

Board of Trustees
American Society of Landscape Architects
c/o Carolyn Mitchell, Honors & Awards Coordinator
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Dear Trustees:

It is an honor to nominate Frederick R. "Fritz" Steiner, FASLA, for the ASLA Community Service Award. I can think of no one more generous with his time, expertise, and effort in providing sustained *pro bono* service to communities and community organizations throughout his professional career.

Fritz is the Dean of the School of Architecture at the University of Texas at Austin, but despite his amazingly busy schedule, he unselfishly contributes his expertise in environmental planning, design excellence and sustainable design to organizations and communities across the country. Fritz refuses to place boundaries on his capacity to serve the public. Where he sees a need, he commits with tireless enthusiasm and energy. He serves on the boards of directors of the Heritage Society of Austin, the Hill Country Conservancy, and the Center for American Places. He was appointed by the Mayor to the City of Austin Bond Election Advisory Committee and serves on the Site/Landscape Design Committee for the Dallas Center for the Performing Arts.

From 2002 until 2006, Fritz served on the Board of Directors for the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. He has chaired the Planning Committee since 2002, and also has been a member of the Executive Director Search Committee and the Oversight Committee. The consummate collaborator, Fritz recently negotiated the merger of the Wildflower Center with the UT School of Architecture, leveraging new resources for both programs.

Since 2002, Fritz has worked with the Envision Central Texas/Central Texas Visionary Project, a five-county regional planning effort, and serves on its Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, and the Implementation Committee. From 2004 until 2006, he co-chaired the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

Fritz has served on the board of directors of the Landscape Architecture Foundation since 1994 and has been vice president for research and education (1995-2001), president-elect (200-2001), president (2001-2002), and vice president for research (2003-present).

And these are just a few of his *recent* commitments. Since 1978, Fritz has contributed notable community service demonstrating sound principles or values of landscape architecture:

- 1995-2001 Planning Team for Elsie McCarthy Garden for the Blind, Glendale, AZ
- 1995-1997 Blue Ribbon Committee, Maricopa Association of Governments
- 1993-1999 Board of Trustees, Phoenix Desert Botanical Garden; chair of long-range planning committee and member of executive committee; as chair of the planning committee, Fritz was responsible for a new master plan that resulted in a \$16 million capital campaign.
- 1992-1993 Advisory Panel, Land Ethics program, Center for Respect of Life and Environment.
- 1992 Task Force on costs of environmental and other externalities associated with the production and consumption of electricity, Arizona Corporation Commission
- 1990-1991 Verde River Corridor Technical Advisory Committee
- 1989-1992 Phoenix Futures Forum
 - ad hoc* environmental ordinance/policy committee, which drafted element for Phoenix General Plan
 - Environment and Natural Resources Action Committee
 - Drafting Committee, Final Report (Phoenix 2015, published January 1990)
 - Liaison with the Phoenix General Plan Update
- 1989-2001 Conservation colleague, National Park Service
- 1986-1987 Pullman Main Street Council, Design Committee
- 1983-2000 Pullman Civic Trust, founding member; Board member (1985-1987); co-chair, Palouse Path Workshop (1986); Palouse Path Task Force (1986).
- 1978-1979 City of Pullman, Washington, Planning Commission
- 1978-1979 Planning activities with the Kalispel People (a Native American community), Usk, Washington
- 1978 City of Pullman Flood Plain Committee for Comprehensive Plan Revision

Fritz is one of the busiest people I know. With a full-time position in academic administration at a major university, as an Academic Fellow of the Urban Land Institute, as a Fellow in the Institute of Urban Design, and as a leader in local philanthropies, his schedule is always full. Yet he still finds time to serve on the ASLA/Wildflower Center Sustainable Sites Product Development Committee, numerous ASLA juries, is an Associate member of the American Institute of Architects, and participates in the Philosophical Society of Texas.

By recognizing Fritz with the ASLA Community Service Award, we will be honoring an individual who can serve as an inspiration to landscape architecture professionals far and wide as an extraordinary model of community service.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Christopher Dimond". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a horizontal line striking through the middle of the letters.

| F. Christopher Dimond, FASLA
Chairman, HNTB Planning