

KeyNotes

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LAI In Baltimore – A New Weekend Experience!

The Baltimore Chapter did an outstanding job of hosting the Board of Governors meeting with a wonderful opening reception held at the Engineers Club, a beautiful Victorian structure in Washington Park. Several activities followed the reception, including a bus/water taxi/walking tour—which covered a number of interesting sites in the Baltimore area—as well as a baseball game at the famous Camden Yards between the Orioles and the Texas Rangers.



President Tom Dyke addressing LAI members at the reception in Baltimore, thanks the LAI Baltimore Chapter for their hospitality and the outstanding program planned for the LAI Baltimore "Weekend Experience."

Josef Nathanson, Baltimore Chapter President, Baltimore Officers and Committees; and members outdid themselves to make this meeting a memorable one for all members of the Board of Governors and other LAI members attending. Meetings were held at the Inn at Henderson's Wharf, a converted warehouse on the Baltimore Inner Harbor. The Board meeting, chaired by LAI President Tom Dyke, was held on Friday, April 28, for the regular

transaction of business, as needed by Lambda Alpha International and the Land Economics Foundation. The Chapter had excellent attendance from the U.S. and Canada, with overseas representation by Vice President Roger Kallman

and International Vice President Karen Sieracki from the London Chapter.

In addition to the transaction of regular business, the Board of Governors was given a presentation by Elizabeth Ghaffari on the Los Angeles Chapter Web site. Also, a presentation of the LAI/LEF Web site and its features was provided by Larry Lund, Ely Chapter and Midwest Vice President.

Land Economics Foundation President, JoAnn Neuhaus, reported that the LEF graduate scholarship award had been made to Pamela M. Freese (University of Illinois—Chicago) to pursue the development of a graduate paper entitled "The Evolution of the Land Trust: Shaping Our Common Future." The award is for \$3,000 and may be continued for a second year, if the Selection Committee deems it appropriate.



Roberta Burke, Sacramento Chapter; President Tom Dyke, Ely; and Frank Spink, LAI Immediate Past President, George Washington Chapter; network during the opening reception hosted by the Baltimore Chapter at the Engineers Club.



Joe Nathanson, Baltimore Chapter President, welcoming LAI members to Baltimore and reviewing programs planned for the next several days. David Lachoff, Los Angeles Chapter, and LAI Western Vice President, watches from the background.

29, featured a tour of several renewal sites in the Inner Harbor area, in which manufacturing facilities and warehouses have been converted into high-tech research incubators

and other types of commercial businesses, with continuing new redevelopment of the vast and extremely attractive Inner Harbor area. Over lunch, members heard presentations from state and city officials, who described the important redevelopment programs in the Baltimore area as well as programs to encourage city living through abatements and grants.

The tour then continued into several area residential developments, including planned communities, historic restorations, and upscale residential communities within the Baltimore city limits. The tour provided an excellent overview of and special introduction to a dynamic city involved in a number of important urban renewal and redevelopment projects, in a locale

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LAI members shown on the chapter tour of the Baltimore Inner Harbor visiting one of the manufacturing facilities being converted into new office building use.

At the completion of the two meetings, the Board of Governors and their guests embarked on a dinner cruise of the Baltimore Inner Harbor area. Saturday, April

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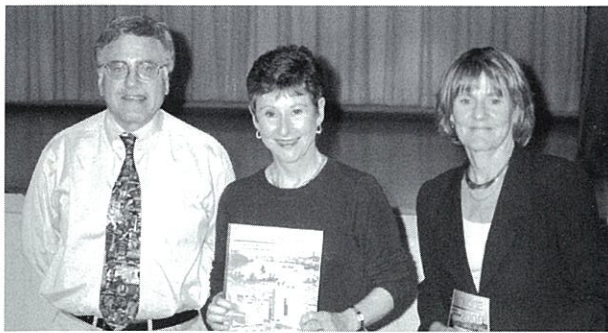
that provides many amenities and extremely comfortable and pleasant lifestyles. The tour was deeply appreciated and enjoyed by all in attendance!

Saturday evening was an "open night" for Board members to seek out adventure and great food in the local downtown Baltimore area, and reports are that the opportunity was enjoyed by all.

Sunday was highlighted by visiting Camden Yards for the Orioles and Texas Rangers baseball game, which presented the opportunity to view the renowned Camden Yards redevelopment in which a major athletic facility was placed in a very convenient and renewed downtown Baltimore area.

The Baltimore visit represented the beginning of a series of Lambda Alpha meetings combined with a "Weekend Experience" for LAI members.

LAI Chapters have so many interesting and innovative new urban developments and redevelopment programs that local LAI members are anxious to demonstrate for their fellow members. We are sure that this new facet to LAI meeting programs will grow and become an important part of helping LAI members to understand many of the exciting urban renewal and development programs that are being introduced in cities in the United States, Canada, and overseas. There is no



Joe Nathanson, President Baltimore Chapter, LAI, shown with luncheon speakers Patricia J. Payne, Baltimore City housing Commissioner, Chapter Member and Elinor Bacon, Deputy Assistant Secretary HUD HOPEVI Program.

better way to learn the urban landscape of various cities than a LAI Chapter introduction/familiarization tour of the high points of their communities.

Two upcoming "Weekend Experiences"—Chicago, October 26–28, 2000, and San Francisco, April 2001 (date to be finalized). Mark your calendars and plan on attending these opportunities to get to know more about two really great cities!



Joining in the last event in the Baltimore "Weekend Experience," were London Chapter visitors enjoying the American "national pastime" at Camden Yards, the new downtown home of the Baltimore Orioles, and cheered on the home team.



The Baltimore City tour concluded with a wine tasting featuring wines from a local vineyard. Al Copp, vintner, hosted LAI members as his Roland Park home, and is shown rear center in a dark sweater. His hospitality, including a house tour, capped an excellent day in the Baltimore "Weekend Experience."

Some Web Thoughts from James Fawcett LAI Web Page Chair

We hope that all LAI have visited the new LAI web site to see how we are progressing! More information on LAI members and chapters is being added regularly so you will want to visit from time to time to keep up-to-date. Remember www.lai.org is how you start!

Using the web site

We plan on regularly discussing how to make better use of the LAI web site, and overcoming some of the difficulties that seem to be most common in our experience.

For those of you who have entered the LAI web site and had trouble with the "members" area, here are a few tips that may be of help to you.

1. When the program asks for your name, enter your first name only and the first letter of your first name must be capitalized.
2. When it asks for your password, enter your last name and the first letter of your last name must be capitalized.

You will notice that once you enter the members' portion of the web site, you can search the database for names of other members. In this case, however, the database is indifferent to capitalization. In searching the categories, search one at a time for the best results. The database will provide answers meeting your search criteria and you can scroll among the answers.

If your database entry needs editing:

Send e-mail with any needed corrections to Cynthia Otto at cynthiaotto@lai.org, and she will update your entry. We are also about to update the entire database to provide better service to members. Chapters have received a request to update their database entries. Please respond to the request quickly so that your chapter is accurately listed on the LAI database. Also, if you have not provided e-mail addresses, please do so.

We hope to have a redesigned and updated database available in the fall. As our members become more comfortable with e-mail, we will make better use of it in transmitting information to you.