

**HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**  
**NOMINATION NARRATIVE**



Nominee: Ms. Julia M. Lent  
Director, Government Affairs  
American Society of Landscape Architects

Nominator: Jonathan Mueller, FASLA

The Society and the profession of landscape architecture are much better off as a result their association with Julia M. Lent—an association now in its tenth year. Having worked with Julia at a state level on licensure issues, as a committee chair, as a VP of Government Affairs, and now as president, I have witnessed her commitment to our causes, her insight to the political context within which we reside, and her understanding of how to accomplish the work that needs to get accomplished on our behalf. To have watched our growth, to have seen how much we have learned, to have become better advocates, and to have seen us accomplish all that we have accomplished alongside of her makes this such a privilege for me to nominate her for honorary membership in our Society.

As Director, Government Affairs for ASLA, Julia is the principal staff person of the team that leads us in the shaping of our public affairs programs and strategies. Julia's background is principally in the area of state government affairs, where prior to joining ASLA she spent ten (10) years as an advocate for state legislative issues ranging from health care to other related issues such as workman's compensation. After receiving a BA in Political Science and her Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Pittsburgh, she began her career as part of the Legislative Development Office of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

She came to ASLA hiring on as a Manager for State Government Affairs in June of 2001 and immediately became involved with our efforts to attain licensure in all fifty (50) states. I first met Julia in Boise, Idaho in the winter of 2002 at a legislative breakfast that was a kickoff for Idaho's licensure law upgrade. I remember thinking at the time that if ever there was a person to help us produce the results needed to accomplish our goals, she was the one. As the 50 by 2010 campaign accelerated and we began to see success after success, always there, hand-in-hand with each successful state legislative team was Julia Lent.

Her influence, her ability produce success in partnership with us and her accomplishments led to her promotion to Director of Government affairs in 2005. Continuing in her role as the principal staff person involved with the 50 by 2010 effort, we have witnessed the growth and evolution of the licensure summits and the attainment of our goal in the summer of 2010. She also exports persistence and tenacity. Even in the darkest moments associated with the legislative efforts in Colorado and Vermont, Julia never lost her optimism and when the licensure teams in both states rallied for one last attempt, she was at their side providing much needed counsel and advice. She is much respected and admired by the chapters and was made an honorary member of the Vermont Chapter in the summer of 2010.

In addition to all this, Julia also works with the VP of government affairs to shepherd three of the four GA committees—Policy, Licensure and LARE Preparation. This is no small task to scope the monthly issues, prepare the material, coordinate with the VP and the committee chair and endure the idiosyncrasies of the committee dynamic—times three. She does endure and does so with grace, dignity and the utmost of respect and patience.

In partnership with us and the GA Staff, a few of our accomplishments with her leadership include:

- Success in the 50 by 2010 Campaign
- Development, delivery and continued success of the Licensure Summit
- Successful transition of the Licensure Summit to the 'Advocacy Summit' for vigilance, preparedness and outreach
- Continued partnership and management for success in our annual Advocacy Day
- Re-energizing and re-purposing the LARE Prep Committee
- Successful introduction and use of the advocacy network at both a federal and state level

In light of these and many other positive accomplishments, please join me in supporting the confirmation of Julia M. Lent as an Honorary Member of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Mueller".

Jonathan Mueller, FASLA  
President  
American Society of Landscape Architects



February 23, 2011

RE: Nomination of Julia Lent  
Honorary Member - ASLA

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I wish to express my deepest support for the nomination of Julia Lent, Director Government Affairs, ASLA to Honorary Membership in the American Society of Landscape Architects. Her commitment to advocacy and, specifically, her guidance of countless members in the ways of advocacy have proved to be invaluable to the Society.

Julia has trained, supported, and launched an entire generation of landscape architects as advocates for sound public policy, best management practices, and green infrastructure initiatives for landscape architecture. She has helped us emerge from behind the shadows to gain confidence in, and to speak for, what we know to be essential and critical legislation for the health, safety, and welfare of both natural and human communities.

Through her leadership and vision, the 50 by 2010 Licensure campaign has evolved from licensure to advocacy, thereby continuing a legacy of advocacy for upcoming leaders in the Society and for landscape architecture. With her keen interest in state affairs, she has also supported and taught Chapters to advocate at the local level, and to get acquainted with laws and legislators. She has built a formidable federal government affairs department that continues to offer members ways to support federal legislation and advocate on the Hill with effectiveness.

