



**ASLA Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) Subcommittee  
Annual Meeting  
Monday, October 31, 2011**

**Meeting Minutes**

- I. Introductions
  - Participant roll call and introductions (*See Attachment 1 for Attendee list*)
  - Janet Gracyk agreed to take notes. (Thank you, Janet!)
- II. HALS Coordinator David Driapsa's HALS Annual Report
  - Momentum is increasing in ASLA to promote HALS in all of the chapters
  - Recognition of ASLA supporters:
    - HALS Subcommittee:  
David J. Driapsa, ASLA, HALS Coordinator  
Susan Crook, ASLA  
Ed Czynscon, FASLA  
Paul Dolinsky, ASLA  
Paul Kelsch, ASLA  
Dr. Charles Leider, ASLA  
Christine G. Pattillo, ASLA  
Christopher Stevens, ASLA  
Dr. Thaisa Way, ASLA  
Noel Dorsey Vernon, ASLA  
Carol J. H. Yetken, ASLA  
Susan Cahill, ASLA Staff  
Kasha Helget, ASLA Staff
    - Appreciation of ASLA pioneers in Historic Preservation PPN
  - Summary of 2011 HALS Subcommittee activities:
    - The "HALS Liaisons - Appointment and Duties" provisions in the Leadership Handbook were updated on 9-22-11 as the "[ASLA HALS Guidelines](#)" with input from David Driapsa and Kasha Helget and review and comments from Paul Dolinsky and Chris Stevens. (*See also Attachment 2*)
      - Revisions include clarifications and updates, and language covering the HALS Subcommittee.  
Comments are encouraged and appreciated.
    - The HALS page of ASLA website was updated by Kasha Helget, with comments from Chris Stevens and David Driapsa to become a better resource
    - HALS information was available at the Professional Practice booth in the ASLA Commons this year
    - A white paper was submitted to ASLA asking for the Design Awards to include a Historic Preservation Award category. The request did not gain traction
  - Additional Discussion re HALS Subcommittee and Chapter Liaisons
    - More HALS and historic reservation activities need to be proposed for the ASLA and Chapter annual meeting
    - Need to share new HALS Guidelines with HALS Subcommittee members and liaisons.

- Need welcome and exit letters to new and leaving liaisons
- Perhaps have a HALS webinar with liaisons once a year
- Liaisons need to work more with SHPOs
- Summary of HALS Chapter Liaisons Reports
  - Annual reporting from HALS Liaisons Network is low and needs to increase. Annual reporting from HALS Liaisons is important and necessary. Even reports of “no activities” are helpful. The reports help ASLA track HALS advocacy at the chapter level
  - The tripartite agreement requires an annual report from Chapter Presidents on HALS activities
  - How to increase HALS recognition:
    - Add the HALS Liaison to the Chapter’s Executive Committee
    - HALS Liaison should provide mentoring to the Chapter Trustee
    - Chapter Presidents need to include Liaison’s report in Annual report
  - Ed Czynscon presented to the Board of Trustees about HALS and Liaison support needed from Chapter Trustees
  - Chris Pattillo presented to the Council of Chapter Presidents about HALS and Executive Committee support needed from Chapter Presidents.
    - Presidents were told why HALS is important, encouraged to support HALS liaisons, and shown how HALS documentation can be completed
    - Susan Cahill said this presentation could be made to the Chapter Presidents every other year.
  - Activities reported from the HALS Liaison Network (Thank you liaisons!)
    - Alabama HALS (Birgit Kibelka): Partnership with State Historical Commission; Support Birmingham Historical Society for documentation of AL HALS-02
    - Arizona HALS (Gina Chorover): Struggling in this economy and down to two members
    - Northern California (Chris Pattillo): Large group and growing; conducts site visits for meeting events; nearly 70 documented sites – mostly short form
    - Colorado/Wyoming HALS (Ann Mullins): 10-12 members; compiled list of 125 potential sites; applied for and received a National Historic Landmark Grant from NPS Heritage Partnership Program to do five short form HALS reports
    - Connecticut HALS (Elena Pascarella): Working to raising awareness of historic and cultural landscapes; making and enhancing connections with allied historic organizations (CT State Historic Preservation Officer, CT Olmsted Heritage Alliance, CT Trust for Historic Preservation on their 2012 Newsletter that will coincide with National Landscape Architecture Month
    - Delaware (Nancy Minich)/Pennsylvania (Rodney D. Robinson, FASLA) HALS: Chapter Executive Committee voted to have regional representatives; working with students at Philadelphia University to survey area sites (the students will be forming a university “HALS Club”)
    - Florida HALS (David Driapsa): HALS is a subcommittee of the Chapter’s Executive Committee; the Chapter offers HALS education for Continuing Education Credits: mentoring University LA students on historic preservation projects; provides student internship opportunities in HALS documentation; University of

