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2006 Mid-Year Report, Washington, DC

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Mid Year Trustee Report Highlights

1. Lobby Day

- Oregon Chapter Executive Committee VP's, Secretary and Trustee met with a staff member of Senators Ron Wyden and Gordon Smith
- We also met with a staff member for Representatives Earl Blumenauer, Darlene Hooley, and David Wu
- We discussed that Landscape Architects have been leading in security design and disaster/hazard mitigation and wetland/water quality mitigation.
- We provided backup documentation that National had created to help sell these ideas.
- There was also a request of the Senators to push to have the Disaster Funding provided for the Corps of Engineers to continue to do their work in the SE coastline areas hit hard by the hurricanes last year. The House has passed their bill and the bill in the Senate has only been approved in committee.
- The final item was National conducting a survey of Representatives that might be interested in participating in a Congressional Fellow program.

It was a very successful day and our Congressional Representatives are very supportive of the work we do. Both Representative Blumenauer and Hooley have bills they have put forward to support planning efforts for potential disasters such as tsunamis and/or wildfires. They both were interested in pursuing a Congressional Fellow to assist when issues related to landscape architecture come up. Their staff representatives were also aware of our green roof project that just opened and were interested attending a tour.

Annie, Tracy, Beth and I will follow up with letters to all the contacts we made.

- #### 2. Trustee Meeting - The next day and a half was spent going through a lengthy agenda, primarily reviewing the status of normal Board of Trustee business.
- A. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
 - B. President Carmichael gave his report on the status of ASLA.
 - C. The second quarter program and operational report was reviewed.
 - D. The LAF Report was given by Christopher Diamond, FASLA, President-Elect.
 - E. A report on what AIA is doing was given by RK Stewart, FAIA, President-Elect.
 - F. Next was the opportunity by any trustee to ask questions or provide input during the open forum portion of the meeting. This early action allowed the National staff to provide feedback the next day.
 - G. A Program and Operation Report was given by EVP Sommerville.
A Lobby Day summary was given by VP Dye.

- A review of the website enhancements was given by VP Brittenum.
 A Leadership development update was given by VP Eubanks.
 An Education Issues update was given by VP Kesler.
- H. A new ASLA / LAF Memorandum of Understanding was approved by the Board of Trustees.
 - I. The Finance and Budget Report was given by VP Leary/Staff Beaulieu.
 The 2006-2008 Operating Budget was approved by the Board of Trustees.
 The 2006-2008 Capital Expense Budget was approved.
 A Dues Recommendation of an increase of \$10 per year except for students was approved by the Board of Trustees.
 Our National ASLA Investment status was provided. Further review by another outside investment person of the "Green" investments will be conducted since the current funds are losing money. A report will be presented at the Annual Meeting in Minnesota this October.
 - J. The candidates for VP Membership made their presentations – Susan M. Hatchell, FASLA and Dean Hill, ASLA – Susan M Hatchell, FASLA won.
 - K. There was a lunch lecture by Norbert Young Jr., from McGraw Hill on "What's ahead for Construction."
 - L. The candidates for VP Information and Professional Practice made their presentations – Vaughn Rinner, ASLA and Todd Wichman, ASLA – Todd Wichmann won.
 - M. A presentation was provided on the ACE Mentor Program of America, which helps to educate about the design and construction industry with hands on opportunity students, primarily minority and low income.
 - N. The candidates for VP Finance made their presentations – Gary Scott ASLA and Gerard Biedenstein, ASLA – Gary Scott won.
 - O. A Review of the Medal and Firm Nominations was provided.
 - P. There was a round table discussion with the VP candidates to ask questions prior to the voting (see above for the winners).
 - Q. The Millennium Assessment Update and Plans were presented.
 - R. Our own Jim Figurski reported on CLARB and what this organization does to support licensure for the different states.
 - S. The Board of Trustees reviewed the IFLA Dues proposal and capped it at \$30,000.
 - T. There was a review of the status of our Programs/Priorities followed by a discussion.
 - U. The Ethics Committee presented their recommendations on Amendments.
 The Code of Professional Ethics Amendment was approved, but the Code of Environmental Ethics Amendment was tabled because of the definition of invasive plants need more review according to many trustees.
 - X. The ASLA Fund, which is a separate Board because of tax reasons, presented their summary.
 - Y. We voted on the VP's and Medal / Firm nominations (see above for the VP winners and check the National website for the medal winners).
 - Z. There was a presentation and breakout session to discuss SITESS – Systems Integration Tool for Environmentally Sustainable Sites. This was a good first step in the process to establish a LEED or LEED-like Site only process. The main direction was for the committee to start Beta testing their system as soon as possible.
 - AA. We heard the response to the Open Forum requests.
 - BB. We heard the report by Richard Bensman – Student Representative.