

ACHA

ACHA 2023 Annual Report





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President's Report



First, and foremost, I would like to recognize the volunteer certificate holders that are dedicated to the work of our committees and task forces throughout the year. Your work is appreciated and invaluable to the College. On behalf of the Board of Regents, we all thank you.

This year was an exciting time for the College as we successively accomplished many milestones on our long-term plans, while implementing several new initiatives. The strategic plan created in 2021 was re-evaluated this year, to measure our successes to date, and to allow us to align our efforts on where we needed new actions to focus on our three overall objectives:

1. Increase the number of ACHA certified healthcare Architects, focusing on diversity and the next generation.
2. Improve the marketplace demand for ACHA certification.
3. Establish a compelling value proposition.

We determined that we have had a lot of success on all three goals, but there is still more work to be done. With that in mind, our Board of Regents, and our committees, created new action plans to make Board Certification in Healthcare Architecture an even more valuable credential, particularly around marketplace demand. We are a leading standard in health and healthcare design nationally, and even internationally. To bring recognition to that fact, we have been creating mechanisms to pull people and organizations toward ACHA for more engagement and mutual benefit.

In 2023, we focused on increased participation and collaboration with our growing body of external partner organizations throughout the healthcare environment. These organizations/events include: the *AIA Academy of Architecture for Health* (our 50/50 partner in the *Summer Leadership Summit*), the *American College of Healthcare Executives*, the *American Hospital Association*, the *American Society for Health Care Engineering*, the *PDC Summit (ASHE/AHA)*, *The Facility Guidelines Institute*, the *Foundation for Health Environments Research*, the *U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs*, *Healthcare Design* magazine and *HCD Conference and Expo (Emerald)*, and the *Nursing Institute for Healthcare Design*.

President's Report (cont.)

This year, we also launched the first ever *ACHA Student Design Competition*. This is an invited competition to Architecture programs, with students in a design studio course, with an identified interest in architecture and health. Our first round of entries complete at the end of the year, with judging starting next spring. The winners will be recognized at the *Summer Leadership Summit* in July of 2024. This year we had two school programs participate, the *University of Texas San Antonio* and *Iowa State University*, and about twenty students. Next year, we intend to expand the competition to four schools and even more students. This competition was created to connect ACHA with future healthcare Architects, early in their career path, as well as to the schools and educators.

As many of you have seen, our marketing efforts have significantly grown over the past 2 years, particularly on *LinkedIn*. Through our Communications and Outreach committee, and our marketing firm, we have been able to produce a steady stream of relevant content featuring our certificate holders. This is resulting in steady increases in followers, and in views, which is important in today's professional environment. Being ever present on this platform, at key conferences, and in key publications, is essential to the continued growth and development of ACHA.

Also, this year, we were able to negotiate long-term relationships with key sponsorship organizations that are significant to the health and healthcare design industry (*Stryker* and *Belimed*). We are also currently in discussions with several other sponsors as well. Sponsorship is important to the College to allow us to keep doing our organized events even while the costs to do these things are continuing to increase.

Recently, the Board of Regents just approved a new tagline or motto for the College. Our current tagline for the last 10 years has been: *"Experienced, Certified, Preferred"*. Although it is very effective as statements for the unique qualities of individual certificate holders, it does not have some features that we were wanting to emphasize today. The new tagline has been developed, after many meetings, discussions, and even a contest, to look toward the future, and emphasize what we do and what we stand for as an organization using an action verb. It is simply:

"Advancing Health Environments Through Design".

There are a variety of additional things that I would also like to mention since they are all important to the operations of the College:

1. Recruitment: This was a taskforce that was very successful and is now a permanent sub-committee to the Communications and Outreach committee.
2. Candidate Program: A taskforce looked at the current program and has developed some new ideas around how we engage potential certificate holders with better support and preparation. The results of that task force are being translated into new policies and procedures that will be implemented soon.

