

ACHA

ACHA 2020 Annual Report



The **American College of Healthcare Architects** provides certification for architects who practice as healthcare specialists.

Our body of certificate holders includes healthcare architects throughout the United States and Canada with specialized skills and proven expertise. ACHA is the first specialty certification program to be recognized by the American Institute of Architects.



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Our 20th Anniversary Year

2020 has been quite a year, to say the least. Despite the challenges we all have faced this year and may continue to face in the near term, we have persevered. After 20 years and through an unprecedented time, ACHA continues to stand strong, thanks to our certificate holders. Certificate holders responded to a time of crisis in their healthcare communities and as an industry. We also thank our dedicated healthcare workers in this time of need and healing.

2020 Goals:

- 1) Polish Processes
- 2) Nurturing Alliances
- 3) Actively Engage

As we reflect on these goals, we recognize and appreciate the dedication and service of our Board of Regents and committees in making these goals a reality.

Polish Processes: We worked hard to refine and redefine how we operate. We took a hard look at our Bylaws and Policies and Procedures including our new portfolio submittal process. We now offer the option of taking the exam before or after submitting a portfolio. Our investment in a new operating software called Certemy will offer greater efficiencies in recertification, certification and awards submittals as well as profile management. Since we have shifted our focus from “producing” educational content to promoting educational content, we launched a task force to explore the definition of continuing competency. Stay tuned for more in 2021.

Nurturing Alliances: Our collaboration as part of the 4 Pillars, alongside the AIA Academy of Architecture for Health (AAH), the AAH Foundation and FGI is now in our third year. Also, our valued relationship with ASHE continues as we mutually support each other’s missions through recognition and thought leadership.

President's Report (cont.)



ANNIVERSARY



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Two Decades
of Board Certification

Actively Engage: We are excited about our newest committee this year, the Career Path Committee (CPC), focusing on connecting with our certificate holders and potential future certificate holders. By engaging candidates where they are, we can introduce the value of ACHA certification in their career pathway. We have also assembled an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) task force to address how we can proactively improve our candidate engagement and the diversity of ACHA. Lastly, the Board of Regents were thrilled to see about 20% of our certificants join in our inaugural regional virtual Town Halls. We appreciate everyone's feedback and engagement. Networking and connecting with one another was one consistent welcomed theme we will continue into 2021.

It has been an honor to serve as President of ACHA for 2020. Thank you to all the certificate holders who volunteer and serve on our committees and the Board. Without their dedication and commitment, we wouldn't be where we are today. Consider becoming involved and encourage a colleague to become certified. Together we grow and prosper.

Thank you,

Vince G. Avallone, AIA, ACHA, ASHE, NCARB, LEED AP BD+C, CASp
2020 ACHA President

Past President's Council Report



PAST PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL CHAIR

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

John W. Rogers, FAIA, FACHA

John W. Rogers, Architect
Cincinnati, OH

The Past Presidents have been busy this year despite the unusual impact of the pandemic. The Past Presidents have been considering how the history of the College should be captured and preserved. Morris Stein, FAIA, FACHA is chairing a Past President's task force to develop policies and procedures for past and future documents relevant to the College as well as how and where it will be stored. The Past Presidents are also looking at the Lifetime Achievement Award application and how the successful candidate is selected, and the role of the Past Presidents in promoting and sponsoring possible candidates.

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HKS
Phoenix, AZ

Kirk Hamilton, FAIA, FACHA

Texas A & M University
College Station, TX

Executive Office Report

The College staff embraced the strategic theme set forth by the Board of Regents: The Year of Engagement. Staff supported and drove focused projects aligned with that theme. The highlights below demonstrate the collaborative and supportive relationship between the College, Regents, and staff.

Active Engagement & Nurture Alliances

We are saddened that we were unable to see our certificants in person this year as we celebrated our 20th Anniversary. Celebratory sketch-books are being mailed to active certificants who did not pick up theirs in person at the 2019 Healthcare Design Conference, as a “Thank You” for your ongoing commitment to transforming healthcare through better built environments. We hope you have enjoyed seeing the many faces of the College on our social media platforms and through our Profiles & Spotlights.

