



ASLA Connecticut 2021-2022 Executive Committee Candidate Bios

PRESIDENT-ELECT (3-yr. term: Pres-Elect, Pres, Past Pres):

■ Moises Hernandez-Rivera

My name is Moises Hernandez-Rivera. I am a Landscape Designer at Artemis Landscape Architects in Sandy Hook, CT and I am running for president. I began my journey into landscape architecture in 2016 when I made the jump from the aquaculture industry. My goal is to expand the the pool of people that are exposed to the term “Landscape Architecture” to the classrooms of our state as early as possible. Our field’s heritage and current professionals deserve a spotlight in the history, sciences and arts in our state. My aim is to grow the number of inquirers and transfers into our field and boost the student body of future professionals. Once they’ve made the jump, I aim to ensure that CTASLA has a meaningful and impactful connection with every landscape architecture student in our state from their first year in college to their last, and beyond.

VICE PRESIDENT (1-yr term):

■ Ellen H. Fallon-Senechal

I started working for the SLAM Collaborative in Glastonbury, CT earlier this year. I have worked on several kinds of projects from Independent Education, Higher Education, Health, as well as smaller-scale projects for non-profits. As a recent graduate (May 2020 from Rutgers University), I am currently working on my licensure and am excited to grow in this field. At Rutgers, I served on the executive committee of both the Landscape Architecture Graduate Student Association and the New Jersey Student Chapter as President and Co-President respectively. I look forward to the opportunity to give back to my home state’s chapter as Vice President and supporting our constituents through the coming months.

CHAPTER TRUSTEE (3-yr term):

■ Louis Fusco, PLA, ASLA

Louis would be honored to represent our membership as your next Chapter Trustee. As trustee he hopes to bring a fresh voice to our National Board, opening dialogues and actively contributing, as he has done over the past number of years as our CTASLA Vice President, Chair of the Programs Committee, Chair of Scholarships and Executive Board member.

The recipient of CTASLA’s 2020 Yarwood Award for his ongoing service, Louis is the principal of Louis Fusco Landscape Architects, a multi-disciplinary landscape architectural design office. The firm has been honored with quite a number of CT & NY ASLA awards.

As Chapter VP and Chair of our Programs committee he was instrumental in organizing and moderating many of our CEU webinar programs, successfully offered free to our membership during COVID. Louis likewise arranged and moderated our 2018 Residential Design Expo, "Getting Started, Growing Transitioning, or Keeping it Going," our 2019 Design Expo "Coastal, Wetlands, Ponds & Lakes, Conservation, Mitigation and Management," and our 2020 O&G educational program.

A graduate of the State University of New York College of Environmental Science & Forestry, Louis is past chair of their Landscape Architecture Advisory Council. Louis also sits on the Board of the Rewarding Potential Scholarship Foundation, which provides financial resources in order to expand post-high school educational opportunities for students who otherwise, because of financial constraints, would be limited in their educational opportunities.

His passion for our future generation of landscape architects and their ability to fund an education led to his initiation of our recent Environmental Stewardship Scholarship for high school students. As Chair of our scholarship committee, he is proud and grateful to our membership and sponsors that allowed us to award an all-time record 6 scholarships this year to bright, deserving students. Louis is a member of both the NY and CT Chapters. He looks forward to continuing his service with CTASLA and representing you as your Chapter Trustee.

■ **Barbara A Yaeger, PLA, ASLA, CANP**

In ASLA's "Position Description" for Trustee the first item is: *"The ASLA Board of Trustees establishes policies, strategic objectives, and priorities; provides financial oversight; and monitors the program and budget in the context of the strategic plan."* It all sounds very dry but these are the keys to keeping an organization relevant, solvent, meaningful and heading towards the future. With major shifts in our country and climate, landscape architects have a great opportunity to promote and accelerate the positive impact we can, and will have, on the future of the built and unbuilt environment, and society. With counsel from the Board of Trustees, combined with vibrant supportive state chapters, ASLA will promote and advocate the future of our profession to new, exhilarating and meaningful levels. With my years of experience on the Board of CTASLA, and other organizations, I have the skills and enthusiasm to be a valuable part of ASLA's Board of Trustees.

My bio: Barbara Yaeger is a Principal Partner at Land Canvas Landscape Architecture and has over 15 years of experience the profession. She is Treasurer of the National Association for Olmsted Parks, Treasurer of the Experiment Station Associates, serves on the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee in Madison, and is a member of the board of the Connecticut Nurserymen's Foundation. Barbara served CTASLA in all positions over her many years on the board. She gained her BS in Environmental Horticulture and a BS in Landscape Architecture, from the University of Connecticut and an MBA from the University of South Florida. She holds a license as a landscape architect from the State of Connecticut and is a Connecticut Accredited Nursery Professional. Barbara resides in Madison with her husband and assorted pets.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE (2-yr term / 5 positions open):

■ Scheba Derogene

My name is Scheba Derogene. I am a Landscape Designer at Eckerson Design Associates in Norwalk, Connecticut. I seek to be a Member-at-Large because I would love to promote diversity within landscape architecture. My goals and ambitions are to be the voice for minorities that would like to seek and be a part of a change in the world whether it be for small communities or large ones. I want to have the opportunity to inspire the next young and diverse generation to join our field. As an aspiring landscape architect, I aim to use my skills and knowledge for the betterment of my surroundings and to provide a better and more cohesive relationship with nature and human beings of all backgrounds.

■ Grant Losapio, SITES AP

Grant Losapio is interested in serving as a Member-at-Large to lend his energy and passion to building up the field of landscape architecture. He is a firm believer that landscape architects possess a unique blend of knowledge and skills that are critical to successful, sustainable development and that position LAs to be at the forefront of today's most critical issues. From fostering awareness of the field to building up the infrastructure that assists young professionals in reaching their goals, Grant hopes to use his voice to help the field grow and effect positive change in our communities.

Grant graduated from the University of Connecticut Landscape Architecture program in 2016 and currently works for Freeman Companies LLC in Hartford, CT. In addition to recently passing the exam to become a SITES Accredited Professional, he has submitted his landscape architect licensure application to the CT licensure board and awaits their approval. Grant is currently the chair of the CTASLA Emerging Professionals Committee, a group he became involved with soon after his graduation from UConn, whose mission it is to provide guidance, opportunities for networking, and build camaraderie among young professionals finding their way. In his free time, Grant loves to hike, cycle, and explore the outdoors.

■ Lauren Wholey, PLA, ASLA

Lauren Wholey, PLA, ASLA, completed a landscape architecture certificate program at the University of California, Berkeley, Extension in 2012. She then worked at WSP/Parsons Brinkerhoff in Bristol, UK for one year before moving to Connecticut. Currently a project landscape architect at BL Companies in Meriden, Lauren has served on the Executive Committee for the past two years, where she has taken on editing the publication of the Annual. She looks forward to continuing to serve in that capacity.

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