagues, friends, and clients who were touched by his generosity, wisdom, and genuine spirit.

He will be remembered not only for his professional achievements but also for his warmth, honesty, kindness, and unwavering commitment to family.





**A Memorial Service to celebrate
Jack's life and legacy will be held at:**

Palm Mortuary and Cemetery
7600 S Eastern Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89123
Saturday, December 7, 2024
Service at 1:00 PM and Graveside Service at 2:00 PM

*A Celebration of life will be held
Immediately following the service.*

Details to follow.

Jack Wayne Zunino will be remembered as a true pioneer in landscape architecture, a devoted family man, and a cherished member of the Las Vegas community. His legacy will live on through the landscapes he created, the people he mentored, and the family he loved so dearly.

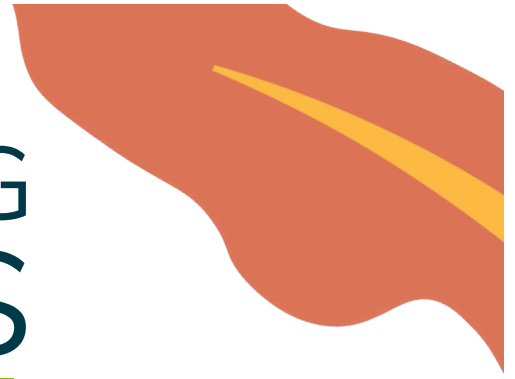
May he rest in peace.





UPCOMING EVENTS

Las Vegas, Nevada



GPH IRRIGATION PRODUCT - LUNCH & LEARN

Friday, November 08, 2024

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: University of Nevada Extension Classrooms B and C
8050 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, NV 89123

ICON PRESENTATION & ICE AGE FOSSILS PARK SHADE STRUCTURE TOUR

Saturday, November 09, 2024

Time: 08:30 - 10:30 AM

Part 1

Location: Shadow Ridge High School 5050 Brent Ln, Las Vegas, NV 89131

Part 2

Location: Ice Age Fossils Park 8660 N Decatur Blvd, North Las Vegas, NV 89085

NEVADA SALES AGENCY & PRESENTATION

Thursday, November 14, 2024

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Location: Nevada Sales Agency 3581 Birtcher Drive Las Vegas, NV, 89118



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New Board

Hello NVASLA Members, I want to announce that we have a:

New President-Elect, Kelly Miller!

Our 2023-2024 Executive Board will remain nearly the same going into 2024-2025.

Your new President is Geoffrey Schafler! Barbara Santner, Trustee
Kelli Du Fresne, North Section Chair
Iolani Domingo, Treasurer
Cameron Arizmendez, Secretary
Michael Hernandez, Past President
makes up the rest of the board.

We will celebrate our leadership transition at Pink Flamingo, so, please join us!

Get to know your new President-Elect Kelly Miller:

Over the past several years, I've been actively involved in various national and local ASLA committees, including serving as Co-Chair of the Chapter Success Institute and a member of the Member Engagement Committee. These roles have deepened my understanding of local chapter needs and how we can better support each other.

As a committee member, I've worked to facilitate communication between chapters, enhance member recruitment and retention, and develop professional development programs that empower our members on a national level. I am excited to bring what I've learned in these committees to our local chapter in Nevada.

Experience in Service to ASLA

National ASLA:

- 4 years on the Emerging Professional Committee
- 2 years on the Chapter Success Institute Committee
- Selected to lead as Co-Chair for 1 year
- 1 year on the Member Engagement Committee
- 1 year on the SKILL | ED Practice Management Institute Committee

Northern Nevada Section of Nevada ASLA Chapter:

- 2 years as Committee Member At-Large

In addition to the tasks required by the position, these are a few things I hope to accomplish if elected:

- Continue to increase engagement and membership in the Nevada ASLA Chapter.
- Promote, educate and engage our members, allied professionals and communities about Nevada ASLA.
- Elevate, encourage and support our eligible members to apply for ASLA Fellows to further recognize their contributions to the profession.

new NVASLA President

After serving as president of this chapter twenty years ago, it is truly my honor to step into that role again.



As we embark on this journey together, I want to express my gratitude for your trust and support. Our profession plays a vital role in shaping the landscapes we live in, enhancing the quality of life for our communities, and promoting sustainable practices. Together, we can advance our mission of fostering a greater appreciation for landscape architecture in Nevada. This year, I am excited to focus on two key initiatives: enhancing member engagement and expanding our outreach to educate the public (and some allied professions) about the importance, and value, of our work.

I encourage each of you to get involved, share your ideas, and help us create impactful programs that resonate with our community. I look forward to collaborating with all of you as we strive to elevate our profession and make a positive difference in Nevada's design community. Together, we can achieve great things!

