

BCSLA Annual Conference, Showcase and AGM

SHIFTING CURRENTS: RETHINKING OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH WATER

March 31 – April 2, 2016

Marriott Pinnacle Hotel, 1228 West Hastings Street, Vancouver BC

Call for Abstracts, Papers, Presentations, Designs

The British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects (BCSLA) is calling for presentations and papers for the 2016 Conference, Showcase and Annual General Meeting.

The goal of this year's conference is to examine the influence water has in all aspects of our lives and landscapes and the potential consequences climate change will have in our relationship with, reaction to, and management of water in our landscapes.

Growing demands for water and the ramifications of climate change are having great influence on our relationships with, access to, and use of water in our lives and landscapes. Last year's water use restrictions in many BC urban areas, with projected tighter restrictions this year, are but one example of the shifting circumstances that landscape architects and other professionals, need to consider in the planning, development, and maintenance of projects, infrastructure, and landscapes. Rising sea levels, floods, drought, shifting weather patterns, depletion of aquifers, increased demand and waste (treatment), competition and/or conflict for access to water, can influence settlement patterns, infrastructure development, industry, commerce, recreation, tourism, disaster preparedness and response...all aspects of our lives. What are we doing now and what are we preparing to do?

- What are the significant developments, and what is happening where you are?
- What are the issues we are facing in BC?
- What is particular to your area and why?
- What is new and innovative in planning, managing and designing for water?
- What role does the landscape architect have in this pervasive issue?
- How will this affect the profession of landscape architecture?

Abstract Submittal

The BCSLA Annual Conference is an opportunity for design professionals, practitioners, and key stakeholders, from the public and private sector, academia, and the community to come together to share ideas and projects. We invite all BCSLA Members, allied professionals, and interested practitioners to submit abstracts for papers, presentations, panels, and/or designs related to the Conference theme. Priority will be given to those proposals which address the conference theme and goals. Please refer to the Schedule on page 2 for key dates.

Abstract Submittal (continued)

The deadline for submissions is 12 Noon PST, Friday, February 5, 2016. Abstracts must be limited to 400 words. All abstracts must be submitted electronically. Participants may submit an unlimited number of abstracts if they wish. Send abstracts as an attachment to: office@bcsla.org (ATTN: Tara Culham, Executive Director)

Please include the following:

1. A title page with abstract title, author's name, institution/firm (if applicable), phone number and e-mail address.
2. A 40-50 word biography.
3. On the title page, please indicate if you would be willing to act as a moderator.
4. On a separate page, include the body of the abstract with the paper title.
5. Below the body of the abstract, please indicate your preference for your presentation format

Panels and Presentations

Please submit a topic of discussion and the names of at least two panelists who have agreed to participate. A one-page rationale for the panel discussion and a brief description of the background of each of the panelists is to be submitted. Panel discussions must be related to the Conference themes. A presentation of a paper prepared for the panel discussion is also acceptable as long as the paper addresses the Conference theme and discussion can be stimulated by the paper's content. Each panel will consist of a 50-70 minute panel discussion followed by a 12-20 minute discussion with the audience. We ask that a moderator be identified for each panel discussion.

Design Submissions

The 2016 BCSLA Conference will provide an opportunity for academics and professionals to submit design propositions pertaining to the Conference theme. Illustrations of innovative design that showcase the complexity of living and working in BC are welcome. In addition to the above, each abstract should include no more than four drawings, images, etc. that begin to define their design proposition.

Schedule

January 22, 2016	Call for abstracts, papers, presentations, or designs and biographies
February 5, 2016	Final date for the submissions of abstracts
February 12, 2016	Notification of paper/proposal review results
February 19 2016	Bibliography, photo, imagery, and electronic equipment requirements deadline
Mar 31– Apr 2, 2016	Conference presentations

For More Information

Should you have further questions about the submittal process, the conference, and participation from the landscape architecture community, please contact Tara Culham, Executive Director by email at office@bcsla.org or by phone at (604) 682-5610 or toll free (US and Canada) at (855) 682-5610.