Agenda Item #13: International Student Membership

**Purpose:** To present language for inclusion of International Student membership category for approval by the Board of Trustees.

**History and Background:** In April, the ExCom discussed the potential of adding an International Student category, with general consensus that it is a worthwhile idea. The issue emerged at LABash in March, when ASLA was approached by a student member from the Middle East (and attending University of Illinois) about forming an ASLA student chapter in the Middle East. Since this extends beyond the boundaries of the Society, chapter formation is not appropriate, but it prompted the question of how a student outside the United States might qualify for membership. Currently, they could qualify as student affiliate members (see below for bylaws sections related to student and student affiliate membership); however, membership for those studying landscape architecture outside the U.S. may be more attractive if it did not hold the “affiliate” label. Creation of an International Student category could provide an outlet for landscape architecture students around the world to access ASLA resources and networks and potentially establish a relationship that would extend to International membership. Students studying in the United States who meet the requirements for student membership under Article 2 of the bylaws would still be designated a Student Member regardless of their country of origin. International Student membership would be available only to those studying outside the United States.

During the 2017 summer meeting, the ExCom directed the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to develop language to add an International Student member category for students studying landscape architecture outside the United States, with language to be available in time for action by the Board at the fall meeting.

**Governing Rules/Procedures:**


1201. Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be approved by an affirmative vote by two-thirds (2/3) of the entire voting membership of the Board of Trustees before being submitted on a ballot to the Full Members of the Society. An affirmative vote by two-thirds (2/3) of the Full Members returning a ballot shall be required for adoption.


1201. The Board of Trustees shall amend the Bylaws while in session at a regular, scheduled midyear or annual meeting.

1202. Members of the Board of Trustees shall sponsor proposed amendments. The sponsor shall prepare the proposed amendment in the format prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and shall secure the endorsement of one or more other members of the board. The sponsor shall forward the proposed amendment to the chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, the president,
and the secretary of the Society at least sixty (60) days prior to a scheduled midyear or annual meeting.

1203. The chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall review the proposed amendment to ensure consistency with the Constitution or the Bylaws of the Society and assist the sponsor in rectifying any inconsistency. The chair shall then endorse and forward the proposed amendment to the sponsor, the president, and the secretary at least forty-five (45) days prior to the scheduled midyear or annual meeting.

1204. At least thirty (30) days prior to the midyear or annual meeting, the secretary shall post the proposed amendment for review by the Board of Trustees and the president shall place the proposed amendment on the agenda for the meeting.

1205. The Board of Trustees shall consider the proposed amendment while in session at the midyear or annual meeting and shall adopt, amend and adopt, reject, or refer the proposed amendment back to the sponsor for further study. Testimony for or against adoption may be presented. An affirmative vote by two-thirds (2/3) of the entire voting membership of the Board of Trustees shall be required for adoption.

**Action Requested:** Approval of the revised ASLA Constitution and Bylaws to include an International Student member category.

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ASLA Constitution

Article 1. Name

101. The name of the organization shall be the American Society of Landscape Architects, Incorporated.

Article 2. Purpose

201. The purpose of the Society shall be the advancement of knowledge, education, and skill in the art and science of landscape architecture as an instrument of service in the public welfare. To this end the Society shall promote the profession of landscape architecture and advance the practice through advocacy, education, communication, and fellowship.

Article 3. Corporate Body

301. The corporate body of the Society shall be composed of the professional membership and individuals or organizations electing to affiliate with the Society.

Article 4. Society Membership

401. Professional membership in the Society shall consist of Full Members, Associate Members, and International Members. Full, Associate, and International Members shall satisfy requirements for membership in accordance with the Bylaws. Fellows of the Society shall be Full Members or International Members.

402. Student Membership in the Society shall consist of Student Members and International Student Members. Student Members and International Student Members shall satisfy requirements for membership in accordance with the Bylaws, shall be enrolled in a course of study leading to a first professional degree in landscape architecture at the baccalaureate or higher level or a certificate program in landscape architecture that is recognized by the Society in accordance with the Bylaws.

