

To NESAC Committee, Heart of Virginia Council, BSA:

It is my honor to nominate Rob Comet for the NESAC Outstanding Eagle Scout Award. I've known Rob since 1981 when we first worked together at SWA Architects and as part of Troop 443 committee where he served for over 25 years.

Like most Eagle Scouts, Rob understands the value of leadership and service. He understands how to build a team and guide it to perform at a high level. Rob has consistently done that throughout his career, his involvement in the community, and with young men in Scouting. The following resume highlights should illustrate what I mean:

Education

BS in Architecture – University of Virginia

Master of Architecture – University of Michigan

Career

Let one of Rob's business partners give you his perspective: "Rob's career has had an incredible impact on Richmond and communities across the Commonwealth of Virginia," says Charles Piper, a principal with Quinn Evans. "He has modeled genuine servant leadership in our company and been active in the growth and development of so many of his colleagues. His leadership is also evident in his service to school and government clients and in the extraordinary commitments he has made in serving and guiding a host of critical civic and non-profit organizations."

His notable career was recognized by fellow architectural professionals when he received the 2002 Distinguished Achievement Award from the Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), and the 2022 Marcellus Wright Jr. Award from the Richmond AIA. Both awards are among the highest recognitions presented by architectural professionals to a peer.

Rob spent his entire career based in Richmond where he oversaw many award-winning and high-profile design projects. One such project was the development of the Richmond City Public Schools System-Wide Facilities Master Plan.

A founding partner of BCWH Architects, he served as president of the firm until it merged with Quinn Evans in late 2018. The merger enabled Comet to share his expertise in design, including complex renovation and historic preservation work with Quinn Evans teams throughout the firm's six offices in the mid-Atlantic and upper Midwest.

Community

Rob currently serves as president of the Capitol Square Preservation Council in Richmond and is also active in the Historic Richmond Foundation and Richmond's Communities in School.

Comet's past community involvement has included serving on the:

- Board of directors of the Maymont Foundation
- Richmond City Planning Commission

- J. Sargent Reynolds Community College Advisory Board of Directors
- Boy Scouts of America Heart of Virginia Council Executive Board
- Homeward Advisory Board
- Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Foundation

Scouting

For the past 25 years (well after his son attained Eagle), Rob has been an integral part of Troop 443 adult leadership. As registered member of the Troop Committee, he mentors the young men to plan and execute an aggressive outdoor program - and participates on many of the excursions.

Rob was instrumental in the development of the Goochland Reservation where his firm master-planned the Cub Adventure Camp and designed its structures, worked with a committee to create the Reinhart STEM Center, and most recently laid out a new master plan for the entire reservation.

Hopefully I've given you a glimpse of how high Rob set the bar for those who follow. His life's work and service should be a model to all who follow.

Thank you for your consideration.

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