



January 18, 2019

Dear Administrators,

Peter Kralka (Executive Director), Ashley Steffens (President-Elect) and I have just returned from the annual President's Council (PC) Meeting hosted by the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) at their headquarters in Washington, DC (January 10 -11). The President's Council is made up of presidents from our allied landscape architecture organizations including ASLA, the Canadian Society of Landscape Architecture (CSLA), the Landscape Architecture Foundation (LAF), the Council of Landscape Architecture Registration Boards (CLARB) and the Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board (LAAB). The purpose of the President's Council is to form community, build a shared understanding, practice foresight, and advance shared goals. Highlights of the meeting included organization reports, diversity training, Frameworks update, and discussion of climate change goals and action plans. Takeaways and next steps include proposed revisions on the PC's joint diversity statement for 2021, and place climate change and action plans on the 2020 PC agenda. Executive Directors will continue to discuss climate change on quarterly calls, and prepare for Phase II of the Frameworks initiative. CELA will host the 2020 PC meeting (location TBD).

#### **CELA Board and Regional Director Nominations**

Nominations have been received and voting for CELA Board and Regional Directors will take place within the next few weeks. Please be on the lookout for *a Constant Contact* or email from Peter Kralka. There are two CELA board positions up for election: First Vice-President/President-Elect and Treasurer. The First Vice-President/President-Elect position is a three-year commitment moving from President-Elect to President to Past-President. Treasurer is a two-year position. The election also includes several Regional Director positions including **Regions 3** (Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana & Arkansas), **Region 6** (Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida & Puerto Rico), **Region 10** (West Virginia, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, & Washington DC) and **Region 11** (Belgium, Denmark, England, Finland, The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Lebanon & Israel). Only schools or individuals in Regions 3, 6, 10 and 11 are eligible to vote for these for a Regional Director positions. CELA Board members and Regional Directors will take office Saturday, March 9, 2019 at the CELA Annual Board Meeting and Awards Luncheon at the 2019 CELA Annual Conference in Sacramento, CA.

#### **CELA Faculty Awards & CELA Student Awards**

Great participation! A total of 30 faculty award nominations have been received spanning all 11 award categories. Over 25 programs submitted awards. The CELA Faculty Awards will be presented Saturday, March 9, at the CELA Annual Board Meeting and Awards Luncheon at the 2019 CELA Annual Conference in Sacramento, CA. A total of 65 student award submissions were received. The Research category received 23, and the Creative Scholarship category received 42. Students submitting work spanned five countries: United States, Canada, China, and Hong Kong.

#### **CLASS Fund Research Award**

A record number of 29 submissions were received for the CLASS Fund Research Award! Due to the overwhelming amount of submissions and scholarly merit of each submitted proposal, the FUND was split into two awards for this year's honor. Proposals receiving funding are:

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Title: "Future Landscape Professionals of the Anthropocene"  
Michael Volk and Gail Hansen (University of Florida)  
Award: \$15,000

Title: "On Beyond Q: Evaluating MS4 Stormwater Management Strategies in Built-Out Neighborhoods" has been  
Don Burger, Jeremiah Bergstrom, Elizabeth Tofte, and Pat Crawford (South Dakota State University)  
Award: \$10,000

Congratulations to the awardees, and thank you to all who submitted proposals.

### **Tax-Exempt Status + Billing**

CELAs request for retroactive reinstatement of organizational tax-exempt status filed in September 2018 is being effected by the partial government shut-down. We were to hear back from the IRS in January 2019, and now that date has been extended to March 2019.

Billing for CELA 2019 Membership Dues is in progress. If you have not received an invoice for 2019 by the end of January, please check your spam mail/junk mail. We ask that you be prompt in paying your dues. If you have a question re CELA's tax-exempt status or a recent billing invoice, please direct questions to Peter Kralka, [director@thecela.org](mailto:director@thecela.org)

### **CELA 2019 Conference, Sacramento, CA**

The CELA 2019 Annual Conference will be in Sacramento, CA March 6-9, 2019. It is hosted by the Landscape Architecture + Environmental Design Program at the University of California at Davis (Patsy Owens, Conference Committee Chair). **All authors MUST be registered by today, Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, to be included in the program.** The theme is *Engaged Scholarship: Bringing together Research, Teaching, and Service*. Check out the conference website at <https://cela2019.ucdavis.edu/>

### **CELA 2019 Administrators Meeting**

Please plan to attend the CELA 2019 Administrators Meeting, Wednesday, March 6, 2019, from 12:30 – 4:30 pm. A light lunch will be served. Ashley Steffens, President-Elect, will Chair the meeting. An email will be sent to all Administrators prior to the meeting with lunch and meeting room details.

### **Landscape Journal**

CELA full members will receive the next issue (37.1) of *Landscape Journal* late January or early February. It will contain a tribute to Pat Taylor, former CELA Interim Executive Director, and information on the 2019 CELA Conference at UC Davis. Brian Lee, Editor, Landscape Journal, has requested that Administrators continue to query their faculty for any full-papers that might fit publication in Landscape Journal. Submission guidelines may be found at <http://lj.uwpress.org/>. Faculty may also send their papers for a cursory review to Brian Lee, [blee@uky.edu](mailto:blee@uky.edu)

### **Strategic Planning**

The CELA Board will hold a strategic planning session on February 7 in Raleigh, NC at the headquarters of IMI Executive Associates. Members of the Executive Committee will participate in-person and Board members will participate remotely. Marcy Cottle of Raleigh, NC will facilitate the session. Marcy is an expert in strategic planning and communication.

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**Fonteva Association Management Software**

The CELA has purchased *Fonteva* an association management software to manage CELA's growing database. Key features include CELA member customer relationship management, event management, member portal, online communities and microsites, ecommerce and orders, committees and groups, online fundraising, revenue accounting, dashboards and reporting. It will fully integrate the current CELA website upgrading CELA's membership services.

Finally, work continues on CELA 2020, our 100<sup>th</sup>-anniversary meeting in Louisville, KY! Louisville is home to Churchill Downs, the host the Kentucky Derby Horse Race, the Louisville Slugger Museum, several Kentucky Bourbon distilleries, and many outstanding landscape architecture projects to tour. Stay tuned for more information!

Respectfully,

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