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Cochran Ditch

Reno, Nevada

Cochran Flume on the Cochran Ditch, crossing over Dry Creek (Photo by Jacel Zeres Avila, May 4, 2024.)

Survey Number: HALS NV-6

The Cochran Ditch, also known as the Cochrane Ditch, is a testament to Reno's evolving urban landscape and infrastructure. As one of the first major irrigation ditches, it represents the establishment of water systems crucial for meeting the growing agricultural needs of the burgeoning city during the 1860s-70s. The ditch encompasses Virginia Lake, a man-made recreational facility exemplifying New Deal projects in Nevada during the Great Depression of the 1930s. The Cochran Flume, located at the intersection of the ditch and Dry Creek, is currently threatened by potential removal, highlighting the ongoing urbanization of southern Reno and the reduction of the use of water for agriculture in the Truckee Meadows today. Furthermore, the Cochran Ditch holds a deep connection to the social history of Reno, illustrated by the organization of the United Parent-Teachers' Association (United PTA) in 1927 and their fundraising initiatives during the 1930s-50s aimed at protecting children from drowning in the irrigation ditches.

Participants:

- Dr. Jung-Hwa Kim, Assistant Professor, UNLV School of Architecture
- Jacel Zeres Avila, ASLA, UNLV School of Architecture
- Amanda Rookey, PLA, ASLA, Nevada HALS Liaison
- Melinda Gustin, ASLA, Nevada HALS Co-Liaison





Supported by NVASLA, UNLV School of Architecture, and the City of Reno

Jury Comments

"The jury praised the quality of the research and the concise description of the resource and its defining features. The survey will make a great addition to the HALS collection in the Library of Congress. Your survey will be an invaluable reference for people studying the history of the ditch system and broader development of the City of Reno."





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Trustee Update

Barb Santner/NVASLA Trustee

The ASLA Board of Trustee Fall Meeting was held on October 5 and 6, 2024 in Washington D.C. prior to the ASLA Conference. Below are highlights:

Discussion of the 2025–2026 Federal Priorities Agenda

ASLA Federal Government Affairs works hard to understand issues and programs that are most important to our membership, so they know what to advocate for. Issues and Programs most important to ASLA members were ranked from the Federal and State priorities survey conducted by ASLA. Below are the findings:

Issues Ranking:

1. Biodiversity
2. Climate Change and resilience
3. Water and stormwater management
4. Parks and recreation
5. Housing and community development

Programs Ranking

1. Community Development Block Grants, 37%
2. Recreational Trails Program, 32%
3. Land and Water Conservation fund, 31%
4. Safe routes to School, 21%
5. TIGER/RAISE, 21%
6. Army Corps of Engineers, 18%
7. EPA Brownfields Program, 18%

Once again, ASLA government affairs staff, the Government Affairs Advisory Committee (GAAC), and the Executive Committee recommend that the ASLA Federal Priorities Agenda for 2025– 2026 continue with its most recent format of identifying climate change and biodiversity and equity as overarching issues through which we view and evaluate other policy issues. These lenses would be applied to three specific focus areas:

- 1) Water and Stormwater Management
- 2) Parks and Recreation
- 3) Transportation Planning and Design.

Further, the GAAC recommends that ASLA legislative priorities agenda be titled “Community Infrastructure,” with the lenses and specific focus areas included under this broad agenda topic.

Federal Government Affairs:

Protecting LWCF: This quarter, ASLA helped defeat two amendments to the House Interior

Appropriations bill that would have gutted LWCF – eliminating its permanent funding status and cutting funding to the state side of the program. After defeating these amendments, both the House and Senate propose to provide LWCF full funding at \$900 million for fiscal year 2025.

- **Planning for Coastal Communities:** In July, Senator Tammy Baldwin introduced the Waterfront Community Revitalization and Resiliency Act, which would create a grant program for communities to develop and implement a resilient waterfront community plan. Grants could be used to advance various projects, such as: improving waterfront access; acquiring easements for public amenities; and making infrastructure upgrades that improve coastal resiliency. The senator's press release includes ASLA's endorsement, along with other national and local groups.
- **Lowering the Cost of Licensure:** ASLA is working to pass the Freedom to Invest in Tomorrow's Workforce Act, which would allow 529 savings accounts to be used for expenses for securing and maintaining professional licenses. ASLA has secured the signatures of more than 1,525 landscape architecture professionals on a letter thanking the bill authors for their work on this important measure.
- The Outdoors for All Act, which ASLA has been advocating for, is still pending before the U.S. Senate. The Senate companion bill, the bipartisan America's Outdoor Recreation Act, contains the Outdoors for All Act. The measure has passed the House, and ASLA continues to urge the Senate to act so that it may soon become public law.
- **Supporting Active Transportation Policy:** ASLA is supporting and working to pass several federal policies that would create more active transportation projects, including: The Complete Streets Act, the GREEN Streets Act, and the Building Safer Streets Act.
- ASLA remains an active partner with several coalitions, including the Complete Streets Coalition, the MUTCD Working Group; the LWCF Coalition; the Partnership for Active Transportation, the Recovering America's Wildlife Act coalition, and more.
- This quarter, ASLA has kept members informed about record federal funding opportunities for landscape architecture projects through the ASLA Federal Funding Hub. This "members only" site provides notice of funding opportunities (NOFOs) for projects addressing climate change and biodiversity, water and land management, parks and recreation, active transportation, and more.

