LAAB Meeting Report

The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board met on February 16-18, 2002 in Tampa, Florida. Eleven members of LAAB were present (Peter Trowbridge was not able to attend).

At the meeting, LAAB welcomed three new members, practitioner member: Joe Crystal of the National Park Service, public member Harry Day of Springfield, VA and CELA representative Joanne Westphal. The LAAB received reports from the ASLA, CELA and CLARB representatives.

During the meeting LAAB adopted new accreditation standards to be implemented on January 1, 2003, engaged in a day long mission building and strategic planning session with the aid of Dr. Richard Schneider from the U. of Florida acting as the facilitator, developed a plan to update procedures and took the following school actions:

Granted accreditation for six years (due to expire on December 31, 2007) to:

- University of Arizona – course of study leading to the first professional MLA degree
- Clemson University – BLA program
- University of Florida – course of study leading to the first professional MLA degree
- University of Washington – BLA program
- University of Wisconsin – BSLA program

Also, the LAAB granted accreditation for three years (due to expire on June 30, 2004) to:

- Washington State University – BLA program

The LAAB extends its thanks to the schools that graciously hosted visiting teams and the following visiting team members (team chairs in bold):

- University of Arizona – Dennis Law, FASLA, Dr. Daniel Fogel and Bart Berg, ASLA
- Clemson University – Nicholas Dines, FASLA Paul Windley, Clare Ashby, ASLA and Joanne Westphal, ASLA (observer)
- University of Florida – Sadik Artunc, FASLA, Dr. Beverly Pitts and Neil J. Dean, FASLA
- University of Washington – Tony Barnes, FASLA, Linda Sanders, and Phil Flores, FASLA
- Washington State University – Karen Hanna, ASLA, Dr. Jeff Koep, and Jerrold Soesbe, FASLA.
- University of Wisconsin – Bernie Dahl, ASLA, Dr. Vicki McCracken, and Ken Fowler, ASLA.