3. Think Tank: This is a re-branding of certain types of task-force efforts that are designed to give back to the industry through our combined thought leadership. It usually involves publishing a study or report, and even a presentation event. We will reserve the term taskforce for things focused on the operations, policies, and procedures of the College. A good example of our recent Think Tank efforts include: *The Future of Healthcare Task Force*, and the more recent *VA Task Force*. Our next Think Tank is being developed now, and a call for volunteers will be sent before the end of the year.
4. Pitch Deck: The ACHA pitch deck has been a successful tool. It is set up to be refreshed annually, and the latest version has recently been completed. It is intended to be used to help explain everything about the ACHA in 10-12 minutes and is available to any Certificate holder that wishes to use it within their own firms, with clients, or with their local AIA chapters.
5. Certification Prep Videos: There are now a total of five videos on specific topics for assisting candidates with their application, their portfolio, and the exam. These are available on YouTube, and our intent is to keep updating these, and adding more.
6. Master Series 2.0: To date, there are five videos published on a wide variety of current health and healthcare topics with two more in the queue.
7. Town Halls: This year we have scheduled three Town Hall events. The first one in May, was a presentation on the *VA Task Force Report*, and included a 1.0 Hr AIA HSW CEU. Our next event was in September and included a panel discussion on the “Shift in Sites of Care” from representatives from *MD Anderson Cancer Center*, and from *Kaiser Permanente*. This presentation is eligible for an ACHA self-report CEU credit toward your 12 hours. We have one more Town Hall scheduled for the end of the year particularly geared for those who could not attend our HCD luncheon in New Orleans this November. It will also review some new schedule changes we are implementing in 2024.

In conclusion, please know that the *American College of Healthcare Architects*, is a strong and permanent fixture in our industry, and has been for almost 25 years now. The College is growing, it is making a difference through thought leadership, and board certification is something that more health and healthcare architects are seeking than ever before. I appreciate the hard work of all the people that serve ACHA and want to thank you all for making this such a great year in the College. I look forward to even greater things in 2024.

Respectfully,



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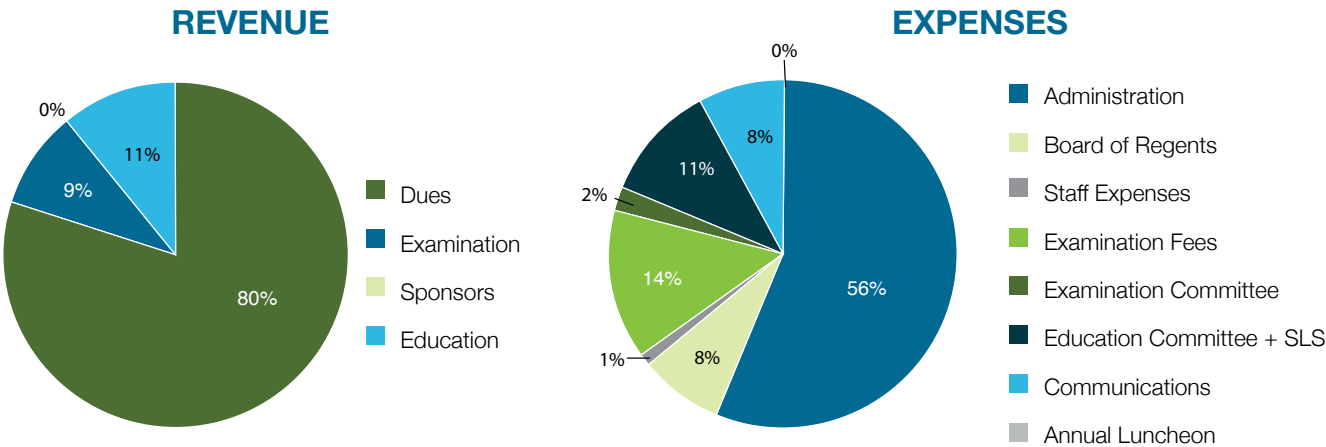
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2023 Finance Report

