



Plain News - June 30, 2009

## Letter From the President, Joe Daly, ASLA

Welcome to summer!! Holy Mole we're in the middle of it now – 107 degree heat index as I'm writing this right now...

Quite a bit to cover since my last newsletter but I will start with the most exciting news being Professor Dennis Day awarded the Jot D. Carpenter Teaching Award as voted upon by the ASLA Board of Trustees at the recent mid year meetings. The award will be conferred at the upcoming ASLA National Convention this September in Chicago, Ill. Stay tuned for more details as we will be encouraging as many former students as possible to attend and celebrate Professor's Day's Honor.

Another big happening within the Chapter right now are the Fellows Nominating Committee and the PGASLA Executive Committee Nominations. Both are in full swing and are extremely important to our Chapter and the National organization as well. Bill Madsen is Chairing our Fellows Nominating Committee and will be working to present their findings to the Executive Committee by mid July.

We will also be soliciting nominations from the entire Chapter for each position on the Executive Committee for the upcoming year starting in mid July and will be contacting those nominated by the end of July. Serving on the Executive Committee is a bit commitment but the rewards are more than worth it, especially for the members who are always wondering aloud, "What does ASLA do anyway?" There is no better way to find out than to get involved and see the bigger picture for yourself! [Check out ASLA NOTES AND NUMBERS.](#)

We would also like to welcome the new Dean of the College of Architecture, Planning and Design at Kansas State University, Professor Tim de Noble . And provide a huge thank you to Professor Dennis Law for his service – in too many capacities to account for here – to the Kansas City design community, the Landscape Architecture Profession, the University and to our Chapter specifically!

Please stay tuned for a summer Happy Hour sponsored by the Chapter in July.

As always, please join us at any Executive Committee meeting or contact any member of the Executive Committee at your convenience if you have a pressing issue!

Joe Daly, ASLA  
President PGASLA

### 2009 Calendar of Events

**July 9** – Executive Committee Meeting – AIA KC Offices

**July 16** – [Illinois ASLA Burnham 100 x 100 Charrette](#)

**July 25** – PGASLA Happy Hour @ Woodyard BBQ

September – Mark D. Moore Scholarship Golf Tournament presented by Commercial Landscapers Inc. – Falcon Lakes Golf Course – Basehor, Kansas

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## Central States Conference Hosted by the Great Plains Chapter

Omaha, Nebraska . May 14 – 16 hosted by the Great Plains Chapter. Please visit this website for continually updated information and contact anyone on the Executive Committee should you have any questions or comments.

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### Government Affairs

- On June 9, the **House Interior and the Environment Appropriations Subcommittee unanimously passed the FY 2010 spending bill**. The bill would provide about \$32.3 billion for the Department of Interior, Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Forest Service. This represents a 17% increase over last year's spending of \$25.579 billion. Of this, \$11 billion is provided to the Dept. of Interior. The National Park Service (NPS) would receive \$2.754 billion (about a \$195 million increase over FY09 levels). No specific funding numbers were released for the National Mall, HALS, or other programs. The bill also provides a significant increase in EPA's Clean Water Fund, from \$689 million to \$2.3 billion. While no specific language was provided, these Clean Water funds typically have funding "set aside" for green infrastructure projects. Specific bill language is usually released to the public after full Appropriations Committee consideration.
- Federal Government Affairs Manager Roxanne Blackwell attended a meeting with House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee staff this week, where staff announced that **Chairman Oberstar (MN) will unveil his surface transportation bill "very soon."** Staff also announced that **the chairman intends to include language in the bill that would create an Office of Livability** within the U.S. Department of Transportation, which would oversee and manage most of the "non-motorized" transportation programs, including Safe Routes to Schools, Transportation Enhancements, Scenic Byways, bicycle and pedestrian paths and projects.

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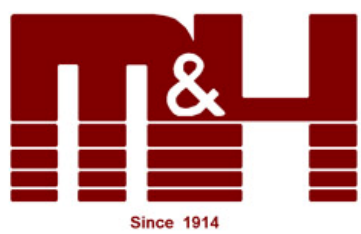
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**Publishing and Resource Development**

- **Annual meeting registration continues to grow, increasing 33 percent in the past two weeks to 781.** Ticket sales are strong with one residential tour sold out and others selling well. The Gala and President's Dinner are also selling ahead of last year's pace.
- **Advertising sales in *Landscape Architecture* magazine have risen to 77 percent of the revised budget** approved by the Board of Trustees (BOT) in May.

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## Movers and Shakers . . .

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## Upcoming Events

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