



ASLA HP-PPN HALS Subcommittee
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Meeting Notes

1. Old Business

- a. Paul Dolinsky retired from the NPS and HALS after almost 40 years on April 12, 2019. Chris Stevens is preparing a story for *The Field*.
- b. Status of the Secretary of the Interior's Historic Preservation Professional Qualification Standards. The NPS Solicitor's Office has released the document with no structural issues. One day after minor refinements, the document will be released in the Federal Register.
- c. Status of the pending confirmation of NPS Director Nominee David Vela. On Friday, April 12, 2019, Acting Director Smith announced the appointment of David Vela as Acting Deputy Director for Operations. It is expected that sometime after Congress returns from Easter recess that the White House will resubmit the nomination of Deputy Director Vela to serve as Director of the NPS.
- d. There are 6 Vacant Chapter HALS Liaison positions: Arkansas, Illinois, Kansas (Prairie Gateway), Nebraska (Great Plains), Oklahoma, and South Carolina. The Potomac Chapter HALS Liaison is in the process of stepping down, too, as he has moved to Massachusetts. There are only 3 states without any HALS documentation: Montana, North Dakota, New Hampshire.
- e. David Driapsa hosted a 2019 HALS Challenge Webinar, *Documenting Historic Streetscapes*, on April 12, 2019. Sponsored by Florida Department of Transportation - Florida Registered Landscape Architects earned one Continuing Education Credit. There was great participation, including 47 landscape architects from the DOT, with good Q&A.
- f. The due date for all HALS Challenge entries is coming up, Tuesday, July 31, 2019! The 2019 HALS Challenge Theme is *Historic Streetscapes*. Check out the April and May issues of *Landscape Architecture Magazine* for the 2019 HALS Challenge ads!
<https://thefield.asla.org/2019/01/10/the-2019-historic-american-landscapes-survey-hals-challenge/>

Ann Mullins mentioned there would be at least two entries from Colorado: Harrison Avenue in Leadville and Hyman and Cooper Avenues in Aspen. Helen Erickson mentioned that a University of Arizona student is preparing an entry from a comparative study of 3 Tucson streetscapes.

2. New Business

- a. Midwest and Intermountain Regions HALS Documentation Transmitted to the Library of Congress in April 2019: Three 2018 HALS Challenge Entries: Liberty Row HALS OH-13 (Honorable Mention), Camp Logan HALS TX-12, and Humboldt Park WWI Memorial HALS WI-17. In addition, we transmitted Pea Ridge National Military Park HALS AR-7, a Capstone Project by Addison Warren - Recent honors graduate of the landscape architecture program with the Fay Jones School of Architecture + Design at the University of Arkansas; Fort Lowell HALS AZ-24; and Medora Brick Plant HALS IN-11.
- b. Succession Planning – Discussion of HALS Coordinator and HALS Subcommittee positions.

HALS Coordinator – A member of the HALS Subcommittee designated to coordinate the work of HALS liaisons. The HALS coordinator is appointed by the HP-PPN chair in consultation with the designated ASLA support staff, and serves as the chair of the HALS Subcommittee. The HALS coordinator, in consultation with the HP-PPN chair, appoints the other members of the HALS Subcommittee. The HALS coordinator serves for a two-year term, and may serve up to three consecutive terms.

HP-PPN HALS Subcommittee of the Historic Preservation Professional Practice Network advises ASLA on the implementation of the HALS. The Subcommittee is composed of 10-to-13 ASLA members, including: the HALS coordinator, as ex officio chair; *three* members from the private sector; *three* members from the public sector; *three* members from the academic sector; and up to three members at large. Other ex officio members of the HALS Subcommittee include the chief of HALS and the HP-PPN chair. In addition, the HALS Subcommittee may include up to three members designated by the Secretary of the Interior and/or the Librarian of Congress, who may or may not be ASLA members. Former HALS Subcommittee chairs may remain as members to the extent there is an opening on the Subcommittee. (*Currently 10 Private, 1 Public, 1 Academic*)

Please share candidates or consider volunteering as the HALS Coordinator yourself. We also could use more members of the HALS Subcommittee – we need 2 additional representatives from both the Public and Academic sectors.

3. Other Business / Open Discussion

- a. Helen Erickson discussed the Action Alert on Proposed Rule Changes to the National Register of Historic Places Nominations:
[Dire Consequences for the National Register](#)
[Action Alert: Comment on Proposed Rule Changes to National Register of Historic Places Nominations](#)

Ali Hay had a link to the TCLF piece put in the ASLA Landscape Report, and Helen wrote a piece for ASLA's *The Field*: <https://thefield.asla.org/2019/04/23/proposed-rule-changes-to-national-register-nominations/>

Please read over the linked articles to understand what changes are proposed.

- b. Some participants on the call had never heard of or have stopped receiving ASLA's The Landscape Report. Chris Stevens volunteered to check into it. ASLA's Membership Services were not aware this is an issue and are trying to figure it out. There is not a way to sign up for it online. This news source from *Landscape Architecture Magazine* should automatically be emailed to all members twice weekly. Also some folks do not receive the LAND Newsletter, a bi-monthly newsletter that features ASLA news and opportunities ([LAND also exists as a website](#)). We hopefully will have some answers by the next call.

If you are not receiving these communications, please try marking the following email addresses as "trusted" or share with your IT department so these emails will not be blocked:

- i. The Landscape Report - Sender: The Landscape Report <landscapereport@asla.org>
 - ii. LAND - Sender: ASLA <land@asla.org>
 - iii. PPN/Pro. Practice Emails - Sender: ASLA Professional Practice <propractice@asla.org>
- c. Helen Erickson and Ann Mullins shared the threat to historic preservation coming from 5G development. There are numerous threats to historic preservation with 40' tall poles spaced 100' or closer together. Related articles:
[FCC votes to exempt 5G deployment from federal historic, environmental reviews](#)
[Why 5G Internet Is a Policy Minefield for Cities](#)
[FCC Reduces Regulatory Barriers to 5G Wireless Deployment](#)
[Historic preservation: 5G infrastructure](#)
- d. ASLA shared an update on our support of the *Restore Our Parks* Legislation on April 16, 2019: Since 1916, there have been over 14 billion visits to National Park Service (NPS) properties, with over 318 million visits in 2018 alone. Americans and tourists are enjoying our parks and public lands in record numbers. Yet, each year Congress underfunds NPS, forcing them to triage what work gets done. Due to this consistent lack of appropriations, NPS has racked up nearly \$12 billion in deferred maintenance projects.

To address this growing concern, legislation has been introduced that would specifically fund these deferred infrastructure projects. The Restore Our Parks legislation would create a Legacy Restoration Fund that dedicates up to \$6.5 billion over five years to invest in infrastructure on our public lands. This fund would be allocated 50 percent of oil and gas royalties not already obligated to other funds or projects, and it would not divert any dollars away from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The funding, capped at \$1.3 billion per year, would be available yearly without further appropriation from Congress and cost nothing to taxpayers.

Write your Representatives and Senators now and tell them to support this legislation!

<https://www.asla.org/FederalGovernmentAffairs.aspx?id=52062>

<https://www.asla.org/advocate.aspx>

- e. David Driapsa will be presenting a paper on the HALS documentation of the Smokey Hollow Community (HALS FL-9) at the annual meeting of The Alliance for Historic Landscape Preservation in Detroit, Michigan, May 22-25, 2019. <http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/fl0781/>
- 4. Closing Comments - Next HALS Subcommittee Teleconference Meeting:
 - a. Tuesday, July 16, 2019, 12:00 noon (EDT)