

Nominee Position Statement – Mississippi Chapter ASLA Trustee

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Background

Alan graduated with a BLA from Mississippi State University in 1985 and began his career as a landscape architect with Hartley P. Fairchild and Associates, P.A. in Jackson, Mississippi. Registered to practice landscape architecture in 1987, Alan went on to begin his own Landscape Design firm in 1996 and then to heading the newly formed Land Planning Group for JBHM Architects, the largest multi-discipline design firm in Mississippi. Alan is currently, since 2003, the Director of Community Development for the City of Madison, Mississippi.

Alan has been an active member of ASLA since 1990, and has held every position at least once including Chapter President during the 1999 Centennial Celebration. Since 2005 Alan has been the appointed chapter Public Relations Officer and Website Administrator. He is also the current President-Elect

Candidate Statement

In my opinion, ours is one of the best professions in the world. Landscape Architects have a unique opportunity to improve the way people experience life here on earth. From the homeowner to the municipality to the nation and the world, everything we do, in even very small ways, adds value.

As Trustee for the Mississippi Chapter, I plan to take this enthusiasm, and to help guide future policies that will make our profession that much more visible and capable of dealing with the complex issues of society.

Legislation currently being presented to Congress, including the, No Child Left Inside Act, the Green Resources for Energy Efficient Neighborhoods Act, the Energy Conservation Through Trees Act, and the Green Energy Education Act need to be refined and adopted. Each of these acts being proposed, mainly due to concerns over energy independence and global climate change, will improve people's lives, regardless of whether or not they deter those concerns. These types of legislative actions are important, and will greatly enhance the work of landscape architects in Mississippi and the Nation.

I also look forward to being a liaison between our state chapter and the national ASLA, and to be able to help improve and expand the impact of our profession in this state. Initiatives already underway such as the Small Community Visioning Pilot and the Historic American Landscapes Survey, among others, if enacted, will provide vehicles to help do that.

If elected I promise to do my best to promote, and advance, the role of landscape architects in Mississippi.