



## FLORIDA CHAPTER ASLA TRUSTEE REPORT

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Welcome to the 35<sup>th</sup> piece of this report series, 'ASLA Membership', telling you just a few notes from our national organization over the last month. If you ever have a question about anything in my reports or would like to share your opinions with me regarding these issues, please contact me at [Trustee@FLASLA.org](mailto:Trustee@FLASLA.org)

### GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

We were pleased to host ASLA President, Tom Tavella, FASLA, at our FLASLA Annual Conference last month in St. Petersburg, where he provided us with an ASLA national update at our business meeting and also presented an education session, "Healthy Places, Healthy Communities: How Landscape Architects are Designing Healthy Communities."

The call for potential national officer candidates is now open. The following offices are coming open: President-elect, and VPs of Finance, Membership and Professional Practice. Please review the [information](#) on eligibility and officer roles/responsibilities and forward your suggestions to Corporate Secretary [Curt Millay](#) by Friday, August 30, 2013.

Last week, ASLA issued the official press release announcing the [2013 Class of Fellows](#). The 33 Fellows-elect, which includes our own Chris Flagg, will be inducted into the Council during the 2013 annual meeting in Boston this November.

### GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released a new [Stormwater Calculator](#), a desktop application that estimates the annual amount of rainwater and frequency of runoff from a specific site anywhere in the United States. It is designed to be used by anyone interested in reducing runoff from a property, including site developers, landscape architects, urban planners and homeowners. The Calculator accesses several national databases that provide soil, topography, rainfall and evaporation information for the chosen site.

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Projects are needed! ASLA continues to educate legislators on the importance of LWCF to communities across the country and wants to include LWCF projects planned and designed by Landscape Architects. If you have worked on projects that utilized LWCF funding, please forward the project image, along with a brief description of the project to Government Affairs Manager [Kevin O'Hara](#). Here is a full list of [LWCF projects by state](#).

### PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

On August 1, ASLA released the [2013 ASLA Salary Survey Report](#). Only members have access to ordering the custom salary survey reports. The member-only price is \$99.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Feedback from participants in last month's [Public Awareness Summit](#) and the [Diversity Summit](#), both held July 12 – 14 in Alexandria, Virginia. Stories in the current *LAND* give highlights for each, plus the Advocacy Summit, which was held simultaneously.

The ASLA website was ranked #3 in this year's list of the [Global Site Plans' 20 best sites of the year for landscape architecture information](#). Landscape Architecture Magazine's online site came in at #20. Global Site Plans is an online and print media development company that operates globally.