

Professional Biography

Ron D. Sladek



After obtaining his M.A. in Modern American History from the University of Colorado followed by postgraduate studies in historic preservation at Colorado State University, Ron Sladek has been working professionally in the field of history and historic preservation since the late 1980s. He founded his own historic preservation consulting practice, Tatanka Historical Associates, in 1992.

Over the past few decades, Ron has documented hundreds of historic resources throughout the Rocky Mountain West, including everything from log cabins and ranch properties to downtown high-rise buildings, and from cemeteries to airports, highways and ski resorts. In addition to completing historic surveys and planning studies, Ron has written landmark nominations for more than 70 properties across the region. He also assists clients with strategic planning, the development of interpretive signage and brochures, and has participated in numerous historic structure assessments. Ron has been involved with the production of eight short documentary films focusing upon historic subjects and sites and provides regular lectures and tours on a broad variety of historic and preservation topics.

Ron is the recipient of History Colorado's Josephine H. Miles Colorado History Award, along with preservation honor awards from the cities of Aspen and Fort Collins. He has also received the National Preservation Honor Award from the American Society of Landscape Architects for his documentation and restoration planning for Aspen's Ute Cemetery. From 2011 to 2016, he served as chair of the Fort Collins Landmark Preservation Commission and has participated in Colorado Preservation Inc.'s Endangered Places Committee for over twenty years. From 2013 to 2019, he was appointed by Governor Hickenlooper to the Colorado State Historic Preservation Board, which reviews and votes on all state and federal landmark nominations. Since 2017, he has also been serving as president of Historic Larimer County. Although based in Colorado, Ron's consulting practice extends far beyond the state, including numerous projects completed in California, Idaho, Nevada, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming.