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The 2017 ASLA Annual Meeting in Los Angeles is only two weeks away. I am excited to report that I have been asked to give a presentation on Membership Recruitment to the Chapter President's Council during the annual meeting. This is a direct result of the outstanding growth we have experienced in the Florida Chapter in 2017. We have added 117 new members since January 1, 2017, which is well above our projected goals for the year. Many thanks to Scott Mosolf and his dedicated work as Member At-Large for Leadership and Membership. His efforts are greatly appreciated.

I look forward to celebrating the elevation of our newest Fellows, Emily O'Mahoney and Kona Gray, during the Los Angeles meeting as well. Both are tremendous selections for this honor and we are lucky to have them as part of the Florida Chapter. Thank you to Jeff Caster and the rest of the Fellows Committee for their help in the Fellows nomination and submittal process.

Please review the GAC report this month. Richard Klar and Emily O'Mahoney are spearheading several key meetings with legislators regarding the CCNA issue that may make it to the House floor later this month. There is also another deregulation bill that Diana Ferguson is closely monitoring to ensure that we are covered.

I am truly humbled as I prepare to preside over my last Executive Committee Meeting in Miami later this week. My year as President has gone by very quickly. We have accomplished many great things, most notably the creation of the Florida Chapter ASLA Landscape Architecture Career Discovery Scholarship and endowment fund. Special thanks to our Immediate Past President Jonathan Haigh for Chairing the Scholarship Committee and steering this effort. I also want to thank the Scholarship Committee members, Emily O'Mahoney, Laurie Hall, Ebru Ozer, David Ferris, Kona Gray, and Dan Manley. This scholarship will have a lasting and significant impact on our profession and our universities for years to come. It has truly been an honor for me to serve as the President of the Florida Chapter and I look forward to continuing to work with you all as Deena Bell takes over as President.

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