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Honorary Membership Nominations
c/o Honors and Awards
636 Eye Street, NW
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Dear Nomination Committee:

On July 1, 2010, landscape architects in South Carolina implemented their first major law changes since 1994. These changes overhauled the program by moving it to a new department, updating licensure requirements, adding a continuing education requirement, and re-establishing our former Advisory Council into a full Board. We were enthusiastic for the update, but there was one change that made us nervous: it added two public members to our Board.

People barely know what landscape architecture is. How would we find public members to serve on the Board? How would we bring them up to speed to oversee a profession that they probably hadn't heard of?

On August 14, 2014, the Governor's office notified us that we had our first public member named Jean Catalano. Mrs. Catalano quelled our fears at her first Board meeting, and has exceeded our expectation of public Board members. Her dedication to the profession and high level of activity have not only made her an invaluable Board member in South Carolina, but a model of the public Board member nationwide.

Jean Catalano has been instrumental at keeping the Board on track and optimally engaged with the profession nationwide. Her suggestion to implement strategic planning led to administrative changes that have streamlined licensure in South Carolina (such as online applications, expedited reviews of non-standard applications, and removing the pre-approval process for candidates to sit for the Landscape Architect Registration Examination), and to regulatory changes that clarified the continuing education requirement in South Carolina. We've taken great strides forward with her on the Board, largely thanks to her perspective as a public member that opened our eyes to how our decisions impact not only landscape architects, but the general public as well.

Mrs. Catalano is not only a valuable Board member, but an outstanding individual. She is kind, caring, and compassionate. She was one of the first people to call me after the death of my father in 2020, and after my husband's emergency surgery last fall. Her work isn't just policy, it's focused on the good of the people and overall well-being. She knows what "welfare" means, and how to engage in and encourage it. Simply put, she is a great person.

I highly endorse Jean Catalano for honorary membership in the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA). She would be an excellent addition to the ranks, and a wonderful and insightful member who cares about the profession as much as any landscape architect I've met in my twenty-two years of work with the SC Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners. I've often wondered if a non-professional could care about landscape architecture. She proves that they can.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information on Mrs. Catalano's nomination.

Best Regards,



Sherri F. Moorer, Program Assistant



January 12, 2022

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Please accept this letter of endorsement to nominate Jean Catalano for honorary membership in the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA). Mrs. Catalano is the first public member to serve on the SC Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners. Her service has been exceptional and beneficial to the profession of landscape architecture and the State of South Carolina.

Mrs. Catalano has been an active Board member and advocate for the profession since her initial appointment to the Board on June 30, 2014. She suggested that the Board engage in "strategic planning," which identified several areas of friction in the licensure process. These efforts removed barriers to licensure and encouraged growth and diversity in the field of landscape architecture. Her efforts have resulted in several strides forward, such as:

- The Board's expedited review processes for non-standard applications,
- The development of an online application process,
- Removing the pre-approval process to sit for the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE),
- Fine tuning the processing and review of continuing education audits, and
- Drafting and supporting the 2020 regulatory changes that clarified our continuing education requirements.

Mrs. Catalano's insight as a public member gives us a valuable perspective on how our work can better serve the citizens of this State. She regularly participates in meetings with the Council of Landscape Architect Registration Boards (CLARB), who regards her as a "model public member," and has applied for reappointment to the Board.

Jean Catalano is an excellent representative for the Board and a wonderful advocate for the profession of landscape architecture. Her dedication, knowledge, enthusiasm, leadership, participation, and willingness to learn are a model not just for the profession, but also as a way of life. I support her nomination for honorary membership in ASLA. She will be a valuable addition to the association

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February 3, 2022

Honorary Membership Nomination
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Dear Nomination Committee,

It is my pleasure to nominate Jean Catalano for Honorary Membership in the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA).

Ms. Catalano has been an exemplary public board member of the South Carolina Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners since the requirement of a public board member was established in 2014. Ms. Catalano joined the board without any knowledge of what landscape architecture is. Over the past eight years, she enthusiastically learned the importance of our profession and how landscape architects provide services that protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of South Carolina. She has become an advocate for the profession of landscape architecture as evidenced by her interest, knowledge, participation, integrity, and willingness to grow and learn. Sometimes this involves encouraging change and viewing long-held protocols through a different lens, for example in licensure issues. Ms. Catalano encouraged the Board to conduct strategic planning to alleviate friction issues in the licensure process. This resulted in several procedural changes streamlining the application process for emerging professional applying to sit for the landscape architecture registration exam (LARE).

Very often honorary memberships, in any organization, are given to individuals in high office or position with influence over policy, regulation, or law. Ms. Catalano has no such influence or constituents to please. Ms. Catalano simply gives of her time and talents, without compensation, to serve the people and landscape architectural community of South Carolina.

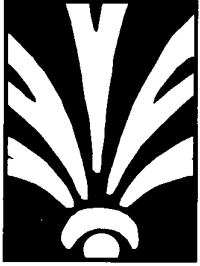
I have been a registered Landscape Architect for 13 years and serve as the South Carolina ASLA Advocacy Chair. I attend the South Carolina Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners meetings as a liaison between the Board and our state chapter. It has been my privilege to have met Ms. Catalano on several occasions. I found her always engaged and on point; her membership would be an asset to our profession and ASLA.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew M. Cheatham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

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January 20, 2022

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Dear Committee,

Jean Catalano currently serves as a public member of the South Carolina Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners. She well represents the public and is an excellent advocate of the profession.

Ms. Catalano is well deserving of an honorary membership in the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA). I fully endorse her as a nominee and know that she would humbly accept the recognition and honorably represent ASLA.

Jean has devoted her time to learning landscape architecture and how licensure of the profession benefits the public. She has been eagerly active on our board. Her participation in numerous CLARB meetings has encouraged other public members and non-landscape architects to take an active role in licensure issues.

I have personally served SCASLA in various capacities in the 1980/90s, SCASLA President in 1990 and have over 35 years of service to CLARB and the SC Licensure Boards. I have yet to meet a more eager and knowledgeable public advocate of the Landscape Architecture profession than Ms. Jean Catalano. I whole heartedly support the nomination of her as an Honorary Member in the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Respectfully,

Laura G. Dukes, RLA



February 2, 2022

Honorary Membership Nominations
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Dear Committee,

It is my honor to be writing this letter of support for Jean Catalona to receive Honorary Membership. Rarely, do we can show volunteers how much we appreciate their time and dedication to our profession.

Jean serves on our state licensing board of examiners as a public member for years. During our time in this position, she has taken her role seriously by learning about landscape architecture and the benefits our licensure brings to our state. Her fellow board members describe her as enthusiastic, cheerful, and a delight to serve beside. This honor will allow us to thank Jean for her dedication to our profession and all landscape architects in South Carolina.

Thank you for your time and consideration in considering this nomination.

Sincerely,

Holley Bloss Owings, ASLA, PLA
Trustee South Carolina Chapter

