

From Afterthought to Forethought: Approaches to Construction Administration

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Overview

Design without execution is merely a beautiful idea. For a landscape to be successful it must be informed by both an artisanal and pragmatic approach with a focus on craft. In this session we will explore three approaches to Construction Administration for Private Residential, Commercial, and Public projects.

Learning Outcomes

- Construction Administration approaches and techniques found in Private Residential, Private Commercial, and Public Projects.
- How a landscape architect should consider construction administration as a pre-construction consultant at the beginning of the design process.
- Construction administration being a tool for mentorship (both internal to studio and external to contractors).

Speakers



Shawn Weidner, ASLA, PLA

Principal
Hoerr Schaudt

Shawn loves the details – the more, the better – celebrating when projects involve intricate masonry, wood, and metal-work. He enjoys working with a range of artisans, architects, and designers, and relishes the ability to touch every part of the process, participating in design decisions, while also providing input on pricing, materials, and planting selections. In tune with both the design intent as well as the tangible construction implications, Shawn works with contractors to accurately implement the client’s vision, generating improvements along the way.



Demetrios Staurinos, ASLA

Associate
OLIN

The son of Greek immigrant parents, Demetrios was born in Allentown, PA where he was a product of the Allentown School District. He attended Penn State University receiving his Bachelors of Landscape Architecture in 2002. He worked in Washington DC and New York, before attending RISD receiving his Master of Landscape Architecture. After working briefly in Boston, he moved to Philadelphia in 2012 where he has worked for OLIN until the present day. He received numerous awards for his work and continues to contribute to the practice by teaching at Jefferson University and the University of Pennsylvania.



John C. Payne, ASLA, PLA

Partner
SiteWorks

John Payne, PLA, ASLA, ISA has worked on complex park and public space projects with challenging logistical and phasing constraints, both nationally and internationally. John’s previous career as an Army leader has instilled in him a firm belief in the power of teamwork to realize a project to its full potential. His experience as a construction project manager and certified arborist helps him bring a landscape builder’s and maintainer’s lens to a project to better assess and predict maintenance, operational, cost, and phasing issues that could affect the final project’s success.

Session Outline

1. Introduction

- Design without execution is merely a beautiful idea. For a landscape to be successful it must be informed by both an artisanal approach and a focus on craft, taking the conceptual and making it real. In this session we will explore three approaches to Construction Administration from concept to beyond.

2. Construction Administration Approaches - Private Residential

- Pre-Construction Activities (when CA should begin)
- Construction Administration Activities
- Client - connectivity to owner, protocol, culture
- Communication - when/where/how communication takes place
- Risks - what are they, and how to identify & manage
- Relationships - client, contractors, consultants, artisans, etc

3. Construction Administration Approaches - Private Commercial

- Pre-Construction Activities (when CA should begin)
- Construction Administration Activities
- Client - connectivity to owner, protocol, culture
- Communication - when/where/how communication takes place
- Risks - what are they, and how to identify & manage
- Relationships - client, contractors, consultants, artisans, etc

4. Construction Administration Approaches - Public Projects

- Pre-Construction Activities (when CA should begin)
- Construction Administration Activities
- Client - connectivity to owner, protocol, culture
- Communication - when/where/how communication takes place
- Risks - what are they, and how to identify & manage
- Relationships - client, contractors, consultants, artisans, etc

Resources

Guidelines for Construction Contract Administration

The American Society of Landscape Architects

Constructing Landscape - Materials, Techniques, Structural Components

Astrid Zimmerman

Movement & Meaning - The Landscapes of Hoerr Schaudt

Hoerr Schaudt (Author), Douglas Brenner (Author), Laurence Booth (Foreword)

