



FLORIDA CHAPTER ASLA TRUSTEE REPORT

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Welcome to the 25th 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.

I look forward to seeing you all in Jacksonville for Conference August 4th – 6th. There are many engaging speakers and some really special tours. Do attend if you are not already doing so.

Did you sign up to volunteer on a National committee? President-Elect Vaughn Rinner will be making final selections in August. It is always nice to see Florida members participate.....as it should be since we are one of the large chapters.

Executive Offices

- The **call for potential national officer candidates** is open until **Friday, August 12**. You may submit your nominations for 2017-2018 Communications VP, Education VP, Government Affairs VP, and President-Elect to Corporate Secretary Curt [Millay, ASLA](#).
- Work is proceeding and is on budget for the **ASLA Center for Landscape Architecture**, although completion of the project and the staff move back into the building will likely be delayed into November.
- The **call for potential national officer candidates** is open until **Friday, August 12**. Submit nominations for 2017-2018 VP Communications, VP Education, and/or VP Government Affairs as well as President-Elect to Corporate Secretary [Millay](#).
- **Pledges to the Campaign for the ASLA Center now total \$1,027,449, which is 69 percent of the goal** of \$1.5 million. To see who has given to date, please see [Campaign for the ASLA Center](#).
- Donations to the ASLA Fund, the Society's charitable foundation, for the first six months of 2016 total \$9,531, which is a 241 percent increase over the same period last year. You can add your contribution to the Campaign [Donate to the ASLA Fund](#). To learn more about the ASLA Fund, see [ASLA Fund](#).

Government Affairs

- Congress left Washington last week to begin its seven-week recess. Before leaving, the House passed [H.R. 5538, the fiscal year \(FY\) 2017 Interior-Environment spending bill](#), by a vote of 231-196, mostly along party lines. The measure provides **increased funding for the National Park Service and Centennial activities, but also makes significant cuts to the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and the Environmental Protection Agency's climate change and other environmental programs**. The Senate has not taken action on its FY 2017 Interior-Environment spending bill, so it is unclear if a final bill will reach the president's desk.
- And since Congress has recessed for seven weeks, **this is a good time to reach out to your legislators—federal, state, and local—to invite them to a site tour of a landscape architecture project**. ASLA has developed the [Guide to Hosting Tours with Elected Officials](#), a step-by-step guide to help chapters successfully host site tours. Many legislators set aside time in August and October to meet with constituents for tours and other meetings. If your chapter is interested in hosting a site tour, please contact Government Affairs [Manager Mark Cason](#); phone, 202-216-2370.
- The **Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)** is requesting grant applications for the FHWA's **Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds (TTPSF)**. The intent of the TTPSF is to prevent and reduce deaths or serious injuries in transportation-related crashes on tribal lands where statistics are consistently higher than the rest of the nation as a whole. The projects could include safe pedestrian infrastructure.

The deadline to [apply](#) is September 16 at 11:59 PM EDT. For further information concerning this notice please contact [Russell Garcia, TTPSF Program Manager](#) via email or phone, (202) 366-9815.



The Federal Highway Administration has developed the [Transportation Alternatives \(TAP\) Performance Management Guidebook](#) in an effort to provide sample performance objectives and measures that states, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), and project sponsors may consider as they administer, implement, and evaluate TAP projects and program outcomes. The guidebook promotes voluntary best practices to ensure program transparency and accountability, but does not establish requirements or standards. The guidebook aligns with the national goals and GHWA's Transportation Management measures.