Happy New Year!

As we start the New Year, your board is optimistic about the state of the Gulf Coast Chapter. We remain a large, engaged and healthy chapter. Please join me in thanking Dillon Brady for his stewardship as Chapter President. Last year our chapter grew from 319 members in January, to 334 in December. As such, we remain the largest chapter on the Southern Region, which is the largest region of A4LE. We have strived to add value to our membership by:

- Providing learning opportunities through school tours and Best Practices continuing education sessions.
- We provided social and networking opportunities at golf and sporting clays events and our popular Winter Mixer.
- We had great representation at the Southern Region Conference in Waco, where our own Dillon Brady was named Southern Region Planner of the Year.
- Our chapter had several members in attendance at the International Conference, LearningScapes 2019, in Chicago, where our own Bill Stice was the International Chairman and where Mark French was a finalist for International Planner of the Year.

But 2019 brings us new opportunities to improve the organization. In an effort to make planning simpler for our members, the board will institute a more regular calendar of events. You can expect a predictable pattern of one school tour and one newsletter per quarter. You’ll be able to plan on a Best Practices Meeting every other quarter, alternating with social events. We are going to try very hard to get the calendar set for the entire year, so that you can plan your year.

Another major item that the board has tasked itself with is outreach. We need to continue to grow our chapter, and especially the portion of our membership from the public school sector. The board will continue to try to provide activities that will bring value to school sector member partners, but we also need help with outreach. In the coming year, we’ll be asking you to look for opportunities for you to introduce new members to our chapter, starting with the Winter Mixer on January 10.

We also would like to offer you an invitation to volunteer for one of our many committees and we would love to get your ideas on future event ideas, whether is it school tour opportunities, suggestions for Best Practices seminars or even new social/networking opportunities. This organization is only limited by what we all can contribute. Let’s have a great 2019.
2019 Annual Regional Conference

April 3-5, 2019
Mission: Possible; Planning Great Educational Environments
Wyndham San Antonio Riverwalk
San Antonio, TX

Full conference registration includes, all meals, access to all conference sessions, keynote addresses, refreshment breaks, opening/closing reception, all tours and Planner of the Year reception & celebration.

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2019 Southern Region Conference Call for Speakers is open

Please note the sessions are to be educational in nature. Sales, product, or marketing presentations will not be accepted.

Call for proposals closes: January 24, 2019
Speakers notified on/about: February 24, 2019

For more information, click on link below: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SO2019Speakers

Please note that we are always open to suggestions for future event ideas-school tour opportunities, Best Practices seminars or social/networking opportunities.
Feel free to contact any of the board members with your ideas!
Call for Speakers

Deadline: January 21, 2019

Creativity, curiosity, imagination, discovery – our visions of learning emerge from our combined knowledge, our accumulated wisdom and our collaborative experiences. Understanding the world around us comes not just from historical precedent, but also from our processes of co-creation. Join us at LearningScapes 2019 as we discover how ‘Co-Creation’ runs through the planning, design, construction, teaching pedagogies and operations of our learning environments across the world.

This event will offer world-class educational sessions and showcase best practices from around the world. We invite you to share your expertise with other industry experts in the vibrant city of Anaheim. As communities all over the world respond to their evolving needs, we ask you to share your lessons, stories and expertise of co-creation of exemplar learning environments. We invite you to submit your proposals.

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