

Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board Report

The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board met on July 23-24, 2014.

The LAAB made the following accreditation decisions:

Granted initial accreditation for six years (due to expire on December 30, 2020) to:

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

Granted accreditation for six years (due to expire on June 30, 2020) to:

California Polytechnic State University – SLO course of study leading to the first professional BLA degree

Iowa State University – course of study leading to the first professional BLA degree

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

University of Illinois – course of study leading to the first professional BLA degree

University of Illinois – course of study leading to the first professional MLA degree

University of Washington – course of study leading to the first professional BLA degree

The LAAB thanks the following members of the Roster of Visiting Evaluators (ROVE) who participated as visiting team members (team chairs in bold):

California Polytechnic State University – **Warren Rauhe, ASLA**, Tim DeNoble, and Kent E. Watson, FASLA

Iowa State University – BLA – **Mark Westa, ASLA**, Dr. Sukant Misra and Robert J. Golde, ASLA

Iowa State University – MLA – **Baldev Lamba, ASLA**, Dr. Gene A. Merrell and Ramon V. Murray, ASLA

Mississippi State University – **Terry Clements, FASLA**, Dr. Lorraine G. Davis, and Tom Ryan, FASLA

University of Illinois- BLA – **Kenneth R. Brooks, FASLA**, Dr. Brian Lee, and Glenn Walters, ASLA

University of Illinois- MLA – **Dr. David W. Tulloch, ASLA**, Dr. Max J. Pfeffer, and Joy Lyndes, ASLA

University of Washington – **Dr. Jack Ahern, FASLA**, Daniel H. Ortega, ASLA, and Fran Beatty, ASLA

Other items discussed were the status of the online annual reporting process for accredited programs, LAAB's application for renewal of recognition with CHEA and planning for a review of the accreditation standards. LAAB prepared the following announcement to the community of interest:

The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board invites your input as they begin their review of the 2013 Accreditation Standards and Procedures. The board will publish revised standards in 2016, anticipating implementation of the new standards with Fall 2017 program reviews. The current standards may be found at: <http://www.asla.org/uploadedFiles/CMS/Education/Accreditation/STANDARDS%20PROCEDURErevised2013.pdf>

We welcome initial input until the 15th of October 2014. There will be a second round of review of the draft standards in summer 2015.

Please contact Professor Ken Brooks, CELA representative to the LAAB and chair of the LAAB Standards Review Committee, with your comments and suggestions by e-mail, kenneth.brooks@asu.edu.

Currently, LAAB accredits at least one program at 69 institutions in the United States. There are 52 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 or information on how to apply to the Roster of Visiting Evaluators (ROVE – the site visitor selection pool) visit the [LAAB website](#).

