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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM

February 13, 2009

Board of Trustees
American Society of Landscape Architects
636 Eye Street 636, NW
Washington, DC 20001-3736

Dear Board of Trustees:

This is a letter of support for Susan Cahill-Aylward who is being nominated for honorary membership of ASLA.

As a candidate for president of ASLA, I arrived for my first meeting at headquarters hours early. Bags in tow, I was disoriented partly because I had been away from ASLA leadership for ten years and did not know staff or even the executive committee very well. Asking to leave my bags and for directions to the Building Museum was quite awkward. Susan Cahill-Aylward just happened to come into the headquarters lobby at that time and wanted to know if she could help. After telling her I was seeking direction to the Building Museum and a place to store my bags, she placed my bags into a room and escorted me to the museum. She just took charge. This is the type of person Susan is, always willing to help no matter how simple or complex the situation.

Susan Cahill-Aylward is the Managing Director of Information, Professional Practice and Education at ASLA and has been with ASLA since 1996. Susan has served as a critical component of the organization and as a valuable resource for the entire organization. I strongly support her nomination to Honorary ASLA.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Perry Howard, FASLA
Immediate Past President, ASLA



February 13, 2009

Honors and Awards Committee
ASLA
636 Eye St. NW
Washington, DC 20006

RE: Honorary Membership Nomination
Susan Cahill-Aylward

Dear Board of Trustees:

It is my delight to offer support for the nomination of Susan Cahill-Aylward for Honorary membership in the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Susan has been the Managing Director of Information, Professional Practice and Education and a valued member of ASLA's headquarters staff for 12 years. Over that time, she has shown a consistent willingness to provide outstanding support for ASLA and fellow staff members.

As the staff liaison for the Professional Practice Committee, Susan consistently provides continuity and guidance in keeping the PPC moving forward in its charge to provide ever-better services and resources for ASLA members. I have worked directly with her on the PPC (and several subcommittees) for the last four years, and previously, for several years on ASLA's OnLine Committee. Her consummate professionalism and organizational skills made me look good as the chair of the OnLine Committee and her assistance to the Professional Practice Committee has been nothing short of stellar. She has put her education in library sciences to good use at ASLA in many of her day-to-day duties, including the ASLA archives, library, professional practice networks and the services they provide.

Susan is thoughtful, diplomatic, creative and kind. Early in her tenure at ASLA, she managed all web operations and recommended that ASLA's website be developed to provide simple and accessible resources for members, which lead to instant recognition for the site. Early on, she worked to develop and continues to oversee professional practice programs and resources thoughtfully and carefully to provide the greatest value

to member users. She displays a great sense of humor and is always helpful, keeping in mind the best interests of ASLA and its members.

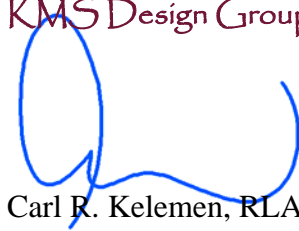
In the years I have worked with her, Susan has shown a profound understanding and appreciation of the landscape architecture profession and constantly tries to find ways to provide better service to ASLA members.

It is amazing to me just how much Susan is able to accomplish...she is so quiet and unassuming about it. She works behind the scenes of the people she supports and makes everyone around her look good. Yet, she is quick to offer and share praise for others' accomplishments, and seems to be content with a job well done.

In my opinion, this honor is long overdue to Susan, a long standing, hard working member of ASLA's staff who is so much more to ASLA than staff.

Sincerely,

KMS Design Group, LLC

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Carl R. Kelemen', is written over the company name.

Carl R. Kelemen, RLA, FASLA, Principal



February 12, 2009

Board of Trustees
American Society of Landscape Architects
636 Eye Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001-3736

Ref: Honorary Membership

To the Board of Trustees:

I strongly endorse the candidacy of Susan Cahill, Managing Director of Information, Professional Practice and Education at ASLA, for Honorary Membership in the American Society of Landscape Architects. Her work over the past thirteen years has had a profound effect on the Society of Landscape Architecture as well as the field of landscape architecture itself.

I have known Susan Cahill for almost all of her career at ASLA. I began working with Susan as Chairman of the New Jersey Annual Meeting in Long Branch, NJ. I had reached out to our national association and Susan was very receptive to helping our committee during our meeting. I had asked Susan for help with disseminating materials about ASLA National. Susan not only provided materials and literature on all of the various national programs, she was able to transport and staff the book store (back when there was a book store at the ASLA offices). Susan actually was able to do this for two consecutive years.

There have been many other times when Susan assisted with various local and national activities and programs. Her work with Professional Practice was instrumental in helping to establish a new interest group – the Therapeutic Garden Professional Interest Group (PIG). The name of the group and network has been revised to Healthcare & Therapeutic Garden Professional Practice Network. And, as Chair of the Professional Practice Network, I had the opportunity to interact with Susan on another level. Once again, she was always there to help and to provide direction when the path was not always all that clear.

On an individual level, Susan has always been available to assist with professional questions related to the field of Landscape Architecture. I have watched Susan interact with members of the profession at the National Meetings and she is always willing to take the time to help people and in a calm, polite and cheerful manner. When I think of ASLA, Susan immediately comes to mind. She is truly the information backbone of the Association.

For all aspects of her profound contribution to the profession of landscape architecture and to society, Susan is very deserving of this significant recognition and I am honored to submit this letter of endorsement.

Respectfully,

Jack Carman, FASLA
President
Design for Generations, LLC
And Former Trustee
American Society of Landscape Architecture

February 11, 2009

Board of Trustees
American Society of Landscape Architects
636 Eye Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001-0861

Re: Honorary Membership for Susan Cahill-Aylward

Dear Board of Trustees,

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for Susan Cahill-Aylward for Honorary Membership in the American Society of Landscape Architects. Susan's dedicated service to the society has helped provide guidance and leadership in many different areas. Her quiet, thoughtful and organized approach to the work she does has helped advance many communications efforts that are the backbone of our organization. She has helped formulate the early years of the ASLA Web site, the ASLA library and resource center, the archives, the LATIS series, and the professional practice networks through its many formats and name changes.

Susan is also valued for her ability to handle stressful situations with a calm demeanor and diffuse controversial situations with graceful diplomacy. She is never one to draw attention to her own accomplishments and is very supportive to all those around her. Susan has effectively worked with many volunteers over her years at ASLA and is always ready to help in whatever way she can. The title of, Managing Director of Information, Professional Practice and Education, just gives a quick overview of the many hats that Susan wears at ASLA headquarters.

I encourage you to support this well deserved nomination for Honorary Membership for Susan Cahill-Aylward.

Sincerely,

Susan L.B. Jacobson, FASLA

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