Fiscal Year: January 1 – December 31, 2023

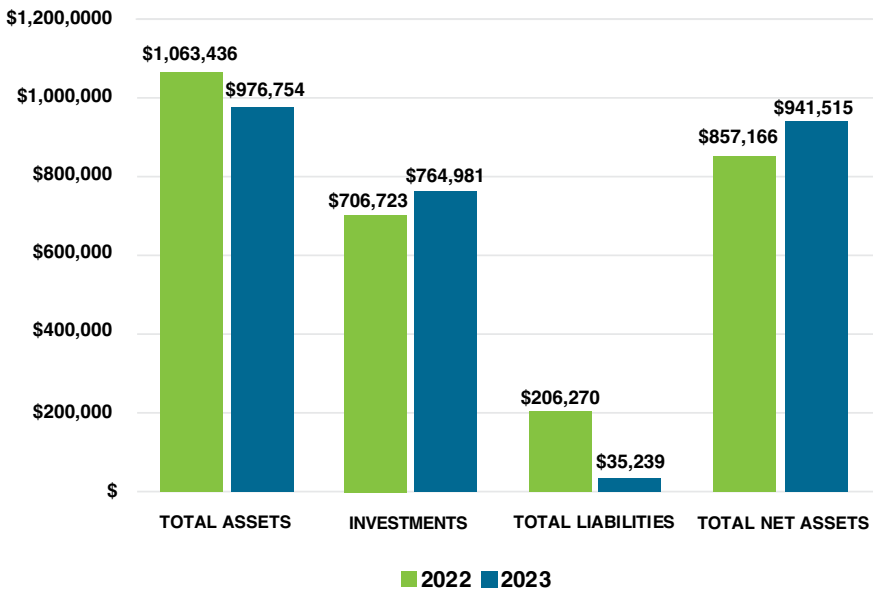
*The 2023 financial data is preliminary and unaudited.



REVENUE	
Dues	\$267,150
Examination	\$29,590
Sponsors	\$ —
Education	\$37,353
TOTAL	\$334,093

EXPENSES	
Administration	\$166,526
Board of Regents	\$22,697
Staff Expenses	\$2,176
Examination Fees	\$42,144
Examination Committee	\$5,181
Education Committee+SLS	\$32,520
Communications	\$24,355
Annual Luncheon	\$432
TOTAL	\$296,031

2022 & 2023 FINANCE REPORT



Continuing Competence Committee

The ACHA Continuing Competence Committee is committed to assessing educational offerings in the healthcare design industry to ensure that appropriate content is accessible for continuous education throughout the careers of board-certified healthcare architects. We work to identify knowledge and expertise relevant to advancing the profession, the art, and the science of healthcare facility planning and design. This includes, but is not limited to, defining qualifications of content experts, establishing standards for content, and facilitating access to this content for our members. Furthermore, we may support continuing education opportunities through promotion or facilitation. The year 2021 marked the inaugural year of this committee, and 2022 and 2023 involved embracing initiatives to advance the committee. We are well-positioned for continued success in 2024 and beyond.

CONTINUING COMPETENCE COMMITTEE

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Gresham Smith, Nashville, TN

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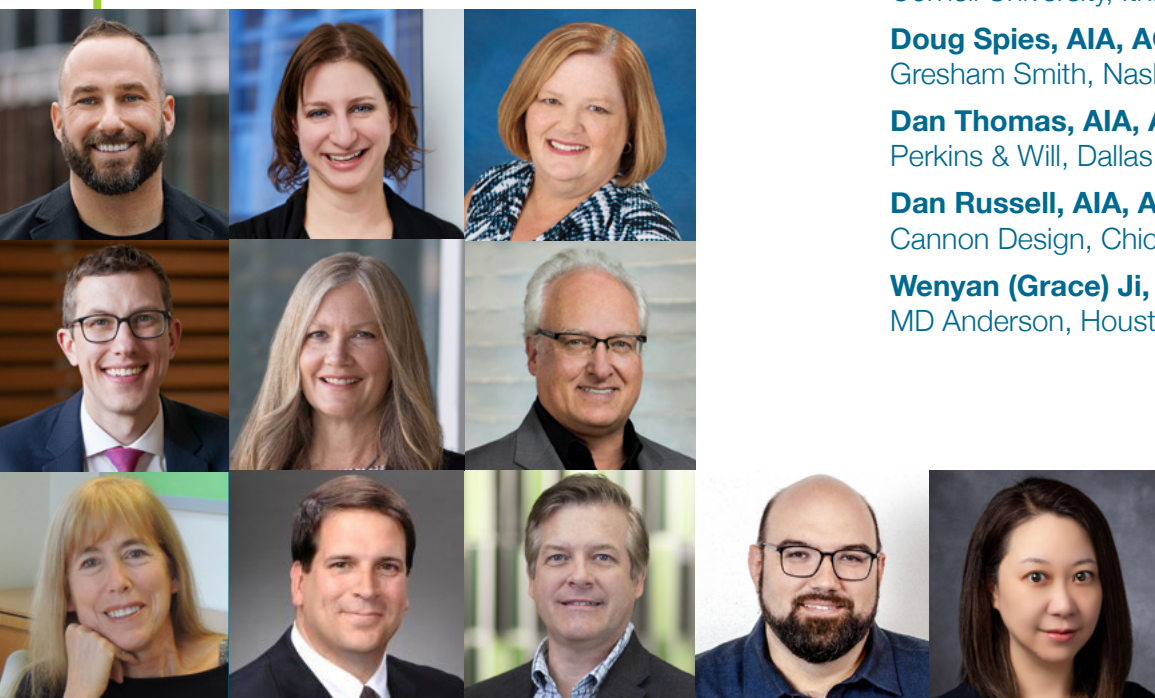
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Wenyan (Grace) Ji, AIA, ACHA