Furthermore, it was a pleasure to get to know many of our certificants during regional Town Halls hosted virtually this fall. Your feedback has helped guide our strategic priorities.

We have continued to strengthen our relationship with ASHE. In particular, we have had ACHA certificants serve to plan annual conferences and review/select speaker proposals. This year, we also obtained agreement from both organizations to allow us to identify educational content offered at these conferences as advanced level. Look for the ACHA logo to appear next to sessions starting in 2021.

We have also formed a task force on the Future of Healthcare which will include ACHA certificants as well as members from ASHE, ACHE and the Beryl Institute. This initiative will position our organization as a source of thought leadership as well as strengthening these relationships with allied organizations.

Polish Processes

In July, the College launched our new certification platform. Certemy is now a one-stop-shop for exam applications, Portfolio submission, Fellowship, and recertification. We have streamlined and simplified the recertification process which now includes installment payments for annual recertification. Throughout the year, you can access your profile for updates and track your continuing education.

For potential certificants and Candidates, the College has de-coupled the exam and portfolio. Candidates and applicants may now take the exam and submit a portfolio in any order. More details can be found in our new, redesigned Certification Handbook.

Executive Office Report (cont.)

Your Team

Katherine Hughey, Executive Director, leads the College's staff team as well as provides the College with executive and financial oversight. ACHA's staff team includes:

- Raven Hardin, Association Manager
- Debbie Jennings, Meetings Manager
- Diane Northup, Account Coordinator
- Brianna Wilson, Membership Data Coordinator
- Crystal Rankin, Communications
- Peter Harris, Communications
- Paul Hagar, Communications
- MaameYaa Nanti, Accounting Coordinator

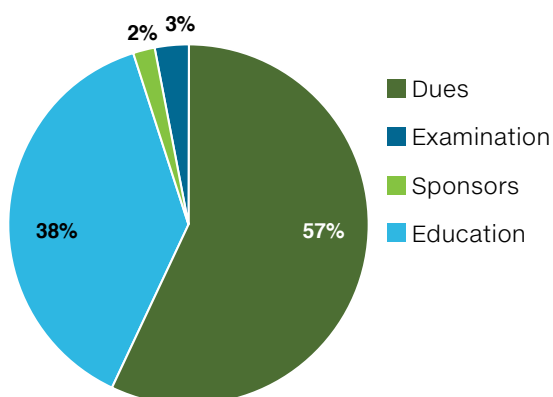
Not pictured: Maameyaa Nanti



2019 Finance Report

Fiscal Year: January 1 – December 31, 2019

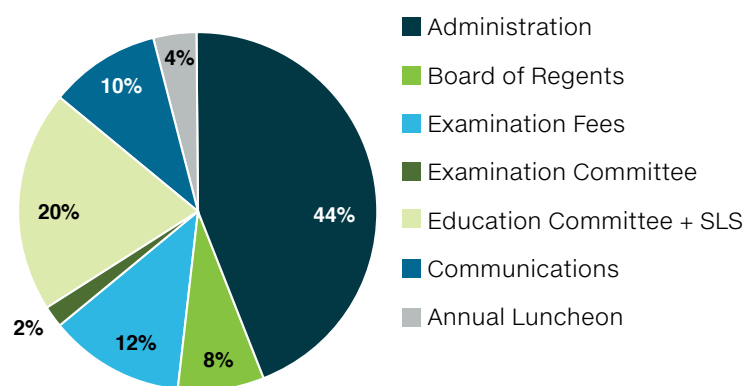
REVENUE



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Dues	\$273,533
Examination	\$16,080
Sponsors	\$7,700
Education	\$182,247
TOTAL	\$479,580

