CELA Board of Directors

Conference Call, Thursday, April 12th, 2012

11:30 a.m. CDT; 12:30 p.m. EDT; 9:30 a.m. PDT

Attendees: Mark Boyer, Blake Belanger, Terry Clements, Elen Deming, Will Green, Ming-Han Li, Ken McCown, Sean Michael, Patrick Mooney, Dee Solco, Pat Taylor,


1. Welcome/ orientation /roll call

2. Past President’s report: (Terry Clements)

CELA letter on the ASLA proposal has been sent to the general membership and is now available on the CELA website. CELA members are urged to speak with their trustees. Stephanie Rolley has compiled a list of ASLA trustees from last fall. Follow up is needed on where we sit with trustees at this point. It would be a good idea to look at ASLA’s manual as a guide. CELA letter concerning the ASLA proposal has been sent to all members. It is also now on the CELA website. Stephanie Rolley has put together a list of trustee’s from last fall. Will follow up on where we sit with trustees at this point. It is up to the CELA membership to speak with their trustees. As a result of Susan Hatchell and Dick Zweifel being at the annual conference, the conversation has changed at National and is no longer considered a done deal.

3. President’s Update: (Patrick Mooney)

Annual meeting minutes will be available for the May conference call. Final 2012 conference budget will be available from University of Illinois in 4-6 months. The 2013 CELA annual conference will be held in Austin. They have the same set up as University of Illinois with an in house event planner. Abstracts have been published. Elen received a grant and will do a special publication on selected papers. Papers from the conference should be a priority. There is a lack of reviewers and currently a backlog. Finances are necessary for publication.

CSLA is in the process of composing a response to the ASLA bylaw change proposal. We will ask Mary Myers to give a report in June after the ASLA vote

By the end of the first week of May, committees will have elected a chair. The vote will be done by email and sent to Dee. We now have 10 CELA standing Committees. Patrick is the new Strategic Planning Committee Chair. A brief description of all committees will be available for the May 10th meeting. Reports from committees are needed by the end of August.

The CELA operations manual needs job descriptions for the Executive Director and Secretary’s position. Patrick will send an email to Lee-Anne requesting job description.

Lee-Anne and Pat have taken on the bylaw rewrite and will try to have a draft by 1st of June.
A better working relationship is needed with our sister organizations. Patrick volunteered to personally work on building those relationships.

4. Interim Executive Director’s report: (Pat Taylor)

An appeal has gone out for reviewers and they have been asked for a quick return. Spoke with Allan Shearer concerning the issue. CELA has to figure out a way to handle the cost. We are in the process of completing the agenda for next President’s Council meeting.

The number of committees that will have a regional director is 8. Asking all board members to establish an electronic signature if they do not have one on their email. Please include phone numbers and mailing addresses.

Lee-Anne has drafted a proposal for CLASS Fund. A second draft has been done and will be reviewed.

5. 2nd Vice President’s report (Mark Boyer)

6. Vice President for Research report: (Ming-Han Li)

Presently at work on a timeline for 2013-14.

7. Student Director report: (Lee Streitz)

We need to find the best avenue to get the CELA profile out to students. It was suggested that a website revision might help.

Other Business:

**Action:** CELA Conference committee will check with Illinois conference organizers to determine if an evaluation was made available to attendees.

**Action:** Dee will send Mark Boyer the dates for the next two conference calls.

Meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.