

## Memorandum of Understanding

**Between:** The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)  
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and

The Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA)  
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**Subject:** Accreditation

**Effective Date:** January 1, 1997

The members of the ASLA Board of Trustees and the CSLA Board of Governors have adopted policies recognizing the quality of each organization's accrediting body to be comparable.

At the April 21-23, 1994 ASLA Board of Trustees meeting the following policy was adopted:

*The Board of Trustees of the American Society of Landscape Architects accepts the Council on Education's recommendation to recognize the quality of the educational programs leading to first professional degrees in landscape architecture at the bachelor's or master's level accredited by the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects Accreditation Council (CSLAAC).*

The CSLA Board of Governors adopted the following policy on January 26, 1996:

*The Board of Governors of the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects recognizes the quality of the educational programs leading to first professional degrees in landscape architecture at the bachelor's or master's level accredited by the ASLA Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB).*

### Details:

1. The geographic scope of the ASLA Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board is the United States and its territories.
2. The geographic scope of the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects Accreditation Council is Canada and its territories.

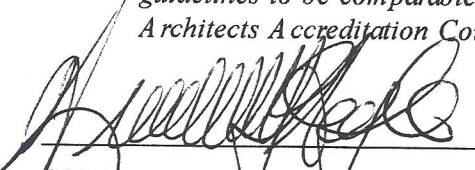
3. Programs accredited by CSLAAC will be listed in the annual list of accredited programs published by ASLA and programs accredited by LAAB will be published in the CSLA list.
4. 5. Periodically, and at least every five years the accreditation standards and procedures of each accrediting body will be reviewed to compare the accreditation processes and reaffirm the reciprocal relationship. Each accrediting body will notify the other of any proposed changes in accreditation standards and procedures.
6. There shall be periodic meetings of the accreditation boards or their oversight organizations to continue the interchange of ideas and values regarding education.
7. Observers from one accrediting body may occasionally accompany visiting teams of the other accrediting body.
8. Training sessions of *site visitors* conducted by either accrediting body will be open to *site visitors* of both accrediting bodies.

This agreement will be publicized in the annual list of ASLA Accredited Programs and in any other publications listing accredited programs by including the following statement:

*The Board of Trustees of the American Society of Landscape Architects recognizes the quality of the educational programs leading to first professional degrees in landscape architecture at the Bachelor's or Master's level accredited by the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects Accreditation Council. It regards the criteria for accreditation and many of the individual program guidelines to be comparable to those employed by the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board of the ASLA.*

Similarly, this agreement will be publicized in the list of CSLA Accredited Programs and in any other publications listing accredited programs by including the following statement:

*The Board of Governors of the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects recognizes the quality of the educational programs leading to first professional degrees in landscape architecture at the Bachelor's and Master's level accredited by the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board of the American Society of Landscape Architects. It regards the criteria for accreditation and many of the individual program guidelines to be comparable to those employed by the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects Accreditation Council.*

  
CSLA President

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