

CELA Executive Committee and Board of Directors
Conference Call
October 27, 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
Region 2 Director:	Ken McCown
Region 4 Director:	Stevie Famulari
Region 5 Director	Rob Corry
Region 7 Director:	Will Green
Fellows Chair:	Art Rice

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

Conference call opened at 11:03 AM EDST by President Phillips.

1. **Update on 2010 Conference** (Chris); 305 abstracts received to date (this is comparable to last year's abstract number); all have been distributed to reviewers for comments. **Action: Claudia to contact Alf to see if he'll assist Gerrit and Stevie with peer-reviewed paper publication process.**
2. **Future CELA Conferences—**
 - a. 2015 International Conference Location: Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey or University of Seoul, Seoul, Korea (Claudia). Brief proposals had been received from both universities and were reviewed by the group. The University of Seoul is currently a CELA member; Bilkent University is not. Suggestion that a more detailed proposal be solicited from each university before a decision is made; possible partnerships with neighboring universities with LA programs; regardless, CELA membership is a must for all host schools. **Action: Claudia to send request for fuller proposals to the two schools.**
 - b. University of Illinois Proposal (2012) location concerns. Note: All CELA conferences are to be held near a major transportation hub, vs. having to travel several hours via alternate transportation to conference site. Therefore, questions/concerns re: Urbana-Champaign site—why not hold conference in Chicago/St. Louis/Indianapolis vs. U-C? Or will University provide free shuttles from nearby major airports to U-C? **Action: Elen requested to respond to this "location" concern.**
3. **Future CELA Conferences/Peer Reviewed Papers by Conference Host**; after brief discussion, group voted unanimously that all future CELA Conference Host schools would be required to procure, peer review and publish conference papers; the papers could be solicited from those submitting abstracts or self-selected by the host school by reviewing the abstracts submitted.
4. **Student 1-day Registration Option** for CELA conferences—Yes/No?? The group voted to approve a 1-day rate for Miss. State students for The Netherlands Conference; the students are traveling throughout Europe and will be in The Netherlands during the CELA conference. **Action: Janet and Pat to determine rate. Claudia to notify Miss. State.**

5. **Revised CELA Awards Criteria** (Michael); the proposed category revisions were reviewed and approved by the group. These are the revised award categories:
Excellence in Design Teaching [two awards: one jr. faculty (3-10 yrs) max.; one sr. faculty (10+ yrs) max.]
Communications Award (one award max.)
Excellence in Scholarship and/or Creative Works (one award max.)
Excellence in Teaching Award [two awards: one jr. faculty (3-10 yrs) max.; one sr. faculty (10+ yrs) max.]
Excellence in Outreach Award [two awards: one jr. faculty (3-10 yrs) max.; one sr. faculty (10+ yrs) max.]
Outstanding Educator Award (one award max.)
Outstanding Administrator Award (one award max.)

Action: Michael to finalize awards text by Nov. 16 and give to Janet so 2010 Awards announcement can be emailed and posted on the website by early December.
6. **Slate of 2010 Nominees for Officer Positions/Director Positions** (Chris)
 - a. New Positions: Student Director, VP for Research
 - b. Open Bd. Positions: 2nd VP, First VP/President Elect, Secretary, Regional Directors 3 and 6
 - c. Special Awards: Past President's Award, others? To be determined later.**Action:** Chris to email and post on website call for nominations for open officer/director positions ASAP. Done!
7. **Fellows Nominations** (Art); **Action:** Art to poll current CELA Fellows and report possible nominees to the full Board by the next conference call.
8. **Discussion of Regional Director Duties** and how to have them more involved in Board, feeling less isolated, etc., especially Region 8 (Australia/New Zealand)
Greater transparency of CELA Board activities—sending minutes to all board members is one step in the right direction and posting minutes on the CELA website. Others?
Action: This item held over for next conference call.
9. **ASLA Research Awards** [ASLA Research Award]: (Follow up from 4/30/09 conference call)
Taylor is looking at this at this situation that needs to be resolved, currently it is not well put together. 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, Mooney, Nechar and Pitt to form subcommittee and discuss further and give report during next conference call.
10. **LJ Report** (Lance Nechar, David Pitt); Question raised as to who owns rights to re-publish LJ articles; obvious money implications depending upon answer. **Action:** Lance to research this question and report back to the board.
11. **CELA Rep needed** to CLARB Communications Committee **Action:** Pat Taylor volunteered to serve on this committee for a second two-year term.
12. **LAAB Update;** nothing new to report (Mary Myers).
13. **Next Conference call on Thursday, November 19, 11 EST.**