

Trustee's Message

Hope this finds all well with y'all. It has been a quiet summer and the rather abrupt change in weather signals that autumn has arrived. This comes to you in advance of the arrival of our agenda package for the autumn BOT meeting so I don't know exactly what we will deal with in Salt Lake. I do know that we will have a collection of new financial policies to adopt and move on to the chapters for their approval. All part of an ongoing effort to improve chapter operations and provide firmer footing for the treasurers.

If you haven't made your reservations for Salt Lake, I'd encourage you to do so. The annual meeting will move to parts further east in the coming years and won't work its way back west for 3 or 4 years. If you made our last Rocky Mountain Rendezvous, you'll see some familiar faces in Salt Lake. Grant Jones, Ken Lustig and our leadership training crew, Tom Dunbar and Bob Callans, are all slated to speak. The trade show is pretty much sold out and the program has a diversity of interesting topics inside several tracks.

This annual meeting will also mark Don Brigham's induction as a Fellow. We should all be proud for Don and the Chapter as well. It has been interesting to watch his ascendancy in the ASLA organization for the last 20 years. His election and induction are certainly well deserved. If you haven't had a chance to congratulate Don, please take the time to do so. Better yet, do it in person, in Salt Lake. Rumor has it he is buying a variety of adult beverages for all interested parties.

This message marks the end of my third year as the Chapter's Trustee. The experience has been both challenging and rewarding. The issues we face are sometimes daunting, but the cadre of National Ex-com leaders we have is exceptional. ASLA Staff continue to do an outstanding job on our behalf. The outlook for both the society and the profession is bright. I was recently asked by a president-elect from a midwestern chapter what the ASLA is all about. My response was that the "ASLA is about our future. Either we take possession and shape our own future or somebody else will do it for us. I'd rather count on us to watch out for the profession and our future." Many thanks for the chance to participate in the shaping of that future.

See you in Salt Lake,

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