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HALS Subcommittee

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Meeting Notes

1. Old Business

- a. ASLA HALS Map of HALS Documentation across the nation. This interactive map is updated quarterly. There are over 700 sites with HALS documentation to date. If you do not see the map or the list at the bottom of the following page, try opening it in a different browser (e.g. Explorer or Firefox). <https://www.asla.org/ContentDetail.aspx?id=37489>
- b. Chris Stevens presented a 60-minute ASLA Online Learning presentation August 30, 2017. Ann Mullins introduced the session titled: The Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS): An Introduction to HALS and the Short Format Historical Report. The recorded presentation is available for purchase at <https://learn.asla.org/asla/sessions/357/view>
One Professional Development Hour (PDH) Credit is available after the post-test/evaluation.
- c. HALS is developing a project to document National Recreation Trails, using the historic John Muir Trail as a prototype to support a potential NHL nomination. The John Muir Shelter at one end of the trail was recently listed on the National Register. The Sierra Club will contribute \$5,000 toward the large format photographs. A history will also be prepared along with a GIS story map. The history will provide the basis/context for future trail nominations. Chris Pattillo suggested that the HALS Northern California Chapter could potentially be involved with this project in some way, and Paul Dolinsky responded he will think about potential activities or roles.
- d. Only 4 Vacant Chapter HALS Liaison positions remain: Arkansas, Nebraska (Great Plains), Ohio, and Kansas (Prairie Gateway). There are only 3 states without any HALS documentation: Montana, North Dakota, and New Hampshire.
- e. The 2018 HALS Challenge Theme is *Memorialization, Remembering the Great War*
This theme honors the centennial of the end of World War I, the Great War. Not only were traditional monuments constructed across the country following the armistice, but “living memorials,” which honored the dead with schools, libraries, bridges, parks and other public infrastructure were designed to be both useful and symbolic at the same time. You may browse

The World War I Memorial Inventory Project website <http://ww1mproject.org/> and the National WWI Museum and Memorial Centennial Commemoration website <https://www.theworldwar.org/explore/centennial-commemoration> for subject ideas or perhaps you know of another monument, park, or public institution that is not well known. These sites are in all areas of the country. We challenge you to find them and document them.

- f. Promote HALS documentation through articles, websites, and conferences and meetings:
- i. The 2017 HALS Challenge 1st place recipient Lee Park [Emancipation Park] HALS VA-78 is in the news: <https://culturallandscapes.arch.virginia.edu/center-cultural-landscapes-affiliate-member-wins-hals-challenge>. It is also a good subject for a *Landscape Architecture Magazine* (LAM) article, and HALS will pursue this. U.S. Department of the Interior and National Park Service Guidance and Statements on Civil War Monuments - <https://www.civilwar.org/us-department-interior-and-national-park-service-guidance-and-statements-civil-war-monuments> and Statement on Confederate Memorials: Confronting Difficult History - *Statement from National Trust for Historic Preservation President and CEO Stephanie Meeks* <https://savingplaces.org/press-center/media-resources/national-trust-statement-on-confederate-memorials#.Wg3yAltSyUk>
 - ii. How do you suggest a story for *Landscape Architecture Magazine*? Story proposals (with digital pictures and plans whenever possible) should be sent to LAM's Managing Editor Maggie Zackowitz (mzackowitz@asla.org). LAM accepts story proposals all the time; the editorial staff reviews them, and if they seem right for LAM, they'll be back in touch. Unfortunately, because of the volume of proposals they receive, they can't get back to those they decide against. Article proposals should be about projects in which landscape architects were involved, or about subjects of interest to landscape architects. LAM especially likes proposals with unusual practice or technical angles.
 - iii. *The Field* Posts:
 1. April 24, 2018 <https://thefield.asla.org/2018/04/24/the-thrasher-ward-memorial-at-the-american-academy-in-rome-an-historic-american-landscape/>
 2. December 12, 2017 <https://thefield.asla.org/2017/12/12/the-2018-hals-challenge/>
 3. November 14, 2017 <https://thefield.asla.org/2017/11/14/the-2017-hals-challenge-winners/>
 4. It could not be easier to prepare an article for *The Field*. The submission guidelines are simple and clear: <https://thefield.asla.org/submission-guidelines/>. Once published, your article remains available and searchable online for years! Only 5 historic preservation articles were submitted to *The Field* in all of 2017, and the majority of these were about the HALS Challenge! Please consider preparing articles about your HALS activities or historic preservation projects.
- g. Helen Erickson participated in the 2018 Alliance for Historic Landscape Preservation (AHLP) Conference in Tucson, Arizona March 15-17. Local historic landscapes were featured from the Prehistoric to the Modern. This provided a unique opportunity for the Arizona HALS Chapter: <http://azhals.org/>. The AHLP is a binational organization (US and Canada), and Tucson provided a window into Mexican and Native American sites and opportunities for partnership and collaboration. The conference sold out in 2 weeks, and received more papers than they could accommodate. LAM was there and will be preparing an article. Carol Yetken commended AHLP for its grassroots/high-quality activities. Helen recommends a HALS/AHLP crossover with HALS attendance/presentations at future AHLP conferences.

