

## President's Message | November 2019

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**Hi CELA Colleagues,**

It's been a dizzying 4 months since my last message and this one is just as full of The CELA activities and information, including a new LOOK.

There is so much great information to share with our members and supporters, we are going to try a more frequent newsletter in lieu of the President's Quarterly message. Scroll through the topics below and click on links for more information. I hope you find this new format convenient and easy to read. Please, let us know what you think. Are you getting too much email from CELA? Too little? How can we improve communicating with you? Send me an email at [steffens@uga.edu](mailto:steffens@uga.edu) with your thoughts.

Hard to believe the holidays are almost here. I hope that everyone has a wonderful holiday and Happy New Year! 2020 will be here before we know it.



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CELA President 2019-2020

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**Your Quarterly News & Updates**

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## Conference Updates

### The CELA 2020 Annual Conference

Box with Muhammad Ali, Taste Kentucky Bourbon, and wear a Fabulous Derby Hat. **SAVE THE DATE** for the **2020 The CELA Annual Conference**: 100 Years of The CELA: Deep Time in Louisville, Kentucky, March 18-21, 2020. It's going to be an incredible experience!! The opening reception will be at the [Muhammad Ali Center](#). There will also be excellent presentations, award winners, networking opportunities, general sessions, awards, a horse farm tour AND riverboat dinner cruise option. Early Bird registration is coming soon.

- **The CELA 2020 Annual Conference** | Registration; Collecting Memories from Past Conferences; Sponsorship Opportunities; Abstract Submissions and The CELA Annual Conference 2021. [Read more here.](#)

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## Member Updates

### Awards, Publications & Service

- **Awards** | Call for Awards Committee Members; Academy of Fellows Update and Recognizing ASLA, LAAB, CLARB, and LAF. [Read more here.](#)
- **Publications** | Landscape Journal Volume 37, Issue 2; Landscape Record Review Volume 8 and Landscape Journal vision task force update. [Read more here.](#)
- **Service** | Call for New Leadership; Leadership Orientation and Announcing The CELA Allied Organization Representatives. [Read more here.](#)



### The CELA Trivia

**Q: Who was the first CELA President?**

**A: Charles W. Harris** (1926-2019), then Professor at Harvard University Graduate University of Design, was elected the first President of The CELA in 1965. [Read more here.](#)

Thanks to Charlene LeBleu and Galen Newman for entertaining my trivia request and for their research on this!

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## Internal Updates

### Business, Communications & New Initiatives

- **Business** | New Strategic Map; Bylaws Revision; Policies & Procedures Manual and 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget. [Read more here.](#)
- **Communications** | Communications Coordinator; Landscape Journal's 10 Most-Cited Articles; The CELA Social Media and Job Postings. [Read more here.](#)
- **New Initiatives** | Sustainability; Grants; Awards; Subcommittees and Fundraising. [Read more here.](#)

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## Community Updates

### Allied Organizations

- **Allied Organizations** | LAAB Accreditation Standards; STEM Designation for Landscape Architecture; The Presidents Council Meeting Winter 2020 and Frameworks Phase I Report. [Read more here.](#)

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