

COUNCIL OF FELLOWS NEWSLETTER

Spring 2017



Greetings Fellows and Happy [World Landscape Architecture Month](#)!



I'm happy to share the latest news of the Council with you. The Fellows Executive Committee is in the process of review and selection of our three COF scholarship winners for 2017. This process always reminds us of how many deserving students are out there with great financial need and wonderful aspirations. Please review our scholarship contribution information in this Newsletter, and respond with a pledge if you are able.

The Fellows Jury met last week to select the 2017 class. We will also be sending out a ballot for the election of new officers later this spring.

It is not too early to make sure that you save the date for the **2017 Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, October 20-23**. Registration information will be sent out in early May. We look forward to seeing you all there. Please consider participating in the emerging professionals portfolio review on the EXPO floor.

SELECTION OF THE 2017 CLASS OF FELLOWS

The deadline for submissions for the class of 2017 was January 20. ASLA received 78 nominations from 26 chapters and the Council of Fellows Executive Committee. The Council of Fellows Jury met March 24 to make final selections. Notifications will go out in the few weeks following the jury's meeting. The 2017 Class will be recognized at the annual investiture dinner on Sunday, October 22, in Los Angeles. Please save the date for the dinner and plan to attend the annual business meeting on Monday morning, October 23.



Caption: The 2016 Class of Fellows, New Orleans

FELLOWS BUSINESS MEETING

The 2016 COF scholarship recipients were presented certificates at the annual Fellows business meeting in New Orleans. In addition to introducing the students, we recognized the new class of Fellows, acknowledged departed Fellows, received a financial report from LAF Executive Director Barbara Deutsch, FASLA, and formed a task force to activate Fellows on the chapter and national level. The task force held a call in January and formed subcommittees that are investigating the areas of public awareness, growing the profession, and developing the Council as a brain trust. Contact Marq Truscott if you are interested in participating.



Caption: 2016 COF Scholarship recipients Lauren Pinto, Daniel Rodriguez, and Abbey Wallace, with ASLA President Vaughn Rinner (left), Abdias Dalisma and Michael O'Brien (back row)

SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS AND PLEDGING

The COF Executive Committee is in the process of selecting recipients for the COF scholarship. The winners will be announced in mid-April. In addition to receiving \$5,000, each recipient will also receive a one-year student ASLA membership, general registration fees for the ASLA Annual Meeting and EXPO, and a travel stipend to attend the meeting. We have heard from previous students that the opportunity to meet and network with professionals at the annual meeting is an incredibly valuable piece of the award.

The COF scholarship fund was established by the ASLA Council of Fellows in 2004 to: 1) aid outstanding students who would not otherwise have an opportunity to continue a professional degree program due to unmet financial need; 2) increase the interest and participation of economically disadvantaged and under-represented populations in the study of landscape architecture; and 3) enrich the profession of landscape architecture through a more diverse population.

This year, for the first time, we held a pledge drive during the COF Investiture Dinner and raised over \$26,000! Thank you to everyone who participated. For those that didn't get the opportunity, please pledge so that we can continue to offer this invaluable resource to the future practitioners of the profession! You may make multi-year pledges by using this [form](#), or perhaps you would interested in leaving a planned gift to the [Fellows Endowment Fund](#).

RECOGNITION OF DECEASED FELLOWS

It has been our custom to acknowledge all Fellows who have passed away from the time of the last annual meeting, which was October 2016. To help us compile an accurate and complete list, I would be grateful if you would send the names of any Fellows you know who have passed away since that time to [Curt Millay](#) at ASLA.

As always, we welcome any comments or questions that you may have regarding the Council of Fellows and hope that you will join us at Council events in Los Angeles.

All the best,

Kurt Culbertson, FASLA
Chair
ASLA Council of Fellows