- h. Helen Erickson reported that the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) is holding its biennial FORUM in Des Moines, Iowa, from July 18 to 22, 2018. <https://napcommissions.org/forum/>
FORUM 2018 includes dozens of educational sessions and discussion panels, mobile workshops and tours, and five days of non-stop networking for commission staff and volunteers representing local, state and national organizations and government agencies. Helen mentioned that this would be an ideal venue to share HALS materials with folks that have the power to preserve landscapes at the grassroots level when properly informed. Helen will be part of a streetscape presentation there with Barbara Wyatt and Steve Grede and has seen positive change with landscape preservation in Tucson as she and others have increased historic landscape awareness with her local governments and preservation commission with HALS documentation. Barbara Wyatt will be leading one of the presentations, and Ann Mullins is going to check if anyone from Aspen's HPC is attending.
- i. Elena Pascarella described Rhode Island's growing interest in a landscape survey initiative which is being spearheaded by Brent Runyon, Executive Director of the Providence Preservation Society. Other members of the survey initiative group include Karen L. Jessup, PhD. educator and author, Kaity Ryan, Newport Preservation Society, and Jim Donahue, Newport Preservation Society. Providence is experiencing preservation pressure from a new wave of development, such as the new transportation hub planned for a site on the historic McKim, Meade & White State House grounds. The goal of this Landscape Survey Initiative is to update the 1991 RI Landscape Inventory published by the RI Historic Preservation & Heritage Commission. The new initiative is going to focus first on Newport and Providence where preservation pressures are most current.

2. New Business

- a. Paul Dolinsky - update regarding the status of the Secretary of the Interior's Historic Preservation Professional Qualification Standards: John Renaud of the National Park Service State, Tribal, and Local Plans & Grants Division has completed the final draft of the Standards and has presented it to the Associate Directors of the NPS for their review. Finally there is some progress toward getting these published in the Federal Register and ultimately becoming policy.
- b. Midwest and Intermountain Region HALS Documentation Transmitted to the Library of Congress in March 2018: Alvina Himmel Park HALS AZ-20; Sunset Park HALS AZ-23; Valley of the Moon HALS AZ-21 (includes Photo set); Washington park HALS AZ-22; Marble Mill Site Park HALS CO-16; United States Air Force Academy, Eisenhower Golf Course HALS CO-17-A; Benton Park HALS MO-7; Great Serpent Mound HALS OH-9; Hunt-Wilke Farm HALS OH-11; Medina Public Square HALS OH-12; Seip Earthworks and Dill Mounds District HALS OH-10; Bayou Bend HALS TX-11; and Badger Park HALS WI-16
- c. Check out the latest issues of *Landscape Architecture Magazine* (May 2018/Vol. 108/No.5/Page 165) and Apr 2018/Vol.108/No.4/Page 211) and for the 2018 HALS Challenge ads!
- d. Is there a possibility in your state to earn CEUs for the preparation of HALS documentation? This question was recently posed to the NPS HALS office by Susan Mattison of the Pennsylvania ASLA chapter. Many individual state ASLA chapters, such as Pennsylvania's, encourage members to prepare and submit HALS documentation each year. Many individual state ASLA chapters encourage members to prepare and submit HALS documentation each year.

If you have not done so already, Ali Hay recommends taking a look at your state board's [allowable continuing education activities](#), as it does vary quite a bit from state to state.

Page 3 includes a few activities that may be relevant here, including:

- Self-directed study or research [Self-directed study would mean that no specific LA CEST™ education provider is involved, but the type of documentation required to prove self-directed work was completed would be up to the state to determine. The best contact for state-specific questions is your [state licensing board](#).]
- Reading books or magazine articles
- Research/authoring published papers or books
- Educational tours
- Educational travel
- Visiting arch. significant sites

For more information on your state's continuing education requirements, beyond the [overviews on ASLA's website](#), the best contact is your [state licensing board](#).

