



Dear Fellows of the American Society of Landscape Architects:

This is the second of my quarterly business updates to the Council of Fellows (CoF) for 2006. My goal as the CoF Chair is to continue to keep you informed about the activities of the Council and the progress of our key initiatives. In the first update you received reports on the [ASLA CoF Scholarship](#), the newly-established nominations Task Force, and the [ACE Mentor Program](#). In this quarter's message, I'd like to update you on the selection of the 2006 Class of Fellows, the nominations Task Force, and the award of the second round of ASLA CoF Scholarships.

Class of 2006: This year, 65 nominations for Fellow were received. The Fellows jury met March 24-25 to review and select the [Class of 2006](#), which includes 31 Fellows Elect. They will be formally inducted during the [ASLA Annual Meeting in Minneapolis](#) on Saturday, October 7, 2006. We hope that all of the Society's Fellows can attend the Investiture Dinner to celebrate the accomplishments of our new electees. I extend special thanks to the jury members, Karen Phillips, FASLA, Chair; Barbara Faga, FASLA; Dennis Otsuji, FASLA; Sunny Scully, FASLA; and Peter Pollack; FASLA for their fine service in what is always a very challenging and demanding task.

Review of Fellows Nomination Guidelines: The Task Force that was formed to explore member concerns on the nomination process, the guidelines, and efforts to provide constructive feedback to unsuccessful nominees has completed its work and submitted recommendations to the CoF Executive Committee. We are reviewing the recommendations in detail and will discuss them by conference call in May. Following our review, they will be distributed to the entire membership of the CoF for your feedback. I would like to sincerely thank the Task Force for their thoughtful deliberations and written report. Ted Baker, FASLA, chair of the Task Force; Juanita Shearer-Swink, FASLA; Jim Donovan, FASLA; Ron Taylor, ASLA; and Valorie Hennigan, ASLA.

ASLA CoF Scholarship Recipients for 2006: In our second year of this important CoF initiative, we are awarding two scholarships for the 2006-07 academic year to Luke Kasitz of Temple University, and Sahoko Yui, Student ASLA of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. They will receive their awards at the Council of Fellows Business Lunch on Sunday, October 8, 2006 in conjunction with the ASLA annual meeting in Minneapolis. I hope that each of you will plan to attend the Business Lunch as we continue our tradition of congratulating the recipients in person and encouraging their involvement in the profession through interaction with ASLA's most accomplished members. Details on the scholarship recipients can be read in this past Monday's edition of [LandOnline](#).

To date, ASLA's Fellows have pledged in writing more than \$101,000 toward the scholarship endowment, with installments payable by 2009. Approximately 19% of ASLA's Fellows have contributed so far. At the October 2005 Fellows Business Lunch, the CoF set a challenge level of \$1000 over a three year period, and a long-term goal of awarding four scholarships per year. This will require an endowment of \$200,000 to \$250,000, and we are well on our way with the pledges received to date. 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 Council of Fellows Scholarship, please go to the [LAF website](#). For information about how to make a pledge, please contact Ron Figura at rfigura@lafoundation.org.

I welcome your comments on how you would like to become more involved in the Council of Fellows, and any comments you have on our current initiatives or expanded communications efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen M. Fox". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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