

# **CELA Executive Committee Mid-Year Meeting (Chicago, IL) Sept. 17, 2009**

Attendees: Claudia Phillips, President; Chris Ellis, Past President; Elen Deming, 1<sup>st</sup> VP/President Elect; Michael Robinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Pat Taylor, Treasurer; Lance Neckar, LJ Editor

## **Topics discussed with decisions/outcomes/action items:**

### **1. Annual Conference vs. Possible Regional Conferences**

Consensus reached that the CELA Annual Meeting must be the primary focus of CELA. The proposal to hold "regional" CELA conferences was not approved. However, regions may sponsor topical workshops, region-specific symposia, etc. that could be CELA "sponsored" events. Such events would require CELA board approval; such events would be included on the CELA webpage.

### **2. Student Directors**

On a previous conference call, we had suggested that the Student Director would rotate by regions. This was now questioned. Better to leave open to all regions every election cycle. Discussion re: duties of the Student Director. Primary duty: liaison to other student LA-related student organizations; and reporting back to the CELA Board. Qualities we are looking for in Student Director: activism, service, leadership within Sigma Lambda Alpha, ASLA student chapter, student government, good communication skills, interest in entering academia. **Action: need to vote on whether Student Director expenses be paid in full or part by CELA for attending annual conference.**

### **3. Vice President of Research (first duty!)**

Need to involve ASLA staff, Pro-Practice Network; request research agenda items from CELA membership and practitioners; also coordinate with Julia Lent, Federal rep (ASLA); put list on CELA and other websites with links, etc.

### **4. Slate of New Officers and Directors**

Chris Ellis provided the names of possible nominees for each open position (1<sup>st</sup> VP/President Elect, Secretary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, VP for Research, Student Director, Region 3 and 6 Directors). [Important that we have at least one name for each position before a vote is taken!] **Action: Chris is to send out call for open nominations from the membership as soon as possible.**

### **5. Changes to Award Categories**

Report by Michael Robinson on proposed changes he and LeAnne Milner proposed 6 months ago for the CELA Award categories, etc. Various suggestions made by the Ex.Com. **Action: Michael was to revise awards criteria/categories once more and present to the Board during the next Conference Call for a vote.**

- 6. Future CELA Conferences/Peer Reviewed Papers**  
**Action: The full Board needs to vote ASAP on whether all school hosts of future CELA conferences would be responsible for peer-reviewed papers,** i.e., host school selects possible full papers (based upon review of accepted abstracts), peer-reviews selected full papers, narrows list of full papers for publication (based on peer-review process), prepares manuscripts for publication, produces final deliverable (via web/CD/paper).
- 7. Netherlands Conference Board Support**  
**For Janet Singer's Review/Comments:** All made the request that every Board Member (including Regional Directors) receive more compensation for attending this year's "international" conference in The Netherlands (**Rules: (1) must attend the CELA Board meeting for the entire day and (2) must register for the CELA Conference to receive this compensation**). [JS-Current compensation is \$500?? and \$300??] These are the two options were discussed:  
Option A: All CELA Board members receive \$1000 (\$1000 x 15 Board Members = \$15,000).  
Option B: CELA Exec. Bd. receives \$1000 and Regional Directors receive \$500 (\$6000 + \$4000 = \$10,000). **This option was approved by the Ex.Com. and Janet through a series of follow-up emails.**
- 8. CELA Administrators Meeting**  
Consensus that we want a "meeting" vs. a "dinner." Nice to have some food at the meeting though. One possible focus of the meeting would be a panel discussing innovative P&T processes. **Actions: (1) need Netherlands location for the Administrators' meeting; (2) need to organize panel participants.**
- 9. CELA Endowment**  
Important to raise CELA endowment to \$1,000,000 to cover operating expenses, provide for student scholarships, support board members attending CELA conferences. Currently, we have ~\$275,000 in TIAA-Cref, CDs and bank.
- 10. Netherlands Conference Items**  
Possible Panel: Landscape Architecture in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: How Defined/Different?  
Possible changes/Adjustments to LA curricula?  
Also, discussion re: possible keynote speakers, etc.
- 11. ASLA Research Awards**  
Currently ASLA Research Award policy is at odds with CELA membership. What is the bottom line for CELA membership w/regard "supporting" ASLA research awards category? How can we "assist" ASLA to make these awards "legitimate" and in a format that speaks to "research" model vs. "design" model? What is minimal format requirement? Insist on a separate "research" jury? Does CELA provide the jury? Do we volunteer to coordinate a separate evaluation process for ASLA Research Awards category? If none of this can be worked out, do we withdraw our sponsorship of the ASLA Research Awards category? **Action: Further discussion and vote required.**
- 12. LJ Report (Lance Nekar)** (document presented to group)