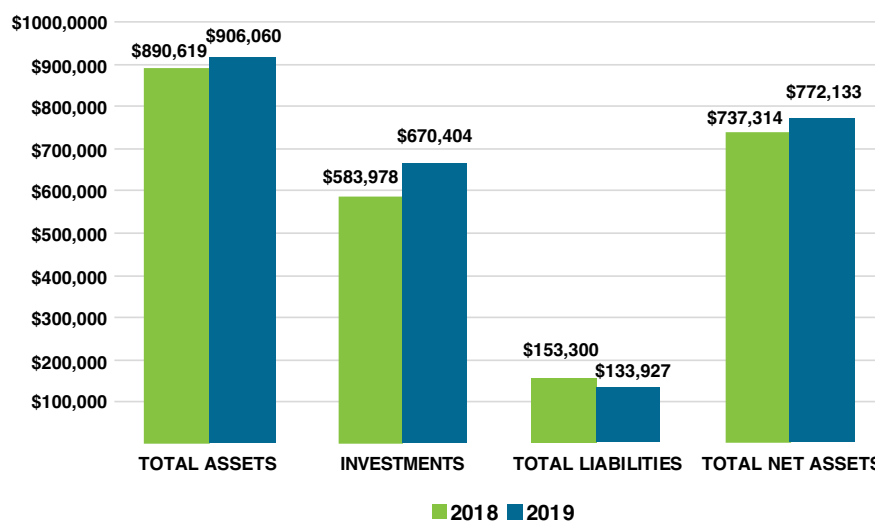
EXPENSES



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Administration	\$231,878
Board of Regents	\$42,759
Examination Fees	\$61,597
Examination Committee	\$9,687
Education Committee + SLS	\$109,208
Communications	\$53,677
Annual Luncheon	\$22,322
TOTAL	\$531,128

2018 & 2019 FINANCE REPORT

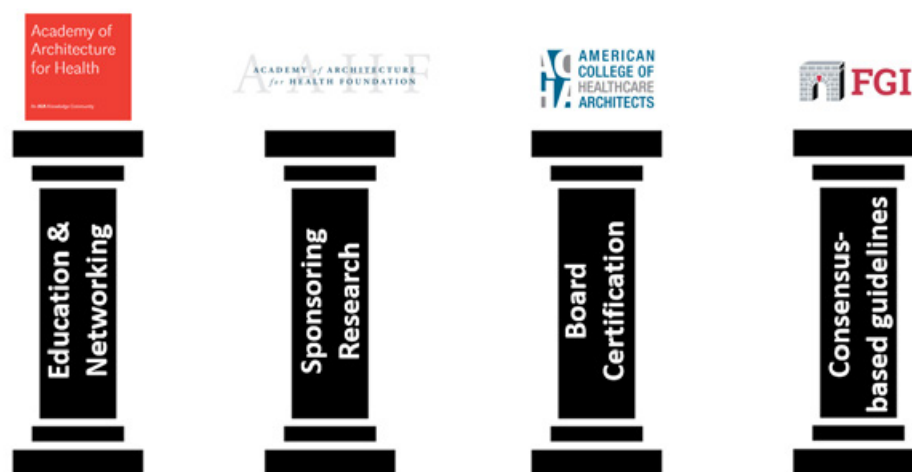


Continuing Competence Committee

In the past year, the Education Committee has evolved its focus from production of educational content to the methods of maintaining certification competence. This committee is charged with working with the AAH and other groups to ensure high-level content is readily available to certificants and promoting that content to certificants. The means of achieving this is still under development and will likely include a set of standards for content that speakers must meet.

A task force, which includes members of the Continuing Competence Committee (CCC) as well as candidates and non-certified AAH member, has been formed to evaluate the competence needed to be an ACHA certified architect. This is tied to the value that a board certified architect brings to a project. The committee began by researching how peer certification bodies measure competence. Input was also gathered from certificants during the Town Hall meetings and from clients to ensure the minimum competency is aligned with industry needs. The task force will solidify the definition of the ACHA minimum skill set by the end of the year. The next task will be to reevaluate how we as certificants demonstrate our continued competence each year — whether by attending educational sessions (i.e. LUs), contributing to the profession through speaking and writing, and other means that might be submitted through the LU Self-Report Form.

Pillars of Healthcare Architecture



Continuing Competence Committee (cont.)

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Awards Committee

Awards recognize either an individual's significant body of work, a project's groundbreaking architecture, or achievements by a person or organization that deserve public recognition. The Awards Committee is comprised of the standing Fellowship Committee, the Past President's Council Lifetime Achievement Award, and the non-standing Legacy Project Award and Presidential Citation; the latter two awards may or may not be granted annually at the discretion of the College. The mission of the Awards Committee is to reward achievements in the transformation of healthcare through better built environments.

Fellowship Committee

The Council of Fellows was founded to advance the unique qualities of the profession of healthcare architecture by demonstrating and celebrating achievements of national significance. Fellowship is the highest honor bestowed on certificate holders of The American College of Healthcare Architects. This committee is responsible for reviewing fellowship applications and recommending to the ACHA Board those individuals who demonstrate the highest level of achievement, to be known thereafter as a member of the "Council of Fellows."

At the recommendation of 2019 Chair Jean Mah, John Pangrazio chaired the 2020 Jury for which he selected five jurors with geographic, professional, and personal diversity. The six-member Jury met three times utilizing a formal rubric based on stated nomination criteria; diligent deliberations resulted in unanimous support of two candidates. The Jury recommended the Board of Regents elevate both certificants to ACHA Fellows.

Awards Committee (cont.)

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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EYP, Houston, TX

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HKS, Denver, CO



Awards Committee (cont.)

Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award is the highest honor bestowed on a single individual certificate holder of The American College of Healthcare Architects, living or deceased, in recognition of a significant body of work of lasting influence on the theory and practice of healthcare architecture over an architect's career. This award is called the Hamilton Medal and is bestowed upon no more than one nominee in any single award cycle. The award is adjudicated by the Past President's Council who act as jury with the Immediate Past President as Jury chair. The Past President's Council determined not to bestow this award in 2020, and they are currently evaluating and realigning the program to ensure it meets the College's strategic objectives.

Legacy Project Award

Since its inception in 2013, the Legacy Project Award represents the highest honor that the ACHA can bestow upon a project - a testament to its lasting impact on how healthcare facilities are designed. This award recognizes healthcare architecture that has and continues to demonstrate superior planning and excellence in design performance over an extended period of time, and remains of enduring significance.

The Board of Regents requested that a task force review the original intent of this award with respect to past recognition, current alignment with ACHA values, and future viability. The task force formed comprise individuals representing diverse experience as either previous LPA submitters and/or jurors, ACHA Fellows, and architects practicing with firms or healthcare systems.

LEGACY PROJECT AWARD TASK FORCE MEMBERS

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Indiana University Health, Indianapolis, IN

John Pangrazio, FAIA, FACHA
NBBJ, Seattle, WA



Awards Committee (cont.)

PRESIDENTIAL CITATION AWARD

The ACHA President may recognize the achievements of an individual or organization that serve the best interests of The American College of Healthcare Architects. Such Presidential Citations may be for any reason benefiting the ACHA either by extending public influence about the value of ACHA Board certification; recognizing significant individual achievements toward the end of a non-certificant's career; or recognizing sustained financial or in-kind contributions of an organization's support of the ACHA.

Certification Committee

The Certification Committee is responsible for the application and portfolio review process to ensure the relevance of the College to the healthcare design industry. The main focus and effort of the committee is the review and approval of candidate portfolios for examination eligibility. The committee provides recommendations to candidates regarding portfolio questions and eligibility concerns in conjunction with ACHA staff.

In 2020 the committee reviewed 74 portfolios during the two portfolio review periods (early bird and regular deadlines).

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Jennifer Youssef, AIA, ACHA

RS&H, Houston, TX



Communications and Outreach Committee

The mission of the Communications and Outreach Committee (COC) is to increase awareness and presence of the College through publications, online platforms, public relations, marketing and overall media presence. This committee is responsible for the public face of ACHA, and continued to build and enhance the College's multimedia platforms; YouTube, LinkedIn, Twitter and the AHCA website. Recent accomplishments include, 20th Anniversary promotion, website updates, certificant survey, 100% increase in application submissions and increased value to certificants through the promotion of their profiles across various online platforms.

