

**2018/19 ANNUAL REPORT
TO THE
CELA FELLOWS MEMBERSHIP**

**From
FORSTER NDUBISI, Chairperson**

2019 CELA FELLOWS SELECTION

The nomination process for the members of the 2019 Academy of Fellows was completed in early December, 2018. We had twelve (12) excellent candidates. Forty CELA Fellows voted from all over the world, casting a total of 200 votes which was very impressive. I recommended the top 5 nominees to the CELA Board. These are:

1. **Bob Grese** (sponsored by Joan Nassauer). Grese is currently the Theodore Roosevelt Endowed Chair of Ecosystem Management, Professor of Landscape Architecture, and also the Director of the Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum, at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
2. **Sean Michael** (sponsored by Ming Han, Li). Michael is Professor and Head of the Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning at Utah State University and Past CELA President
3. **William Sullivan** (sponsored by Christopher D. Ellis). Sullivan is Professor and Head of the Department of Landscape Architecture at the University of Illinois, Urbana Champagne
4. **Peter Olin** (sponsored by Dave Pitt). Olin is Professor Emeritus and past Chair of the Landscape Architecture Program (1974-1985), and past Director of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum (1985-2008)
5. **Iain Robertson** (sponsored by John A. Koepke). Robertson is Professor and past Chair, Department of Landscape Architecture (1996-2004) at the University of Washington, Seattle.

Please join me in congratulating this distinguished group of CELA Fellows. The Investiture Ceremony will take place during the 2019 CELA Annual Meeting at Sacramento, CA (March 6-9) hosted by the University of California, Davis. I thank everyone for their robust participation in the selection process for the 2019 CELA Fellows.

CELA FELLOWS MEETING, BLACKSBURG, VA

The CELA Academy of Fellows (AoF) met at the annual CELA Conference hosted by Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, VA on March 23, 2018.

In attendance were: Joanne Westphal (Chair of AoF); Ken Brooks; Elen Deming; Laurie Johnson; Ming-Han Li; Forster Ndubisi; Art Rice; Stephanie Rolley; Alf Simon.

Chair Westphal reported on the current status of the AoF and presented an update on status of, and anticipated changes within the administrative management of the CELA organization. The highlights of her report were:

- 1) The Academy of Fellows (AoF) continues to grow, with 72 members as of March 23, 2018;

- 2) CELA was undergoing a transition in management and the CELA Board was in the process of seeking a new arrangement for executive management services. With the changes, several management responsibilities had been delayed or overlooked, jeopardizing the tax-exempt status of CELA and making it unclear the status of funds contributed by AoF members. With these issues unresolved at the time of the meeting, Dr. Westphal suspended making an annual request for contributions from Fellows pending action by CELA's Executive Board that would provide transparent processes for soliciting, managing, reporting, and dispersing funds on behalf of the AoF;
- 3) Dr. Westphal reminded Fellows that AoF sponsors a "Best Poster" Award of the posters presented at the conference, making a \$500 award for the poster selected by a committee of Fellows.
- 4) Revisions to the voting period for the selection of new Fellows were discussed. There was concern that previous elections were conducted so close to the annual CELA conference that it was inconvenient for new Fellows-elect to attend the conference, if they had not already made plans and commitments to attend. Fellows at the meeting recommended that the elections should occur during the fall, making it easier to encourage attendance by newly elected Fellows. A schedule was suggested which was implemented partially during the 2018/19 nomination process. The proposed schedule will be implemented in its entirety during the 2019/2020 nomination cycle is as follows:
 - Call for Nominations – September 1
 - Distribution of Ballots – October 1
 - Vote Tabulation – November 1-15
 - Submission of Fellow-elect to CELA Board—November 15
 - Announcement of new Fellows-elect – November 15-30
 - Invitation to new Fellows-elect to attend CELA conference – November 15-30

Each Fellow will be permitted to cast a vote for up to five candidates. "Stacking" of votes will not be permitted (in previous voting procedures, electors could cast their five votes with multiple votes on one or a couple of candidates).

