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**Florida Chapter
ASLA**
Office of President-Elect (2010-13)

Statement

It is with the blessing and encouragement of my family and friends that I have accepted the nomination for Chapter President-Elect. I have been involved with ASLA for 15 years and served as the Florida Chapter Secretary and the Palm Beach Treasure Coast Section Chair over the past 4 years.

FLASLA does a great job protecting our profession through its Government Affairs Committee and Advocacy Network. The Chapter also offers many continuing education opportunities and an annual LARE review class for those just entering the profession. The largest annual Chapter Conference occurs each year in our own backyards. Flasla.org is a wonderful resource with information on licensure, job opportunities, upcoming events, and more. The Chapter puts together a Design Awards competition that seems to get better and better each year. It is these components that make FLASLA the best Chapter in the country. With that being said, however, there are many aspects to our organization that I feel must be improved.

Membership – FLASLA has always been one of the largest Chapters in the country, but membership renewal has dropped off significantly. Additionally, the Chapter has struggled to attract younger (Associate) members.

Leadership – It is imperative that future leadership for the Chapter be cultivated from our many talented members. Our long term success hinges on our future leaders.

Involvement – I want to see every member engaged. We have many members across the state that do an amazing job volunteering and promoting our profession and organization, but there is a need for more. There is a wide array of issues and opportunities we must face as a unified, yet diverse team that comes together as a strong voice for the organization and the Landscape Architecture profession.

Since joining the FLASLA's Executive Committee in 2006, I have seen firsthand the hard work and dedication of those that volunteer to help preserve and advance our profession. I would like to personally thank the current leadership for demonstrating how to lead with integrity, responsibility, and diligence. It is with these same qualities that I hope to serve the Chapter and its membership as its President-Elect. I humbly ask you to vote me your next Chapter President-Elect.

Biographical Information

EDUCATION

- Master of Landscape Architecture, Cornell University
- Bachelor of Science, Cornell University
- Associate in Applied Science, State University of New York

PRACTICE

- Registered Landscape Architect (NY)
- Senior Design Associate, Sanford Golf Design, Jupiter, Florida (Since 1997)
- Design Associate, Land Design South, West Palm Beach, Florida (1996-1997)

ACCOLADES

- Granite Links Project featured in ASLA's Landscape Architecture Magazine (2005)
- Donald Ross Academic Award Recipient (1996)

TEACHING

- Instructor: Palm Beach State College, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida (2006)
- Guest Speaker: Cornell University (2005), State University of New York (2005)
- Teaching Assistant: Cornell University: F&OH (1994), LA (1995-96)

Commitment to ASLA

Florida Chapter Secretary, (Since 2008)
Audit Committee, (2010)
Constitution & Bylaws Committee, (2008-10)
2011 Annual Conf. Steering Committee
Palm Beach Treasure Coast Section Chair
(2006-08)

Florida Chapter Service Award,
(2007, 2008, 2009)
PBTC Section Golf Tournament ,
Chairman (2007-2008)
PBTC Section Golf Tournament,
(2003, 2007-2008)