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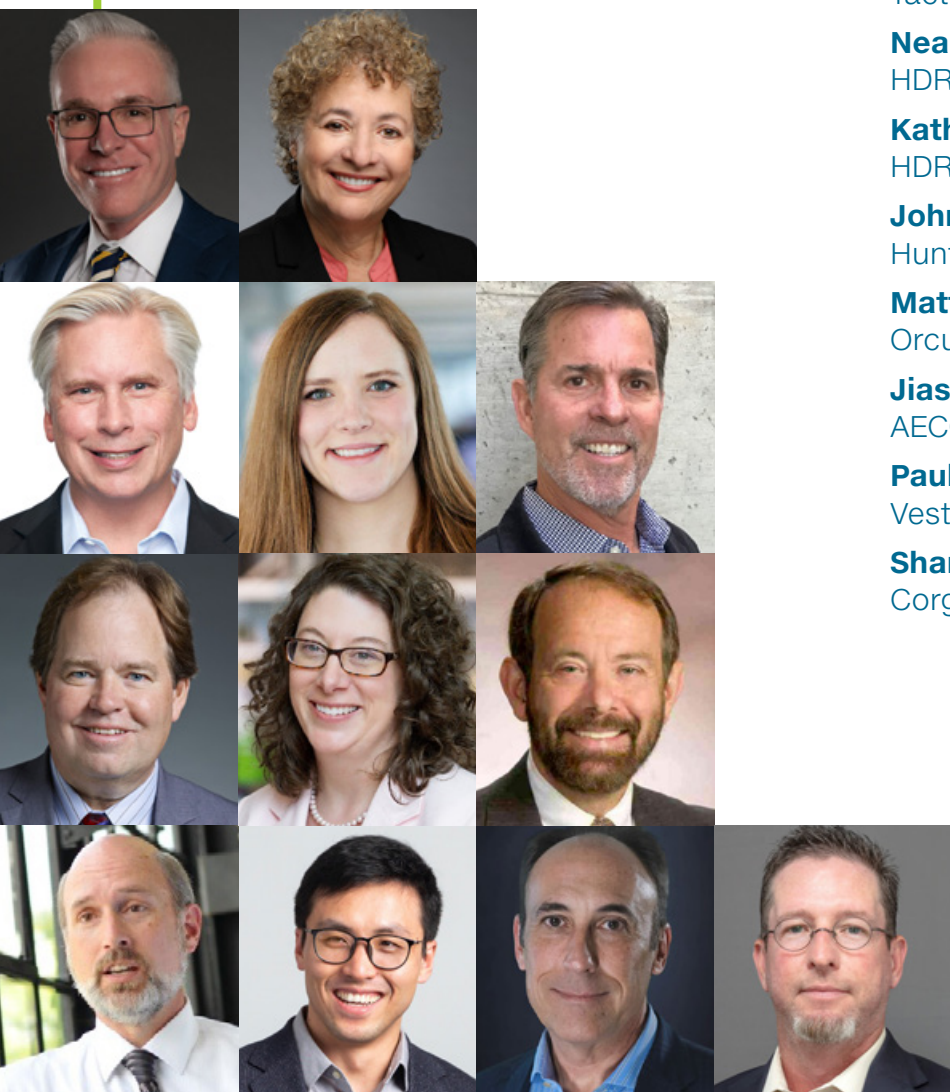
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Jiashuo Liu, ACHA
AECOM, Shanghai, China

Paul Sabal, AIA, ACHA
Vestal Corporation, St. Louis, MO

Shane Williams, AIA, ACHA
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Examination Committee

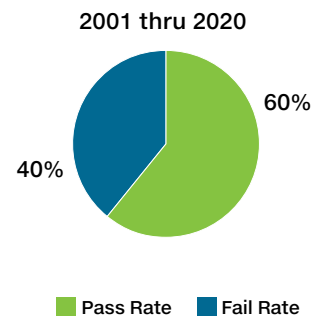
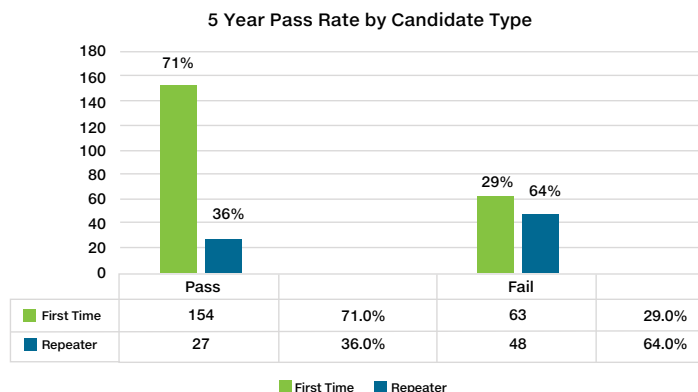
The Examination Committee develops the certification examination with expert psychometrician guidance to ensure that the examination is professionally sound and legally defensible. The committee oversees that all examination questions refer to the detailed content outline and can be referenced appropriately. As part of the Exam Committee process in 2019, the content outline was updated, which then required the 2020 Examination Committee to reevaluate the exam to make sure the updated detailed content outline was reflected. The committee meets regularly to update the practice exam, write new examination questions and review the current exam to ensure accurateness.

