



## COVID-19 AND CHAPTER ADVOCACY UPDATE 3.17.2020

Fellow Members and Advocates,

### COVID-19 ANNOUNCEMENT

ASLA's first and foremost obligation is to protect the health and safety of our volunteers, our members, and the partners and colleagues with whom we work and interact. Given growing concerns about the effect of the coronavirus on daily life, we are implementing a series of actions that reflect the principles of the association:

- While the Illinois Chapter does not have any face-to-face meetings or events set until July 24, 2020, (Celebration+), we are still doing business, holding conference calls and planning meetings in virtual settings, and providing our members with information and resources, and
- the April 24-25, 2020, spring meetings of the Board of Trustees and Chapter Presidents Council, previously planned for Washington, D.C., will be transformed to a virtual meeting.
- Also [see ASLA announcement](#)

In the meantime, we realize you might be at home looking for ways to continue your personal growth and business stability. We can help! (No, not just Netflix recommendations.)

#### For Members

- [ILASLA Webinar On Demand](#): we are happy to offer our members **complimentary Webinars On Demand** until April 30, 2020. These webinars are unique to Illinois, are LA CES approved and count for 1 PDH.
- [ASLA offers one free PDH webinar per month.](#)
- The [ASLA Business Toolkit](#) offers several free resources to help build your practice and answer questions.

#### For All

- [New Webinar – Practical Native Landscapes for the Corporate Campus: A Deeper Dive, April 9, 2020](#) – From ILASLA - Free for members
- [EPA Green Infrastructure Webcast Series](#) – free, but not LA CES registered.
- [What's Your Company's Emergency Remote-Work Plan?](#) From the Harvard Business Review
- [AIA Chicago Resource Page](#) – AIA has put together an excellent list of resources



## ADVOCACY UPDATE

We have finalized our agreed language with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation on the reinstatement of the Landscape Architect Title Act. The Legislative Reference Bureau is drafting the language into an amendment and filing it to replace the language in HB 4765. This bill is in the House Labor Committee as well as the amendment as soon as it is filed. The unknown is when the General Assembly will return to Springfield for the Spring Legislative Session.

When the General Assembly returns, new deadline dates will be established. HB 4765, as amended, will pass the House Labor Committee and move to Second Reading and Third Reading, which is a final passage in the House. The bill will then move over to the Senate and will be assigned to the Senate Licensed Activities Committee. HB 4765 will then move to Second Reading and Third Reading, which is a final passage in the Senate. We will notify you when the bill/amendment is in committee so you can file witness slips in support.

The Senate will have 30 days to send the bill to the Governor for his review, and the Governor has 60 days to sign the bill into law. The Department has the draft rulemaking prepared and will submit the proposed rulemaking through the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) as soon as it is a Public Act. There are two 45 day notice periods for the rulemaking.

We will continue to keep you updated as we move through the legislative and rulemaking process. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns – please contact Advocacy Chair Mark Jirik at [mark.jirik@site.design.com](mailto:mark.jirik@site.design.com).

Thank you again for your continued assistance and support and, please, stay healthy.

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Additional Letters to Members regarding the Title and Practice Acts are at <https://il-asla.org/advocacy/>.