



FLORIDA CHAPTER ASLA TRUSTEE REPORT

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YOUR ASLA MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to the 26^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.

What a great and inspiring time we had at this year's conference in Jacksonville. My thanks go to Kevin White and his great team! Did you see that I made the front page of the Daily Record as I sketched Hemming Park as part of the urban sketch crawl with Jim Richards? Isn't this the big time! We had a blast.

Sadly this is my second to last report. I thank you for allowing me to serve as your Trustee. It has been an honor. In late October while in New Orleans, I will pass the torch to Dave Ferris who will represent the great State of Florida for the next three years. We are in good hands.

Executive Offices

- Staff conferred with **Boo Thomas, FASLA, and Haley Blakeman, ASLA, of the Louisiana Center for Planning Excellence (CPEX) and President Chad Danos, FASLA**, on the effect of the [devastating flooding in Baton Rouge](#) and surrounding Louisiana counties. Also discussed was how ASLA can support CPEX and its planning work during the recovery and rebuilding process. The report ran in *LAND*, was distributed via social media, and included information on how members can help the relief efforts.
- Last week, EVP Somerville and Federal Government Affairs Director Roxanne Blackwell, Hon. ASLA, **met with National Park Service (NPS) Associate Director, Cultural Resources, Partnerships and Science, Stephanie Toothman**. The **discussion covered the status of the Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) budget** and the potential for additional staff for the program. ASLA will have a follow-up meeting with Associate Director Toothman so that she may provide more budget details about the program.

Finance, Meetings, and Business Operations

- [Annual meeting](#) registration has climbed to over 3,100 with more than half of the 15 field sessions already sold out. Tickets to the [Council of Fellows Investiture Dinner](#) are also selling fast. Advanced rate pricing and registration discounts for booking in the official ASLA hotel room block all expire on September 16, so [register now](#). I'll see you there if you are going!
- To date, **31 schools have signed up for the Alumni Tailgate**, scheduled for Saturday, October 22. This year's **prizes for Best School Spirit/Decorated Space** include: 15 complimentary student registrations to the 2017 annual meeting in Los Angeles; second place will receive 10; and third place will receive five comp registrations. Also, **the exhibitor with the most school spirit** will win a free corner booth upgrade for 2017; second place receives a free 2017 overhead sign; and third place receives 10 free drink tickets good for Saturday or Sunday evening's reception on the EXPO floor in New Orleans.

Government Affairs

- On August 25, the **National Park Service (NPS) celebrated 100 years of service** and ASLA members used [iAdvocate](#) to send tweets to their federal legislators in support of the [Centennial Challenge Fund](#). The fund would finance NPS signature construction, maintenance, and education projects by matching private contributions with federal dollars. Congress returns next week and is expected to begin consideration of a Centennial Challenge bill.

Professional Practice



The **Online Learning Student & Emerging Professionals SPOTLIGHT mini-series** continued with the presentation “The Importance of Good Design: Comparing Play in the UK vs US,” which offered 1.0 PDH at the end of August. Additional presentations in the [SPOTLIGHT mini-series](#) include: “Urban Voids of Los Angeles”; “Correlating Patterns in the Urban Landscape: Biophilia and Landscape Configuration”; and “Capturing Perceptions: Instagram, Twitter, and Professional Practice.” To view the mini-series, check out the [recorded presentations](#).