This year, due to the content outline revision, the Cut Score Committee was formed to evaluate the complexity of the revised exam and determine a recommended range for the exam cut score. This is done every five years and the group is made up of representatives from the Exam Committee, the Jobs Analysis Committee, and recent certificants.

Exam Statistics

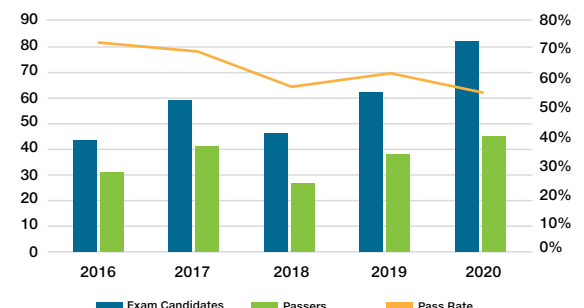
Summary

Due to COVID-19 concerns and testing limitations, the College pushed the exam testing window from July to August for this year. The College experienced an all-time high of 82 exam candidates in 2020. Of those, 19 were repeat examinees, which ties 2019 for the record high. Since moving to one examination window in 2015, the average pass rate is 63%, ranging annually between 55% and 72%. The overall pass rate since 2001 is 60%.



First Time v. Repeater Examinee Pass Rate

In 2020 the first-time examinee pass rate was 63.5%; the repeater pass rate was 26%. In 2020, candidates performed better during their first examination attempt. Over the past five years, the first-time examinee pass rate was 71%; the repeater pass rate was 36%; more than half of repeater examinees failed a subsequent attempt. Overwhelmingly, first-time examinees outperform repeat examinees.



Examination Committee (cont.)

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Examination Committee (cont.)

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HDR, Salt Lake City, UT



Career Path Committee

The Career Path Committee (CPC) was formed this year, as a successor to the Recruitment & Retention task force, for the purpose of serving as an organizational framework for connecting with our certificate holders and potential future certificate holders. The committee engages stakeholders along the career arc of healthcare architecture to identify, communicate and reinforce the value and role of the College, and expand its touchpoints with potential, emerging, advancing and emeriti ACHA certified healthcare architects.

The committee includes ACHA certificate holders and, importantly, an ACHA candidate, with the intent of assuring diversity across various geographical regions and different points in their professional careers.

The primary task of the committee is to facilitate entry into the College and to communicate, and add to, the value of ACHA to current and future certificate holders, through initiatives including but not limited to:

- Identify the range of constituencies that presently make up ACHA certificate holders and who may be potential future certificate holders.
- Identify touch points and ways that the College and its certificants can engage with these constituencies including programs currently offered to young and emerging professionals as well as professionals recognized for upholding the values of the College.
- Communicate the mission and clarify the value of the College with various constituencies.
- Identify ways to accelerate and facilitate the path to ACHA certification.
- Build connections, mentoring and sponsorship initiatives across the career arc between experienced certificate holders emerging professionals and future candidates for certification.

Has moved forward rapidly toward addressing its mission. Action items have been drafted for each of three broad constituencies:

- Pre-licensure
- Post-licensure / Pre-certification
- Post-certification

Each initiative of the committee is assigned a champion and core group of volunteers with near-term (2020) and longer-term (2021) targets for implementation.

Career Path Committee (cont.)

