

## **ASLA COLORADO**

### **Candidate Biographies for 2018-19 Term**

#### **Jon Romero for President Elect**

Jon Romero, a 2004 graduate from Colorado State University and registered Colorado Landscape Architect, works as the Senior Landscape Architect and Project Manager at the Colorado Springs based firm N.E.S. Inc. As a professional Landscape Architect, Jon has been involved in a wide variety of projects both in the Southern Colorado region and abroad. Marrying his native background and love for Colorado culture, Jon has led the successful development and construction management of projects ranging from small scale infill developments to large scale subdivisions, commercial projects, campus facilities planning and landscape architecture, public improvement projects and similar community interest projects.

Jon has served as the Southern Area Director for the past 2-years representing the regions perspectives in the Southern Area. Jon's efforts included the Southern Colorado Lunch-n-Learn Series aimed at engaging and connecting all the local members and professionals in the Southern Region. This event served as a platform to reconnect all the local professionals and discuss the regions happenings while also serving as a venue to share the Executives Boards directions and Chapter Goals for the calendar year. Jon's involvement as an Area Director was guided by his goal of spreading awareness for the profession and the desire to activate and engage professionals in his region and abroad.

#### **Daniel Morgan for Secretary**

Daniel is an affable and dedicated problem-solver that is invariably focused on improving the world around us. He possesses a worthwhile and resolute manner as a designer who has continually aimed to work with others in achieving goals greater than one individual. The range of experience and diverse backgrounds in the Colorado ASLA has been a significant inspiration for Daniel, it is his aim to be a greater part of the chapter by serving as Secretary of the Colorado ASLA.

Daniel spent the last 4 ½ years working as a Landscape Designer at Davis Partnership Architects; planning, designing and guiding projects related to Campus Planning, Urban Streetscapes and Multi-family Roof Decks. As of the last year, he is helping establish a Landscape Architecture division under the company Felsburg, Holt and Ullevig to expand Transportation Landscape Architecture work in Open Space/Trail systems, Stream/Habitat Restoration and Multi-Modal Design.

Daniel earned his MLA at the University of Arizona where he served as ASLA Student Chapter President, creating a strong bond between the professional and student communities of Tucson, Arizona. He volunteered alongside the University of Arizona Community Design Group connecting the public with underutilized natural spaces through his dedication of time and design effort. With opportunity comes great responsibility and challenges yet Daniel is excited and eager to serve the Colorado ASLA chapter grow into further greatness.

#### **David Sprunt for VP Government Affairs**

David Sprunt, ASLA, has been a member of the Government Affairs Committee since completing his MLA and MUD degrees at UC Denver in 2009. He led the successful sunset review legislative effort to continue licensure of landscape architects in Colorado in 2017. Previously, he led an ASLA grant-based study to develop an evaluation tool to measure and communicate public welfare benefits of LA

projects. In addition to his ASLA and community volunteer work, he works as the Senior Licensure Defense Consultant for CLARB, the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. He tracks and analyzes legislation in state legislatures around the country that could affect landscape architect licensure, and works closely with ASLA national's government affairs staff to communicate and address threats, and develop ways for members of state regulatory boards and ASLA chapters to work together to promote the profession. Before moving to Colorado with his family in 2004, David was a project manager in the creative studio of America Online (AOL), and previously was an officer in the Coast Guard, travelling widely and serving as a rescue helicopter pilot, public affairs officer, and equal opportunity consultant, among other duties. He holds a BA from Washington and Lee University in Virginia.

#### **Sara Bonacquist for VP Programs**

Sara Bonacquist is a designer at Hord Coplan Macht and spent the last year serving as the ASLA CO Communications chair. She organized social media posts and graphic content for ASLA CO, and was appointed to the Executive Board this past month to serve out the remainder of the year as Vice President of Programming. She will continue to perform both duties and hopes to merge them into one role next year, in an ongoing effort to streamline energies and make the chapter more efficient. Her goal is to create a unified brand for ASLA Colorado, whether it be through social media and graphics or a reputation for inspiring events put on by the chapter.

#### **Erica Herrin for VP Public Relations**

Erica Herrin is a designer at Dig Studio where she works on projects ranging from large scale public parks, to corporate campuses, to schoolyards and commercial areas. Previously, Erica worked at a nonprofit community development corporation outside San Diego, California. Working alongside planners and architects on community projects, Erica witnessed the positive impacts of thoughtful design in the public realm and chose to refocus her career on Landscape Architecture. Erica currently is in her second term as Secretary for ASLA CO where she maintains chapter records and volunteers time to support chapter activities. Outside of the office she regularly seeks out new environments and experiences, finding that travel serves as a powerful source of design inspiration and creative problem-solving. Erica holds an MLA from the University of California, Berkeley.

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#### **Robb Berg for Trustee**

Robb Berg is excited by the opportunity to serve the Chapter again for a second term in this very meaningful way, representing the Chapter at the national level. He is a principal with Design Workshop where he has been practicing landscape architecture for nearly two decades. He is a CLARB Certified Landscape Architect and is currently registered in Colorado and Texas. Since 2001 he has served on the Colorado Chapter Board as Events Chair and Denver Area Director for several years. Robb was Chapter President in 2014 and was a Co-Chair for the 2014 National Meeting in Denver. He is currently serving as a member of the ASLA Annual Meeting Educational Advisory Committee and just now wrapping up his first term of Chapter Trustee.

#### **Kenn Bates for Trustee**

Kenn Bates is a landscape architect with Durango Custom Works in Durango, Colorado; he has over nineteen years of professional practice experience. Kenn graduated with a BLA and minors in political science and history from Ball State University. Prior to relocating to Colorado in late 2013, Kenn practiced in Orlando, Florida where he worked as a project landscape architect and design team project manager on a variety of themed entertainment, resort hospitality, urban mixed use, community

masterplanning, and multi-family residential projects. His project teams consistently earned regional or local award recognition for their projects. Kenn's service to the profession through ASLA spans most of his career. While in Florida, he served on and/or chaired the Florida Chapter's conference, design awards, and nominations committees. He was Chapter President in 2011 and coordinated and executed a well-planned grassroots advocacy campaign to defend state licensure. At the national ASLA level, Kenn has served on the licensure, public relations, and professional practice committees and also as Chair of the Chapter Presidents Council in 2014. He currently serves on the national Honors and Awards Committee and is the ASLA Colorado Membership Director. Kenn maintains professional licensure in Florida, Colorado, and Texas; and he was invested as a Fellow in the Society in 2016.