MD Anderson, Houston, TX



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 and the Lifetime Achievement Award, and the non-standing Legacy Project Award and Presidential Citation; the latter two awards may be granted annually or not 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 Description:

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".

Fellowship Committee Activities:

John Ruffo chaired the 2023 jury for which he empaneled four jurors with geographic, professional, and personal diversity. The five-member jury met twice utilizing a formal rubric based on stated nomination criteria; diligent deliberations resulted in support of four of the candidates who submitted in 2023. The Jury recommended the Board of Regents elevated these Certificants to ACHA Fellows.

Awards Committee (cont.)

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University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

Mardelle Shepley, FAIA, FACHA
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY



Awards Committee (cont.)

Lifetime Achievement Award Description:

By ACHA Policy, 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.

Lifetime Achievement Award Activity:

In 2023, Karl Sonnenberg, AIA, FACHA, was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award.

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 focus and effort of the committee is the review and approval of candidate portfolios. The Committee provides recommendations to candidates regarding portfolio questions and eligibility concerns in conjunction with the ACHA Board Liaison and Kellen staff.

In 2023, the Certification Committee began following a quarterly review schedule and held four rounds of reviews during the year. The Committee reviewed 42 applicant portfolios, an increase of 6 from 2022.

We are thankful to the Certification Committee members for their countless volunteer hours and their dedication to maintaining excellence in the ACHA membership.

Certification Committee

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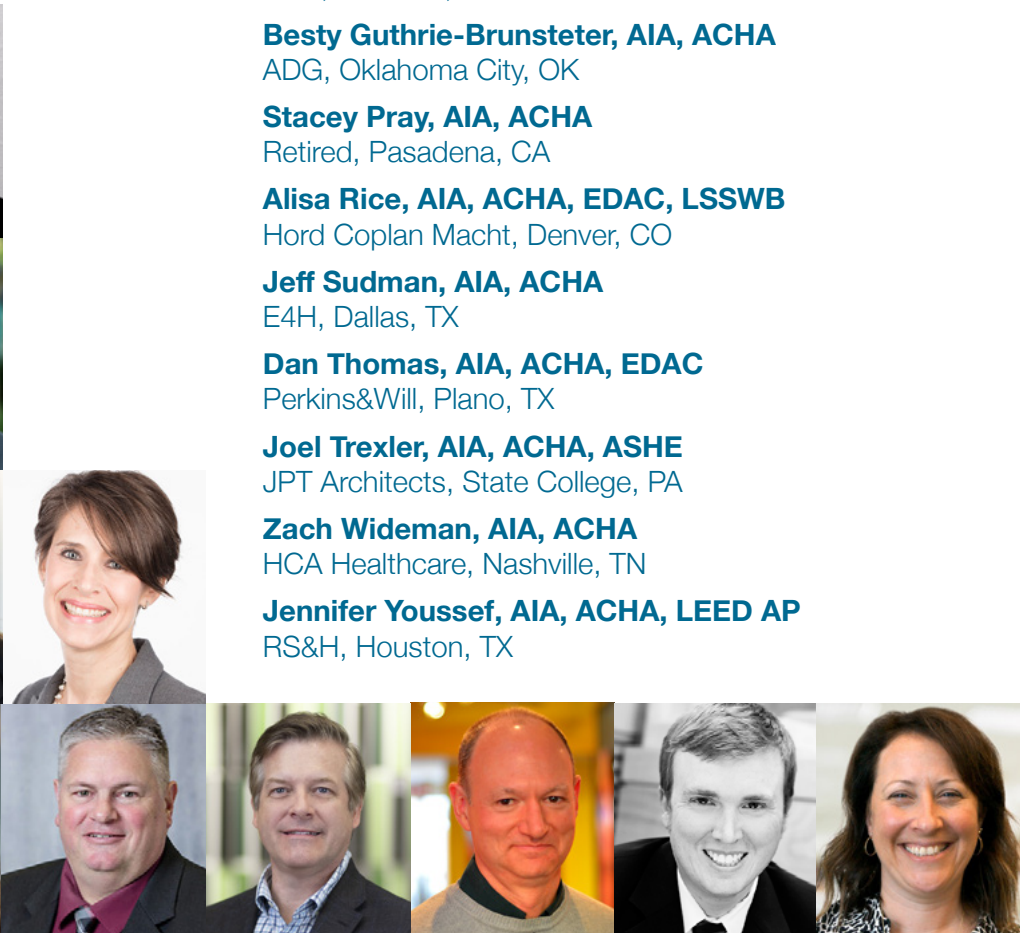
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Jennifer Youssef, AIA, ACHA, LEED AP
RS&H, Houston, TX



