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Harry Schuster Service Award Bestowed By Association of Professional Landscape Designers™ (APLD)

HARRISBURG, PA – Timothy N. Thoelecke, Jr., APLD of Glenview, IL was presented with the Harry Schuster Service Award in Austin, Texas at the winter conference of the Association of Professional Landscape Designers. The award is presented to that person who most reflects the enthusiasm and selfless efforts required to further the association.

Deanna Pillarelli, 2001 APLD President, presented the award to Thoelecke and noted his extensive service to the organization. Thoelecke served on the Association's Board of Directors through 2000 and was responsible for the development of the APLD policy manual as well as working as regulatory chairman. He eventually moved through the ranks to serve as President in 1999. During his tenure, Thoelecke was responsible for locating a management company for the administration of the organization and worked tirelessly to find one on behalf of the Association. He serves as a mentor and assists all who ask for his advice and support.

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Harry Schuster Award Presented

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Pillarelli said, “Tim has been a member of APLD since 1992 and served on its Board of Directors for 7 years and as President for almost a full 2 years. He was always a great resource for those who served with him and a mentor for those who came after him. As Education Chair Tim instigated the APLD Speakers Bureau. He is also the primary author and organizer of the APLD Policy Manual and has guided us through finding and choosing two of our past management companies. We believe Harry Schuster would be very proud to know that Tim is being honored in his name.”

Harry Schuster was a founding member of APLD. He was a mentor to many budding landscape designers and a shot of adrenaline to those who found their fire or spirit failing. Schuster was known for his energy, enthusiasm, sense of humor and zest for life. The Harry Schuster Service Award exemplifies these traits.

Thoelecke thanked the organization for the recognition and noted that the award was bestowed in remembrance of Harry Schuster. He asked those present to remember Schuster as a strong APLD supporter, an avid outdoorsman and a leading industry mentor. He said, “I appreciate the honor being given to me today and want to remember all that Harry Schuster did for our organization during his time with us.”

The Association of Professional Landscape Designers was incorporated in February 1989 to bring together persons engaged in landscape design in order to advance their common interests. The goals of the APLD are to advance landscape design as an independent profession and to promote the recognition of landscape designers as highly qualified, dedicated professionals. For more information about APLD, visit the organization’s website at www.apld.org.

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