



Dear Fellows of the American Society of Landscape Architects:

This is my final quarterly Fellows Business Update during my two year term as Chair of the Council of Fellows (COF). I hope you have enjoyed these regular messages, 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 **Fellows Database**, the **COF Scholarship fundraising**, the **draft agenda for the COF Business Meeting** including a **proposed rule change for election to Fellow**, a reminder about the **Investiture Dinner for the 2007 Class of Fellows**, as well as the **newly elected COF officers**.

Fellows Database: As you know from my last update, we reached a significant milestone in June on this important project -- ASLA Fellow Jack Sullivan of the University of Maryland mailed requests for verification and updates on biographical information to all ASLA Fellows. Of the 582 Fellows that we contacted or attempted to contact, 230 Fellows responded to Jack's request for confirmation/updates on the Fellows' bios. If you have not sent in your confirmation / updates, please do so no later than September 20, 2007. We would like to see the database as current as possible--with highlights, not details, of your professional career and pertinent biographical data. Since most of the data was initially collected at the time of your investiture, please feel free to add information about significant accomplishments since that time. If you or any ASLA Fellow you know did not receive a letter from Jack with your biographical information, please contact him to let him know. Updates, additions, corrections and confirmations can be submitted by e-mail (please attach a MS Word document) to jack@umd.edu or you can write to him at: Jack Sullivan, FASLA, Associate Professor and Coordinator, Landscape Architecture Program, University of Maryland, 2102 Plant Sciences Building, College Park, MD 20742-4452.

COF Officer Elections: The COF Officer election returns have been certified by Council Secretary Suzanne Turner, FASLA. Please help us congratulate **Chair-elect designate John Carman, FASLA**, of Kentucky and **Secretary-elect Sandra Gonzalez** from California. These two new officers, along with your next Chair, Rodney Swink, FASLA, will be sworn-in at the 2007 Fellows business meeting on October 7.

Investiture Dinner for the 2007 Class of Fellows: As is our tradition, we will induct the [newly-elected Fellows](#) at an elegant sit down dinner and ceremony on **Saturday, October 6**, at the Hilton Hotel San Francisco. To all you Fellows who expressed a strong desire for formal events with your fellow Fellows, this is your opportunity! Please be sure to purchase your tickets in advance, and help us honor our class of 2007.

2007 COF Business Meeting: Our annual business meeting will be held from 12:15 pm to 2:00 pm on **Sunday, October 7**, at the Moscone Center in San Francisco. We will start with a complimentary "light lunch" reception for all Fellows in the Esplanade Foyer, an airy, naturally-lit space in the convention center, followed by the business meeting in the adjacent Esplanade 300 meeting room. I extend a special invitation to the newly-elected Fellows, who are required to attend this meeting in accordance with the Council of Fellows rules of operation.

Draft Agenda:

- Reception
- Call to Order and Introductions (Kathy Fox)
- Moment of Silence for Deceased Fellows
- Recognition of New Fellows
- Approval of [Minutes](#)
- Fellows Scholarship Presentation
- Review of COF Programs (Jack Sullivan)
- Financial Report (Suzanne Turner)
- New Business:
 - [Proposed Changes to Rules](#) for election to Fellow and amending COF Rules
 - Swearing In New Officers
 - Goals for Next Year (Rodney Swink)
- Adjournment

Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to add any items to the agenda.

COF Scholarship Fundraising: Approximately 120 Fellows' pledges have brought us more than three quarters of the way to fully endowing our scholarship fund up to our target of \$200,000. The ASLA COF Scholarship was founded during the 2004 COF business meeting to:

- Aid students who would not otherwise have an opportunity to continue a professional degree program due to unmet financial need;
- Increase the interest and participation of economically disadvantaged and under-represented populations in the study of landscape architecture; and
- Enrich the profession of landscape architecture through a more diverse population.

Let's complete the fundraising for our endowment before 2007 closes so that we can fully fund four scholarship awards per year (we can only offer two right now). If you haven't already contributed, please consider a pledge at this time. [Many Fellows](#) have pledged \$1000 to be paid over three years. All contributions are valued. Just follow the hyper-link to the [ASLA Fellows Scholarship Pledge Form](#).

As we approach my final meeting as your Council of Fellows Chair at the 2007 Annual Meeting, I continue to welcome your feedback on any of these issues or other topics of interest to the ASLA Fellows. I look forward to seeing you at the Fellows Investiture Dinner on Saturday, October 6, and the Fellows Business Meeting on Sunday, October 7, both in San Francisco in conjunction with the ASLA Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,



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