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ACHA Fall Luncheon and Presentations

Over 140 credentialed healthcare architects and guests attended the ACHA Fall Luncheon as part of the Healthcare Design Expo & Conference in Houston, TX. Along with the presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Award to James Diaz, ACHA’s newest Fellows, Philip LiBassi, FAIA, FACHA, Gary Owens, FAIA, FACHA and Mark Vaughan, AIA, FACHA were introduced and awarded their Fellows medallions.

Attendees at the luncheon received a high-energy presentation from Steve Jenkins, Senior Advisor with the Sg2 consulting group. His talk on game-changing strategies in healthcare, covered a variety of topics including: expected changes to the Accountable Care Act, expansion of healthcare and hospital networks, a shift to value-based reimbursement systems and rightsizing of healthcare service lines. Jenkins believes that Accountable Care Organizations and VBR are just “training wheels” for more comprehensive changes providing cost-effective healthcare. Jenkins’ presentation slides can be viewed on ACHA’s website at: http://healtharchitects.org/Pages/Certificate-Holder-Luncheon.aspx.
James R. Diaz, Recipient of 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award

Venerated healthcare architect James Diaz, FAIA, FACHA, received ACHA's 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award at the ACHA Annual Luncheon in Houston on November 13, 2016.

After earning his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering with Honors from Princeton University in 1961 and his Master of Architecture with AIA-Medal from Harvard Graduate School of Design in 1965, Jim began his career as a healthcare architect while on active military duty in Washington D.C. During his 48 years with Kaplan McLaughlin Diaz (KMD) Architects in San Francisco, his contributions as a principal and owner helped bring international prominence for innovation and design excellence to the firm.

In California, Jim is a leader within Spanish and Hispanic communities and has been honored for his contributions by the Government of Spain. His outside activities and professional contributions have also made him an effective spokesperson for the AIA in Spanish-speaking associations of architects and communities in Latin America and Spain.

Jim shared his memories of the original AIA Committee on Hospital Architecture. (This was the original AIA group from the 1960’s, which eventually became the Academy of Architecture for Health.) Jim also served as the 2016 chair of ACHA’s Council of Fellows. Many ACHA architects attending the luncheon had worked with Jim at one time or another. Jim thanked his many friends, family and architectural colleagues in his acceptance speech.

ACHA Certificant Spotlight:
Marni Murdock, AIA, ACHA

How did you first get involved with healthcare architecture?

By happenstance, the first firm I worked for after college focused mainly on healthcare projects. It didn't take long for me to decide that healthcare architecture was my calling. I love the complexity of healthcare design, the technical and regulatory challenges, and most of all the fulfillment of creating solutions that contribute to healing environments. Over two decades later, I still feel the same way.

What motivates and excites you about healthcare architecture, planning and design?

I am very fortunate to work with talented colleagues and caring clients. A successful project is due to the effort of an entire team. That synergistic energy motivates me to give 100+ percent. It is exciting that even if we do, say three EDs in the same year, each project has unique qualities from which we learn and improve.

Which of healthcare's "megatrends" will have the greatest impact on your practice, and why?

In Hawaii, we have a higher aging population than the rest of the nation, which focuses importance on managing chronic disease and finding innovative ways to help people age in place. Remote patient management and medical devices, telemedicine and outreach through technology are more prevalent than ever. Working with our clients on the integration of technology and design solutions to meet the forecasted rise of chronic disease is imperative. Concurrently we continue to be involved with projects that transition patient care delivery from the acute care setting to community and retail facilities, increasing convenience for patients while lowering associated costs.
Hamilton Receives Changemaker Award

ACHA founder, D. Kirk Hamilton and Jaynelle Stichler were the recipients of the 2016 Changemaker Award presented by the Center for Health Design at the recent Healthcare Design Conference in Houston. A large audience attended the event, at which both Kirk and Jaynelle were interviewed about their life experiences and career accomplishments.

In response to receiving the Changemaker Award, Kirk said, “It is humbling to be included among the list of so many of my heroes, like Roger Ulrich, Robin Orr, and Derek Parker. I am proud of what Jan and I have accomplished with the HERD journal and how it contributes to the growing body of evidence in our field. This shift towards an evidence-based practice model is important, and I’m glad to have played a small part in advocating for it.”

Kirk Hamilton is the Julie & Craig Beale Endowed Professor of Health Facility Design in the department of Architecture at Texas A&M University. He is co-editor, with Jaynelle Stichler, of Health Environments Research & Design (HERD) peer reviewed journal. Kirk is an emeritus principal of WHR Architects as well as the founder and first President of the American College of Healthcare Architects.

ACHA Legacy Project Award at the 2017 PDC Summit

Make plans now to attend the 2017 PDC International Summit & Exhibit in Orlando, FL. A highlight of the conference will be the award presentation to one of the finalists selected for the ACHA Legacy Project Award on Monday, March 13. The award presentation will be followed by an in-depth look at how the original planning and architecture has evolved to stand the test of time and contribute to a changing health care environment. Discussion will focus on the leadership qualities, project drivers, team experiences and the story of this year’s award winning place of healing and its impact on subsequent design and patient care. Be sure to attend to see who the Legacy Project Award winner is for 2017!
Fellows Reception

The ACHA Fellows joined the Board of Regents for a reception on Saturday evening preceding the College’s Annual Luncheon. The event was generously sponsored by FKP Architects and Westlake Reed Lesosky. Sid Sanders, Senior Vice President for Construction/Facilities Design and Real Estate Management at Houston Methodist, shared information and trends at Houston Methodist.

