

Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board Report

The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board met on February 25-26, 2011.

The LAAB made the following accreditation decisions:

Granted initial accreditation for six years (due to expire on December 31, 2016) to:

Boston Architectural College – course of study leading to the first professional BLA degree
University of Southern California – course of study leading to the first professional MLA degree

Granted accreditation for six years (due to expire on December 31, 2016) to:

Purdue University – course of study leading to the first professional BSLA degree
University of Pennsylvania – course of study leading to the first professional MLA degree

Granted candidacy status to:

University of Idaho – course of study leading to the first professional MLA degree

The LAAB thanks the following members of the Roster of Visiting Evaluators (ROVE) who participated as visiting team members (team chairs in bold):

Boston Architectural College – **Ned Crankshaw, ASLA**, Mark Hoversten, FASLA and W. Michael Leigh, ASLA
Purdue University - **Brian Orland, FASLA**, Scott Shannon, ASLA and Joy Lyndes, ASLA
University of Idaho – **Tony Barnes, FASLA**
University of Pennsylvania - **Jack Sullivan, FASLA**, Arthur Rice, FCELA and Steven Tupu, ASLA
University of Southern California - **Iain M. Roberston, ASLA**, Dr. Dana Dunn and Ken Fowler, ASLA

LAAB implemented new accreditation standards in the fall of 2010. The number of standards has been reduced from nine to seven and each standard is followed by criteria and assessments. LAAB completed new documents for visiting team guidelines, visiting team report template and guidelines for submitting student work. Also at the meeting the Board welcomed two new public members, Gennady Schwartz of the City of Baltimore Department of Recreation and Parks and attorney Linda Battram from Claremont, California and Ellis Antunez, FASLA as the representative from the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. Gary Kesler, FALA from the Pennsylvania State University was appointed as the third educator member of LAAB.

Currently, LAAB accredits at least one program at 66 institutions in the United States. There are 41 accredited MLA programs and 45 accredited undergraduate programs. In addition to the accredited programs there are 5 programs (3 MLA and 2 undergraduate) that have achieved candidacy status. A program that has candidacy status has made a commitment to apply for initial accreditation within 12 months of its first graduating class.

To review LAAB documents, the list of accredited programs or information on how to apply to the Roster of Visiting Evaluators (ROVE – the site visitor selection pool) visit the: [LAAB website](#).