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## ACHA Fall Luncheon and Presentations

Over 130 credentialed architects and guests attended the fall ACHA Annual Certificate's Luncheon while at the Healthcare Design Expo & Conference in Washington, DC. Along with the presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Award to Ralph Hawkins, ACHA's newest Fellow, Sheila Cahnman, AIA, FACHA was introduced. Cahnman is president of JumpGarden Consulting, in Wilmette, Illinois.



2015 ACHA Annual Certificate's Luncheon

Luncheon guests received an insightful presentation from Senior Vice President of National Facility Services at Kaiser Permanente (KP) Don Orndoff, AIA. Orndoff spoke about KP programs to improve design excellence in their healthcare facilities. KP takes a "life-cycle" strategy in the planning, acquisition and operation of its real estate assets.

Orndoff described KP's project development process and outlined the "Preferred Provider Program." This program provides KP a select list of proven architectural, engineering and construction teams for their facility projects.

Orndoff also outlined KP's latest *Design Excellence Guide* and their new design awards program for Kaiser Permanente building projects.

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Don Orndoff, Kaiser Permanente

# Ralph Hawkins Receives 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award

**Ralph Hawkins, FAIA, FACHA** received ACHA's 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award's Hamilton Medal at the ACHA Annual Certificants' Luncheon and Awards Ceremony in Washington, DC. Hawkins' first introduction to the building profession was on a construction site as young man. His father, Hubert Hawkins, encouraged him to consider a career in architecture. Beginning as an intern at HKS in 1973, Hawkins eventually worked his way up the ranks to become president and then chairman.

Hawkins spoke of his childhood experience with hospitals and how this drew him to healthcare architecture in his later life. He shared his life story and 40-year career with HKS. In conclusion, he recapped his involvement with ACHA and AIA-AAH and thanked all of his many friends in both organizations.



Ralph Hawkins receives the 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award medal from Peter Bardwell.

## Welcome New Board Member, Angela Mazzi



Angela Mazzi

Please welcome **Angela Mazzi, AIA, ACHA**, to the 2016 Board of Regents. Mazzi's work focuses on enhancing

quality of life through built environments – connecting great design with user needs. As a senior associate and senior medical planner at GBBN Architects, she implements evidence based design and Lean principles to bring empathy to healthcare design projects around the nation. Mazzi has been invited to speak nationally and internationally, write articles, teach classes and participate on juries because of her deep healthcare experience and research in human behavior. She is actively involved in ACHA, serving as chair of the AENC from 2011-2015 and currently as chair of the Legacy Project Award. Mazzi also serves on the Advisory Board of the Institute for Patient Centered Design and the Board of Directors for AIA Cincinnati and is a peer reviewer for both the *Health Environments Research & Design Journal (HERD)* and the *AAH Journal*, and was an Advisory Board member for Arizona State University's Healthcare Design Program during its initial years.

## ACHA White Paper

# Modeling a Next Continuum to Manage Process and Asset Change

By Donovan K. Smith Jr., AIA, ACHA

Change is an inevitable and iterative process, influenced by a range of factors driving evolution in our environment. These factors involve human decisions, yet are influenced by natural conditions, cultural choices and technological controls as fundamental truths in evidence. In the next continuum, management of functional process and physical assets must recognize integration that drives change.

Today, the increasing pace of technological advancements and resource limitations are paralleled by awareness of value and a comprehensive perspective on continuous improvement at lower cost in quality of life and care. This white paper expresses a triple-aim perspective on evolving comprehension of transcendent change under technological control, a holistic ability to manage transitional change to provide cultural choices and a life-long learning passion to discover meaning and create sustainable solutions.

To read the complete white paper, please visit the Resources page at [www.healtharchitects.org](http://www.healtharchitects.org).



## ACHA Legacy Project Award at the 2016 PDC Summit



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Make plans now to attend the 2016 PDC Summit in San Diego, California. A highlight of the conference will be the award presentation to one of the ACHA Legacy Project Award finalists on Monday, March 21, 2016. 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 healthcare environment. The 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 2016!

