



# ASLA ILLINOIS

## CHAPTER ADVOCACY UPDATE 5.31.19

Fellow ILASLA Members,

A lot has happened since the Illinois Congress convened this year. And we continued to be entrenched in making the Practice Act a reality.

Sponsored by Assistant Majority Leader Senator Terry Link SB1899 passed through the Illinois Senate with a vote of 55-0! Thank you to all of those who signed witness slips and encouraged others to do so.

The Bill has moved to the Illinois House of Representatives where it rests for a bit. We are in the process of fine tuning the exemption and scope of practice language with our affiliate organizations and will have the summer to finalize details before it is reintroduced into the House in the fall. Amendments will be added as necessary and a vote can be taken before it moves back to the Senate.

While you can [review SB1899 here](#), it is possible that the bill number has changed by the time you read this. Also remember, that there are several anticipated revisions (albeit hopefully minor) that are not yet reflected in the current SB1899 language but will be amended prior to hearing.

### What next?

- 1. We continue to need funding. Our members have been very generous, and we truly thank those who have given liberally of their time and money.** [Donors can be seen here](#) and a chart of giving can be found on the next page. We would like to continue to avoid any special assessments and feel that this is a shared responsibility of all registered landscape architects. Non-members will receive a second request for funding as well. If you haven't already, please consider giving to the Advocacy Fund to bring this effort home in 2019. You can [donate on-line here](#) or mail in your donation. Monthly increments or installments can be arranged by contacting [susan@il-asla.org](mailto:susan@il-asla.org).
- 2. Continue reaching out to your legislators at their home office, as now is a critical time for educating House of Representative members on the role of the profession and the importance of a Practice Act.** Resources are available and we are here to help you link with your legislators. Have a project they can tour? It's a great way to get your representative out of their office. We are happy to assist, just contact Mark Jirik at [advocacy@il-asla.org](mailto:advocacy@il-asla.org) or Susan Ragaishis at [susan@il-asla.org](mailto:susan@il-asla.org).
- 3. We are compiling a list of FAQs.** Please let us know your questions so that we can be prepared with as much information as possible going forward.

Thank you for your continued assistance and focus on these issues.

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