COMMITTEE CHAIR

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Clemson University, Clemson, SC

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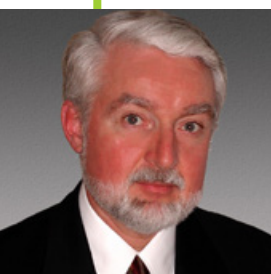
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EYP, Denver, CO



2020 Class of Fellows



William C. Ayars, AIA, FACHA

Perspectus Architecture
Cleveland, OH

Bill has built a practice model profoundly impacting healthcare design, sharing his knowledge by mentoring a generation of future architects and creating resources which provide hope for a social change.

CRITICAL OBSERVATIONS OF THE PATIENT ENVIRONMENT

Bill has brought his heart and soul to a career dedicated to the advancement of healthcare design with an architect-as-patient centered design philosophy. This became a personal initiative when he was able to share his own experience in therapy settings with a critical eye for opportunities to enhance and improve personal dignity and providing best-in-class environments for the leading national healthcare systems.

His daily mantra champions this process and instructs his healthcare team members for success – to Dream, Plan, Journey, Focus, and Celebrate. This focus creates simple, elegant solutions to complex challenges while fostering a healing environment. Bill's approach introduced a design for Family Practice at the Cleveland Clinic, which needed to completely redefine the caregiver and patient zones. This allowed for multiple levels of caregivers to interact with patients and each other, and led to a new design guide for family practice settings across the entire Cleveland Clinic system.

For dialysis patients spending hours in treatment, he challenged his team to re-imagine the patient experience at Centers for Dialysis Care. The work area was reoriented to provide a setting which benefits both the patients and caregivers. Bill's ability to create positive clinical outcomes and enjoyable patient environments has cemented his role as a trusted advisor to healthcare clients.

This same rigor has been applied to other areas of the healthcare facility, where his team was recognized for the Cleveland Clinic Robert J. Tomsich Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Institute laboratory design with an AIA Cleveland Design Merit Award-Winning LEED Gold certified laboratory.

He has successfully inspired his own firm team members to humanize their projects within a challenging, highly-technical environment with remarkable and repeatable results and his expertise has been recognized and sought after as a collaborator on a national basis, demonstrating the respect of his peers.

2020 Class of Fellows (cont.)

MENTORING FUTURE LEADERS

Mentoring efforts have also been recognized at the national level, through the success of his employees. Adam Yaracs, supported by Bill and Perspectus Architecture, was selected to become the 2018 President of AIA's Cleveland Chapter and received the 2019 AIA National Young Architects Award.

Bill co-created the first-ever sponsorship of "Lecture Laureates" at Kent State University which has connected the dots between practice and academic studies with guest lectures from British architect, author and educator Farshid Moussavi; Manuelle Gautrand, and Dutch architect Francine Houben, Design Director of Mecanoo. This substantially enriched the discourse at the university and in the professional architectural community.

These efforts are underscored with a commitment to excellence by participating on the committee tasked with setting the standard for the ACHA board certification exam.

Within his own firm, he recognized the need for continuous learning and so created Perspectus University to motivate knowledge-sharing at Perspectus Architecture. They implemented a plan for healthcare architects to pursue speaking engagements and white papers with resulting national, regional, and local contributions and through mentoring, the firm now has four ACHA board-certified healthcare architects.

The impactful support and commitment to the architectural community illustrates his talents go well beyond design and will be a legacy that is continued at Perspectus Architecture.

FOUNDED THE EMERALD JENNY FOUNDATION

Bill's proactive leadership and empathy was critical, after the tragic loss of his daughter Jennifer Emerald Ayars, as he felt the need to identify, develop and create a resource for families struggling to find help and so established The Emerald Jenny Foundation.

He led a small team to focus on providing hope for those struggling with a substance-use disorder by researching available resources, by documenting and categorizing them, and providing free access to the public. This simple approach based on his process of Dream, Plan, Journey, Focus, and Celebrate had a profound impact and resulted in private/public partnerships. Reaching many, it assisted more than 200,000 to locate available help.

These efforts were recognized at both the state and national level in addressing this crisis. The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services requested a partnership agreement with the Foundation due to the success and the federal government created a similar national resource three years after The Emerald Jenny Foundation resource, demonstrating that the foundation was ahead of the curve in the efforts to help solve a national crisis, and to provide a valuable approach.

