

Trustee's Report:
October 29-30, 2011 Annual Meeting
San Diego, CA

October 29:
President's Report by Jon Mueller

Student Representative's Report by Ryan Sotirakis

Program & Operations Report by Nancy Somerville
Member & Chapter Services - Miller/Drobins
SITES update - Somerville, Czyscon, Cahill, Guthrie
Public Awareness Campaign - Focht, Poltrack
State/Federal Government Affairs - Landregan, Lent, Blackwell
HALS - Czyscon, Cahill
Annual Meeting EXPO Briefing - Looper

2012 Annual Operating Plan by Susan Hatchell/Nancy Somerville

Finance and Budget by Vaughn Rinner/Michael O'Brien

CLARB Report on the 2012 LARE by Joel Albizo/James Penrod:

- Moving design charrettes of exam towards computer testing
- Updating the testing questions based on data collection and current trends

Universal Licensure Designation Policy* - Landregan, Lent

- ASLA is recommending the use of PLA (Professional Landscape Architect) as the professional designation for licensed landscape architects
- ASLA cannot make the professional use this designation
- A motion was made for this recommendation and the motion was passed
- I voted against this motion
- This is now a recommendation for the Policy Committee (*and has one more vote by BOT for final approval*)
- *This policy is a result of the earlier discussions/voting that allows (and has always been the official rule) non-licensed professionals to use the ASLA designation*
- *Earlier discussions sought to make the ASLA designation useable by licensed landscape architects only*
- *Mississippi (and many other states) has both a "practice act" and a "title act". The title act means you cannot call yourself (or insinuate that you are) a landscape architect unless you are a licensed landscape architect. The practice act means you cannot practice or perform the duties of a landscape architect unless you are licensed landscape architect.*

Task Force on Accreditation and Reciprocity Report and Recommendation* - Hawks, Lent, Leighton

- ASLA wants to expand the charge of LAAB to include review of non-degree-granting programs (California certificate programs)
- CELA had requested that ASLA table this motion until further discussion and information can occur (see attached letter)
- A motion was made for this recommendation and the motion was passed
- I voted against this motion

Strategic Objectives Review/Revision - Hatchell, Somerville

Constitution and Bylaws Amendment Bills 2011-03 and 2011-04 - International Members* - Leslie, Hanson

- Proposed amendments establish International Member eligibility for Fellowship and replace or remove residency as a professional membership qualifications criterion.
- The revisions replace residency as the sole criterion in the case of International Members and remove references to it in the case of Full and Associate Members, thus basing qualifications for all three member types in the professional membership category on where the landscape architect earned his/her degree and/or is officially authorized to practice landscape architecture.
- Since International Members would be able to retain their professional member status under the new qualifications criteria while resident in the United States, the revisions also permit assignment of International Members to chapters upon request and modify International Member voting and leadership privileges
- A motion was made for this recommendation and the motion was passed
- I voted against this motion

ASLA Fund Report by Gary Scott

Reports:

- APA Report - Paul Farmer
- LAAB Report - Whitney Talcott
- LAF Report - Kathleen Garcia
- IFLA Report - Desiree Martinez

Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats Planning Discussion - Hatchell, Somerville

- The July 2011 ExCom meeting, sitting and incoming ExCom members were requested to fill out a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) analysis; staff directors also completed SWOT charts. At the meeting, the committee reviewed the survey summary and identified the most critical issues in each category.

October 30
SWOT Planning Discussion – Group Sessions

Reports:

CELA Report – Pat Taylor

CSLA Report – Liane McKenna

Acknowledgements and Recognitions

Next Meeting – May 11-12, 2012, Washington, DC

** I highly recommend all members educate themselves on these matters by reading the ASLA recommendations & reports found under the Leadership & Governance tabs, BOT meeting agenda books. www.asla.org (you have to sign in to gain access to the material). I have only provided a very short summary of each topic – there is a lot more background information. Please feel free to contact me to discuss these issues further, or recommend future actions.*

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Mercier, Mississippi Chapter ASLA Proxy-Trustee