Please accept this letter of support for her candidacy – it's long overdue!

Sincerely,  
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RE: Honorary Membership for Julia Lent

Dear Members of the Board of Trustees:

It is an honor and a pleasure to support the nomination of Julia Lent for Honorary Membership in ASLA. I have had the pleasure of working with Julia for the past 10 years in my various roles with ASLA. Julia is one of the most dedicated professionals that ASLA has in the advancement of Landscape Architecture in Advocacy and Government Affairs!

Over the years in her role in Government Affairs, Julia has demonstrated continuous and strong support for landscape architectural issues. Julia monitors and advises our members on the timely bills in Congress, the various State Legislatures, and the District of Columbia on a variety of issues that relate to stormwater management, smart growth, transportation, sustainable design etc. In addition her role in 50 by 2010 was integral in ASLA achieving this monumental goal! Julia's work has been for advancement of our Society's members...to which she should be a part of!

Therefore, I whole heartedly support Julia lent's nomination for Honorary Membership in ASLA. I hope you will join me in supporting her nomination.

Sincerely,

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Ed Czyscon, ASLA  
Vice President of Professional Practice

February 23, 2011

ASLA Board of Trustees and Executive Committee

Re: Julia McFeely Lent for consideration as Honorary ASLA member

Dear Colleagues,

We created the honorary ASLA member designation to recognize persons other than landscape architects whose achievements of national or international significance or influence have provided notable service to the profession of landscape architecture.

Certainly any member of the Society who has met Julia Lent knows she is our champion. As Director of Government Affairs for ASLA she exceeds any job description, and her advocacy and success in empowering chapters in achieving licensure in Washington, Vermont, Virginia, Colorado, Wisconsin, just within the last few years speaks for itself.

Julia understands the profession and landscape architects and shares our mission and vision to be stewards of the land. For the last 10 years, Julia has worked the halls of power to empower landscape architects to do the work we need to do, to be recognized as equal design professionals with allied professions, not just in our state capitals, but in the nation's capital.

Working with CLARB, Julia has been able to facilitate better creation of study materials for candidates for licensure. Her sustained work with Vermont resulted in successful licensure of landscape architects, and ASLA reaching its goal of 50 by 2010. In many state sunset battles and defensive hearings for licensure, Julia has promoted our profession, and empowered and supported us in our moments of doubt. When we might have given up, Julia encouraged us and always gave us her best.

With great respect and admiration, I encourage my colleagues to favorably consider Julia McFeely Lent for honorary membership for her work to advance our profession in so many ways. The Society has been enriched and ennobled by Julia and she is certainly deserving of this honor.

Respectfully,

  
Stephanie V. Landregan, FASLA  
Vice President, Government Affairs

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Subject: Honorary Membership for Julia Lent

Dear Board Members,

It has been my privilege to work with Julia in two different capacities since she began assisting ASLA with government affairs over ten years ago. Through her work, she has done more to advance the position, recognition, and legal status of landscape architects than many of ASLA's own members. I strongly support her nomination for Honorary Membership in ASLA.

As a member and Chair of the ASLA Licensing Committee, I have seen Julia organize, educate, and motivate landscape architects to effectively advocate for their profession and their values. She began her work with the Committee about the same time that the 50 by 2010 campaign began. She took charge of the effort. Julia has been the consistent organizer of this Committee and its work on 50 by 2010, gathering and disseminating information, representing ASLA with our sister organizations, writing reports and papers, and organizing ASLA's yearly Licensing/Advocacy Summit. Her work was the backbone of the support those chapters that faced licensing challenges in the 50 by 2010 got from ASLA.

As the chair of the Vermont Chapter of ASLA's Licensing Committee, I also worked with Julia on an ongoing basis as we struggled to bring licensing for landscape architects to Vermont. Our final victory in 2010 would never have happened without Julia's ever present assistance. Julia helped us get organized, advised us on our initial efforts at reaching out to other professions, provided information along the way, helped keep us in contact with other chapters facing similar problems, supplied data for our testimonies, reviewed our proposed law along with its numerous revisions, and came in person when a more personal touch was needed to keep us going.

She was so critical to our success that we named her the first Honorary Member of the Vermont Chapter of ASLA. I think it is only appropriate that ASLA National follow suit!

Cordially,



Jim Donovan, FASLA