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The 2017 Florida Chapter ASLA Annual Conference is less than a month away in Boca Raton. Our dedicated conference committee has been hard at work for more than a year to provide our attendees with great fellowship opportunities, inspirational tours, high-quality education sessions, and leading-edge keynote speakers.

The theme of the 2017 Conference, *Revealing Landscape Architecture*, will be expressed in three distinct ways: Through Water & Environment, Through Art & History, and Through Community and Planning. Several of our tours effectively touch on these themes and highlight Boca Raton and the surrounding area. Learn about the *Successful Downtown Revitalization of Delray Beach* or discover the *Infill and Redevelopment Challenges of Jupiter*. The *Boca Raton Residential Gardens Tour* will reveal how the influence of Addison Mizner has endured since the 1920's, while the exploration of local *Art in Public Spaces* delves into successful public art in varying scales.

You will want to hear from all of our keynote speakers, including Diana Fernandez and Kona Gray *Designing for Diversity/Diversity in Design*, Brian Van Bower *The Wonders of Water in the Landscape Environment and Our Lives*, and National ASLA President Vaughn B. Rinner, FASLA. Each will bring their own unique view of our vast and diverse profession.

We will also be celebrating the impending elevation of two more Florida Chapter Members to the Council of Fellows. It was recently announced the Emily O'Mahoney and Kona Gray will be elevated at the ASLA Conference this fall in Los Angeles. Please congratulate them on this well-deserved honor.

Please be sure to explore Boca Raton. Whether it is the nightlife and shopping at Mizner Park, a visit to the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, or the Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum, there is plenty to see and enjoy. Also, be sure to thank our sponsors and vendors; the depth and reach of our Chapter and the quality of this conference depend largely on their support.

It is truly an honor for me to serve as the President of the Florida Chapter and I look forward to seeing all of you in Boca Raton.

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