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Dear Trustees:

On behalf of the members of the Pennsylvania/Delaware Chapter of ASLA, it is my honor to nominate William H. Roberts, FASLA, for your consideration to receive the ASLA Medal.

A graduate of the University of Wales with a diploma in architecture and the University of Pennsylvania with a Master of Landscape Architecture, Bill is a founder of the firm Wallace Roberts & Todd, LLC, recipient of the 2004 ASLA Landscape Architecture Firm Award. Bill has had a significant influence on the firm and its work as well as on the broader field of landscape architecture. A pioneer in extending the boundaries of landscape architecture to address wider planning and urban design challenges, he brings to his projects a seasoned wisdom and an unusual gift for design that artfully addresses both pragmatic, environmental and aesthetic issues.

Since the firm's inception in 1963, Bill has worked on numerous master plans and designs for new communities, urban redevelopments, universities, colleges and schools, and other projects across the country and abroad. Among his most notable projects are the comprehensive plan for the City of Sanibel, Florida; master plans and designs for the Inner Harbor Baltimore; Amelia Island Environmental Resort, Florida; Chesterbrook, a new mixed use community in Pennsylvania; Fairmount Park Master Plan, Philadelphia; and the Philadelphia Museum grounds. Academic master plans and designs include Haverford College, Lafayette College, Franklin & Marshall College, Haverford School, Penn Charter School, Boston College, and Philadelphia College of Textiles & Science.

Bill served on the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Fine Arts for 12 years and has been active on boards and committees of institutional and professional organizations related to planning, design, and conservation.

In many years of practice, his countless successful projects demonstrate his talent for synthesizing successful design from the elements of the site along with the desires of the client as well as the user needs. A common thread throughout his projects is their relationship to the public. Bill believes that the ultimate measure of a project's success is the experience and enjoyment of each and every user. From waterfronts to ballparks, urban streets to barrier islands, the ultimate user has always been in the forefront of major design criteria.

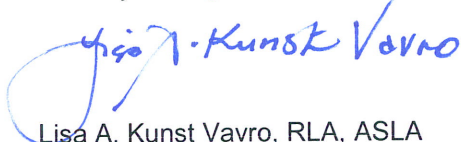
Bill's involvement in education, his many publications, and his public service are all reflective of his commitment to his profession and society at large. He received the ASLA Bradford Williams Medal in 1974 and was inducted to the Council of Fellows in 1992.

Bill has consistently and generously provided valuable time and expertise to the public, to his profession, and to students. He has always pushed for a commitment to excellence in intelligent and practical ways across an extraordinary range of work. Bill's partners say he could be meeting with a private school headmaster in the morning, a hard-nosed developer in the afternoon, and the board of a corporation for dinner, in each setting he is authentically at ease and in command of his work. This is all due to his incredible skills of inquiry and his willingness to listen to other points of view—invaluable traits for a landscape architect.

Taking the ecological heritage of his firm and the profession seriously, Bill was not content to see work in progress where diligent effort had not been placed in looking at the context of the site's natural resources. He was an advocate for the environment long before it was recognized—and now demanded—by the general public.

William H. Roberts, FASLA, has worked throughout his career to help build the profession through teaching, mentoring, and contributing to groups like the Landscape Architecture Foundation. There is not a more appropriate way to honor his commitment than to present him with the ASLA Medal.

Thank you for your consideration,



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