Communications and Outreach Committee

The mission of the ACHA Communication and Outreach committee (COC) is to increase awareness and presence of the College through media and personal outreach. The COC actively pursues interaction with certifiants, healthcare agencies, providers, architects and contractors and even future recruits through communication on up-to-date trends, upcoming events and information. The COC efforts are structured with two primary focuses, external and internal communications.

For our external communications to clients, providers, and fellow designers outside of the ACHA, we work closely with our consultant, Taenke Marketing. The COC acts as the liaison to Taenke, providing raw content, thought leadership, and approving social media posts. With the COC's coordination, Taenke Marketing's engagement has assisted in significantly growing the followers to the American College of Healthcare Architects' LinkedIn Company page. We have over 3,700 followers, increasing engagement rates and a Q2 growth rate of 7.46%.

Another external focus for the COC includes coordinating article development and placement for Certificant authors as Contributing Editor for the Health Facilities Management magazine, in collaboration with one of our Pillar Partners, ASHE.



For internal communications to our Certifiants, we continue to work with our consultant Kellen Company. The COC has assisted with the migration of the ACHA website to WordPress, enhancing functionality and user experience, and updating and improving the overall content. The COC also publishes eVoice and newsletters, publicizes and promotes Certificant achievements, speaking engagements, and thought leadership on the LinkedIn Group Page.

The Recruitment Subcommittee is also part of the COC. The goal of the ACHA Recruitment Committee is to identify potential candidates for ACHA certification and to increase awareness of ACHA through E-Blasts and presentations to healthcare design firms, associations (AIA AAH), and hospital systems throughout the country. The Committee has an active list of over 700 potential certifiants that are contacted quarterly throughout the year and bi-weekly in the four months prior to the application deadline. The committee meets monthly to identify key contacts in organizations. Once identified, individual committee members reach out to schedule a short 10-15 minute presentation on the benefits of ACHA Certification. Committee members also encourage active certifiants to identify and recruit within their workplaces.

Communications and Outreach Committee (cont.)

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Communications and Outreach Committee (cont.)

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EwingCole, Short Hills, NJ

Rob Masters, ACHA
CannonDesign, Maplewood, NJ

Anath Shankar, EMER
Ananth Shankar, Architect, Minneapolis, MN

AJ Thomas, ACHA
Corgan, Phoenix, AZ



Examination Committee

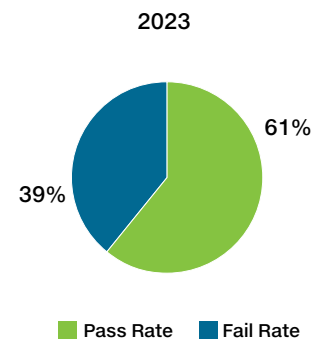
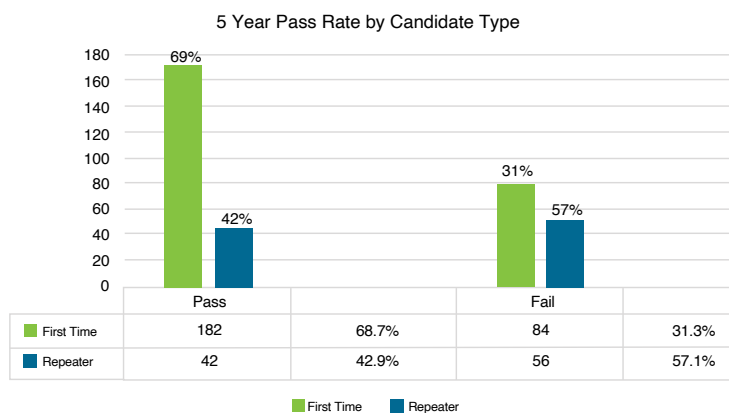
The Examination Committee develops the certification examination with expert psychometrician guidance to ensure that the examination is professionally sound and legally defensible. The committee oversees that all examination questions refer to the detailed content outline and can be referenced appropriately. The content outline is due to be updated in 2024. The committee meets regularly to update the practice exam, write new examination questions, and review the current exam to ensure accurateness. This year the exam committee met in Dallas, TX, from April 12th through 14th.

