

ASLA Colorado 2019-2020 Executive Board Candidate Biographies

Note by virtue of their current positions Jon Romero will become President, and Tom Ellenwood will become Past President.

David Sprunt for President-Elect

David Sprunt, ASLA, has been the Chapter's Vice President of Government Affairs and Advocacy and a member of the Government Affairs Committee since completing his MLA and MUD degrees at UC Denver in 2009. He led the Chapter's successful 2017/18 sunset review advocacy effort in the legislature, resulting in the continuation of Colorado's LA licensure act through 2024. In 2019, He also initiated and led the chapter's first legislative lunch and a site tour for elected officials, building understanding of the role and value of the profession among policy makers. In 2015, he completed an ASLA grant-based study that created an evaluation tool to evaluate and describe the public welfare benefits of LA projects for use in advocacy work. For these efforts, he received ASLA national's Advocacy Leadership Award and the Colorado Chapter's Distinguished Service Award in 2017.

In addition to his ASLA and community volunteer work, David works as the senior licensure defense consultant for CLARB, the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. In this role, he identifies, tracks, analyzes and reports on state/province-level legislative threats to occupational licensure around the U.S. and Canada, and specifically threats to landscape architect licensure. These efforts help CLARB and ASLA keep boards and chapters informed of legislative trends and prepared for possible threats to public safety caused by reductions of license standards. He also helped develop several tools for enhancing relationships between state licensing boards and ASLA chapters. In practice, he has worked as a residential landscape designer in the South Metro area.

Before moving to Littleton with his family in 2004, David was a project manager/producer in the creative studio of America Online in Virginia. Previously, he was an officer in the Coast Guard for 12 years, traveling widely. He served as a rescue helicopter pilot, public affairs officer, port operations officer, and equal opportunity consultant, among other duties. He holds a BA from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, his hometown.

Rania Sawyer for Treasurer

Rania contributes a range of skills and diverse experiences as a multi-disciplinary thinker and entrepreneur. Rania has had the opportunity to work as a Landscape Architect and Planner for about 7 years along the Front Range and around the country. Rania had a leadership role on the executive board of ASLA Hawai'i as treasurer leading the annual budget, financial aspects of the annual meeting and managing sponsor relationships. Rania most recently worked in the Colorado Springs area with NES Inc. focusing on master planning and visioning of large-scale urban

developments developing illustrative graphic concept plans to technical construction documents.

Rania holds dual Bachelor Degrees in Environmental Design and Music Performance from the University of Colorado in 2010 and a Master's Degree in Landscape Architecture from Cornell University in 2013. Occasionally, Rania performs semi-professionally as a violinist, and looks forward to the opportunity to have an active leadership role as treasurer with the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Daniel Morgan for Secretary (2nd Term)

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.

Carl Runge for Vice President of Public Relations

A landscape designer with Norris Design, Carl graduated from the University of Georgia in 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture and a Minor in Horticulture. While in school he received numerous awards and scholarships, including the Honor Award presented by the ASLA Georgia Chapter. His studio-heavy undergraduate curriculum emphasized culturally and socioeconomically sensitive design, and he has a strong desire to employ these teachings in his professional practice. He is the co-chair for the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee for the ASLA Colorado Chapter, a committee that he helped to establish with the hope of promoting our profession through a variety of means including lasting engagement with youth, particularly those in underserved communities. Additionally, Carl is an advocate for environmentally

sensitive and sustainable design. He has utilized his knowledge of native plants to design spaces that not only lend themselves to human use, but also promote pollinator habitat and support the native flora and fauna of Colorado. Having not discovered the profession of landscape architecture himself until the end of his first year in college, promoting our industry personally resonates with Carl as he recognizes the value and opportunity it not only brings to those directly involved but also to those we serve.

Susan Suddjian for Vice President Government Affairs

Susan Suddjian earned a BSLA from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA in 1992, and has been a licensed landscape architect since 2007. Susan was a practitioner in California for over 15 years and engaged in an interesting range of professional employment as an environmental planning and ecological restoration consultant for local and state agency projects, and private practitioner for residential and commercial landscape and site design throughout the Central Coast and Bay Area. She earned a second degree in Horticulture in 2009, served on the City of Capitola Architectural and Site Review Committee for five years, and was a board member-at large for the Monterey Bay Chapter of the UC Extension Master Gardeners Association. Susan led several community outreach activities including school and community garden projects, teaching community landscape design classes, volunteer grassland and riparian restoration projects, and parish church volunteer leadership.

Sara Bonacquist for Vice President of Programs (2nd Term)

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.