

February 13, 2009

Angela Dye President, FASLA
The American Society of Landscape Architects
636 Eye Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Recommendation for Honorary Membership

Dear President Dye;

I am writing to provide my heartfelt recommendation to recommend Ms. Nancy Somerville as an honorary member to the American Society of Landscape Architects. In my previous role as National President of ASLA, I enjoyed the opportunity to work with Nancy at many levels administrating the business of the society. Her commitment and devotion in keeping ASLA within view of our peer professions and the political community is always present.

As a professional executive to our organization, Nancy demonstrates a clear ability to understand our profession and communicates well our purpose even while she is not a trained practitioner within our field. This strong alignment of ideals, philosophy and stewardship of the environment makes Nancy Somerville an ideal candidate for this recognition.

Please feel free to contact me directly should you need additional support information for this recommendation.

Sincerely,



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American Society of Landscape Architects
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To the Board of Trustees:

I am writing what for me is a very easy letter. I enthusiastically endorse Nancy Somerville for Honorary Member in ASLA. I was fortunate to be among the first volunteers who got to work with Nancy. I was coming into office as president-elect about the time that she was getting started with ASLA. It was immediately apparent that she was a formidable leader, someone who had quickly assessed our profession's potential and who was eager to help us grow to it. I could not have been more fortunate.

During my time with the executive committee I had many opportunities to observe Nancy's interaction with others. She demonstrated time and again the skills of a careful listener and thoughtful communicator. Whether discussing the profession's future with the CEO Roundtable or the importance of what we do to the General Services Administration leadership, Nancy was on point and clear in articulating the issues that most mattered. She is excellent at making the case for landscape architecture and is often our best spokes person. And she truly cares about what we do and what we can do.

If I begin listing her many attributes I will surely leave some out, but I need to note that Nancy has assembled a first-rate team at ASLA, she directs but gives them room to succeed, she expects excellence and sets the example, and she makes working in an often demanding setting fun. She appreciates people and is valued in turn.

The growth in our profession since Nancy took over as EVP is not coincidental. She has heard us all ask for better visibility and she has made that a priority. She has heard us talk about the importance of a greener world, and she pushed us all to walk the walk with our green roof. She has given good counsel in tough times and tough counsel in good times. What more need I say?

Thank you for your consideration of Nancy for Honorary Member, ASLA. She has been our champion and this would acknowledge that in a way that I know would be deeply felt and appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rodney L. Swink". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rodney L. Swink, FASLA