The Item Writing Sub-committee worked diligently to add to the bank of questions that could be used for the exam. The sub-committee is responsible for writing additional exam questions that will be considered by the exam committee for pre-test status. Subcommittee members are also considered to replace outgoing exam committee members.

2023 Exam Statistics Summary

- 69 sat for the exam in July.
- Of those eligible, 49 were new applicants; the remainder were repeat examinees

Since moving to one examination window in 2015, the average pass rate is 63.0%, ranging annually between 55% and 72%. The overall pass rate since 2001 is 61%, up from 60%.



2023 First Time v. Repeater Examinee Pass Rate

- The first-time examinee pass rate was 63.3%
- The repeater pass rate was 55%, up from 50% in 2022.

Over the past five years, the first-time examinee pass rate has stayed flat 68.7% (2018-2022) to 68.7% (2019-2023) and the repeater pass rate was up from 39.8% (2018-2022) to 42.9% (2019-2029).

Examination Committee (cont.)

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Haskell, Charlotte, NC

Georgia Cameron, AIA, ACHA

Little Diversified, Charlotte, NC



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PF&A Design, Norfolk, VA

Douglas Spies, AIA, ACHA, MHA

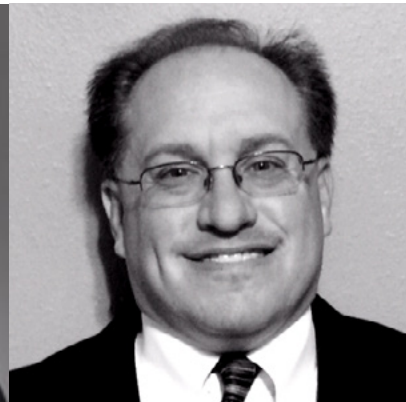
Gresham Smith, Nashville, TN

Steve Templet, AIA, ACHA, ASHE

Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects,
New Orleans, LA

Hans Walter, AIA, ACHA

DLR Group, Cleveland, OH



Career Path Committee

The Career Path Committee (CPC) was formed in 2020, 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's role is to identify ways to engage 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.

Each initiative of the committee is assigned one or more champions with near-term and longer-term targets for implementation.

Career Path Committee

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2023 Class of Fellows



Ann H. Adams, AIA, ACHA, EDAC, LEED GA

Davis Partnership Architects

Despite starting and ultimately ending her career in a traditional architectural firm, Ann's journey has led her to diverse roles within the healthcare industry. She gained invaluable experience as an in-house architect in a 400-bed hospital and as an Owner's Representative for significant design and construction projects. These non-traditional settings have provided Ann with a unique perspective and deep understanding of the intricacies of healthcare architecture. She leveraged this knowledge to mentor and collaborate with design and construction professionals, medical providers, and healthcare administration, ultimately leading to the enhancement and advancement of healthcare environments through her dedicated public service.

Professional performance through leadership: Ann's unwavering commitment to improve lives is evident in her volunteer effort throughout her career. She has mentored employees from student interns to associate principals, served on boards such as the Baltimore AIA Board of Directors where she contributed to the advancing career knowledge to architectural interns, the Board of Directors for the Ronald McDonald House in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where she demonstrated her commitment to making a difference in the lives of patients and families impacted by the effects healthcare, and the American College of Healthcare Architects (ACHA) where she has served on several committees, the Board of Regents, and currently serving as the 2023 President-Elect. From 2017 to 2022, Ann devoted her spare time as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for seven abused and neglected children, work that to this day, has made a profound difference in her life.

