



APRIL 2019

ARCHITECTURE MONTH

Architects as Civic Leaders

April 4th, 5:30-7:00 pm

AIA Credit: LU 1.0 (Pending)

Program Description:

Architects can provide invaluable leadership through our unique ability to understand both large and small issues and how they impact one another. Our experience as professionals has taught us to understand a problem and apply practical and thoughtful solutions, this skill set is invaluable in our present civic discourse.

Panelists:

Al French, County Commissioner – Spokane County: After graduating from the University of Idaho in 1977 with a degree in Architecture and a minor in Business Finance Al French moved to Spokane to start his career in architecture. He has been licensed in the states of Washington, Idaho and Montana. Al is the owner of Al French Architects PLLC where he continues his architectural service. Al is also a member of the Washington State Building Code Council. Al's civic activities include board member of a local hospital, community center, neighborhood leader, planning commission member, city councilman and now starting his third term as a county commissioner. Al serves on approximately 40 committees, boards and commissions at the local, regional and state levels and has been nationally recognized for his leadership skills and accomplishments.

Rustin Hall, AIA, Principal - ALSC Architects: With a strong commitment to exceptional client service, Rustin seeks progressive solutions to project planning, design and management issues. This has been demonstrated through his involvement with projects including the Central Spokane YMCA/YWCA, North Spokane YMCA/YWCA, six new aquatic facilities for the City of Spokane and the \$80 million Martin Stadium Expansion and Cougar Football Complex at Washington State University.

An advocate for youth development, Rustin has coached youth sports, administered youth programs and is an award-winning Scout leader. He serves on the Capital Projects Advisory Review Board (CPARB) Project Review Committee (PRC) for the State of Washington, is Vice President for Membership on the Boy Scouts of America Executive Board, and a Board Member for the Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

Rustin earned his Bachelor of Architecture in 1984 and Bachelor of Science in Construction Management in 1985 from Washington State University.

Steven Meek, Principal, Steven A. Meek Architects: Steven has over 40 years of architectural design and development experience. His firm is currently celebrating 27 years in practice and includes corporate, commercial, residential, religious, industrial and civic clients in its portfolio. Mr. Meek has served on several public, private and civic boards throughout his career, currently serving as Chairman of the Design Review Board for the City of Spokane.