

Mary N. Bates, ASLA

The Member at Large for Education and Research provides oversight and mentoring for 4 committees – The Conference Committees (both current and upcoming year), the Education Committee and the Committee on a Sustainable Environment (COSE).

I have been fortunate enough to serve the Chapter in the role of Member at Large for Education and Research for the past 2 years. I hope that I will be able to continue in this role for another term. My past experiences with the Chapter have served me well in advising these committees:



Conference Committee:

I have served on several conference committees prior to my role as Member at Large, including the position of chair. I know what challenges are presented to that committee and I can provide advice when the committee chair runs into obstacles during the planning process.

The conference is a very complicated event that is critical to the success of the Chapter each year. The proceeds for this one event each year help to support events and activities throughout the state for the entire year, and it is a critical piece of the overall Chapter budget.

I served as the Co-Chair for the Annual Meeting in Jacksonville in 2008. Previous to 2008, I served on 3 additional Annual Meeting committees. I was on the committee in 2001 (Celebration), 2005 (Orlando) and 2006 (Sandestin). As Member at Large I have advised the Conference Committee for 2009 (Sanibel) and the current committee for 2010 (Gainesville) as well as the upcoming 2011 committee (Palm Beach/Treasure Coast).

Education Committee:

The Education Committee is responsible for multiple education opportunities provided by the Florida Chapter. They provide the coordination between the Board of Landscape Architecture and the Chapter for all CEC offerings that we provide throughout the year, facilitate the Florida Chapter LARE Review and they maintain information for educational opportunities provided around the state throughout the year.

My experience with the Conference Committee, as Past President and as Orlando Section Chair has helped me to provide guidance to the Education Committee over the last 2 years. The conference develops and obtains credit for the most new courses for the Chapter each year, and I have been involved in that process each year that I served on the Conference Committee. The LARE Review is another major undertaking each year. I am proud to be a graduate of that event. Once I obtained my license, I helped to organize and teach several of the local LARE review sessions.

All of these experiences help me to understand the event and provide assistance to the committee as they prepare each year. My experience as Orlando Section Chair helps me to provide guidance about the needs of the Section Chairs and how the Education Committee can help them to provide quality local programs from Section Meetings to Extended Workshops.

COSE Committee:

The COSE Committee is occasionally tasked by the Florida Chapter Executive Committee to participate in events that focus on sustainability. Previous tasks have included charrettes and publications. My FLASLA experience allows me to advise the COSE committee on event planning issues, budget preparation and presentation to the Executive Committee and publication review and distribution.

Biographical Information

- Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, Minors in Urban Planning and Theater, Ball State University - 1999
- Florida Registered Landscape Architect, LA 6666711
- Owner , Mary N. Bates, Landscape Architect
- Married to Kenn & we have a 4 year old - Caleb

Commitment to ASLA

- FLJASLA Member at Large for Education & Research, 2008-2010
- FLJASLA Conference Co-Chair 2008
- FLJASLA President, 2006-2008
- FLJASLA Treasurer, 2004-2005
- FLJASLA Design Awards Co-Chair 2000-2002
- FLJASLA Design Awards Committee Member – 1999, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010
- FLJASLA Section Chair, Orlando Section, 2002-2004
- FLJASLA Orlando Section LARE Study Sessions, Teaching Staff, 2003-2004
- FLJASLA Conference Committee Member (Sponsorship, Tours, Events, Education Content) – 2001, 2005, 2006
- FLJASLA Chapter Service Awards – 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009
- ASLA National Membership Services Committee 2007-2008
- ASLA National Leadership Development Committee 2008-2010