Ann Adams is a strong leader with unique career expertise, diverse involvement in professional and community organizations, and committed to advancing the field of healthcare architecture. In 2024, Ann will lead the American College of Healthcare Architects as the organization's President with a desire to focus on expanding the outreach of our organization to Healthcare institutions

2023 Class of Fellows



**Diana Anderson,
MD, M.Arch, OAQ,
ACHA, ABIM**

Jacobs Advisory Services

As a unique triple boarded professional—an ACHA healthcare architect, internist, and geriatrician—Diana has developed a unique hybrid academic and professional career. As a “dochitect®,” she pioneered a collaborative, evidence-based model for approaching healthcare from the medicine and architecture fields simultaneously. Diana has introduced the physical determinants of health to both fields and fostered cross-disciplinary collaborations in developing design solutions. Through healthcare design projects and research globally, she has earned a unique and highly valued international reputation.

Diana has advanced intensive care unit (ICU) design:

- Chair of the Society of Critical Care Medicine’s (SCCM) ICU design committee and co-author of the 2012 ICU Design guidelines.
- Co-chair of a task force alongside Kirk Hamilton, PhD, FAIA, FACHA, FSCCM to update the 2024 SCCM Guidelines for use in clinical and design practice.
- Honored 7 times with SCCM Presidential Citations, recognizing extraordinary contributions.

She was involved in the COVID-19 pandemic response:

- Diana was invited by the AIA to develop a checklist for alternate care sites. The tool was distributed internationally by the U.S. Department of State, and was translated into three languages.

As a geriatrician and Instructor of Neurology, Diana is an expert in space design for aging:

- She was invited by counsel to the Ontario Long-Term Care (LTC) COVID-19 Commission, established to investigate COVID in LTC homes and make recommendations to prevent future outbreaks.
- The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada asked her to serve on their LTC committee, providing advocacy statements to the Canadian government on the need for physical infrastructure in the current standards.

2023 Class of Fellows (cont.)

Diana's commitment to the model of evidence has resulted in leading primary research to collect empirical data and disseminate results across the profession and design guidelines.

- She was a 2019 Finalist of the AIA College of Fellows Latrobe Prize.
- She is an Alzheimer's Association Clinical Scientist Fellowship recipient (\$175,000) leading a multi-year study on the impact of community and home design on older adults and their mental, social, and cognitive health.
- She received \$200,000 from Mass General Brigham to study the ICU and space factors that impact delirium.

These collaborative research undertakings work towards creating new models of practice and built environments.

A past Harvard Medical School Bioethics Fellow, Diana utilized this knowledge to further bridge medicine and architecture through the study of bioethics of healthcare spaces, by:

- Leading a task force to redevelop the ACHA Code of Ethics, exploring the moral imperative of healthcare architects in improving healthcare experiences and outcomes.
- Being one of the first to explore the bioethics of built space, and her pivotal publication in the Hastings Center Report supports the hypothesis that healthcare design should be considered a medical intervention.

In 2018 Diana was awarded Healthcare Design's Best Under 40 from the AIA Academy of Architecture for Health; one of two recipients that best exemplified someone making a significant contribution to the advancement of health facilities design.

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Jill Bergman,
AIA, ACHA, EDAC,
LEED AP
HDR

Rooted in the Latin word vocare, meaning “to call,” a vocation is a lifelong desire to live with meaningful impact. Jill Bergman, AIA, ACHA, LEED AP, EDAC found her calling early. With a design sensibility rooted in creating nurturing spaces for people during their most vulnerable moments, she also discovered the joy that comes from serving the profession she loves. This desire to pay it forward has been the foundation of Jill’s career for more than 30 years.

HEALTHCARE FROM THE START: Jill specialized in healthcare planning and design from the very start, beginning with her studies and subsequent graduation with a Master’s in Architecture degree from Clemson University’s Architecture + Health Program. Her thesis research on Children’s Hospitals earned her the prestigious AIA/AAH Arthur N. Tuttle Jr. Fellowship in Graduate Planning and Design, which is given to students and professionals proposing significant healthcare planning or design projects. The strength of Jill’s research was also recognized with a Merit Award in the Healthcare Design Showcase from the Center for Health Design and the AIA Students organization.

AUTHENTIC LEADER: Jill recognized early on in her career that she could provide value by contributing her time, knowledge, and unique perspective to help advance the profession. It was not long after she began working that she sought out roles in professional organizations and on committees and regularly attended conferences. Soon, her tireless dedication and advocacy gave rise to leadership roles. For example, Jill joined her local AIA San Francisco chapter and began attending local events, noting that younger architects were not well represented at events or at the leadership level. Within months of getting licensed, Jill applied for and was elected to the AIA San Francisco Board of Directors. She’s also been an ACHA member in good standing in 2009.

