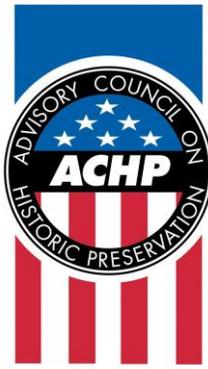


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President Obama Names Milford Wayne Donaldson Chairman of Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

WASHINGTON, DC – President Barack Obama has named Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA, to be the next chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP).

“I am honored by President Obama’s appointment and look forward to working with the federal government’s historic preservation programs and its partners to share the many benefits of preservation more broadly throughout the nation,” Donaldson said. “Most importantly, I will build on the ACHP’s valuable efforts integrating sustainability and historic preservation, taking an active role in the Section 106 process as it pertains to alternative energy development, and building a new generation of preservationists by engaging youth in service learning programs.”

Donaldson currently serves as the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) for the state of California. The SHPO serves as chief administrative officer of the Office of Historic Preservation in Sacramento and as Executive Secretary of the State Historical Resources Commission. Prior to his appointment as SHPO in 2004, Donaldson served as president of the award winning firm “Architect Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA” since 1978, specializing in historic preservation services. He is licensed to practice architecture in California, Nevada and Arizona and holds a certified license from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards. He is affiliated with several historical and preservation organizations and is a past president of the California Preservation Foundation and past chair of the State Historical Building Safety Board, the State Historical Resources Commission, and the Historic State Capitol Commission. He holds a Bachelor of Architecture and a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. Donaldson received a Master of Science in Architecture from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland, and a Master of Arts in Public History and Teaching from the University of San Diego.

Donaldson will serve a four-year term as chairman of the ACHP. Donaldson succeeds outgoing Chairman John L. Nau, III, who served two full terms as ACHP chairman following his appointment by President George W. Bush. Nau’s terms were marked by stronger commitment to and fulfillment of the ACHP’s leadership role in federal historic preservation as originally intended by the provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 that created the agency and much of the nation’s historic preservation infrastructure.

“I congratulate Wayne on his appointment as chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation,” Nau said. “His leadership and dedication to historic preservation will ensure a bright future for the ACHP.”

For more information on the ACHP and its members please see www.achp.gov.

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