

## **Honorary Membership Nomination Narrative**

Nominee: G Wade Walker PE

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Nominator: Thomas R Tavella, FASLA, PLA

I have had the pleasure of work with Mr. Walker on some of the most complex urban projects in the country. His sensitivity to the built environment and how people and alternative means of transportation can co-exist together is uncanny. For over the past 20 years, Wade has been focused on rebalancing transportation systems to support the urban and rural areas. He creates context sensitive solutions that increase community livability.

He is a recognized expert in walkability and Smart Growth, and often speaks at national conferences on the subject of Complete Streets and balanced multi-modal solutions. Wade has been a speaker at the ASLA Annual meetings and continues to be asked back not only for his understanding of transportation system but his ability to work side by side with landscape architects in a seamless manor. Additionally he has been Co-Keynote Speaker, Columbia (SC) Bike Summit, APA national conference and the AIA national conference to name a few. During these talks he is sure to emphasize the importance of having landscape architects as key members of the design team.

He works with multi-disciplinary teams, affectively collaborating with landscape architects, planners, architects, urban designers, and stakeholders to create great communities through a community-driven process. He is well valued team member on projects throughout the country and is respected by landscape architects throughout the country for his knowledge and collaborate nature.

Wade did not hesitate to volunteer his time and knowledge when I asked him to participate in the design charrette and kick-off of ASLA's Chinatown Complete Streets Demonstration project, which is raising the visibility of the profession.

This is one of my favorite quotes from him which embodies his philosophy and why he should be recognized as an honorary member of ASLA.

"Complete Streets offer the ability for people to choose how they move around; they rebalance the various modes of travel and make for safe and efficient

movement whether people are in a car, on a bike, in a bus, or on foot. They also contribute to the overall sense of a place, and provide opportunities to improve the health of a community: personal health, economic health, and ecological health. Streets don't have to be a scar; they can enhance and blend holistically into the natural and built environments, while offering people true choices about how they move around"

His passion for understanding how to balance multi-modes of transportation to create healthy, safe communities are the reasons we strongly urge that he be accepted for honorary membership in the ASLA.



March 17, 2016

American Society of Landscape Architects  
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RE: Nomination of G. Wade Walker, PE for Honorary ASLA Membership

To the Board of Trustees:

It is with great pleasure that I nominate G. Wade Walker, PE for honorary membership to the American Society of Landscape Architects. I have had the pleasure of working with Wade on a number of projects throughout the years and find him to be a key member of our design teams. When we have the opportunity to work on an urban design or redevelopment project, most of which have an transportation issues, Wade is the first one we call to become part of our team. He walks the walk and talks the talk of planning, landscape architecture, and urban design, including understanding the public realm and works hard at creating spaces where the pedestrian is the primary design focus.

He works with us on multi-disciplinary teams, effectively collaborating with landscape architects, planners, architects, urban designers, and stakeholders to create great communities through a community-driven process. But most of all, he shares the vision necessary to transform urban spaces through thoughtful transportation upgrades and modifications that enhance the urban environment and quality of life within a community.

Wade is a recognized expert in walkability and Smart Growth and often speaks at national conferences on the subject of Complete Streets and balanced multimodal solutions. His education sessions at the ASLA annual meeting reinforce his philosophies and align with landscape architecture.

I wholeheartedly support Wade's nomination for Honorary Membership. His passion for understanding how to balance transportation options to create healthy and safe communities and his dedication to our profession are the reasons why I urge you to support his nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul D. Kissinger" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul D. Kissinger, FASLA, PLA  
Principal



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March 21, 2016

RE: Nomination of G. Wade Walker, PE for Honorary ASLA Membership

To the Board of Trustees:

I am pleased to recommend Wade Walker for Honorary Membership to the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Wade has been a speaker at our annual Smart Growth Summit several times, which educates over 800 landscape architects, architects, engineers designers, elected officials, and city/parish staff on Smart Growth concepts and applications. Not only is he an expert in his field, but he also passionately explains complex technical transportation concepts so that laymen can understand them and get excited about their implementation.

Wade is also a champion for Complete Streets, a subject near and dear to our profession. He is working with landscape architects all over the country to put people back in transportation, whether they are walking on a sidewalk, riding a bike, or driving a car.

Above all, Wade is a collaborative designer, partnering often with landscape architects and other design professionals. While he brings his technical skills to the design process, he values, trusts and promotes what landscape architects bring to the table as well.

In closing, it would be an honor to have Wade as an honorary member of ASLA because of his knowledge, vision, passion and willingness to collaborate with landscape architects. Please give this application the utmost consideration.

Sincerely,

Haley Blakeman, AICP, PLA, ASLA  
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February 11, 2016

RE: Nomination of G. Wade Walker, PE for Honorary ASLA Membership

To the Board of Trustees:

I have had the pleasure of working with Wade Walker on many urban infill neighborhoods, parks, and public open space projects across the country. In collaborating with us, I find he speaks our language and supports our efforts to pedestrianize and humanize our towns and cities by careful and thoughtful transportation planning.

He is knowledgeable and technically astute, but most of all, he has the vision necessary to transform transportation to enhance the urban environment. Our work with him includes multi-modal transportation corridors, complete streets, trail systems, and creative parking strategies for park and public open spaces, including event traffic logistics. He is a true urbanist, one who believes in traffic calming, gridded streets, and connectivity.

I whole heartedly support Wade's nomination for Honorary Membership. We need diverse professionals at our side every day; professionals who are creative, visionary and that possess the leadership qualities and skills to not only educate the public, but our fellow landscape architects as well, on what good transportation planning and design means to the future of our cities and towns. Wade possesses these qualities and would be a wonderful addition to our society.

Sincerely,



Frederick R. Bonci, RLA, ASLA  
Founding Partner  
LaQuatra Bonci Associates



Nature leads, art follows.