LAAB Summary Report

The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board met on February 8-9, 2003. Eleven members were present including new members: Tony Barnes, FASLA (educator member from Kansas State University) Jean Keller (public member from North Texas University) and Tom Dunbar, FASLA (practitioner member from Dunbar/Jones PIC, Des Moines, IA). At the meeting LAAB received reports from the ASLA, CELA and CLARB representatives.

At the meeting the LAAB made the following accreditation decisions:

Granted accreditation for six years (due to expire on December 31, 2008) to:

Cornell University – course of study leading to the first professional MLA degree
Kansas State University – BLA program
University of Kentucky – BSLA program
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University – BLA program

Granted accreditation for six years (due to expire on June 30, 2008) to:

Iowa State University – BLA program

Granted accreditation for three years (due to expire on December 31, 2005) to:

University of Texas – Arlington – course of study leading to the first professional MLA degree.

The LAAB thanks the following individuals who participated as visiting team members (team chairs in bold):

Cornell University – Rabindra Mukerjea, Fran Beatty, ASLA, Catherine Mahan, FASLA
Iowa State University – Richard Hawks, FASLA, Ray Weisenberger, Richard Kacenski, ASLA
Kansas State University – Janice Cervelli Schach, FASLA, Marvin Malecha, FAIA, David Racker, FASLA
University of Kentucky – Dr. Jack Crowley, ASLA, Iain Robertson, ASLA, Kenneth Fowler, ASLA
University of Texas – Arlington – Tony Barnes, FASLA, Dixon Hanna, Dale Jaeger, FASLA
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University – Nicholas Dines, FASLA, Michael McCulley, AIA, Juantia Swink, FASLA

The Board’s application for continued recognition from the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) will be reviewed by CHEA in March with a decision expected to be announced in May.