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During the 2019 Legislative Session, the legislature approved the State Board of Landscape Architecture to accept credit cards, debit cards and electronic transfers for new and renewing transactions. The authority to charge a convenience fee for the use of these methods of payment was also approved. On Page 2 there is information on this subject and on the company that the board has approved.

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MEET THE BOARD

The state board of landscape architecture is made up of 4 registered landscape architects and one public member. Meet Laura Miller, this month's board member focus.

[Laura B. Miller, ASLA, License No. 944](#)



Laura B. Miller is a Past-President of the Nevada Chapter of ASLA. Joining the board in 2018 as the boards, currently the Outreach coordinator. She started her career as an intern in a variety of offices in the profession during her undergrad at the University of Nevada Las Vegas receiving both her bachelor of landscape architecture and minor in environmental studies. She then found her way to Colorado for a few years gaining experience working on ski resorts, high-end residential, and transportation projects. She received her master of landscape architecture from the Rhode Island School of Design. She returned to Nevada post-schooling to teach at the University of Nevada Las Vegas as a visiting lecturer and adjunct professor. She currently works as a practicing landscape architect in the Las Vegas area. She most passionately shares her love of the delicate Mojave Desert ecosystem with all her clients. Laura has one son and husband who reside in clean-green Boulder City. Love spending time traveling and swimming.



Board Members from Left to Right: Stan Southwick, Secretary; Laura Miller, Outreach; Melinda Gustin, President; Ryan Hansen, Newsletter Editor and Website; Marc Chapelle, CLARB Representative



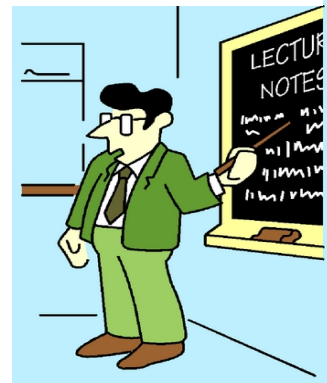
Going Electronic

Changes to the Application and Renewal Processes for Fiscal Year 2022

At the May 8, 2020 board meeting, the board approved the Executive Director to work with Big Picture Software, a Division of Albertson Consulting, to develop an process to utilize on-line application & renewal processes.

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New Landscape Architects



As of June 30, 2020, following people where approved as new Landscape Architects in the State of Nevada:

Edward Browder
Eric Freeman
Eugene Hermann III
Kirk Keller
Eric Kelly
Jack Kiesel
Michael Ledbetter
Jared Manscill

Michael Ledbetter
Jarad Manscill
Alan McWain
Sean Morgan
Ray Myers
Angelina Sotelo

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!

The COVID-19 Shut Down

As the country continues to work through this pandemic virus, Nevada is in Phase 2 of re-opening most businesses or working with a minimal staff. At the State Board, the staff is continuing to answer your calls, emails and snail mail. Following Governor Sisolak’s executive orders, the board office is not open to the public to avoid the spread of the virus. While most communication to the board staff is through emails and phone calls, these are being monitored and answered in a timely manner. Be assured that your questions and comments are always valued. Your continued support of licensure in Nevada is greatly appreciated.

Renewals and Applications Process Change

June 30 of each year, renewals are due. With the COVID-19 shutdown, the staff was able to process renewals and new license applications with minimal lag-time. Going forward, the board is currently working with a company to create an on-line license application and renewal process. This is scheduled to roll out by May 2021, in time for the next renewal period. Watch this newsletter for further information as this develops.

Proposed Change to Nevada Administrative Code 623A.511

Presented here for further consideration. The following change in Administrative Procedures: to delete any reference to 'board president or designated board member' and replacing with 'executive director'. This allows the full board, in case of an administrative hearing, to sit as adjudicators and not having one recused during the proceedings. Providing for a tie breaker in case of a tie vote or decision. The following sections will reflect this change NAC623A.511, 513 & .515. A workshop hearing is set for August 7, 2020 at 11:00 AM to be held on Zoom. Watch for the information in your email inbox on how to connect to this workshop. After the workshop, the changes will be presented to the Board at the August 21, 2020 meeting. Stay tuned for the time and place of the board meeting.

Proposed Change to Nevada Administrative Code 623A.170

Proposed changes in the fee structure for the coming year. During the 2019 legislative session the legislature approved to increases in the not-to-exceed fees in Nevada Revised Statute 623A.240 and to accept credit cards, debit cards and other electronic payments. In order to be consistent with the Statute, the Administrative Code is being updated to indicate the **Not-To-Exceed fees** as follows:

- 1) Stamp Fees (Hand Stamp) Current \$25 to \$50
- 2) Stamp Fee (Electronic Stamp) Current \$25 to \$50
- 3) Certificate of Registration Current \$25 to \$50
- 4) Application Fees Current \$100 to \$300
- 5) Renewal Fees Current \$200 to \$300
- 6) Delinquency Fees Current \$50 to \$100
- 7) Reinstatement Fees Current \$300 to \$400

A workshop will be held on August 7, 2020 at 11:00 AM via Zoom, to take comments from all licensees and interested parties. Information on how to connect to the Zoom workshop will be sent out closer to the date. You may also write to the board prior to the meeting via email at landscapeboard@nsbla.nv.gov or Nevada State Board Landscape Architecture, P.O. Box 34143, Reno, NV 89523

Here is the link to Log-in to the Virtual Workshop: Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6555590472>

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