State Government Affairs

Throughout the 2024 state legislative sessions, licensure and occupational licensing reform continued to be a popular topic with policymakers. During the third quarter, ASLA tracked over 170 occupational licensure bills. As licensure bills and legislation specific to the landscape architecture profession are introduced, members and chapters can track them on the ASLA website.

Also during the quarter, ASLA tracked 53 bills related to climate change. Each bill can create new opportunities for landscape architects to lead state-level mitigation and adaptation efforts. Each bill also represents an opportunity for landscape architects to advocate for the profession with state policymakers.

In September, representatives from 30 ASLA Chapters and 25 licensing boards from across the U.S. and Canada gathered in Buffalo, NY for the second ever in-person joint Licensure Summit. The summit's theme, "Empowering Opportunity," engaged participants in enhancing standards, empowering stakeholders, and educating others to shape the future of landscape architecture licensure.

ASLA Dues Task Force Recommendations

ASLA formed a task force to review dues and potential restructuring of them. Below are recommendations of potential changes to member dues:

1. Enhance the membership value proposition for all members by providing:
 - Unlimited access to online learning (includes LARE Prep and PPN webinars)
 - Increase the access to additional Professional Practice Networks (PPNs)

2. Pilot two billing method possibilities for academics in 2025.
 - Joint invoicing with CELA. One invoice from CELA that includes an ASLA membership line item. For \$550 the program would receive a single individual ASLA membership (national and chapter).
 - Academic billing. Like the Firm Pay program, a discount on national dues would be applied to bulk memberships for full-time educators employed at the same program. The discount scale would be same for Firm and Academic billing:
 - 1 to 5 members = no discount
 - 6 to 10 members = 5% discount
 - 11 to 15 members = 10% discount
 - 16+ members = 15% discount
3. Unlimited public sector employee online education and news subscription
The annual subscription for public sector landscape architecture professionals only, includes all access to online education* (includes LARE Prep and PPN webinars) and Landscape Architecture Magazine subscription. This subscription model includes a membership opt-in; this addresses the barrier many public sector employees experience with funding for continuing education financially supported by their employer, but membership is not

Washington DC Annual LA Conference

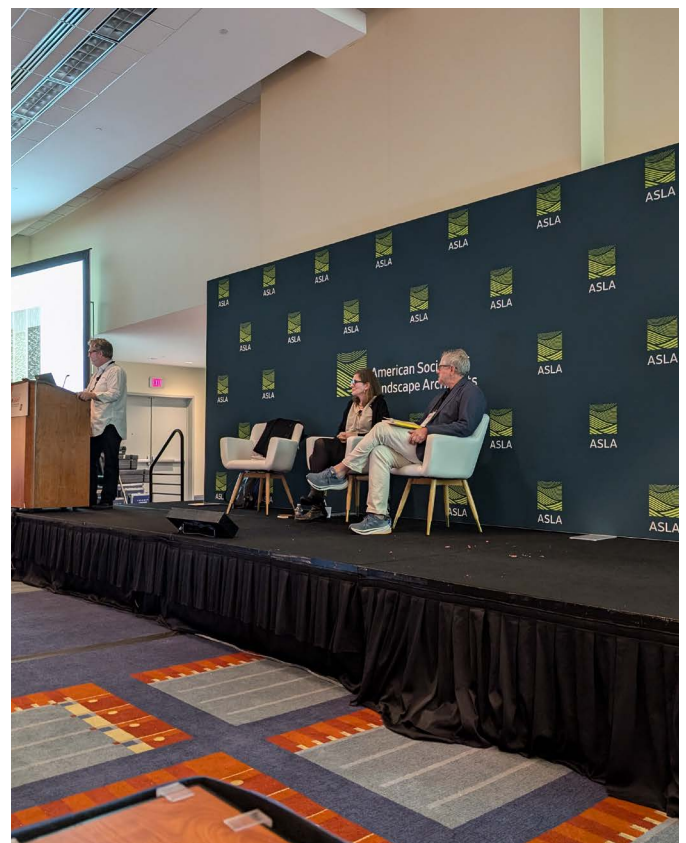
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4. Streamline our membership categories by adjusting the graduated five-year dues structure for emerging professionals.

