



**FELLOW  
CHARLES MICHAEL OLIVER, FASLA**

Nominated by the Florida Chapter 2005  
Elected in the Category of Service to the Profession

1944-2015

Florida mourns the loss of landscape architect in Mike Oliver, FASLA, PLA, truly an unsung hero of our profession. Throughout the 45-plus years since Mike first became associated with ASLA, he had continued to actively participate in and support the mission and vision of the Society and brought this same level of dedication and commitment to local and statewide service projects. He had diligently sought to promote ASLA as the soul of the profession of landscape architecture. The imprint of this dedication to service is not manifest in national accolades, but is recognized rather in countless small accomplishments centered on improving Florida's regional environment. Projects and activities that involve education, with a special focus on youth; have been a major component of Mike's professional service efforts. Mike recognized that the future of our profession lies with the success of ASLA and the young landscape architects who will grow the discipline into the mid 21st century. Mike's desire to teach and his unique credentials have served the public while enhancing our profession by his distinctive and impressive example through these many years.

Mike served the Florida Chapter well as Section Chair many times, Fellows Chair and LARE Review instructor for more than 20 years. He was an advocate of young landscape architects, a mentor and a supporter. Mike also gave generously of his time, effort, and used his insider knowledge to guide the establishment of the Historic American Landscapes Survey in Florida as an ASLA Florida Chapter program. He was elected Fellow in 2005 based upon his long term service to ASLA and the profession as noted above.

Mike will certainly be missed as he has touched many lives. He was a special friend to the Chapter and UF, and he loved helping the younger landscape architects and students. This was evident in the LARE Prep sessions as one could see how much he cared. His wealth of knowledge is going to be hard to replace as he could be counted on to help in all sections of the LARE. He had a tough but kind way about helping the attendees of the LARE Prep course. No one could get away with a free pass. They had to earn it. Mike will be there in spirit as the LARE Prep continues.

The profession and those of us touched by him will miss his sage advice and giving nature.