- 5) The next AoF leaders were elected for a two-year term (2018-2020): **Chair** (Forster Ndubisi); **Chair-Elect** (Stephanie Rolley); **Secretary** (Ken Brooks). These additional positions are essential to the effective management of the AoF as the membership continues to grow.
- 6) Memorial Recognition: The AoF acknowledged the passing of Professor Richard Toth, FCELA.
- 7) Dr. Westphal recommended the creation of a "travelling plaque" identifying and recognizing past CoF Chairs. (Past Chairs have included: Joan Nassauer, Art Rice, Karen Hanna, Mary Myers, Joanne Westphal).

These meeting notes were compiled by Ken Brooks, Secretary, AoF

CELA FELLOWS OBLIGATIONS

As CELA Fellows, we have an obligation to support the *Fellows' Keynote Speaker* and the *Poster Research Competition* at the annual CELA meeting, and to mentor faculty. These initiatives are supported by the

Fellow's membership dues, which is \$200.00 this year. This is the second year in a row that we did not have enough funds to support a speaker. Our ability to sponsor a speaker at the next CELA annual meeting will be greatly enhanced if we all pay the dues in a timely manner.

CELA FELLOWS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

I encourage you to consider giving your time and energy to mentoring of young faculty entering the ranks of academia. My intent is to formalize this process. Please let me know if you are willing to serve as a mentor by February 15, 2019.

AoF SUB-COMMITTEE FORMATION

I intend to galvanize several sub-committees within the Fellows' membership that have been inactive. These sub-committees include: a *Mentorship Sub-Committee*, composed of Ming-Han Li, Mary Myers*, Art Rice*; *Archives Sub-Committee*, composed of Lee-Anne Milburn, Bernie Dahl, Joanne Westphal; *Research Posters Review Sub-Committee*, composed of Forster Ndubishi, Lee-Anne Milburn; and a *Development Sub-Committee*, composed of Malcolm Cairnes and [Pat Taylor*]. Please let me know by February 15, 2019 if you are willing to serve on any of these sub committees.

ASLA ANNUAL MEETING, 2018

Forster attended the mid-year meeting of CELA, which was held during the ASLA annual meeting in Philadelphia, October 19-23. He briefed the CELA Board on three issues. 1) Revision of the AoF nomination process; 2) Update on AoF budget; and 3) Assistance in soliciting AoF dues. In the past, CELA Fellows voted on nominees for the AoF and the results were passed on to the CELA Executive Board. Nominations made by CELA Executive Board were added at this point. As such, CELA Fellows did not vote on nominees made by the CELA Board. The nomination process has been revised that enabled all CELA Fellows to vote on all nominees including those nominated by the CELA Board.

CELA Fellows Account (comprised of dues collected from CELA Fellows and expenditure including funds to support the Fellows Lecture during the CELA annual meeting) urgently needed to be updated and the CELA Board agreed to assist. As membership in AoF increases (76 members), it becomes increasingly necessary to institute a formal mechanism for soliciting dues from CELA Fellows. Hopefully, these issues will be resolved with the appointment of a permanent Executive Director for CELA. Please direct questions about payment to Peter Kralka, the new CELA Executive Director. He can be reached at peter@imiae.com or by phone at 919.459.8592.

RECOGNITION OF PAST FELLOWS

In closing, the AoF acknowledges the passing of Dr. Pat Taylor, FCELA, FASLA, Professor Emeritus and Past Chair, Landscape Architecture Program at the University of Texas, Arlington, as well as Past CELA President and Past Interim CELA Executive Director until mid-2018. He committed his life passionately and relentlessly to advancing education, professional practice, and service to the advancement of the discipline and profession of landscape architecture. He will be missed enormously.

Respectfully submitted,

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