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Dr. Allison serves on the boards of several not for profit organizations dedicated to preserving the architecture, physical records, and historic artifacts of New York area communities. He was for 10 years (1990-2000) president of the Historic Districts Council, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to New York City preservation. As president, he organized its transformation from an all-volunteer organization operating out of a post-office box to one with a full-time staff and citywide impact while increasing fundraising over 50-fold. He serves on the Rebuild Lower Manhattan Task Force of the Metro Chapter of the American Planning Association and is a Vice Chair of the National Council for Preservation Education, the body that sets standards for and certifies preservation programs. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

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Dr. Allison's awards include a 1998 appointment by Mayor Giuliani as a Centennial Historian of New York City and election to membership in the Salzburg Congress on Urban Planning and Development and the Institute for Urban Design. He is profiled in *Who's Who in America*.