

## A Comparison of NSBLA, CLARB & ASLA

This article is intended to define the role, mission and assistance provided by the following Member Board, Registration Boards and Society. The Nevada State Board of Landscape Architecture (**NSBLA**), Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (**CLARB**) and The American Society of Landscape Architects (**ASLA**) are each separate and distinct in their purpose, but act collectively toward the promotion of the landscape architecture profession.

### **NSBLA ([nsbla.nv.gov](http://nsbla.nv.gov))**

The Nevada State Board of Landscape Architecture (**NSBLA**) is a five-member board appointed by the Governor. The Board meets quarterly to discuss and establish policy, grant licensure, monitor compliance, and to promote the practice of landscape architecture for the State. The Board is governed by Nevada Revised Statute 623A and operated within the Nevada Administrative Code. Nevada is both a title and practice State.

The Board's mission is to protect the public health, safety and welfare for the State. The Board ensures that the professionals practicing and titled meet standards of competency for education, examination and experience. The Board establishes standards for those licensed to practice, enforces the laws, rules and governing standards for the State. The Board assists candidates in the process of licensure by registration, registration by reciprocity and registration reciprocity by CLARB Certification. The Board is currently evaluating the pros/cons for enacting continuing education.

### **CLARB ([www.clarb.org](http://www.clarb.org))**

Council of Landscape Architectural Boards (**CLARB**) includes licensure boards in 48 states, 3 Canadian provinces and the territory of Puerto Rico that regulate the profession of landscape architecture. CLARB member boards work together to establish standards for education, experience and examination required for professional licensure. CLARB provides a vital public protection service through the preparation, administration and scoring of the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE). This 4-part section exam is offered numerous times throughout the year at Pearson VUE Testing Centers.

CLARB's mission is to foster the public health, safety and welfare related to the use and protection of the natural and built environment affected by the practice of landscape architecture. To accomplish this mission, local state member boards regulate the profession through the enforcement of licensure laws that ensure consistence in competency of landscape architects making decisions affecting the development and conservation of the land. CLARB assists current and future practitioners to understand, obtain and maintain the knowledge skills and abilities required to practice the profession safely. Maintaining a council record assists one in all stages of one's professional career and helps in record keeping/tracking and safe storage. Obtaining a CLARB Certificate assists in registration reciprocity by CLARB Certification. CLARB recently has taken the guesswork out of CE's, by offering approved courses for those requiring continuing education.

### **ASLA ([asla.org](http://asla.org))**

The American Society of Landscape Architects (**ASLA**) is a national professional association for landscape architects and those interested in the field of landscape architecture representing more than 15,000 members in 49 professional chapters and 72 student chapters. ASLA offers seven categories of membership, from student to corporate sponsors with full membership being offered to those with degrees landscape architects with three or more years of experience. However, a professional registration is not required to become a full-member. Membership in the Society denotes commitment

to the highest ethical standards of the profession.

The Society's mission is to advance landscape architecture through advocacy, communication, education and fellowship. ASLA assists landscape architects with school education, LARE preparation, continuing education requirements, advocacy and employment placement.

The above entities operate through registration fees, member dues, endowments, and donations. For more information please visit the websites..

**SUMMARY:** NSBLA is a Nevada State Regulatory Board, licensing the profession within the state; CLARB would not exist if it were not for the membership of the 52 regulatory boards, it offers a chance to communicate with other regulatory agencies; ASLA is an association of people who are working, studying or interested in the profession of Landscape Architecture.