

Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board Report

The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board met on July 26, 2013.

The LAAB made the following accreditation decisions:

Granted initial accreditation for six years (due to expire on June 30, 2019) to:

Pennsylvania State University – course of study leading to the first professional MLA degree
Washington University – course of study leading to the first professional MLA degree

Granted accreditation for six years (due to expire on June 30, 2019) to:

University of Arizona – course of study leading to the first professional MLA degree
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University – course of study leading to the first professional MLA degree
Washington State University – course of study leading to the first professional BLA degree

Granted accreditation for four years (due to expire on June 30, 2017) to:

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona – course of study leading to the first professional BSLA degree
University of Massachusetts – 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):

Pennsylvania State University – **Michael W. Seymour, ASLA**, Dr. Sukant Misra, and Lynn Crump, ASLA
Washington University – **Terry Clements, ASLA**, Roger Schluntz, and Rodney Swink, FASLA
University of Arizona – **Dean Bork, ASLA**, Lynn M. Ewanow, and Robby Layton, FASLA
Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University – **Kenneth R. Brooks, FASLA**, M. Elen Demming, ASLA, and Tom Ryan, FASLA
Washington State University – **Claudia Goetz Phillips, ASLA** and David Baird
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona - **Jack Sullivan, FASLA**, Dr. Dana Dunn, and Joy Lyndes, ASLA
University of Massachusetts – **Scott Shannon, ASLA**, Terry DeWan, FASLA, and Whitney Talcott, FASLA

Other items discussed at the meeting were LAAB's upcoming review by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) the progress on development of an online annual reporting process for accredited programs, and how visiting teams should review the policy on public information. Karen Hanna-Towne, FASLA was elected to be LAAB chair in 2014 and Gary Kesler, FASLA was elected to be Vice Chair. The terms of Mary Myers, FASLA and Larry Walling, FASLA will expire on December 31, 2013. After the meeting, Rodney Swink, FASLA was elected to replace Larry Walling as a practitioner member of LAAB for a three year term running from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016. The Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA) will appoint Mary Myers' replacement.

Currently, LAAB accredits 92 programs with at least one program at 69 institutions in the United States. Twenty-three institutions have accredited programs at both the undergraduate and master's levels. There are 48 accredited MLA programs and 44 accredited undergraduate programs. In 1990 there were 37 undergraduate programs and 21 MLA programs.

To review LAAB documents, the list of accredited programs and information on how to apply to the Roster of Visiting Evaluators (ROVE) visits the [LAAB website](#).