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Dear Trustees:

It is my distinct honor to nominate James R. Urban, FASLA, for the ASLA Medal of Excellence in recognition of his internationally renowned work with urban trees and soil.

Since 1982, Jim has been researching and testing ideas related to the installation of trees in the urban environment. His extensive research, articles, and lectures on urban trees, tree preservation, and urban soils have set the standard for establishing trees successfully and have helped our profession gain the skills required to successfully plant urban trees in landscapes ranging from suburban lots to difficult downtown streetscapes. He writes about plants for *Landscape Architecture* magazine and is the current author of the section in *Architectural Graphic Standards* on tree preservation, planting and urban tree planting. He is a visiting lecturer on Urban Soils and Urban Tree Planting at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design.

Jim's work has brought him into close association and collaboration with many leading arborist and tree researchers translating and developing applications of their ideas for landscape architects. His efforts have led to testing of new urban tree systems, planting concepts, and new approaches to landscape architecture design, detailing, and specifications.

Jim has created landscape designs for clients such as the National Geographic Headquarters and the Hirshhorn Museum Plaza. His institutional clients include the National Gallery of Art, the National Park Service, and the Smithsonian Institution. He has worked on many architecturally and historically significant properties including the East Wing of the National Gallery of Art and the Lincoln and Jefferson memorials.

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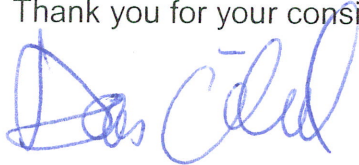
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Upon receiving a BLA from the College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse, Jim spent two years in Iran in the Peace Corps. He worked at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill before starting his own practice in landscape architecture.

For his efforts Jim has been honored with many awards and has been invited to make presentations at numerous conferences across the United States, Canada, and Europe. His work has been published in the *Journal of Arboriculture* and *Landscape Architecture* magazine. He is the recipient of the Professional Urban Forester Award from American Forest and a Merit Award from the ASLA for his research. He was inducted to ASLA Council of Fellows in the area of contributions to the knowledge of the profession.

Jim has lectured at Harvard Graduate School of Design, the University of Virginia, the University of Pennsylvania, and many other institutions. Currently, he maintains a landscape architecture consulting practice in Annapolis, Maryland, specializing in the design of urban trees and soils.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation,



Dennis Carmichael, FASLA