



# ASLA MICHIGAN

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At this time every year we make our call for nominations for next year's Executive Committee. Michigan ASLA's Executive Committee is made up of (14) positions, including seasoned professionals, recent graduates, private practitioners and those in the public realm. This is an opportunity to advocate for your corner of the profession and give back by participating in the leadership of the chapter.

There are several positions opening up this year for you to be involved in promoting the profession, creating educational opportunities and reaching out to the communities in which we live and work. The eight (8) positions open this year, along with a brief description and current committee members follow on the next pages, you may also write-in your nominations.

The Call for Nominations will close on April 30. Thank you for participating in the 2024-2025 MiASLA Executive Committee Call for Nominations!

## **PRESIDENT-ELECT**

The President shall be a Full Member and serves a three (3) year term: one each as President-Elect, President, and Past President.

The President-Elect aids the President; presides in the President's absence; assists in preparing the budget for the upcoming year; and oversees the annual **conference** committee.

The President sets the agenda and presides over all meetings of the Executive Committee, represents and acts for the Chapter, in consultation with the Executive Committee appoints the chairs and members of all committees, monitors the management and administration of Chapter programs and budgets, and performs such other duties as are customary for the office of chapter president.

The immediate past president shall represent and act for the Chapter as directed by the president and consistent with the policies of ASLA as established by the Board of Trustees; serve ex officio as a member of the Nominating Committee; serve as acting president when designated by the president or the Executive Committee; and perform such other duties as are customary for the office of chapter immediate past president or as may be assigned or delegated by the president.

Current President-Elect: Vanessa Warren  
OHM Advisors, Detroit, MI  
[president-elect@michiganasla.org](mailto:president-elect@michiganasla.org)

Nominate yourself or suggest someone who may be interested in serving as PRESIDENT ELECT.

## **TRUSTEE**

The trustee shall be a Full Member and serves a term of three (3) years. The trustee shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. The trustee shall have previously held the office of Chapter President.



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Shall be informed on Chapter and Society goals and objectives, policies and procedures, programs and services, and activities and events; serve as an officer on the Executive Committee of the Chapter and serve as the Chapter representative on the Board of Trustees at the ASLA national level; facilitate the conduct of the business of ASLA by bringing the Chapter perspective to the Board of Trustees and the national perspective to the Executive Committee and members of the Chapter; and perform such other duties as are customary for the office of chapter trustee or as may be assigned or delegated by the Board of Trustees of ASLA and the Executive Committee of the Chapter.

Current Trustee: Ben Baker, PLA, ASLA  
DLZ Corporation, St. Joseph, MI  
[trustee@michiganasla.org](mailto:trustee@michiganasla.org)

Nominate yourself or suggest someone who may be interested in serving as TRUSTEE.

#### **VICE PRESIDENT OF EDUCATION**

The Vice President of Education shall be a Full Member and serves a two (2) year term.

Supports existing university student programs; promotes landscape architecture scholarship programs; and performs other duties as assigned by the President.

Current VP of Education: Lisa DuRussel, PLA, ASLA  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI  
[education@michiganasla.org](mailto:education@michiganasla.org)

Nominate yourself or suggest someone who may be interested in serving as VICE PRESIDENT OF EDUCATION.

#### **VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP**

The Vice President of Membership shall be a Full or Associate Member and serves a two (2) year term.

Keeps the chapter vibrant and strong by promoting chapter membership through recruitment and prospecting of new members, as well as the retention and renewal of existing members; represents chapter as national Membership Chair, participating in quarterly conference calls; performs special membership-related projects assigned by the Executive Committee.

Current VP of Membership: Scott Black  
OHM Advisors, Detroit, MI  
[membership@michiganasla.org](mailto:membership@michiganasla.org)

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#### **VICE PRESIDENT OF DEI**

The Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion shall be a Full Member and serves a (2) year term, concurrently with the Michigan Chapter American Society of Landscape Architects Foundation Board.

Oversees Chapter DEI efforts. Advocate, encourage, promote, and celebrate diversity, equity, and inclusion in our chapter and profession. Serves as a liaison for the Executive Committee and Michigan Chapter American Society of Landscape Architects Foundation on diversity, equity and inclusion issues that affect the profession; actively serve as a Board Member on the Michigan Chapter American Society of Landscape Architects Foundation and performs other duties related to DEI for our students, members, and communities.

Current VP of DEI: Stephanie Onwenu  
ljeomalandartscapes, Detroit, MI  
[dei@michiganasla.org](mailto:dei@michiganasla.org)

Nominate yourself or suggest someone who may be interested in serving as VICE PRESIDENT OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION.

#### **SECRETARY**

The Secretary shall be a Full or Associate Member and serves a one (1) year term.

Records Executive Committee meeting minutes; prepares, organizes the annual chapter election, issues and receives ballots; is a member of the Nomination, Application Review and Constitution & Bylaws Committees; and performs other duties as assigned by the President.

Current Secretary: Deborah Dawe  
OCBA, Grand Rapids, MI  
[secretary@michiganasla.org](mailto:secretary@michiganasla.org)

Nominate yourself or suggest someone who may be interested in serving as SECRETARY.

#### **MEMBER AT LARGE**

The Member-at-Large shall be a Full Member and serves a one (1) year term.

Represents members; assists the Vice Presidents; and performs special projects assigned by the Executive Committee.

Current Member-at-Large: Alexa Bush  
Kresge Foundation  
[member@michiganasla.org](mailto:member@michiganasla.org)



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**ASSOCIATE AT LARGE**

The Associate-at-Large shall be an Associate Member and serves a one (1) year term. Represents associate members; assists the Vice Presidents; and performs special projects assigned by the Executive Committee.

Current Associate-at-Large: Naomi Bailey  
Smith Group  
[associate@michiganasla.org](mailto:associate@michiganasla.org)

Nominate yourself or suggest someone who may be interested in serving ASSOCIATE-AT-LARGE.