Past Presidents Mark Nichols, Don McKahan and Peter Bardwell

FH Parkway

FKP Architects CEO Diane Osan and Chris Cook visit with colleague and new Fellow Gary Owens

Regents Angela Mazzi and Bill Hercules congratulate new Fellow Phil LiBassi

Anthony Haas mingles with Sid Sanders

Congratulations to the 2016 New Certificate Holders

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James Atkinson*
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Anne Bilsbarrow
Elizabeth Carroll
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Patricia Rice-Spivey
Dan Thomas
Mark Tiscornia
Anthony Treu

*Former ACHA Candidate Members
President’s Message

I trust that your holiday season delivered all the fanfare and delight for which you had hoped, and that the new year will offer abundant joy with a sense of satisfaction in reflections of time well spent.

In the spirit of the season I want to take just a moment to thank Past President Anthony Haas for his hard work during his final year of service on the College Board. His voice of reasoned perspective will be missed as we move ahead with the College agenda. I also want to thank President Mark Nichols for his leadership this past year. A sense of calm patience has characterized his efforts to steer the College in exciting new directions. I am particularly pleased to note his continuing contribution and counsel in the coming year as Past President. And to the other Regents for the College, including new Regent Steve Templet, I feel so blessed to have your wisdom shaping the work of the College. Thank you for your excellent service.

As we look forward to 2017 please note that the Board will be focused on two things, both of which are a continuation of work begun in 2016. First, the Board has worked very hard to thoughtfully review all of the activities and expenditures of the College in view of fulfilling one priority: the purpose of the ACHA. As simple as that sounds, “scope creep” is as real in associations as it is in the business of most of the projects we undertake for our clients. The By-Laws of the ACHA specify:

The purpose of the College is to provide for special Board Certification for licensed architects working in the area of healthcare facility architecture and to facilitate the further education of licensed architects certified as specialists in the area of healthcare facility architecture.

Two things emerge within that purpose: Board Certification, and the further education of licensed certified architects. That is fairly concise, and clear. Even a cursory review of current College activities finds things that don’t fall tightly within that scope. We have experienced purpose creep. And the unfortunate reality is that everything the College does, related to the stated purpose and beyond, are well done, meaningful, worthwhile things into which the College has poured time and resources for years. Still, the Board in 2016 stepped back for an honest review of our activities, not for how well done they are or whether they are meaningful, but simply whether or not they support the purpose of the organization. I’m sure I don’t have to tell you that such an initiative was very demanding.

The second thing with which the Board will be focused in 2017 after “purpose creep” is the relationship of the College to its sibling organizations: the AIA Academy of Architecture for Health (AAH) and the AIA-AAH Foundation. Many people reading this are deeply involved with all three, but it would be difficult to know that by just observing the work of the three organizations. While for legal and other reasons these organizations currently exist and must remain legally independent, there is a growing cry for common sense and reason to evaluate their activities to identify opportunities for greater coordination and/or alignment. This pursuit promises dividends in the areas of reduced confusion among those watching (and even for some participating in) the work of the three organizations, reduced duplication of effort, and greater fulfillment of each of the organization's purposes.

For 2017, the ACHA Board of Regents is focused on continuing to refine its agenda and budget to reflect purpose-critical activities, and on continuing to elevate the conversation among the sisters to find alignment and coordination of activities where it makes sense to do so.

It is my great pleasure to serve as your President during a year so filled with potential.

A. Ray Pentecost III, DrPH, FAIA, FACHA
President, American College of Healthcare Architects, 2017

Welcome New Board Member, Steve Templet

Please welcome Steve Templet, AIA, ACHA to the 2017 Board of Regents. Steve has 25 years of professional experience, concentrating on healthcare planning and design. He currently serves as a Senior Project Manager in Sizeler Thompson Brown Architect’s Healthcare Design Group. He has led healthcare master-planning and design efforts at many of the local healthcare facilities in the region and has been recognized for both his leadership and management of these projects. He has served on the College’s Certification Committee for the last seven years, the last four years as the committee’s chair.
MARCH 12-15, 2017
PDC Summit & Exhibition
Orlando, FL

JULY 20-23, 2017
Summer Leadership Summit
Chicago, IL

NOVEMBER 11-14, 2017
Healthcare Design Expo & Conference
Orlando, FL

THE ACHA VISION
- Transforming healthcare through better built environments

THE ACHA MISSION
- To distinguish healthcare architects through certification, experience, and rigorous standards

THE ACHA EXISTS
- To enhance the performance of the practice of healthcare architecture through its certification, continuing education and other programs

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- The distinguishing credentials of a specialized healthcare architect to clients, prospective clients and other architects as well as advanced continuing education

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