

March 5, 2004

Mr. Dwight Weatherford, FASLA
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Dear Mr. Weatherford,

RE: Letter of Support for Professor Cameron Man FASLA for the 2004 ASLA Medal

I write to you in enthusiastic support of the Mississippi Chapter's nomination of Professor Cameron Man FASLA for the 2004 ASLA Medal. I do so with the strongest professional and personal conviction that I can muster.

I have known Cameron for almost thirty years. I met Cameron when he and I were both new faculty members in the School of Landscape Architecture at the University of Guelph, Canada. He came as the new Director and I as a novice assistant professor.

Being that I was new at teaching, Cameron became my mentor. He did so deliberately and with a great deal of care and compassion. Cameron elected to team-teach with me in my first few classes and provided me with many approaches that were both effective and appropriate and ones that I still employ today. What I particularly liked about Cameron was his openness and his flexibility. We would often sit and have coffee together, and although Cameron loves to chat, he would hear this junior faculty member out and challenge my ideas with kind wisdom and experience. Again, these are traits that I carry with me today.

One thing that I really appreciated in Cameron and is a sign of a true leader was his dedication, or better, is his determination to invest in people. He was constantly looking to ways in which I, and the other younger faculty members, could become more involved in the university and the profession. He would send us to meetings, conferences and other outlets so we could learn and grow. Cameron insisted that we host regional CELA meetings leading up to the international meeting held in 1984. To speak to the specifics of that meeting, it was the first time that the organization addressed the topic of instructional development. To this day colleagues still speak of the impact of that conference.

When the School of Landscape Architecture at the University of Arizona was threatened with closure in 2003, I immediately called Cameron to seek his advice. It was his recollection of previous struggles at other universities that led us to the three-part

strategy that eventually saved the program here in Tucson. His extraordinary supporting role should not be underestimated. It was significant. I particularly appreciated his many follow-up phone calls and emails of support and encouragement.

So it is on the note of *impact* that I wish to stress Cameron's contribution to the profession. Clearly his term as ASLA President and former term as CELA President and now his willingness late in his career to serve again that is significant. But the real issue is the leadership role that he has played in these duties. In CELA he was partially responsible for bringing the organization onto a more sound financial footing. He combined both the practical sense of operations with a vision for the future. These were not isolated events but his leadership has been sustained over the decades and not just within the borders of the United States.

Of note is the fact that it was Cameron Man and I who began what is the present discussion on the sustainability of the profession by questioning whether we are producing sufficient numbers of graduates to, at a minimum, replenish our ranks or even increase our numbers. The late Jot Carpenter took up this research and found our original assertion to be true. The point was that it took a forward thinker to see this problem in its infancy.

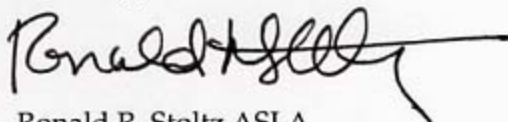
Although Cameron has received many awards in the past, the honor of the ASLA Medal would be a well deserved and lasting tribute to someone who has been an outspoken advocate for the role that educators play in the viability and quality of the profession of landscape architecture.

In closing, it is easy for me to write this letter of enthusiastic support. Cameron Man is one of those rare individuals who epitomizes the consummate professional. In his case, he *lives* the profession. I know of nobody who has worked so hard in such a meaningful way as he has. He has conducted himself with great passion and compassion.

I have written many letter of recommendation in past but none with such conviction as this letter in support Cameron Man's candidacy for the ASLA Medal. He is remarkable individual

I salute and thank the Mississippi Chapter's initiative in bringing his candidacy forward.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald R. Stoltz", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ronald R. Stoltz ASLA
Professor and Director