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2004 ASLA Fellows Nomination

by Joshua Tripp, ASLA (East Side Member-At-Large)

Please read the following section carefully and immediately, the successful nomination of fellows greatly depends on the input received from our members, Thanks you...

The Executive Board is looking to nominate candidates for Fellows of the ASLA. The Board requests your assistance in the recommendation of these individuals. For your convenience, a list of eligible members from Washington State is provided [following this link](#). The Executive Board requests your nominations **NO LATER THAN Wednesday, March 17, 2004**. The Board will vote on those nominated and narrow the list to two or three members. The selected candidates will be informed of their nomination by the Executive Board on or before April 7th, allowing them approximately four weeks to prepare their nomination entry package, obtainable from <http://www.asla.org/Members/entryform.htm>. Samples of past submittal packages are also available at <http://www.asla.org/Members/FASLA.htm>

The designation of Fellow indicates that an individual has been recognized by his or her peers as having accomplished extraordinary work in the elected category over a sustained period of time. Individuals considered for this distinction must be members of ASLA in good standing for at least ten years and must be recommended to the Council of Fellows by the Executive Committee of their local chapter, the Executive Committee of ASLA, or the Executive Committee of the Council of Fellows.

Election is based solely on professional excellence and outstanding accomplishments as represented in the nomination materials presented for each nominee. Fellows are elected based on their contributions in one of four categories:

1. Works of Landscape Architecture should demonstrate mastery of design in significant works of landscape planning or design which has advanced the art, stewardship, and social responsibility of landscape architecture of the period.

Work may include small or large, public or private landscapes. Work may include conception and/or execution of completed representations, reports, plans, or built works.

2. Administrative Work should demonstrate administrative responsibility for exemplary leadership of people or programs that have had a significant effect on advancing the practice of landscape architecture or a significant effect on public recognition of issues that area significant to the design, planning or management of the land. Administrative work may occur in public and private, as well as academic settings.

3. Knowledge should demonstrate creation of significant new knowledge that advances landscape architecture or the communication of knowledge to others with exceptional effect.

- Creation of new knowledge may be in the form of research or scholarly inquiry that has been recognized by peers as worthy or publication.
- Communication of knowledge may be in the form of teaching or mentoring in either the university or the workplace that has been recognized as outstanding by students, graduates and peers.
- Communication of knowledge may also be in the form of published works or other media that conveyed important ideas about landscape architecture with appropriate critical acclaim.

4. Service to the Profession should reveal service that has significantly advanced the profession as an example for other local efforts.

Green Design Event

(Seattle, Wash.) – A powerhouse collection of design industry experts, elected officials, environmentalists and others will gather in Seattle for the annual “GreenWorld™ - What Makes It GREEN? (GW-WMIG), a collaborative forum on sustainable design. This event will focus on environmental sustainability, regionalism and design. GreenWorld™ - What Makes It GREEN will take place at the Fisher Pavilion at the Seattle Center on April 1st, with a local green project tour on April 2nd. [continued...](#)

Forester Ndubisi Recognized by National ASLA

Forster Ndubisi, Ph.D., ASLA, professor and director of the Interdisciplinary Design Institute at the Spokane campus of Washington State University was last months National ASLA member profile. [continued...](#)

Chapter Constitution and Bylaws Update

by Frank Ide, ASLA (WASLA Trustee)

Within then next few months WASLA members will be asked to approve new Chapter Constitution and Bylaws by the ASLA Annual Meeting in October. Every ASLA Chapter has been mandated to update their bylaws to conform to

the Model Chapter Bylaws that were adopted by the ASLA Board of Trustees in New Orleans last fall. The primary reasons for adopting new bylaws are threefold:

- a.) To model each chapters' bylaws to the format used by National ASLA with respect to consistency of the fiscal year and duties and responsibilities of the executive board,
- b.) To make the bylaws more grammatically correct by eliminating unnecessary text, replacing outdated directives, clarifying text, and making it more defensible, and
- c.) To provide consistency and uniformity between all chapters.

ASLA established the previous Model Chapter Bylaws many years ago. Since then, each chapter has, over time, amended and revised their own bylaws to meet the needs and direction of the chapter. The Washington Chapter also has deviated somewhat from the previous model bylaws. Whereas the direction is the same, administrative procedures are different.

Prior to bringing the new bylaws to the membership for adoption, your WASLA Executive Committee will be conducting a thorough review of the new bylaws to determine precisely what the new changes will mean to the duties of the officers, administrative procedures, and responsibility of the Chapter.

Both the current WASLA bylaws and adopted Model Chapter Bylaws will be posted on the WASLA web site at www.wasla.org soon. You are encouraged to review and familiarize yourselves with the content of these documents.

