



Biographical Information

Education:

*Bachelor of Landscape Architecture
Iowa State University – Ames, Iowa – 1987*

Professional Registrations:

*State of Florida LA #0001495
State of Connecticut LA #661*

Current Position:

*Landscape Architect – Project Manager
City of Tampa Parks and Recreation Department
2009 - Present*

Prior Professional Experience:

*Landscape Architect – Project Manager
Hardeman Kempton & Associates – Tampa FL
2004 - 2008*

*Landscape Architect – Project Manager
Phil Graham & Company, P.A. - St. Petersburg, FL
1991 – 2004*

*Landscape Architect – Project Manager
Codespoti & Associates, Inc. - Stratford, Connecticut
1987 - 1991*

Commitment to ASLA

*FLASLA Audit Committee Chairman – 2010
FLASLA Tampa Bay Section Chair – 2001-2004
FLASLA Executive Committee – 2001-2005
FLASLA Tampa Section Golf Chairman 2002, 2003
FLASLA Government Affairs Committee 2002-2004
FLASLA Green Industry Advisory Rep 2002-2006
FLASLA Annual Conference Committee – 2000
ASLA Member Since June 1991*

FL/ASLA – Executive Committee Member At-Large Advocacy and Licensure

Statement of Concepts & Aims

The celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Florida Chapter comes at a time when all of us in the profession are faced with the ongoing challenges of the current economy. Like all challenges in life, these difficult times also provide us with great opportunities to make a difference and proactively affect our future. I am honored to be nominated to run for the FLASLA Executive Committee as the Member At-Large for Advocacy and Licensure. I welcome this opportunity to serve our profession and continue my commitment to FLASLA.

When the Chapter Executive Committee adopted the current 5-Year Strategic Plan, one of the 5 Key Chapter Goals identified was Advocacy and Licensure. The selection of Advocacy and Licensure among these key goals underlines its importance to how our profession is perceived, and more importantly, how we emerge as design leaders and experts during the next wave of economic growth. During my earlier term on the Executive Committee as the Tampa Bay Section Chair (2001-2004), I sat on the Government Affairs Committee as a way to be involved with these very same issues. My aim as a Member At-Large for Advocacy and Licensure is to aggressively promote the strategic plan and strengthen our position through a few basic concepts and strategies.

Strengthening our Licensure is imperative at a time when government cutbacks at regulatory agencies can threaten our status as design professionals. It is not enough to simply maintain of our licensure. We need to expand our influence into all of the areas that define our profession. We must **communicate to our legislators that Landscape Architects are experts** in land management, water quality, green building, and the countless other issues so important to Florida. We need to work to **advance the strategic plan of the Government Affairs Committee** and solidify the Chapter's position as the **voice of Landscape Architects**. We must continue the great strides we have already made to **work more closely with the Florida Board of Landscape Architects** (FBOLA) and foster this relationship. We must utilize to the fullest the Attorney/Lobbyist team we retain to **communicate our message** in Tallahassee. We must **further our collaboration with other organizations** such as FNGLA, FISA, and FIS to promote mutually beneficial legislation. We must work harder to **communicate with our membership** and ensure that we are representing their interests to the best of our abilities.

Our goal should be one of **leadership among the design professions**. The level our expertise is not in question, but our ability to communicate that expertise among allied professions, legislators, and the public does not adequately tell "Who We Are". We must take the initiative to effectively communicate this message and secure our position as design leaders.