



FLORIDA CHAPTER ASLA TRUSTEE REPORT

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YOUR ASLA MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to the 23rd^h piece of my Trustee report series where I share a few notes and items from our national organization over the last month or so. Remind people who may have lapsed in their membership to rejoin and that *payment options* are available. Please feel free to contact me at Trustee@FLASLA.org if you have any questions or concerns about ASLA issues.

Nominations are now being solicited for FLASLA positions which include the Trustee position. Yes, my three year term serving you is coming to an end this fall. If you are interested in running for an office on the ExCom, please contact our President Elect, David Flanagan at presidenelect@flasla.com.

Next week the FLASLA leadership will be up in Washington DC for Advocacy Day and the mid-year meetings. Look for tweets (and other social media outlets) of our Chapter representatives (including students) with State legislators.

Governance and Administration

- **Pledges to the campaign for the ASLA Center for Landscape Architecture** have now passed the **\$1 million mark** (\$1,022,024) on its way to the \$1.5 million goal. Click the link for the list of [donors](#) to date. To suggest firms who have yet to pledge, please contact [Director Sears](#); phone, 202-216-2369.
- The **Council of Fellows** has notified all 2016 nominees as well as chapter presidents with jury results. A press release announcing the 2016 class appeared in the [April 19 issue of LAND](#). **Congrats to Florida's Kenn Bates on his election to Fellow!**


Government Affairs


- ASLA celebrated a **great victory** with Senate passage of **permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)**. The Senate passed the Energy Policy Modernization Act (S. 2012), which includes the bipartisan compromise reached by Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Lisa Murkowski (AK) and Ranking Member Maria Cantwell (WA) to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The measure will now go to conference with the House's North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act.
- ASLA has joined in **supporting a series of water infrastructure bills** recently introduced by Senator Ben Cardin (MD). ASLA provided a letter of support for the series of bills, which include a **proposal to triple the funding of the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund**. These federal assistance programs include funds for green infrastructure projects in communities nationwide.
- ASLA continues to utilize the [iAdvocate Network](#) to send messages to policymakers and to update members on webinars, federal grant opportunities, policy reports, and other information. So far this year, **1,835 ASLA advocates used the Network to send 4,554 messages** to policymakers on issues important to the profession, including 1,700 messages on LWCF, 1,565 messages to Arizona state lawmakers to prevent deregulation of landscape architecture in the state, and others.

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- **World Landscape Architecture Month is setting new records!** So far 4,639 social-media image posts with [#WLAM2016](#) have reached 3.4 million people. Twenty-five countries have participated thus far (April 27th). Did you post?????

Education and LAAB

 EVP Somerville, Education Programs Director Susan Apollonio and Accreditation and Education Programs Manager Kristopher Pritchard met with Melissa Moritz, deputy director, Office of STEM for the **U.S. Department of Education** and Ramon Barthelemy, Science Policy Fellow with the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Discussion topics included how the Department of Education supports students and teachers in STEM and how to ensure **recognition of landscape architecture as a STEM discipline**.

 The **Landscape Architecture Continuing Education System™ (LA CES™)** has **225** active providers offering **1,657** courses. There are **two** new provider applications pending review. FLORIDA LICENSEES: LA CES credit does not apply to Florida license CEU credits. We will continue to work on this and anyone who may want to join the band wagon, give me a shout. I believe all but Florida and NY accept LA CES for continuing education towards license renewal.