Having attended many large national conferences as a student and after winning the Tuttle Fellowship, Jill recognized she was often the youngest in the room. Championing the need to educate younger staff, in 1999—when virtual learning was in its infancy—Jill proposed to create 101-level content via on-line webinars so junior staff could continue their education without assuming the

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costs of attending conferences. Subsequently, the AIA Academy of Architecture for Health (AAH) tapped Jill to lead the first-ever Committee on Education & Distance Learning. Jill organized and moderated the first three web conferences, totaling more than 1,000 registrations.

COMMITTED MENTOR: Sharing her time and talents has been a common thread underscoring many of Jill's volunteer roles. After participating in the Bay Area's annual San Castle Classic, Jill was introduced to LEAP, the fundraiser's beneficiary and non-profit that introduced artists into Bay Area schools. She joined immediately and, during her six teaching residencies, worked with over 150 4th- and 5th-grade students. She also actively participated in Equity by Design and led other industry-wide conversations to help dismantle gender and racial equity barriers in the design profession.

In her desire to give back to the programs that supported her own graduate fellowship, Jill served in numerous capacities on the AIA AAH Fellowship & Scholarship Committee and on its Board of Directors as well as on the Scholarship Committee and Board of Directors for the Foundation for Health Environments Research. In 2020, Jill eagerly agreed to become a mentor in AIA AAH's Colleague-to-Colleague mentoring program and is now leading the program and its restructuring efforts to maximize participant benefit. Jill also established the NorCal Chapter of the Association of Medical Facility professionals, whose 60 members work to shape the future of the industry.

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Steven M. Langston,
AIA, NCARB, ACHA,
EDAC, LEED AP, GGP
RFL

Steven M. Langston's leadership has elevated the aesthetic quality of military and veteran's healthcare architecture. Innovatively integrating complex functional requirements to create groundbreaking healing places that inspire and nurture the human spirit.

Through a series of continual design contracts in place since 1995 Steve has led the design effort to transform the character of military and veteran architecture from typically featureless buildings devoid of human spirit to the World Class Facilities they are today. From the 11,000 sf Presidio Dental Clinic in Monterey, California to the 1.2 million sf VA Medical Center in Orlando, Florida, Steve has designed more than 40 military and veteran healthcare projects. Each project embraces Steve's philosophy of evidence-based design and patient centered care. He has built a steadfast reputation as a dynamic leader who creates and delivers innovative designs that have raised the standard of healthcare planning, design and aesthetics for the service men and women who have served our country so faithfully.

Elevated the design quality of military and veteran's healthcare architecture, aesthetically, functionally and sustainably.

- Established design principles focused on creating therapeutic healing spaces that incorporate and exceed both military and private healthcare criteria resulting in awardwinning designs.
- Developed innovative planning models resulting in higher performing environments that meet the triple aim of improved outcomes, safety and costs.
- Created internationally recognized healthcare environments that have consistently set new standards and benchmarks resulting in higher quality healing spaces.
- Designed for the Department of Defense the first net-zero/ carbon-neutral hospital in the country resulting in a Platinum LEED rating and establishing a new bar for sustainability.
- Championed the use of evidence-based design principles into the military and veteran's planning models and led multiple research projects aimed at improving the delivery of healthcare for both the patient and caregiver.

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- Developed Unique Design Tools aimed at elevating design quality for use with military and non-military healthcare projects.
- Pioneered the use of the Facilities Analysis Concept Design (FACD) charrette process for the military resulting in improved design quality while reducing project schedule and costs.
- Developed the use of computerized simulation modeling merged with lean design principles resulting in optimized workflows.

Shared these outcomes, aimed at elevating design quality, with the profession through his research, knowledge sharing, and leadership in professional organizations.

- Conducted research projects on innovative planning models, unique design tools and operational models resulting in better solutions for the military, veterans and the broader healthcare industry.
- Published and presented these studies at national healthcare design conferences, webinars and panels sharing this knowledge to inspire the profession.
- Served on local and national boards and committees of the ACHA, AIA and the AIA AAH coordinating educational forums and the sharing of knowledge between professionals to strengthen this particular field of architecture.

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