



Dear Fellows of the American Society of Landscape Architects:

This is the fifth of my quarterly Fellows Business Updates during my two year term as Chair of the Council of Fellows (COF), designed to keep you informed about the activities of the Council and the progress of our key initiatives. In this quarter's message, I'll provide updates on the plans for the **2007 Fellows Business Meeting** to be held in conjunction with the ASLA Annual Meeting in San Francisco; a report on **applications for the ASLA COF Scholarship** and the status of the **Endowment**; statistics on the **2007 Fellows Nominations**; as well as the COF Fellows **Nominating Committee**.

**Fellows Business Meeting Format:** Thank you to all of the Fellows who provided feedback in response to my request for comments on the Fellows Business Meeting format. As on all topics, ASLA Fellows have opinions and express them eloquently! Based upon your responses, and in consultation with ASLA staff who are planning the Annual Meeting, we have arrived at an exciting format for 2007 Fellows Business Meeting: On Sunday, October 7 we will have a complimentary "light lunch" reception for all Fellows in an airy, naturally-lit space in the Moscone convention center, followed by the business meeting in an adjacent meeting room. This achieves a nice balance for our goals: time for conversation amongst Fellows, an inclusive event that will allow all Fellows to participate, and time to conduct our business without interruption of food service activities. For those of you who expressed a preference for the "sit down" luncheon, we regret that we cannot accommodate all the differing opinions at one event, but do encourage you to participate in the Fellows Investiture Dinner on Saturday, October 6 to help us honor our new inductees at an elegant sit-down dinner.

**ASLA COF Scholarship Applications:** We received 16 applications for the Fellows Scholarship from landscape architecture students at 10 accredited schools. From this pool of applicants, the COF Executive Committee will select two awardees who will each receive a \$4000 scholarship, along with airfare and complimentary student registration to attend the 2007 ASLA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. You will have an opportunity to meet the recipients at our Fellows Business Meeting on October 7, 2007.

**ASLA COF Scholarship Endowment Fundraising:** Thanks to your generous response, pledges and contributions for the endowment have reached \$175,000. As reported in this past Monday's [LAND online](#), many Fellows have pledged at or above the [challenge level](#) of \$1000 over a three year period. In May, COF Executive Committee Member-at-Large Mary Ann Lasch, FASLA will be launching a phone campaign to reach Fellows who have not yet contributed so that we can bring the endowment up to our goal of \$200,000 by the October annual meeting. Barbara Faga, FASLA has offered to assist. Other Fellows who would like to be involved in this effort should contact Mary Ann at [mary\\_ann\\_lasch@gensler.com](mailto:mary_ann_lasch@gensler.com). As the fundraising for the scholarship endowment continues, we hope to reach 100% participation from the ASLA Fellows, whether at the challenge level or another amount. For full details on the ASLA COF Scholarship, please go

to the [LAF website](#). For information about how to make a pledge, go to the [pledge form](#) on the ASLA website.

**Nominations for the Fellows Class of 2007:** There were 70 nominations for Fellow this year, including nominations submitted by 33 chapters and two nominations forwarded by the COF Executive Committee. The jury for 2007 will meet this Saturday, and includes: Jury Chair Dennis Otsuji, FASLA; Barbara Faga, FASLA; Peter Pollack, FASLA; Katharine Emery, FASLA; and Len Hopper, FASLA. ASLA will announce the 2007 Class of Fellows on April 16.

**2007 Nominating Committee for COF Officers:** In accordance with the Council's operating rules I've appointed a Nominating Committee whose responsibility will be to recommend a slate of candidates for Chair-elect-elect and Secretary of the COF. The nominating committee includes the following ASLA Fellows: Tim Keller, FASLA from Iowa, Mary Hughes, FASLA of Virginia, and Ed Curtin, FASLA, from Indiana. The entire Council will vote by mail this summer to elect the new officers. They, along with current Chair-elect Rodney Swink, FASLA will be sworn-in at the 2007 Fellows business meeting. If you would like to nominate a Fellow to be considered by the Nominating Committee for the slate of officers, please forward your recommendations to [ggarcia@asla.org](mailto:ggarcia@asla.org) no later than April 13, 2007.

As I round out my final year as your COF Chair, I continue to welcome your feedback on any of these issues or other topics of interest to the ASLA Fellows.

Sincerely,



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