LAAB Meeting Report

The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board met on August 8-10, 2002. Eleven members of LAAB were present (

At the meeting, the LAAB received reports from the CELA and CLARB representatives.

Landscape Architecture Body of Knowledge Task Force Chair Kay Williams, FASLA updated the Board on the status of the LABOK project which began in September. The LABOK Task Force includes representatives of ASLA, CELA, LAAB, CLARB and CSLA and has contracted with the Chauncey Group, Inc. to produce a study that will focus on two questions: What is the fundamental body of knowledge that should be expected of all graduates from accredited degree programs? And What are the core competencies shared by the profession in general that help define the profession?

During the meeting LAAB revised the accreditation procedures by adding a new candidacy status for emerging programs, revised the appeal process, added the option of requiring programs to submit supplemental reports, defined provisional status as not being an adverse action and took the following school actions:

Granted accreditation for six years (due to expire on June 30, 2008) to:

California Polytechnic State University – SLO --BLA program
City College of New York –BSLA program
University of Illinois – BLA program
University of Illinois – course of study leading to the first professional MLA degree
North Carolina State University – BLA program

The LAAB extends its thanks to the schools that graciously hosted visiting teams and the following visiting team members (team chairs in bold):

California Polytechnic University – San Luis Obispo– **Stephanie Rolley**, **ASLA**, Dr. James Patterson, Craig Campbell, FASLA and Patsy Eubanks Owens, ASLA (observer)
City College of New York – **Rabindra A. Mukerjea**, John Robinson, ASLA, and Albert Veri, FASLA
University of Illinois--BLA – **Steven McBride**, Dr. Lorraine Davis and Edward Blake, ASLA
University of Illinois-- MLA – **Maurice Nelischer**, Dr. Robert H. Frey, and Whitney Talcott, ASLA
North Carolina State University – **Warren Rauhe, ASLA,** Dr. Jeff Koep, and Kathleen John-Adler, ASLA.

Also, the BLA program at Iowa State University had its accreditation suspended as a result of not being able to host its scheduled accreditation review during the spring of

2002. Suspension is not withdrawal of accreditation and the spring review was rescheduled for fall 2002.

In addition to the above, the terms of educator member Peter Trowbridge, FASLA, practitioner member Lee McLaren, ASLA and public member Scott Radovich expired. Former ASLA President Tom Dunbar, FASLA from Des Moines IA has been elected as a practitioner member and Professor Tony Barnes, FASLA from Kansas State University has been elected as an educator member of LAAB. Dr. Jean Keller, Dean of the College of Education at the University of North Texas has been elected as a public member of LAAB.