



**ASLA HP-PPN HALS Subcommittee
2019 3rd Quarter Conference Call
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HALS Subcommittee

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Meeting Notes

1. Old / Continuing Business

- a. 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. Some day after minor refinements, the document will be released in the Federal Register. There has been some renewed movement on this.
- b. There are seven vacant Chapter HALS Liaison positions: Arkansas, Illinois, Kansas (Prairie Gateway), Nebraska (Great Plains), Oklahoma, Potomac, and ~~South Carolina~~. There are only three states without any HALS documentation: Montana, North Dakota, and New Hampshire. Rebekah Lawrence should be officially named as South Carolina HALS liaison in August by the SCASLA ExCom. She is "looking forward to working on getting more landscapes documented." John Sloan, Ohio HALS Liaison, has shared his solid goals for building HALS in the Buckeye State:
 - i. Compile a list of people and organizations that have an understanding of cultural / historic landscapes within their region of Ohio;
 - ii. 88 Sites Initiative – Create a list that includes at least one cultural / historic landscape from each of Ohio's 88 Counties;
 - iii. Create a database-type website (as part of Ohio ASLA's website) that individuals can search for and locate potential and finished HALS projects.
- c. The due date for all HALS Challenge entries was Tuesday, July 31, 2019!
The 2019 HALS Challenge Theme is *Historic Streetscapes*. HALS received a total of 15 entries!
- d. Succession Planning - Discussion of HALS Coordinator and HALS Subcommittee positions. The HALS coordinator serves for a two-year term, and may serve up to three consecutive terms. Helen Erickson has volunteered to serve as the new HALS coordinator beginning after her Tucson HPC term ends in December! Thank you Helen. We could use more members of the HALS Subcommittee – we need two additional representatives from both the Public and Academic sectors. Helen and Chris Stevens are reaching out to two professors regarding filling

the academic spots on the subcommittee.

- e. David Driapsa presented a very well-received 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/>

2. New Business

- a. Alaska and Pacific West Regions HALS Documentation Transmitted to the Library of Congress in June 2019 included 5 2018 HALS Challenge Entries: Golden Gate Park, Heroes' Grove and Gold Star Mothers' Memorial Boulder HALS CA-49-B (First Place recipient); Golden Gate Park, Pershing & Doughboy Monuments HALS CA-49-C; Memorial Auditorium HALS CA-140; Soldiers Memorial Monument HALS CA-142; and Des Moines Memorial Drive Park HALS WA-2 In addition, we transmitted a mitigation project: Rodoni Property HALS CA-143.
- b. The NPS recently advertised two 120-day details for the Chief, HDP Programs and for Supervisory Lead for HAER/HALS. Interviews took place July 11 and 12.
- c. Future HALS Challenge Themes
 - i. 2020 - Vanishing Landscapes (threatened, trace or lost landscapes)
Folks liked this theme and how it could include former road, railroad, trail, or utility routes whose traces remain in the landscape.
 - ii. 2022 - Olmsted / Olmsted Brothers Landscapes
 - iii. Other future theme ideas: Agricultural Landscapes; Industrial Landscapes; Trails; Revisit New Deal theme again; Climate Change; Sustainability; Landscapes of Health
- d. The Restore Our Parks Act
ASLA reports that the Restore Our Parks Act was reported out of the House Committee on Natural Resources, but ASLA still needs your help to put the bill to a floor vote, and it still needs more cosponsors in the Senate. This bill would address the \$12 billion in deferred maintenance by dedicating up to \$6.5 billion over five years and cost nothing to tax payers.

Tell Congress they must support The Restore Our Parks Act so our communities may safely continue to enjoy our public lands.

<https://www.asla.org/FederalGovernmentAffairs.aspx?id=54959>

<https://www.asla.org/advocate.aspx?vvsrc=%2fcampaigns%2f67314%2frespond>

- e. Support National Parks in Your State
For the fourth straight year, the National Park Service (NPS) received over 300 million park visitors who spent \$20.2 billion and added \$40.1 billion to the national economy. This economic output benefited all 50 states and DC, creating hundreds of thousands of jobs. Unfortunately, the economic benefits to state and local economies is threatened by NPS's \$12 billion in deferred maintenance. Every state has been negatively impacted by this backlog, as it threatens visitor safety and their ability to get to a park, and thusly hurts state and local economies.

Urge your governor to support federal efforts to fund NPS to ensure a strong state economy.

<https://www.asla.org/advocate.aspx?vvsrc=%2fcampaigns%2f67368%2frespond>

3. Other Business / Open Discussion

- a. Elena Pascarella discussed the May 2019 article that she and Jennifer Robinson prepared for ASLA's *The Field*: The Rhode Island Landscape Survey: An Overview
<https://thefield.asla.org/2019/05/14/the-rhode-island-landscape-survey-an-overview/>
 The article focuses on the ongoing landscape survey of historic sites in Newport and Providence. The sites face threats from climate change and development pressure.
- b. Helen Erickson discussed a short-term study in Tucson on displacement. It is a preliminary paper on re-urbanism. It offers preservation tools that can mitigate the problem. Historic preservation is usually painted as the enemy, but it can help prevent displacement and save urban cores.
<https://www.yesmagazine.org/new-economy/why-old-buildings-are-the-key-to-transforming-a-city-20190123>
 &
<https://forum.savingplaces.org/HigherLogic/System/DownloadDocumentFile.ashx?DocumentFileKey=7d6fbd94-0c6a-33b9-464a-894aabdf614d&forceDialog=0>
- c. David Driapsa asked Ali to check if the US Virgin Islands are part of the Florida ASLA Chapter. Puerto Rico is.
 - i. The response from Julia Lent, ASLA's Managing Director, Member and Chapter Services, regarding the Florida Chapter and the US Virgin Islands: "The ASLA membership default is US VI and Puerto Rico to Florida, but if a member asks to waive chapter affiliation, we have granted that request. The chapter boundaries should be included in the chapter bylaws."

4. Next HALS Subcommittee Meeting:

Annual HALS Subcommittee Meeting at the ASLA Conference on Landscape Architecture in San Diego, November 15-18, 2019.

- a. Saturday, November 16, 2019, 6:00-7:00 PM, location T.B.A.