

CELA Executive Committee and Board of Directors
Conference Call
March 26, 2009

Participants:

President	Claudia Phillips
Past President	Chris Ellis
Second Vice President	Michael Robinson
Treasurer	Pat Taylor
Executive Director	Janet Singer
LJ Editors	Lance Neckar
	David Pitt

[Note: "Action" items are in **bold**.]

1. Conference call opened at 9:10 AM EDT by President Phillips.
2. Proposed Changes to Awards Criteria: Discussion postponed again.
Michael Robinson will now give report during the April conference, re: discussion on proposed changes to the Awards section of The CELA By-Laws.
3. The CELA Website changes:
Approved that each school/program could place specific school related information, etc. on the CELA website. **C Phillips to develop format and forward to Pat for inclusion on the website. Once completed C Phillips will email all program chairs to let them know this services is now available. Linkages to school website would be included.**
4. New Student Board Member Issues:
Group agreed that student board nominations would come through the regional directors; the entire board would then vote to elect the Student Board Member. Two regions would be selected during each election cycle to nominate names, e.g., 1+8, 2+7, 3+6 and 4+5. Nominees can be undergraduate, MLA or Ph.D. students. The nominees would need to provide the same application materials that are required for the Regional Director positions.

We will continue to discuss ways to financially support the student director so they can attend the annual conferences. Possible funding sources: ASLA, LABASH, student's school, SLA, etc.
5. **LJ Update**
All files have been successfully transferred from SUNY to U.Minn. The 29(1) edition will be the first issue listing David Pitt and Lance Neckar as editors. There will soon be a call for more manuscript reviewers by category; new members of the editorial board will also be selected. **Chris suggested that before the call goes out, he would email a list of CELA conference track chairs and people they have worked with that may be suitable manuscript reviewers.**
6. CELA Fellows
Joan Nassauer is stepping down as chair of the Fellows—**thank you, Joan!** Art Rice will to become the new Fellows Chair after an election of the Fellows members. **Janet to add Art Rice to list of CELA leadership (along with a photo). C Phillips to add him to CELA conf. call list.**
8. ASLA Research Issue
The ASLA Awards competition rules have changed for the Research category—they now match rules for design, planning and student awards. Therefore, no research documents, papers, etc. are now accepted w/charts, tables. Must submit a graphics presentation. Obviously, number of applicants has decreased. Many are very upset with the current submittal rules. E Deming & J Palmer had

discussions with ASLA earlier and got nowhere. P Taylor has tried to contact ASLA as well and had no response. Yet, ASLA wonders why the number of submittals has dropped so significantly.

What to do? Change submittal requirements to what they were before? CELA become more involved in the process? LJ and CELA handle this category for ASLA?

L Neckar proposed an email chain among people interested in this topic to discuss a solution. He would bring the results back to the CELA board for further discussion before approaching ASLA.

9. Other Items:

M Robinson to convene a conference call for the International Exchange group.

10. Conference call ended at 10:15 AM EDT

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL ON APRIL 30TH, 9:00 AM EDT