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Goals and Objectives

As Landscape Architects in the Orlando area, we have the capacity to greatly influence the future of Central Florida's built environment which will ultimately determine the future growth and development of our social and economic well being. It is important that we take advantage of every opportunity to press forward ASLA's mission of advocating great spaces and promoting sustainable development. There are several key objectives the Orlando section can focus on that will be beneficial for our region, as well as our profession and personal careers.

Primarily, ASLA should facilitate communication and collaboration between its members and related professions in the design construction and planning fields. In addition, an importance should be placed on opening greater lines of communication to both local and state elected officials and staff. Developing strong relationships with Central Florida's political decision makers will help to foster greater recognition of the role and responsibility landscape architects have towards our societal development while allowing us to have an even greater and positive impact. Through planned business networking and social events, the section will work to connect its members to Central Florida's design community at large.

The Orlando section will strive to provide greater assistance to its members to advance their professional growth and development through speaker sessions and workshop events. In addition, the chapter will continue its goal of giving back to the community through the various charitable organizations and the donation of both time and services from our many great and talented members.

By providing greater opportunity for members to grow and become better connected with those in related professions and the political realm, we can create a greater membership value, thereby sparking growth of chapter activity and creating greater positive influence within our region.

With the economy still uncertain, the time has never been better to energize the Orlando section and create an action plan for the future. When the market upturn arrives (which history has shown us it will) the Orlando Section will be poised and ready to lead central Florida's future!

Education and Experience

Eastbrook Neighborhood HOA. Board Member	2010-Present
VHB, Miller Sellen, Project Landscape Architect	May 2005-Present
ASLA Design Award of Excellence, Student Submission	2006
2004 LABASH, Event Coordination Committee Member	2004
University of Florida, ASLA Student Chapter President	2004-2005
University of Florida, Paris Research Center	
– Topics in European Design	Aug.-Dec. 2005
University of Florida, BLA, Suma Cum Laude	2005
National Beef Council Youth Spokesperson	2000
Florida Cattlemen's Assoc. State Beef Ambassador	1999-2000
Marion Co. 4-H, Town & Country Chapter President	1999-2000