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A Message from the President

Welcome to the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture's website!

CELA provides educators and students of landscape architecture with opportunities to network and present scholarship at our annual conferences, and to publish peer-reviewed articles in *Landscape Journal*. CELA is an international organization currently serving members in the Americas, Australia, New Zealand, South Korea, and Malaysia. We welcome all new members!

CELA also works closely with our allied organizations such as ASLA, CLARB, CLF, CSLA, ECLAS, IFLA, LAAB, LAF, etc. to ensure that the discipline and profession remain strong and knowledgeable of the latest research and practice techniques.

Recent CELA Board accomplishments include: establishing an Academy of Fellows, adding two new positions to the Board (Vice President for Research and Student Director), creating an online Academic Information System, reorganizing the annual conference management, and selecting new editors for *Landscape Journal*. We have also been instrumental in the development of the new National Academy of Environmental Design (NAED) (see www.neadonline.org).

During the coming year I hope that more of our members choose to become more involved in CELA activities. There are numerous committees that you are encouraged to join, for example, the Research Committee and the various Track Chair committees for the May 2010 CELA Conference in the Netherlands. You may also opt to become involved at the regional level through your regional representative to the Board (*look for your regional representative under "CELA Leadership"*).

The CELA Board is striving to become more transparent and accessible to our membership. One new change is that minutes from the Board of Directors monthly conference calls and semi-annual meetings will now be on the webpage so you can stay abreast of our latest activities and/or so you can offer your opinions and provide suggestions, etc. Please feel free to contact me at anytime.

Cordially,



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