## Agenda Item #10: Open Forum

**Purpose:** To provide opportunity for introduction and discussion of issues not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

**History and Background:** An open forum is included on the agenda of every Board meeting to give trustees an opportunity to bring issues forward for discussion and consideration. Trustees are encouraged to use this opportunity particularly for program-level and policy-level issues appropriate and relevant to the Board’s governance role.

The open forum is split into two sections. The first section is for introduction of the issue(s). The second section is for discussion of the issue. Trustees are encouraged to use the online discussion forum in Board Effect to introduce topics; this provides an opportunity for trustees to think about the issue ahead of time. Issues posted in the online discussion forum will be taken first at the meeting.

**Governing Rules/Procedures:** N/A

**Strategic Objectives:** ● Maintain effective lines of communication and promote collaboration with and among ASLA members, chapters, committees, the Board of Trustees and its Executive Committee, allied organizations, and others. ● Exercise responsible financial management and administrative oversight to ensure effective use of the Society’s resources.

**Financial Impact:** N/A

**Action Requested:** Participation in the open forum dialogue.

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