Miami put on exhibit of student drawings including HALS documents submitted to the Library of Congress

- North Carolina HALS (Kofi Boone): Conducted Chapter workshop on HALS -- stakeholders expressed need for training in historic preservation; plan to develop training for Continuing Education Credits
- Oklahoma HALS (Charles Leider): Dr. Leider is merging the HALS program into the Oklahoma Chapter; he is teaching university courses recording landscapes in the state and the drawings will be submitted to Library of Congress
- Rhode Island HALS (Elena Pascarella): Working to get a HALS program in place
- South Dakota HALS (Michael Bender): There were no activities but the report supports national development of the HALS Liaisons Network
- Utah HALS (Susan Crook): The program is going through leadership transition; Susan Crook represents Utah on the board of Preservation Action, a national grassroots organization for historic preservation on Capitol Hill, with several western states having key congressional members on appropriations and public lands committees. Please consider joining and supporting this organization and become a voice on Capitol Hill for preservation advocacy with Congress.

### III. Open Discussion

- Chris Pattillo stated that notable professionals who do historic preservation work should be encouraged to complete HALS documentation on their projects. They would be great role models for other LAs to do the same.
- Paul Dolinsky gave an update on some changes in structure and management for the National Park Service's Cultural Resources Program
  - Focus on HALS has increased at the Federal level
  - The Associate Director for Cultural Resources, Stephanie Toothman, has initiated a reorganization of the entire cultural landscape section. Among the expected changes:
    - Each region will have a Liaison
    - Cultural landscape documentation and Section 106 mitigation will not be considered completed until documentation meets HALS standards and is received at the Library of Congress
    - There will be funding to integrate HABS, HAER, and HALS documentation into the five year national budget for national parks
  - Paul is arranging regional one-day programs for NPS, SHPO, and HALS Liaisons. The kick-off program was held in Delaware, and the next one will be in Atlanta, Georgia
  - Paul is also working on a project to define and provide qualifications for a "Historical Landscape Architect" that can be applied at the state level.
- Chris Stevens gave an update on some noteworthy HALS projects:
  - An article on the Mount Lebanon Shaker Village HALS project was published in the HP-PPN Summer newsletter. Documentation from the project is on Google Earth
  - HALS documentation was completed for ranches in the Grand Canyon
  - HALS documentation was also done for the Curry Village in Yosemite Park

#### IV. Annual HALS Challenge

- Results of the 2nd Annual Landscape Challenge: Landscapes of Diversity:
  - There were 12 entries, and the submissions included a good mix of professional and student documents
  - Awards were presented by Chris Stevens and Paul Dolinsky
    - **1st Place:** Fairview Cemetery Albuquerque, New Mexico by William A. Dodge and Sarah R. Payne, Van Citters: Historic Preservation LLC.
    - **2nd Place:** Bush Stadium, Indianapolis, Indiana by Ball State University Students: Kyle J. Boot, Austin Blomeke, Ethan Coverstone, Benjamin Doane, Brian Grover, Eric James, and Ashley Williams; with Faculty: Christopher Baas, Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture and Geralyn M. Strecker, Assistant Professor of English.
    - **3rd Place (TIE):** Rohwer Relocation Center Cemetery, Rohwer, Arkansas by Kimball Erdman, Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture, University of Arkansas;  
AND  
Emancipation Park, Houston, Texas by Steph McDougal, McDoux Preservation LLC.
- The theme for the 2012 challenge is: “Documenting the American Latino Landscape.” Short format histories should be submitted to HALS at the National Park Service no later than July 31, 2012 (c/o Paul Dolinsky, Chief of HALS, 202-354-2116, Paul\_Dolinsky@nps.gov). Sponsored by HALS, cash prizes will again be awarded to the top three submissions. Results will be announced at the Phoenix September 2012 ASLA Annual Meeting and Expo during the HALS Subcommittee Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

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Link for new [ASLA HALS Guidelines](#).

They are located in a link on the ASLA website under Leadership and Governance/Councils, Committees and Affiliations.