The activities *Self-directed study or research* and *Research/authoring published papers or books* may apply. However, HALS documentation (drawings, historical reports, and/or large-format photography) is not published. The documentation is simply added to the HABS/HAER/HALS collection at the Library of Congress to be preserved for perpetuity. HALS documentation is not really self-directed either. There are specific requirements to meet following the HALS Guidelines. Therefore HALS documentation may be a challenge to define for CEU criteria state chapter by state chapter. If permitted, the process may require the submission of a LA CES application with perhaps the issuance of the CEU's retroactively after HALS documentation is completed and added to the Library of Congress collection.

Post Meeting Note: After our meeting, Helen Erickson immediately contacted her Arizona ASLA Chapter and learned that it would be a simple process to register planned HALS documentation to earn CEUs in Arizona, and there would be no fee involved. The process would require that the NPS HALS office demonstrate that the final HALS documentation was accepted and would be transmitted to the HABS/HAER/HALS Library of Congress Collection. Helen recommends that all HALS Liaisons check with their state ASLA chapter about earning CEUs for preparing HALS documentation, too!

3. Other Business/Open Discussion

- a. Paul Dolinsky recommends that everyone explores our newest online Heritage Documentation Programs exhibition, Hurricanes Irma and Maria: Selected Damage and Ongoing Threats to Cultural Resources: <https://www.nps.gov/hdp/exhibits/hurricanes/index.htm>
The interactive story map explores the paths of these two hurricanes, the impacted cultural sites of Florida, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands, and existing HABS/HAER/HALS documentation for them. The group agreed that this should be pitched to LAM as a potential article.
- b. Paul Dolinsky presented at an April National Association of Olmsted Parks (NAOP) conference at ASLA: *Continuity of Purpose: The Olmsted Firm and the National Parks*. Paul's presentation was on HALS and a NHL Olmsted theme study being prepared for the bicentennial of Olmsted's birth.
- c. Chris Stevens shared that the NPS HALS office was wrapping up HALS documentation for the Tidal Basin in Washington, DC and Aisne-Marne American Cemetery and Memorial in Belleau, France. Upcoming new projects include Franklin Square, East Potomac Park Golf Course, Rock

Creek Park Golf Course, and Langston Golf Course – all in DC.

- d. Helen Erickson shared that University of Arizona students had used their Valley of the Moon HALS AZ-21 report to prepare a paper for the recent AHLP conference.
 - e. Helen Erickson, Gina Chorover, Robin Pinto, and Steve Grede are planning to meet with Arizona's new SHPO Kathryn Leonard to discuss how to increase HALS and Cultural Landscape Preservation across the state.
 - f. Chris Pattillo and Janet Gracyk are reviewing a HALS historical report Graeme MacDonald has prepared for the To-Kalon Vineyard. Originally planted in 1868, the To-Kalon Vineyard has become recognized as one of the finest first-growth vineyards of the world. (To-Kalon is Ancient Greek for "the highest beauty.") Paul Dolinsky suggested ratcheting this one up for press coverage.
 - g. Chris Pattillo has prepared an article for ASLA's *The Field* about the HALS documentation (HALS CA-129) and the resulting book (*Documentation of the Lovelace Garden Designed by Isabelle Greene* by Stephen Schäfer) about the Isabelle Greene-designed landscape of the Harold S. Gladwin Residence (Jon B. and Lillian Lovelace Residence). The renowned California Regionalist Garden has inspired landscape architects worldwide. Along with Thomas Church's Donnell pool, the Lovelace pool is one of the most frequently photographed icons of California landscape design. The recent Montecito mudslides substantially damaged the garden and pool. The HALS documentation will be used to restore the garden! Chris will also be contacting LAM's Managing Editor Maggie Zackowitz to pitch this story as an article for the magazine.
 - h. Carol Yetken/CYLA Design Associates has been involved in preparing the historic study of Jackson Park for the Chicago Parks. The study was initiated with the controversy surrounding the planned site of the Barack Obama Presidential Center. Chris Pattillo suggested that Carol prepare an article for ASLA's *The Field* on this topical story.
4. Closing Comments
- a. Next HALS Subcommittee Teleconference Meeting:
Tuesday, July 17, 2018, 12:00 noon (EST)