



IALE - NORTH AMERICA

Monthly Update: May-June 2025

Hello! from the President

As we reflect on a vibrant and successful 2025 Annual Meeting at Raleigh, I extend my heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to its success. The enthusiasm, exchange of ideas, and commitment to advancing landscape ecology were evident throughout the week. Looking ahead, I invite you to join the momentum, serve on IALE-NA's committees, and help shape our organization's future. See you at next year's meeting in Athens, Georgia!

[Li An](#), President, IALE-North America | 2024-2026

Thank you for joining us in Raleigh for the 2025 annual meeting!

326 landscape ecologists from across North America and globally attended the 2025 annual meeting 13-27 April in Raleigh, North Carolina. The meeting included three plenaries, four workshops, 14 special symposia, and 228 oral and 51 poster presentations. Five field trips highlighted related research in the Research Triangle region. Despite nearly 100 late cancellations (mostly US federal employees), attendance exceeded our expectations!



Committee Calls for New Members and Our New Officers

Awards Committee: New members wanted! Interested in joining? Contact: [Jen Costanza](#)

Communication Committee: New members wanted to help us expand communication efforts and social media presence. Contact: [Travis Heckford](#)

Nominations Committee: We are excited to announce 2025 election results. Congratulations new officers!

- President-Elect: Dr. Erica Smithwick, who will begin her term as President in 2026
- Secretary: Dr. Anita Morzillo will continue her service for a second term
- Councillors-at-Large: Drs. Ho Yi Wan and Lilia Stemet
- *Thank you* to our outgoing officers: Drs. Erin Buchholtz and Kusum Naithani (Councillors-at-Large), and Richard Magala (Student Representative)

Committees are great opportunities to engage in professional development and work with amazing people! See committee descriptions [here](#).

IALE-North America 40th Anniversary Meeting in Athens, Georgia!

Athens is a special place in IALE-NA history as the location for the first annual meeting in 1986 and the 25th anniversary meeting in 2010. To celebrate **40 years of IALE-NA**, we will return to the city where the organization first coalesced into a thriving community. With a welcoming community, accessible size, and academic excellence blended with Southern hospitality, Athens provides an inspiring setting to celebrate.



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