# President's Message

Happy New Year to all candidates and certifiants! I am excited to share with each of you news of our steady growth in numbers of the organization at the certificant and candidate levels. The positive feedback we have received from many of you concerning what certification in the ACHA means to you personally verifies the importance of our holistic efforts to bring certified healthcare design professional services to our many and varied healthcare clients. I am also pleased to let you know that involvement in committees, task forces and strategic planning efforts is at an all-time high in terms of your participation. We thank those of you who have put forth your effort, and want any of you who may be interested to join our organizational committees to know that there are opportunities for you to assist us in the new year.

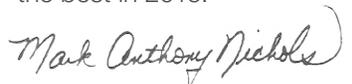
The Board of Regents, along with each committee chairperson, met for a day-long Strategic Planning Session in Washington, DC, prior to the start of the Healthcare Design Expo & Conference this past November. Our report to you is that while our numbers are growing, we wish to continue to increase the number of new candidates by engaging in a dialogue with architectural firms represented by certifiants within ACHA. We are dedicated to understanding how we can more fully support potential candidates on their path towards certification including application and resume submission and preparation to sit for the certification examination. Through initiating conversations with firm leaders, we will ask for input on how increased certification could best provide recognition and value to ACHA.

ACHA will continue to increase the number of Examination Preparation Seminars that have been held at venues such as the ASHE PDC Summit, Summer Leadership Summit, The South Atlantic Regional Conference (SAR), the Healthcare Facilities Symposium & Expo and many other state and local AIA meeting venues. If you know of a meeting of architects where healthcare design is the topic of conversation, ACHA would like the opportunity to present at their event. We were happy to announce at our annual luncheon in November that 29 architects have become newly certified in 2015, and that 11 new candidates have joined the ranks of ACHA!

In 2016, ACHA will continue to reach out to healthcare client organizations such as the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) and the Advisory Board. Through continuous dialogue, ACHA will work to better understand how best to serve our clients, not only through our design services, but also through generating opportunities for our certifiants to speak on topics that bring stronger awareness of the benefits that thoughtful healthcare design brings to patient, staff and organization's needs in times of demanding space and budget constraints. This past year, our Advanced Educational Network Committee initiated a request for white papers and presentation topics that our certifiants have prepared and presented in years past so that we have a database by which we can respond to requests from organizations holding national, regional or local events. ACHA will support our certifiants to present where needed!

In a recent conversation with a client, the discussion centered on the changing face of what ambulatory care will mean to healthcare organizations in the years to come. I immediately thought about the numerous presentations that ACHA certifiants have provided just in the past year at national events on many aspects of meeting ambulatory care design challenges, and how this expansion and migration of services continues to make us rethink the concept of a medical center campus as well. The access to and sharing of this knowledge by our certifiants, with our clients (and our candidates) enhances opportunities for successful design projects through stronger client/architect collaboration.

In closing, I invite all of you to log into the ACHA website at [www.healtharchitects.org](http://www.healtharchitects.org) to see the enhanced options for finding out more about all that is ACHA. Let us know what you think! On behalf of the Board of Regents, we wish you the best in 2016.

  
Mark A. Nichols, AIA, FACHA  
2016 ACHA President



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## *Congratulations to the New ACHA Certificate Holders*

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Noelia Bitar\*  
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Michelle L. Teague  
Zachary T. Wideman

\* Former ACHA Candidate  
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## MARCH 20-23, 2016

2016 PDC Summit  
San Diego, California

## JULY 22-24, 2016

2016 Summer Leadership Summit  
Chicago, Illinois



## INTERESTED IN MENTORING AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE?

Contact the ACHA Executive Office at 913-895-4604 or [ACHA-Info@goAMP.com](mailto:ACHA-Info@goAMP.com).

### 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

### THE ACHA PROVIDES CERTIFICANTS

- » 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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