

Masters Series



Advancing Your Career: Perspectives from Multifamily Housing Leaders

Thursday, June 4, 2015 - 6:00pm-8:00pm

Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
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The Asian American Architects/Engineers Association (AAa/e) is proud to present our Spring 2015 Master Series: ***Advancing Your Career: Perspectives from Multifamily Housing Leaders.***

The AAa/e established the Master Series specifically to meet the goals of our organization's Mission Statement, which is: *"The Asian American Architects and Engineers Association (AAa/e) is committed to providing a platform for empowering professionals working in the built environment in personal and professional growth, business development and networking, and leadership in our community."*

Our exceptional panel of multifamily housing industry leaders will describe the opportunities and challenges they have faced and actions taken that propelled their careers. These inspirational role models will share their personal stories and provide discerning advice on career advancement . . . ***you don't want to miss this event!***

Confirmed Panelists:

Winston Chang, AIA, LEED AP, Principal, TCA Architects

Winston Chang, AIA, LEED AP is a Principal at TCA Architects with over 23 years of regional and international experience in multi-family housing, mixed use, office and retail design. Prior to TCA, Mr. Chang was a Principal at Studio One Eleven, where he directed design teams on multiple award-winning projects with construction value of over \$350 million. His design, project management and construction administration expertise have earned his projects recognition from the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the Urban Land Institute (ULI), and the Pacific Coast Builders Conference (PCBC). A native Angeleno, Mr. Chang is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and is a California registered architect. He is currently Planning Commission Vice Chair for the City of Palos Verdes Estates.

Sheri L. Bonstelle, Esq., Partner, JMBM

Sheri L. Bonstelle is a licensed architect and an attorney who focuses on land use, zoning, environmental, litigation and construction matters. She manages all aspects of the entitlement process, coordinates CEQA and NEPA environmental review, and obtains permits and approvals necessary under the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, Endangered Species Act, California Coastal Act, and historic preservation laws, and obtains approval of adaptive reuse projects in historic buildings in Los Angeles. Sheri also represents clients in a variety of land use and real estate litigation matters in state and federal courts. In addition, she represents developers and financial institutions to preserve entitlements, manage assets, and coordinate land use and environmental diligence review for large multi-property portfolio sales, ranging from the adaptive reuse of an historic office building as a luxury boutique hotel to a 7-acre mixed-use project with over 1,000 apartment units and affordable housing in the center of Hollywood.

Joseph Didone, Vice President, Bernards

A vice president at Bernards, Joseph Didone is leading more than \$150 million of multi-family projects in Southern California. Over his 27-year career, he has executed the construction of a wide range of multi-family, student housing, senior living, healthcare, higher education, and entertainment projects totaling more than \$1 billion. Prior to Bernards, Mr. Didone was a Project Executive at Morley Builders, where he started as a Project Engineer right after graduating from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a MS in Civil Engineering. He also holds a BS in Construction Management from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and completed the UCLA Anderson Graduate School of Management Executive Program. Mr. Didone is a member of the American Institute of Construction and American Concrete Institute.

Moderator:

Sonnet Hui, Executive Project Director, Hazens Group US, AAa/e Board Member

As Executive Project Director for Hazens Group US, Sonnet Hui is overseeing the entitlement, development and design of a \$700-million project to turn the Luxe City Center Hotel and two adjacent parcels into a flagship Luxury high-rise and mixed-use development in downtown L.A.'s fastest growing district. Prior to joining Hazens, Sonnet was a senior associate at Steinberg Architects, one of the top L.A.-based architecture firms dedicated to urban development, civic, multi-family housing and higher education. During her eight years at Steinberg, she rose through the ranks to become the only woman on the firm's L.A. senior management team. Born and raised in Hong Kong, Sonnet speaks Cantonese and Mandarin, and is particularly skilled at helping Chinese and North American companies bridge the gap between their cultural norms and business practices to achieve common goals and success.

Agenda:

6:00 – 6:45 PM: Registration and Refreshments

6:45 – 7:45 PM: Panelist Presentations

7:45 – 8:00 PM: Q&A

Light Appetizers and Beverages will be Served

Free Parking

Free to AAa/e Members (must register)

Non-Member Price: \$45

(On-site Registration Fee for Members & Non-members: \$15)

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Please contact Eric Halm at ehalm@bernards.com for details

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Please Note: Registration for this event closes at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, June 2nd, 2015. Cancellations will not be accepted after this time and requests for seating after this time cannot be guaranteed. Limited on-site registrations will be available on a first-come, first served basis, unless the event sells out. On-site registrations or changes to existing reservations made after close of registration will be charged a \$15 on-site fee. Changes from member to non-member attendance will require the additional non-member price of \$45.