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ILASLA Member Spotlight

We will be highlighting members throughout 2026. Share your member story, honor, or award [here!](#)

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# WORLD LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE MONTH

Landscape architecture shapes the places where daily life happens, from parks and schoolyards to campuses, waterfronts, and streetscapes.

This April, we're celebrating Landscape Architecture in Action and the ideas that become places supporting health, resilience, and community.

**Join us in making landscape architecture visible.**

## **World Landscape Architecture Month 2026 Toolkit**

Everything you need to showcase Landscape Architecture in Action this April. Use **#WLAM2026** to be featured.

Share how you put Landscape Architecture in Action throughout April.

### **Explore Weekly Prompts**

- Week 1: Action Through Design
- Week 2: Action Through Practice
- Week 3: Action Through Learning
- Week 4: Action Through Impact
- Week 5: Action Through Leadership

Share what you are doing to **#WLAM2026** and **#ILASLA**

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## **Event Recap**



### **AIA Grassroots Lobby Day**

ILASLA joined AIA at their Grassroots Lobby Day on March 25, 2026. Volunteers shared a folio and a one-pager on the role of the Landscape Architect in local projects. They also asked for support on the Sunset Bill moving through the House of Representatives, HR5428. AIA prepared information supporting HR0678, a resolution being introduced in the House, urging lawmakers to formally ask the United States Department of Education to reverse a recent regulatory reclassification that strips architecture graduate students of their 'professional' status.

Both reminded legislators that Landscape Architects and Architects are experts in their fields and a resource to be used.

(Above) Michelle Kelly, ASLA; Zack Rees, ASLA; Doug Fair, ASLA starting their day at the Illinois Capital in Springfield.



(Left) AIA members, along with Doug Fair, Susan Ragaishis, Affiliate ASLA, and Senator Laura Ellman (D-21) pictured in Ellman's office.

(Right) AIA members, including AIA President Megan Harte, and ILASLA Executive Director, Susan Ragaishis, flank Senate Majority Leader Kimberly Lightford (D-4).



(Left) President-Elect, Zack Rees with AIA members with Representative and Majority Leader Robyn Gabel (18th District)

(Right) President-Elect, Zack Rees with AIA members with Representative and Sen. Mike Simmons (7th District).

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## Emerging Professionals Punch Bowl Social



Nearly 60 emerging and established professionals gathered at Punch Bowl Social on March 19th for an evening of connection and camaraderie hosted by our Emerging Professionals Committee. New introductions were made, and even the gutter balls were celebrated. Thank you to all our sponsors and attendees for making the event such a success!

Check out the [pics!](#) (And yes, the room was that red!)

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**Did you miss the Life in the Time of ICE Webinars?**

You can catch them below. We highly encourage our members and friends to view the webinars and implement the strategies suggested.

**Here are the the links to YouTube below:**

**Webinar 1:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rxbvWscQrw>

**Webinar 2:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6bJY0NnC7yc>

**Webinar 3:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bkd19f-CrV8>

This webinar series is a collaboration between El Merequetengue, network of Latin American landscape architects and designers; the local Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion chapters of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), including Arizona, Illinois, New York, Maryland, New York Upstate and Northern California ASLA chapters; and private firms of TERREMOTO, TOPOPHYLA Landscape Architecture, Bethany Rydmark Landscapes, and CROW Landscapes, to learn about our constitutional and legal rights, build acknowledgment, share resources, and support each other in times of fear and uncertainty.

## Upcoming Events



**ASLA ILLINOIS**

**THE WILDER WORLD TRUST**

### Ecology Stewardship Service Day

Celebrate Earth Day and Landscape Architecture Month with a day of service at the Heritage Quarries Recreation Area in Lemont. Volunteers will work together to remove invasive plants and plant new trees. Families are welcome.

April  
 **25th**  
Saturday  
9:00am to 12:00 pm

 Heritage Quarries Recreation Area  
Parking Lot #1  
14657 Main St.  
Lemont, IL

Register at [il-asla.org](http://il-asla.org)



# SAVE THE DATE

## ILASLA BEACHSIDE BASH

a fundraiser  
for advocacy

### JUNE 11, 2026

### Castaways Beach Club Chicago

Registration Opens Soon



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NOMINATIONS ARE BEING  
ACCEPTED FOR 2026-2027

President-Elect/President/Past-President  
(3-Year Term)

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Self  
Nominations  
Encouraged!!

Deadline: April 24, 2026  
Must be a Full Member or an  
Associate Member

### **Join the ILASLA Board!**

Nominations are open for President-Elect/ President/Past President.

This three-year term is a great opportunity to get involved, build leadership experience, and help shape the future of ILASLA.

**Deadline to submit is April 24, 2026.**

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## Membership

### **Help Us Know You Better: Update Your Member Profile Today**

As a reminder, you can control your own membership information. Changed jobs, moved, email change? You can update the information in your own profile.

Note that the Illinois Chapter pulls membership information one time per month, so it may take a month or two for changes to appear locally.

Also, remember that your ASLA membership password does not automatically transfer to your local password. You'll have to set that separately.

Any questions? Please contact [membership@il-asla.org](mailto:membership@il-asla.org).

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