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## Florida Chapter Members:

ASLA conducted its Midyear Meeting and Advocacy Day last month. The following is a summary of what was discussed and voted on during those meetings:

- Advocacy Day was a huge success. ASLA sent +/-200 Landscape Architects and students to the Hill. The Florida Chapter sent 6 representatives (including 2 students) to meet with staff from Senators Rubio and Nelson's staff. Meetings with local Representatives were also conducted. ASLA is currently advocating for 3 bills ([the Living Shoreline Act](#), [the Water Infrastructure Flexibility Act](#), and [the Environmental Justice Act](#)).
- BOT voted on ASLA medal and honorary membership candidates. Results will be made public in early June.
- BOT voted on new Vice Presidents. SuLin Kotowicz will be VP of Finance, Dennis Nola will be VP of Membership and Florida's very own Kona Gray will be VP of Professional Practice. The new elects will take their positions at the annual meeting in Philadelphia.
- The Board approved a dues increase of \$15 for Full, International, and Affiliate members, effective January 2019, and no increase in 2020. The dues increase was recommended by the Member Services and Finance and Investments Committees based on a review of the increase in the cost of programs/services, Consumer Price Index, and dues as a percentage of total revenues.
- A revision to ASLA's policy on Urban Growth and Development was approved after a lengthy discussion.
- Approved revisions to the Presidents Council's (ASLA, CELA, LAAB, LAF, and CLARB) joint statement on diversity.
- The Council of Fellows jury met on March 16 to make final selections. Notifications of results to chapters and individuals are occurring now and plans are to have everyone notified by May 5. Chapter presidents, as well as individual nominees, will receive the results via email.



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- Donations to the 2018 ASLA Fund to date now total \$19,409 compared to \$16,881.40 for the same period last year, an increase of 14 percent. Appeals for the fund are forthcoming in future issues of *Landscape Architecture Magazine*.
- The BOT/CPC luncheon panel discussion focused on climate change and resilience, moderated by President Greg Miller, FASLA, with EVP Nancy Somerville, Hon. ASLA, presenting a summary of the soon-to-be-released report of the the ASLA Blue Ribbon Panel on Climate Change and Resilience. Panelists included: Tom Smith, CEO of the American Society of Civil Engineers; Jeff Soule, Director of Outreach and International Programs for the American Planning Association; Mark Golden, executive director of the National Society of Professional Engineers; and Immediate Past President Vaughn Rinner, FASLA.
- Accepted the annual audit.
- BOT breakout groups discussed new membership categories and privileges.



- BOT defeated CPC in kickball 4-0 and tied the 4 year series up 2-2. The game was played in the DC Convention Center and was followed by an open house ASLA's Center for Landscape Architecture, which opened last year.

- Attendee registration and housing for the [ASLA 2018 Annual Meeting and EXPO](#) is set to open to the

public on Monday, May 7. Book your hotel room at one of the official meeting hotels when you register, and get a discount on your registration fee. Register before the June 29 early-bird deadline and save even more. Beware of housing poachers. Experient is the only housing bureau authorized to book housing on behalf of ASLA.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Best Regards,

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