

CELA Executive Committee and Board of Directors Conference Call April 30, 2009

Participants:

President	Claudia Phillips
Past President	Chris Ellis
First Vice-President/President Elect	Elen Deming
Second Vice- President	Michael Robinson (absent)
Treasurer	Pat Taylor (absent)
Secretary	William Grundmann
Executive Director	Janet Singer
LJ Editors	Lance Neckar
	David Pitt
Region 5 Director	Rob Cory

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

Conference call opened at 8:03 AM CDST by President Phillips.

CEU Discussion: To be a CEU provider entails a \$250.00 fee to join . We need to look at the fee cycle when does it begin and end on a yearly basis? It won't be needed until May 2010. Should CELA consider the Regional units be the ones to provide the CEUs? General consensus by the group was "no they should not be the providers of the CEUs."

What are the requirements and procedures that need to be followed ? CELA's Annual Meetings/Conference call for abstracts will need to include topics on HSW aspects, besides the usual conference range of papers. General consensus by the group to proceed that CELA should be a provider of CEUs at its annual meetings/conference.

[Answer: For CELA, the CEU provider fee is waived! Application is by calendar year, so CELA will apply to be a CEU provider in January 2010]

Landscape Journal: The editors responded that since they have come on board they have received 18 submissions, and are presently in the process of review, rejection, send back, etc.. They are in the process of a final galley review, and have included a copy editor on their team. To date it has been an interesting process in reviewing material especially from the international authors.

Future Conferences: These annual meetings/conferences need to be located where there is easy access via plane and other means of transportation. To date only Auburn University has expressed interest in hosting a future conference. Wisconsin, Minnesota are additional candidates as hosts. It is important to establish hosts at least five years into the future.

Time frame for conferences always a problem tend to be either in fall (a preferred time), or spring. Summer meetings/conferences tend to be less well attended.

Action: Phillips will send a call for annual meeting/conference hosts to department chairs.

Changes in CELA provided awards: The following are comments regarding the changes in the awards completed by Robinson and Milburn:

- Reorganize the scholarship awards? 10 years a senior faculty member vs. junior faculty member?
- Categories may have one or several awards?
- What is the breakdown in numbers, are there more senior faculty members than junior faculty members?

- Have a separate category for research, creative endeavors?
- Have generalized categories, and original wording been watered down?
- Are faculty self-nominating or is it people from within an individual department that provides the nomination?
- Wasn't the policy only one nomination from one unit for one category?
- Currently one nomination for each category.
- Should not water down criteria for the awards.
- Senior or Junior faculty member one category or two?
- Question about activities beyond the classroom – how do they fit into the mix?

No one in the group indicated agreement with any of the specific items mentioned above.

Administrators Award:

- What are classified as beyond normal administrative duties?
- Outside activities, teaching, research?
- Should or why are we reviewing this information?
- Should the Executive Committee make final decision on these suggestions? Will need to consider at the mid-year meeting.

Action: Phillips will work on and further review this material over the summer and discuss at subsequent conference calls/Executive Board Meeting in September (prior to ASLA conference).

ASLA Research Award: Taylor is looking at this at this situation that needs to be resolved, presently it is not well put together. CELA needs to have a dedicated committee Pat Taylor, and Ellis. This is ASLA's award and they need to have someone who wants to work with it. *Landscape Journal* has confronted this, Nechar and Pitt could put a statement together for this, in other words, who sponsor's it?

Action: Taylor, Ellis, Nechar and Pitt to form subcommittee and discuss further.

Two conference calls over the summer.

Action: Singer will send a message to all to determine the best time frame for the calls.

Action: Did Michael Robinson set up the Regional Directors Conference call that he said he wanted to do?

Conference call ended at 8:46 CDST.