

**CELA Standing Committee on Conferences & Events Report**  
**Charlene LeBleu, Past President, Chair**

The CELA Standing Committee on Conferences & Events met and has gone to weekly meetings between now and the CELA 2020 Conference.

Registration--We are currently at 279 registrations (02-18-20; includes cancelations). The room block at the Louisville Downtown Marriott will expire on February 24. Please be sure to book your room before February 24.

Corona Virus—We have received a few cancelations concerning the corona virus.

Workshops, Field Sessions, and Field Trips--Logistics are progressing smoothly for these. The Friday Bourbon Tour is the most popular with 19 registrants.

Conference Budget--Proposed conference budget items are now being replaced with an exact cost.

LA CES—Session groups within the CELA LA CES Tracks have identified, and CEUs are being applied for. Field Sessions (the Horse Farm/Track Field Session and the Riverfront Segway Field Session) will apply for LA CES CEUs.

BOD Meeting Food—We have a continental breakfast and lunch both Tuesday & Wednesday.

Conference Food— Wednesday evening reception at Mohammad Ali Center is hors d'oeuvres and drinks. There is a continental breakfast for CELA at the hotel Thursday, Friday & Saturday. There are box lunches for Thursday and Friday during the poster sessions. Friday night is a buffet dinner/CELA birthday party with a Kentucky Derby theme. Saturday is the CELA Awards Luncheon.

CELA General Business Meeting (for all members) is Saturday morning during breakfast (to give more time to the awards presentation on Saturday).

Sponsorships--Many thanks to Ebru Ozer for procuring several sponsorships! The list is growing!

Mobile App--A conference mobile app has been selected and will be available for all to download pre conference.

The CELA History Banner (retractable; self-contained case) is complete. Designed by Katya Crawford, Associate Professor & Chair of the University of New Mexico Landscape Architecture, the 3' X 6' standing banner will be reusable for several years to come. Katya is a Past President of CELA.

Sustainability Initiative—CELA Global Investiture Fund--Each registration gives \$25 to the CELA Global Investiture Fund. A portion of this fund will go to funding sustainable conference initiatives such as the conference app, use of recycled materials, etc. A portion will also support a grant proposal that actively addresses ways that The CELA can build the Global Investiture Initiative.

Many thanks to IMI Association Executives and IMN Solutions (conference Planner) for their contributions to the CELA 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference.