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Florida Chapter Members:

Online registration for the ASLA annual Meeting and Expo went live last month after a soft launch. Pre-registration brochure was sent to members. Watch your mailboxes (the old-fashioned kind)! Register before the June 30 early bird deadline to save on registration rates. To find more information visit: <https://www.aslameeting.com>

2017 Council of Fellows: The American Society of Landscape Architects has elevated 23 members to the ASLA Council of Fellows for 2017. Fellowship is among the highest honors the ASLA bestows on members and recognizes the contributions of these individuals to their profession and society at large based on their works, leadership and management, knowledge, and service. The 2017 class of new fellows will be recognized at the ASLA Annual Meeting & Expo, October 20–23 in Los Angeles. A press release announcing the new class was sent issue of *LAND*. [Congratulations to our new Florida Fellows Emily O'Mahoney and Kona Gray!](#) To find more information visit: <https://www.asla.org/ContentDetail.aspx?id=50338>

ASLA held an event on May 16th to thank the donors of the Center for Landscape Architecture that included a reception and formal dinner; an all-day open house; a presentation for middle school students by Professional Practice Manager Linette Strauss and PR Manager Karen Grajales; a live-streamed Center lecture and tour by Gensler, Oehme van Sweden, and EVP Nancy Somerville, Hon. ASLA; and a VIP reception from 6-9 p.m. Donors and VIP visitors received a copy of a Jim Richards, FASLA, sketch/watercolor of the Center.

The Professional Awards jury met last weekend to assess the 456 entries, but ran out of time before having to catch flights home. Awards were granted in the General Design, Residential Design, Research, and Landmark categories; Communications entries were narrowed during the meeting, then evaluated virtually.

Landscape Architecture Foundation's first class of the LAF Fellowship for Innovation and Leadership during their three-day residency to launch their projects. The purpose was to examine the projects in detail and draw out possibilities during the research year, and also to build the participants' experience in presenting their projects to the public. More about the Fellowship class can be read in this *LAM* online [article](#).

The 2017 Advocacy Summit will be September 8-10 in Milwaukee. The [nomination form](#) is now available so please coordinate with your chapter/state to consider who should attend. Chapter summit attendees will receive reimbursement for airfare and two nights at the host hotel. Please contact [Elizabeth Hebron](#) with any questions.

LAM contributor Timothy Schuler has been named by the Forest History Society as the winner of the 2017 John M. Collier Award for Forest History Journalism for his article "Searching for a Sign," which appeared in the November 2016 issue. The award honors excellence in reporting on forest or conservation history. The article covers the legacy of bent trees along trails in the United States believed to have been wayfinding markers

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used by precolonial peoples. More about the Collier Award and past recipients can be found [here](#).

Poulin+Morris continues to work on the ASLA rebranding. They also designed the Annual Meeting brochure and worked with staff on the website.

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

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Ferris".

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