SAT-A10 Collaboration and Healthier Communities

Design that encourages active lifestyles contributes to community health and quality of life. To achieve the best possible short- and long-term outcomes, design professionals must work together. In this session, leaders of ASLA, the AIA, and the APA will discuss collaborative working models and projects.

Learning Objectives:

1) Learn about ASLA, AIA, and APA initiatives for encouraging active lifestyles.
2) Identify where these organizations can support one another in encouraging physical activity throughout the built environment.
3) Learn about the benefits of the process of collaboration, as well as cross-disciplinary planning and project development.
4) Gain insight from project case histories in which teams of professionals identified and overcame obstacles to success.

Speakers:

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Bill Anderson, San Diego, California, integrates development economics and planning, having worked in 20 states and eight countries as a partner with Economics Research Associates (now AECOM). Anderson focuses on inner cities, community planning, and regional planning. He headed up San Diego’s oldest planning advocacy group and chaired San Diego’s Planning Commission, helping formulate the "City of Villages" strategy. Anderson served as director of San Diego’s City Planning & Community Investment Department between 2006 and 2011, where he oversaw planning, economic development, urban form, and facilities financing. He was inducted into the AICP College of Fellows in 2006.
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A native of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, Mickey Jacob, FAIA, graduated from the University of Detroit and began practicing in Tampa, Florida. In 1989, he and his partners formed Urban Studio Architects, an architecture and interior architecture practice with a focus on sustainable design practices. Over the years, Jacob has been held AIA leadership positions at the local, state, and national level. He also is active with the Florida Architects Political Action Committee. In recognition of his contributions, Jacob was awarded the AIA Tampa Bay Medal of Honor (1999) and was the recipient of the 2008 AIA Florida Gold Medal, AIA Florida’s highest honor. In 2009, he was elevated to the AIA College of Fellows. After serving as the 2007-2009 AIA Florida/Caribbean Regional Director, he was elected AIA National Vice President. He chaired the Board Advocacy Committee and co-chaired the joint AIA/NCARB Intern Development Program Advisory Council. Currently, Jacob is the 2013 President of the AIA.

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With more than 25 years in private practice, Thomas Tavella, FASLA, serves as the director of design for Fuss & O’Neill, Inc., located in Trumbull, Connecticut and is the current president of ASLA. Tavella is a LEED Accredited Professional and is CLARB Certified with licenses in five states. In 2008-2009 he served as the national ASLA vice president of communications. As chapter president, he organized a successful effort to upgrade Connecticut’s licensing law from a title act to a practice act. He has served four terms as the ASLA Connecticut Chapter president and also served as the chapter’s trustee. He also enjoys sharing his knowledge of landscape architecture and sustainable design by teaching at the New York Botanical Gardens, Southern Connecticut State University, University of Connecticut, and University of Massachusetts.