Per the ASLA Bylaws, the Board of Trustees reviews membership dues and categories every two years. The board took action on membership dues during the Fall 2023 meeting. For the Fall 2025 meeting, the task force will recommend a revision of the Associate membership dues structure.

The current five-year model from First Year Associate to Full member is confusing for prospective and active members to navigate. Analysis of the five-year model versus the previous three-year model showed no significant increase in engagement or revenue. The Task Force proposes further analysis of the Associate, Full-Fourth Year, Full-Fifth Year member categories.



16 of ASLA's Professional Practice Networks (PPNs) organized 18 events during the conference, taking place in the EXPO or in the PPN Forum, and featuring formats from presentations to a speed charette to lightning talks to breakout groups.

Kona Gray, FASLA was sworn in as 89 th ASLA President. He succeeds SuLin Kotowicz.

o Also sworn in was Ashley Steffens, ASLA, as Vice President of Education and Om Khurjekar, ASLA, as Vice President of Government Affairs. They will each serve three-year terms. Bradley McCauley, FASLA, was sworn in as President-Elect and will serve as president in 2025-2026.

o They join continuing officers: Monique Basse, ASLA; Chris Della Vedova, FASLA; Jean Senechal Biggs, FASLA; April Westcott, FASLA, and SuLin Kotowicz, FASLA, who will continue as Immediate Past President.

Future ASLA Conferences:

ASLA Conference 2025 – New Orleans, LA

ASLA Conference 2026 – Los Angeles, CA

ASLA-IFLA 2027 Joint Conference – Chicago, IL



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New Collections Unveiled at the ASLA 2024 Conference

At this year's EXPO, Victor Stanley proudly introduced two of its latest site furnishing collections: Milan and Unity. Both collections reflect our ongoing commitment to designing versatile, durable, and sustainable outdoor furniture, combining innovative materials and designs to create functional yet aesthetically appealing environments.

The Milan Collection

offers a contemporary solution for alfresco dining, perfect for rooftop terraces, avenues, and vibrant public spaces with its lightweight tables & chairs. Providing strength rarely found in lightweight seating, this collection features 5/16 inch (8mm) tabletops, schedule 40 tubing, and 12-gauge sheet metal—delivering a robust design without the bulk. The chairs are stackable for easy storage, and the tables are available as freestanding or permanent mount, making them adaptable to various settings. Milan's clean lines allow it to blend seamlessly into any space, while our extensive color-matching options provide endless possibilities for playful or sophisticated customization. Whether you're looking for vibrancy or a subtle touch that complements your surroundings, Milan caters to both form and function, offering flexibility for ever-changing urban needs.

The Unity Collection

invites you to explore the infinite design potential of our custom curved benches. With recycled plastic or wood slats on a recycled steel frame, Unity offers a sustainable yet creative approach to transforming outdoor spaces. The collection's defining feature is its versatility—whether you choose straight or curved components, the benches can be arranged in continuous configurations to reflect the unique character of your space. Unity empowers you to craft truly dynamic outdoor environments, with opportunities for further customization beyond the standard options. This collection not only celebrates design innovation but also reinforces Victor Stanley's dedication to sustainable practices, using durable, environmentally conscious materials.



In addition to showcasing Milan and Unity, Victor Stanley provided an exclusive sneak peek at the Struct Collection, set to launch this winter. Struct is an innovative modular furniture line offering unmatched versatility. The collection includes a range of components—from straight and angled benches to planters and tables—all of which can be combined to create endless configurations. The modularity allows designers to create tailored outdoor spaces that meet both functional and aesthetic goals. Featuring a recycled steel bar frame and a choice of wood or recycled slats, Struct is as customizable as it is durable. This upcoming collection promises to redefine modular site furniture with its style and functionality.

As with all our offerings, the Milan, Unity, and Struct Collections exemplify our mission to blend sustainability, durability, and elegant design. Through these collections, we continue our legacy of over 60 years creating timeless site furnishings that last—both in terms of design and endurance.

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2024 National ASLA Conference

With over 6,000 attendees, this Conference on Landscape Architecture was one of the largest in ASLA's 125-year history.

With so many attendees, it was going to put a strain on D.C.'s transportation system, but it did not. It helped that the weather was beautiful and beckoned you to go outside.

Many people headed between classes to see the numerous historic sites, monuments, and museums. This was when the feeling of being small and slightly insignificant at times washed over me. The scale of the National Mall, the Smithsonian, and memorials left me breathless. Similar to all the previous conferences, paid tours were offered to visit locations of significance around the city.

While these tours are extremely valuable, I recommend escaping on breaks and discovering green spaces and restaurants nearby - there is always something to see!



On another note, the conference marks the leadership transition for our organization. Kona Gray, FASLA was sworn in as the 89th ASLA President, and Bradley McCauley, FASLA was sworn in as the President-Elect. Meanwhile, here in Nevada, we will celebrate our leadership transition at Pink Flamingo.



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