403. Affiliate Members shall be involved with or interested in activities supporting the mission of the Society. Affiliate Members and other forms of affiliation with the Society shall satisfy requirements for membership in accordance with the Bylaws.

404. Honorary Members shall be non-landscape architects elected to honorary membership in the Society by the Board of Trustees in accordance with the Bylaws.

Article 5. Voting and Leadership Privileges

501. Full Members shall have the right to vote on all matters requiring a vote by the membership. Full Members may hold national office in the Society or office in a chapter.
ASLA Bylaws

Article 2. Student Membership

201. Student membership in the Society shall be extended to persons whose academic pursuits meet the requirements for Student Member as established in the Bylaws.

202. Student Members shall:

202.1 be enrolled in a course of study leading to a first professional degree in landscape architecture at the baccalaureate or higher level from a program in landscape architecture that is accredited by an organization recognized by the Society;

202.2 or, be enrolled in a course of study leading to a first professional degree in landscape architecture at the baccalaureate or higher level from a program in landscape architecture that is recognized by a sponsoring ASLA chapter;

202.3 or, be enrolled in a course of study leading to a certificate of completion from a program in landscape architecture that is recognized by a sponsoring ASLA chapter and accepted by the state licensing board as satisfying the educational requirements for admission to the state licensing examination.

203. Student Members may retain student membership standing in the Society when moving directly from a first professional degree in landscape architecture to a course of study leading to a graduate degree from a program in landscape architecture that is accredited by an organization recognized by the Society or recognized by a sponsoring ASLA chapter.

204. Student Members shall uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society and the ASLA Code of Professional Ethics and shall not be in arrears in dues or other financial obligation to the Society or a chapter.

205. Student membership in the Society is conferred on the individual by application to the Society; participation or paying dues in student club activities does not constitute student membership in ASLA.

International Student Members

206. International Student Members shall be enrolled in a landscape architecture program outside the U.S. and shall not otherwise be qualified under Section 202. International Student Members shall uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society and the ASLA Code of Professional Ethics and shall not be in arrears in dues or other financial obligation to the Society.

Article 5. Privileges

Designations

501. Member designations:

501.1 Full Members may use the designation Full Member of the American Society of Landscape Architects; Full Member, ASLA; Full Member ASLA; or ASLA.
501.2 Associate Members may use the designation Associate Member of the American Society of Landscape Architects; Associate Member, ASLA; Associate Member ASLA; Associate, ASLA; or Associate ASLA.

501.3 International Members may use the designation International Member of the American Society of Landscape Architects; International Member, ASLA; or International Member ASLA.

501.4 Student Members may use the designation Student Member of the American Society of Landscape Architects; Student Member, ASLA; Student Member ASLA; Student, ASLA; or Student ASLA.

501.5 International Student Members may use the designation International Student Member of the American Society of Landscape Architects; International Student Member, ASLA; International Student Member ASLA; International Student, ASLA; or International Student ASLA.

501.6 Affiliate Members may use the designation Affiliate Member of the American Society of Landscape Architects; Affiliate Member, ASLA; Affiliate Member ASLA; Affiliate, ASLA; or Affiliate ASLA.

501.7 Student Affiliate Members may use the designation Student Affiliate Member of the American Society of Landscape Architects; Student Affiliate Member, ASLA; Student Affiliate Member ASLA; Student Affiliate, ASLA; or Student Affiliate ASLA.

501.8 Fellows, whether Full Members or International Members, may use the designation Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects; Fellow, ASLA; Fellow ASLA; or FASLA.

501.9 Honorary Members may use the designation Honorary Member of the American Society of Landscape Architects; Honorary Member, ASLA; Honorary Member ASLA; Honorary, ASLA; or Honorary ASLA.

502. Professional, student, affiliated, and honorary members may use the designations as assigned in Section 501 for business and professional purposes such as stationery, documents, publications, directories, signs, and websites. Membership designations shall not be used to indicate that a firm, company, or any other group, organization, or institution is a member of or has any standing in the Society.