



UTAH CHAPTER ASLA ELECTION 2009

Candidate Information

Trustee

Mark Vlastic, ASLA, LLA, AICP

Mark Vlastic is principal and vice-president with Landmark Design, a Salt Lake City landscape architecture and community planning firm he joined in 1997. Mark is a Licensed Landscape Architect (LLA) in Utah and five other states, and is certified by the Council of Landscape Architect Registration Boards (CLARB). Mark specializes in landscape architecture, urban design, community planning, land use planning, environmental planning and public involvement.

Mark joined Landmark Design in 1997 after spending six years in Southern Africa where he was a senior urban designer for the Department of Town and Regional Planning in Gaborone, Botswana, and District Physical Planning Advisor for Swedeplan (International Division of the Swedish National Housing Board) in Kanye, Botswana. From 1987 to 1991 Mark was a landscape architect in Stockholm, Sweden. He previously worked as a park planner in Seattle, Washington and a city planner for Salt Lake City.

Mark has been active in ASLA since 1997. He served as VP for Member and Membership Services for the chapter from 1997 to 2000, and Chapter President in 2006. He is a certified planner with the American Institute of City Planners (AICP), a member of the American Planning Association, a member of the Salt Lake City and County Building Conservancy and Use Committee and Adjunct Faculty member at the City + Metropolitan Planning Department at the University of Utah.

Candidate Statement:

Landscape Architecture is one of the best, most diverse and rewarding professions. From the small scale of homes to the breadth of our cities and the surrounding regions, everything we do help create a better world. Yet these are challenging times, both professionally and personally. The world is evolving, with change at every corner. These changes not only impact each of us individually, but professionally as well.

As a profession we are on the frontlines of the some of the most critical issues facing our nation – global warming, the need for sustainable communities, protecting our environment, and the desire to make our communities great and beautiful places to live. Current conditions require clear vision and a steady hand to help ASLA maintain its course.

As Trustee for the Utah Chapter I will bring my enthusiasm for our profession and the hard work necessary to help guide future policies that will allow our profession to address current challenges, while continuing efforts to make our profession more visible and capable of dealing with complex issues. If elected I promise to do my best to promote and advance the role of landscape architects in Utah. I look forward to being a liaison between our chapter and the national ASLA.



Craig A. Widmier, ASLA, RLA

I graduated from USU with a BLA in 1992, after graduation I moved to Las Vegas and worked for JW Zunino & Associates, a landscape architecture firm. In 2000 I moved back to SLC and worked at MHTN Architects until 2005. In 2005 I returned to the UofU to complete a Masters in Public Administration. Currently I am working for US Development, a residential/commercial development corporation in Layton. I have served in the UASLA chapter as President (2001-2003) and previously as Vice President of Membership and Member Services. I also served on the fundraising committee for the 2004 ASLA convention in SLC. I believe there are many important issues for Landscape Architects in Utah to be represented at the national level. I enjoyed serving in each of these positions and look forward to the opportunity to serve as Trustee for the chapter.

President Elect



Cory Whiting, ASLA, RLA

Cory has been in the Landscape Architecture and Construction industry for the past 13 years. He graduated with a BLA from Utah State University. During his schooling at USU, Cory was the co-owner of a landscape construction company overseeing and working on Commercial, Residential, Public and Institutional projects. Upon graduation from USU, Cory worked in Las Vegas for an engineering firm in their Landscape Architecture Division. Cory returned to Utah upon being offered a position with a local landscape design/build firm. After 4 years with that company, Cory wanted to further his opportunities and therefore founded In-Site Design Group. Cory is licensed in Utah and Idaho. In-Site Design Group is also licensed in Nevada.

Member Services: Members-at-Large



Russ Holley, ASLA

Russ received a BLA from Utah State University in 2004 and has worked within the professions of Landscape Architecture and Planning over the past 5 years. Russ enjoys interacting with clients throughout the development process and is passionate about achieving the best possible design for every project.

Darin Perks, ASLA

Vice President of Education and Licensure



Cordell Batt, ASLA

Cordell graduated in 1975 from Utah State University with a BLA in Landscape Architecture. He worked for Bear River Association of Governments for a short time, before going to Mesa, Arizona and working for a Landscape Architectural Firm (Henry Haws and Associates) for the next four years, becoming a registered Landscape Architect. Cordell then partnered with Darryl McConaghie in their own Landscape Architecture and Planning firm for the next 18 plus years and worked all over the State of Arizona and surrounding states, being registered in Utah, Nevada and New Mexico. Also, the last three years in Arizona he served on the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Mesa, Arizona. Cordell then left his landscape architectural firm in the hands of his partner and moved back to Utah where he was hired as the Senior Planner for Summit County, Utah for the next 3 years. In January of 2002, after being involved with Summit County's Olympic venue planning, he moved back to his hometown as North Logan City's Planner and Economic Development Coordinator. The past three and a half years Cordell has been North Logan City's Planning Director.



Richard Gilbert, ASLA, RLA

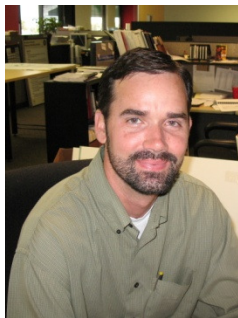
Richard Gilbert is a licensed landscape architect and urban designer and a founding Principal of ArcSitio Design with over 13 years of professional experience. His career encompasses college and university campuses, grade schools, resorts, urban mixed use developments, public parks and trails, and cemeteries. He brings to each project a passion for the process of making vibrant landscape spaces - from the concept design to the details of implementation - with a particular focus on the life and use of urban, public environments. His technical expertise and thoroughness in construction detailing as well as grading and drainage, contributes to ArcSitio's quality control process. Richard holds a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning from Utah State.

Treasurer



Geoff Ellis, ASLA

I grew up in Ogden, Utah and went to school in California before getting a Master's degree in Landscape Architecture from USU in 1996. I worked in residential and commercial landscape design, then served as the Executive Director of Weber Pathways, a non-profit trails organization, from 1999 to 2004. Since then, I have continued to specialize in planning and design for trails and recreational facilities. I have also served as a trustee on the board of the PRATT (Parley's Trail) coalition and several other non-profit organizations. I am excited to see the recent renewal of activity in the Utah Chapter of ASLA, and I would be honored to serve as Treasurer.



Robert Donigan, ASLA, RLA, Leed AP

Robert is a senior landscape architect who began his career in 1998 gaining experience in both the private and public sectors. Through his career he has worked on a variety of projects in Utah, Colorado and Arizona with an emphasis on park and recreation design. Beginning with the Colorado Springs Parks and Recreation Department Rob specialized in park design from concept development and park master planning through detailed construction documents and construction observation. In the private sector his work in park design continued while working for Nuszer Kopatz Urban Design Associates, a private planning and landscape architectural design company in Denver, CO. While there he also gained experience in community landscaping, trail, streetscape, pool and monumentation/signage design. Currently with Logan Simpson Design Inc. in Salt Lake City, Rob is working on projects in community design, urban site design, and infrastructure design. Throughout his career, his design and management work has involved working closely with the public, clients, subconsultants and public entities to ensure complete, well thought out projects, from design to installation in the field.