The following is a cursory overview of some of the significant differences between WASLA's current bylaws and the new Model Chapter Bylaws that we have been directed to adopt. This overview does not represent every change, as some are simply a matter of rearranging words to make them more grammatically correct, while others involve establishing entirely new chapter directives. When approved:

- ASLA's Purpose Statement will be redefined. It recognizes that landscape architecture is not only an art, but also a science. It states that landscape architects should advance the knowledge of landscape architecture and promote the profession through advocacy, education, communication, and fellowship.
- Honorary ASLA members will no longer hold an affiliation to a specific chapter.
- Members will be assigned chapter affiliation based on address, or in accordance with individual preference or circumstance (currently, members are assigned affiliation solely based on address).
- Student Chapter Presidents will become ex officio, nonvoting members

of the Executive Committee.

- At-Large members of the Executive Committee may be either Full or Associate Members (currently requires at least one to be an Associate member).
- New Sections within the Chapter will require at least fifteen (15) Full and Associate Members, instead of the current three.
- All new members of the Executive Committee will assume office immediately following the ASLA Annual meeting.
- Each Chapter may extend "Sponsorship Status" to businesses or other organizations that desire an official affiliation with the chapter. This sponsorship would have no standing in the Society.
- The Executive Committee may issue public statements in the name of the Chapter. However, said statement may not purport to have the approval of ASLA without first receiving written consent of the President of ASLA. No single member will be authorized to issue a public statement on behalf of the Chapter or ASLA.
- Will create an opportunity for retired Members having 15 and 25 years of membership to receive Limited and Emeritus Membership status, respectively.
- A Member pursuing an additional degree as a full-time student may receive Temporary Limited Status.
- The Executive Committee will be able to raise Chapter dues and levy special assessments with input from but without a vote from the Chapter's members.
- Members will be able to hold membership in more than one Chapter, providing dues are paid to each Chapter.
- Student Chapters will be able to establish annual dues.
- Will formalize meetings and election procedures.
- Will provide more direction as to which committees are to be created, including an Audit Committee, which will be responsible for reviewing the accounts of the chapter or arranging an independent audit of the records.
- Vacancies on the Executive Committee will be filled by special election instead of by the second place candidate.

Please look for more information on the Constitution and Bylaw changes in the upcoming months. **In the meantime, please contact me or any**

other Executive Committee member with any questions, comments, thoughts, or suggestions.

Washington State Legislative Update

by Matt Mathes, ASLA (WASLA President Elect)

Here is a legislative updates from the 2004 state legislative session.

Senate Bill (SB) 6207 proposed to enable over 4,500 water and sewer districts in the state to select professional engineering services by low bid, on the basis of price, rather than qualifications. Many landscape architects as employees or as firms associate with engineers to perform services.

AELC supports qualification based selection (QBS) in Washington State. In the 2004 legislative session, QBS was challenged by SB 6207. AELC has met the challenge to QBS with a very professional response consistent with long standing ASLA values.

The most important legislation this year that AELC is actively supporting on your behalf includes SB 6250 Omnibus Liability Reform, featuring a number of reforms to insurance for healthcare professionals, contraction liability and damage award caps on claims. There are a number of competing bills on small parts of the same subject, and AELC also supports condominium liability reform legislation.

AELC opposed two bills (SB 6354 and companion bill in the House) to place landscape architects annual fees collected by the state among the same pooled accounts as other businesses, instead of in a dedicated account for ongoing regulation of only our profession, similar to architects, engineers and professional land surveyors. RCW 43.24.086 requires medical professions regulated by the state to be self supporting and Dept. of Licensing likes this model for dedicated accounts. Landscape architects might support dedicated accounts, if the combinations of professions made sense. However, SB 6354 does not provide any legislative assurance that our annual fees will be reduced, as a result. WASLA opposes the legislation through our 13,000 member AELC group, a much stronger voice than our membership alone.

If you are in Olympia on February 19, 2004, plan to attend "Construction Industry Day in Olympia" events planned for the afternoon and evening to meet your fellow professionals.

Just under 10% annual WASLA budget is authorized by WASLA Executive Committee to annual AELC activities. The service provided by AELC is one small return on your ongoing investment in your WASLA membership.

We urge you to continue to renew your support of AELC this year - it's a valuable venue for WASLA members to formally track and to actively shape the relevant state legislation that affects the future of your profession in

Washington State.

2004 ASLA Student Award Competition Guidelines

Enclosed are the Competition Guidelines and Entry Form for the 2004 ASLA Student Design Competition. Last year was a record setting year for competition entries and we hope to see even more this year through an even greater marketing effort on the Call for Entries with your help. Another change that should create interest and excitement is that the Student Awards will be presented within the Professional Awards Ceremony in Salt Lake City this year! [Review Competition Guidelines...](#)

LARE Review Courses in Northern California



Freeman & Jewell Landscape Architecture is once again offering a series of preparatory courses for candidates taking the Landscape Architect Registration Examination. The courses are generally offered twice each year in Northern California, usually four to six weeks prior to the examination dates. [Get course Syllabus and registration information...](#)

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