

Honorary Membership Nomination

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Nominator: Phillip J. Arnold, Honorary ASLA

As the Chief Architect of the U.S. General Services Administration, Ed Feiner provides national leadership for the design and construction activities of the agency and serves as the senior advisor to both the GSA administrator and the commissioner of the GSA Public Buildings Service (PBS). Ed directs the Office of the Chief Architect (OCA) within the PBS in Washington D.C.

The PBS is the landlord of the civilian federal government with a total inventory of over 330 million square feet of workspace for a million federal employees in 2,000 communities across the U.S.

Architectural, engineering, landscape architecture, and construction services are coordinated through the OCA. The OCA provides national leadership and guidance for administration of the Design Excellence and Construction Excellence programs, technical standards, security, research, accessibility, seismic programs, art, urban development, and historic preservation.

Ed played a significant role in establishing the GSA's Design Excellence and Construction Excellence programs, which engage the best private sector designers and construction managers to create award-winning courthouses, border stations, federal office buildings, laboratories, data processing centers, and other facilities. Under Ed's leadership, OCA seeks to leverage its federal real estate activities in ways that support community development efforts, striving to be a "good neighbor" by making strategic location and design decisions, participating with local customers and communities, and managing active public buildings.

Also, under Ed's leadership, OCA has issued a solicitation for landscape architecture firms to compete for indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity contracts to provide services as part of the First Impressions program. The aggregate dollar value of the services is estimated at \$12.5 million over the next five years. This is the first time GSA has contracted with landscape architecture firms as primes on federal projects.



Ed keynoted the 2002 and 2004 ASLA security design symposiums and arranged for GSA to be a major sponsor of and participant in both events, lending significant credibility to these events.

In another strong show of support for ASLA, he arranged for GSA to join the Society as a Corporate Member and serves as the Affiliate ASLA member.

Prior to joining GSA in 1981, Ed managed master planning for the Naval Facilities Engineering Command. In the private sector, he worked for Gruen Associates and for M. Paul Friedberg, FASLA, recipient of the 2004 ASLA Design Medal. Ed taught at Northern Virginia Community College for more than 10 years and currently lectures at Harvard University and numerous architecture schools and professional associations.

Ed is a Fellow of The American Institute of Architects and received the AIA's Thomas Jefferson Award for Public Architecture in 1996. He is a graduate of The Cooper Union (B. Arch. 1969) and the Catholic University of America (M. Arch/Urban Design 1971).

In recognition of his national achievements in promoting design excellence in the public realm, Ed Feiner is an outstanding candidate for honorary membership in ASLA.

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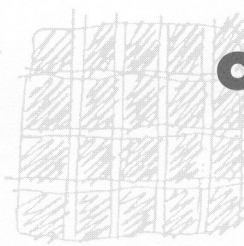
To: Susan L.B. Jacobson, FASLA
From: Len Hopper, FASLA
Date: September 3, 2004
Subject: Nomination of Ed Feiner for ASLA Honorary Membership

It is my pleasure to add my support to Philip Arnold's nomination of Ed Feiner for an ASLA Honorary Membership. Throughout his illustrious career, he has been a proponent and friend of Landscape Architecture.

Particularly in his work with the GSA and the Design Excellence Program, Ed promoted an integration of building and site that resulted in secure and beautiful Federal buildings across the country. He understands the importance of landscape architecture and its role in providing a friendly and inviting impression for this new generation of Federal buildings that strengthens the connection between citizens and their government. Under his leadership, the role of the landscape architect continues to grow and be a critical component in every Federal building project. As part of the First Impressions Program, the GSA will contract directly with landscape architecture firms as the prime consultant for the first time for professional design services.

Most noticeable has been the involvement of GSA in the security design efforts that ASLA has led since 9/11. For many years, GSA had forged a leading role in addressing security of its Federal buildings through design. After 9/11, these GSA efforts were important examples of what good security design should look like. It was very important in those weeks and months that followed the attacks, to promote longterm security design alternatives to the makeshift temporary barriers that were hastily put into place. In addition to leading by example, the GSA was a major participant and supporter of ASLA's Security Design Coalition and Security Design Symposiums in 2002 and 2004. Ed Feiner was a key participant in these efforts, sharing his time and expertise with a design community eager for the knowledge needed to respond to the heightened security requirements warranted by changing world events.

In addition to all his many accomplishments, Ed Feiner is a friend to landscape architects and a supporter of our profession. The building programs that he leads are a very visible and far-reaching testimony to his understanding of the importance of our role in the design process. An ASLA Honorary Membership for Ed Feiner is well deserved and has my enthusiastic support.



Susan Jacobson, FASLA
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1 September 2004

Dear Susan:

This letter is in support of the nomination of Edward Feiner for Honorary Membership in the American Society of Landscape Architects.

I recently met Ed at the ASLA Security Conference in Chicago, where we both participated in the final plenary session of the conference. As Ed gave the final Keynote Address, I was impressed with his enthusiasm and his desire to instill quality in the work being carried out by the GSA. In particular, I was impressed with his role in the establishment of the GSA's Design Excellence and Construction Excellence Programs. It was clear from his presentation that Ed's interest in design excellence extends beyond architecture and encompasses the landscape. Olin Partnership was fortunate to participate in the Design Excellence Program, as the design landscape architects for the U.S. Courthouse in Boston. In this project, the creation of a public esplanade and open space are integrated with the architecture and form a major section of the public open space along the Boston Waterfront.

In summary, Ed's enthusiasm and knowledge as well as his desire to engage the best public sector landscape designers make him an excellent candidate for honorary membership in the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Sincerely,

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Re: Ed Feiner, FAIA, Affiliate ASLA, for Honorary ASLA nomination

Dear Susan,

It is with great pleasure that I endorse the nomination of Ed Feiner to Honorary Membership in the American Society of Landscape Architects.

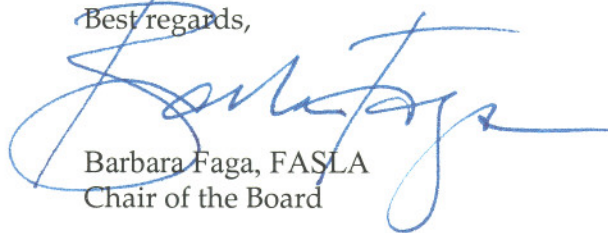
Mr. Feiner is a great example of a leader who has pretty much single-handedly changed government buildings for the better. . . Not an easy achievement. The GSA's Design Excellence program is a brilliant example of what government can do to encourage and foster great design. Our cities are changing for the better as a result.

Mr. Feiner is a friend to many of our firms as he has challenged designers to move beyond the ordinary design product that many believe the government has grown to expect. He actually demands that the streetscape, building transparency, hardscape and softscape design set an example for great design in the public realm.

We see the results of his work in many cities coveting their design awards for completed GSA building and streetscape.

I strongly support Ed Feiner's nomination.

Best regards,



Barbara Faga, FASLA
Chair of the Board

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