Greetings Fellows of the American Society of Landscape Architects!

I hope everyone is having a great summer. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Conference on Landscape Architecture in San Diego in November. I hope you enjoy reading the following news and activities of the Council.

ASLA Council of Fellows Officer Election

In each odd-numbered year we nominate two Fellows for Chair-elect and two Fellows for Secretary, to be elected by a ballot of the full Fellows membership. Our nominating committee this year included Robert Golde, FASLA, Lu Gay Lanier, FASLA, and Vaughn Rinner, FASLA. They came up with a great slate and now it is up to you to elect our next leaders!

Please read through the candidates’ biographies below and cast your electronic ballot here before Friday, August 30, 2019. Elected candidates will be installed at the COF business meeting in San Diego on Monday morning.

CHAIR-ELECT CANDIDATES

Mark Dawson, PLA, FASLA, is a landscape architect and principal with Sasaki Associates. Mark’s specialty is planning and designing award-winning urban landscapes.

Mark views the cities in which he lives and works as vital and dynamic ecosystems. By considering and synthesizing the complexities of social, economic, environmental, and cultural influences, he creates coherent, enduring, sustainable civic designs. As a part of his work, Mark speaks to communities about the importance of public open space infrastructure and how the public's voice in the process can ensure social dialog and inclusion and spur lasting positive outcomes in the community.

Mark holds a BLA from Utah State University and is an active participant on several non-profits such as The Waterfront Center. He is past president of the Landscape Architecture Foundation and has lectured widely at colleges and universities throughout the country on lasting and resilient planning and design.

Juanita Shearer-Swink, PLA, FASLA, recently retired from GoTriangle where she was the Architectural Program Manager for the Durham-Orange LRT Project. During her 27 years at GoTriangle, a regional public transit agency, she was involved in community engagement, public policy, intergovernmental initiatives, and the planning and design of rail transit projects and the place-making it facilitates.

As a registered landscape architect, she has practiced primarily in the public sector in Miami, Florida, and in the Triangle Region in North Carolina. Juanita served for two years on the Raleigh Historic Districts Commission and eight years as a gubernatorial appointee to the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

She has participated as a mentor and lecturer in the NCSU College of Design Landscape Architecture Program and is on the ROVE. Throughout her 45-year career, Juanita has worked on many chapter and national ASLA committees and initiatives, including the ASLA Diversity Summits, for which she served as facilitator from 2012 to 2016. In 2014 she received the ASLA Outstanding Service Award and in 2018 the NCASLA, North Carolina Award.
SECRETARY CANDIDATES

For the past two decades, Mark Hough, PLA, FASLA, has guided the development, management, and preservation of Duke University’s historic and dynamic campus. As the institution’s first University Landscape Architect, he has established a significant legacy of stewardship, influencing all aspects of campus design, planning, historic preservation, and natural resource management. Under his oversight, Duke’s landscape has experienced its most dramatic transformation since the implementation of Olmsted Brothers’ designs for the university’s initial construction.

Beyond his work at Duke, Mark is a prolific writer. With a focus on cultural and urban landscapes, he has contributed to numerous publications, including Landscape Architecture Magazine, Places, Chronicle of Higher Education, Planetizen, and to Dumbarton Oaks publications. He received the Bradford Williams Medal for his writing in 2011 and is currently laboring on his first book. Mark’s ongoing volunteer service to ASLA includes the Professional Awards Jury, Vice President for Communications, and the Annual Meeting Education Advisory, Honors and Awards, Public Practice, and LAM Editorial Advisory Committees.

Jane Futrell Winslow, PLA, FASLA, currently teaches in the Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning at Texas A&M University, where she is a Fellow in the Center for Health Systems and Design. With extensive experience throughout the United States as both landscape architect and planner, her projects incorporate multifunctional green infrastructure with the goal of promoting human health through physical activity and ecological sustainability. Ms. Winslow engages reflective practice in her research to advance both the discipline and profession of landscape architecture. Her primary research features analysis of community scale ecosystem benefits to human health. This summer she is engaged in interdisciplinary research to test epidermal responses in outdoor pedestrian activity.

A Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects since 2011, she has been active in Council of Fellows task committees, and actively participates in the interdisciplinary Urban Land Institute Health Leaders Network. She holds a doctorate in Community and Regional Planning from The University of Texas at Austin, a Master of Landscape Architecture from Kansas State University, and a Bachelor’s Degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Kentucky. She looks forward to activating willing Fellows in ASLA pursuits that align with her personal values—diversity in the profession, emerging professionals, and educational outreach.

2019 ASLA Conference on Landscape Architecture

Our annual conference is November 15-18, in San Diego. ASLA will continue to provide an emeritus registration category that was implemented in 2007 to better serve its retired members, many of whom are Fellows. Emeritus members of ASLA will be able to register for the Annual Meeting for only $390 until October 16. If they book their hotel room at one of the official meeting hotels when they register, this rate is reduced to $315. Please be advised that hotels are going quickly so please book your room soon. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with longstanding friends and colleagues. Check out the annual conference website for more details on the 2019 Conference on Landscape Architecture.

2019 Class of Fellows

Congratulations to the 2019 class of Fellows! ASLA received an impressive 70 nominations from 32 chapters and the Council of Fellows Executive Committee. The Council of Fellows Jury met April 4 and selected the 22 distinguished individuals to be inducted into the Council of Fellows this year in San Diego. Please visit the Fellows website to learn more about them.

As is our tradition, we will induct the newly elected Fellows at the Fellows Investiture Dinner, an elegant ceremony on Sunday, November 17. This is always one of the highlights of the annual meeting and a chance to celebrate the continuing great work of our profession. Please be sure to purchase your tickets in advance and help us honor our class of 2019. COF investiture dinner tickets can be purchased when you register for the annual conference. If you are interested in purchasing a full table of 10 for the dinner contact Kelli Bland at 202/216-2328. Remember that $20 of each ticket purchase goes to help underwrite the annual Council of Fellows Scholarships. Tickets will not be sold at the door.
In addition, the Council of Fellows Business Meeting on Monday, November 18, is open to all Fellows in attendance at the annual conference. Please note the meeting will be held in the San Diego Convention Center, Room TBA, from 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. This meeting is timed so that attendees will miss only one education session and those of you receiving ASLA awards can make it to your rehearsal.

2019 COF Scholarship Students

Congratulations to this year’s COF Scholarship recipients Darby Buckley, Student ASLA, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Eddy Gonzalez, Student ASLA, Cal Poly Pomona; James Ryan, Student ASLA, Kansas State University; and Nancy Gandarilla Valenzuela, Student ASLA, Texas A&M University. Please visit the scholarship page to learn more about each of them. They will be joining us Monday morning at the business meeting to receive their certificates.

The Council of Fellows currently funds four $5,000 scholarships per year to support students with financial need and to promote diversity in the profession. These scholarships also include registration, travel, and hotel accommodations for the annual conference. It is our goal to raise $120,000 every three years and to add one new scholarship every three years. We will receive a full financial report at the COF business meeting in November. You can help us reach this goal by pledging here!

Help your chapter identify candidates and prepare nominations for the next cycle!

As we prepare to celebrate the incoming class of 2019 Fellows, I want to encourage you to participate in your local chapter’s next nomination process to help identify worthy individuals to be recognized and perhaps help prepare and review nominations for potential candidates. The call for 2020 nominations will open in late September. The nomination templates have been revised to reflect specific criteria for each category. Be sure to use the updated versions. Chapters are receiving lists of eligible members this summer. Please visit the Council of Fellows website for all the details.

Recognition of Deceased Fellows

It has been our custom to acknowledge all Fellows who have passed away from the time of the last annual meeting, which was October 2018. To help us compile an accurate and complete list, I would be grateful if you would send the names of any Fellows you know who have passed away since that time to Curt Millay at ASLA. We are sorry to report since the time of the last meeting the death of Susan Child, FASLA; Jack Robert Daft, FASLA; James Fetterman, FASLA, Charles Leider, FASLA; Karen Kumm Morris, FASLA, Richard Murphy, FASLA, and Geoffrey Rausch, FASLA.

As always, we welcome any comments or questions that you may have regarding the Council of Fellows and hope that you will join us in San Diego. Please join us for the Council of Fellows Investiture Dinner on Sunday night and the Fellows business meeting on Monday morning. The Investiture Dinner is a wonderful event, please consider hosting an emerging professional or student and share the magic.

All the best,

Marq Truscott, FASLA
Chair
ASLA Council of Fellows