For his work, Bill was recently chosen as a recipient of the 2020 AIA Ohio Public Service Award.

2020 Class of Fellows



Abigail Clary, AIA, FACHA

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Pushing a health practice to break with tradition is not for the faint of heart, and Abbie Clary has not only gone there, she's built a movement to spur transformational breakthroughs in healthcare design.

IN PURSUIT OF IMPACT

Abbie's uncanny ability to see the unique possibilities within each design challenge is her gift. She has built and led the best teams in the country in the unruly task of delivering design solutions that catapult beyond precedents and find the humanity in the detail. She actively seeks out projects that can influence the most pressing challenges: breaking down the social determinants of health (Focal Point Community Campus), helping people regain abilities after traumatic injuries (Shirley Ryan AbilityLab) and pushing health systems to completely upend their approach to capital project delivery strategies to keep pace with change (Kaiser Permanente's Modular Medical Office Building Center of Excellence Program) and more.

Abbie is an impact investor in the world of health design, investing in design thinking, cognitive diversity, storytelling, compassion and doing the right thing. Her belief in qualitative and quantitative research influencing outcomes, processes, and problem solving has inspired teams to design for positive impact, develop design processes that put the human experience at the center, and build approaches that support audacious client goals. This unwavering commitment led to the creation of Delta—a 90-page publication she led the development of and was a content contributor to while she was a director of health with HDR. The publication explores the rapid and transformational changes unfolding in the healthcare industry and the roles consumerism, demographic changes, socio-cultural and geo-political drivers, technology and more are playing in shaping opportunities for innovation.

CONTEXTUAL INTELLIGENCE

Over the last two decades, Abbie has overseen more than \$2.5 billion in healthcare projects and has become a trusted resource for global healthcare leaders across the country. Her strengths lie in the realms of strategy, innovation and team leadership. She connects the dots and builds teams that address the broader contexts problems exist within. She's adamant there is no one-size-fits-all approach to doing this and relies on cognitive

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diversity to ensure projects realize outcomes and impact in their own way. For example, on MD Anderson's Institutional Facilities Master Plan (pg. 31), Abbie assembled a team of not only architects and planners, but clinical experts, data analysts, social scientists and ethnographers to help create a comprehensive plan for growth completely calibrated to the multifaceted needs of MD Anderson and its patients.

PRACTICE TRANSFORMATION

Abbie is the co-director of health at CannonDesign, which is ranked the No. 4 health design practice by Modern Healthcare. She applies the same principles she brings to projects to the practice and leads more than 500 people to be the best they can be. Within a year of joining, she was named to the firm's Board of Directors, and her leadership has helped the practice achieve extraordinary levels of success. In 2019, Healthcare Design magazine recognized CannonDesign as its Outstanding Organization of the Year, Fast Company named the firm one of the 10 most innovative architecture firms in the world, and already in 2020, the firm's health practice is at 190 percent of its year-to-date new win target. As one of CannonDesign's most senior leaders, she works alongside the CEO in developing strategies to transform the practice. Specifically, she believes an expanded definition of architecture is key to its sustained success as the industry continues to be commoditized. To further expand CannonDesign's influence, Abbie was key in the 2018 merger between Blue Cottage Consulting and CannonDesign—a partnership that brings an unparalleled level of value to health organizations.

INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTIONS

Abbie is committed to not only helping clients and her practice uncover bold new futures; she is driven to expand the industry's knowledge of what is possible. She has authored numerous articles on the future of health for publications ranging from Healthcare Design to Chicago Hospital News and Becker's Hospital Review. She has shared similar perspectives as a presenter at leading conferences across the country, including the Fast Company Innovation Festival in 2019. Pulling from her own experiences as a successful leader (and mother of three young children!), Abbie is specifically passionate about elevating discussions around diversity in the profession. She founded the group the Women's Networking Dinners for working professional women, was a presenter at the 2018 Women in Design + Construction Conference and was profiled by Girl Uninterrupted—an online platform bridging the gap between young women designers and experienced leaders. In 2019, she was named a Women in Design honoree by Emerald Group Publishing (publisher of Healthcare Design magazine); she was the only healthcare architect to receive this recognition.

2020 New Certificate Holders

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