FRANCES C. AHERN
Fran is an architect with 20+ years of experience in higher education construction industry in the areas of planning, design, project management, and administration. She started out as a project manager and worked her way up through the department, currently serving as Senior Director of Design and Construction Services for Wayne State University (WSU). Fran is responsible for managing the team responsible for all the design and construction on campus including such projects as Anthony Wayne Drive Apartment P3, Gateway Theatre Complex, the basketball Arena, STEM renovation, and many others. During her years at Wayne, Fran has worked on the campus master plan, facilitated annual deferred maintenance planning, and implemented a new space management system as well.

Prior to joining the university, Fran spent eight years in the industry working for architectural offices as an intern architect and project manager in the Detroit area. She earned her Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Detroit. She became active in COAA in 2014 by serving as President and Vice President of the Michigan Chapter.

TERRY COOK
Terry has 30+ years of experience in the construction industry in the areas of planning, project management, purchasing, and administration. She currently serves as the Senior Associate Vice President of Administrative Services for UMBC and is responsible for facilities management, procurement, environmental health and safety, management advisory services, bookstore, food services, campus card, mail services, Columbus Center research facility, and real property.

Terry previously served as Senior Associate Vice President at the University of Maryland University College (UMUC) and spent 15+ years at the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) with positions in both Facilities Management and Procurement. As UMB’s Director of Architecture, Engineering & Construction, she had responsibility for an annual construction volume of $100M with services provided to five (5) University System of Maryland institutions in the Baltimore area. Prior to this, Ms. Cook spent 8 years as the Director of Planning, Project Management, and Purchasing for a mechanical contractor located in New Hampshire.

Terry earned Masters Degrees from Loyola University in New Orleans and Boston College. She is a longtime volunteer of the Construction Owners Association of America (COAA), including two terms as its President.
KEITH DOUGLAS
Keith has overall operational responsibility for Whiting-Turner’s Atlanta, Charlotte and Raleigh offices. He also serves as the Director for Whiting-Turner’s higher education work in the US.
Keith has twenty-five years of experience in the industry; all of which have been with Whiting-Turner. Although his experience includes a variety of delivery methods including traditional design-bid-build, design-build, and bridging, his passion is with the CM At-Risk (aka Design-Assist) delivery method. He is well versed at helping designers and owners find ways to maximize the value and quality of their projects by integrating construction know-how into the design process.
Keith received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Virginia. He is active in a number of industry associations including SMPS (Executive Advisory Panel), COAA (Programs Committee – National Conferences), AIA (Continuing Education Service Provider), DBIA (Programs Co-Chair), and SCUP. He recently completed his term as the president of the South Atlantic Chapter of CMAA. He also recently helped draft many portions of the new Georgia State Construction Manual for GSFIC and the Board of Regents.

SHAWN KELLY
Shawn Kelly, Project Coordinator and Landscape Planner in the Facilities Management Department of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He brings experience in facilities operations, project management, business development, people management and communications skills to his role as a director on the COAA Board. Shawn brings a vision for what COAA can be to the emerging professional generation. Shawn is an active member of COAA and serves on the Emerging Professionals Task Force.
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BILL MARTIN
As the Director of Facilities Planning and Construction at the University of Central Florida (UCF), Bill is responsible for the coordination and oversight of design and construction of major and minor projects. He serves as the staff Architect and liaison between University divisions, colleges, and departments related to campus projects. He leads a team of Associate/Assistant Directors, Project Managers, and support staff who execute over 350 projects annually. With his team, he develops and assures adherence to architectural aesthetic controls for all University facilities, coordinates University standards with executive management personnel, reviews project documents for accuracy, completeness, and compliance, and conducts field inspections of work in progress to protect the University’s investment in new construction and renovation projects. He is responsible for the update of the campus master plan, space planning, and all associated state reporting requirements. He directs the solicitation and selection of Architects, Engineers, and Construction service providers to execute UCF’s planning, design, and construction projects.

Prior to joining UCF, Bill practiced architecture in Atlanta and Orlando. Bill’s architectural career includes Convention Center, K-12, Hospitality, Office, Mixed-Use, and Higher Education projects.

ALLISON MUTH
Allison Muth is a Facilities Project Manager with Facilities Planning & Development at Texas Children’s Hospital (TCH), responsible for budgeting, planning and project delivery in the Austin market.

Prior to joining the healthcare industry, Allison spent many years in traditional architectural practice and was involved in all phases of projects at architectural firms in both Washington (D.C.) and Houston (TX). Her career in healthcare began with facilities project management at TCH in 2003. Her leadership in project management quickly resulted in her leading the entire project management program. Her passion to align project management with facilities standards created an effortless transition of the Facilities Interiors and Logistic Programs under her leadership in 2011. She spent 2016 thru 2018 focused on strategic planning efforts to develop future growth and relocation scenarios and develop space management guidelines to respond to the rapid growth of TCH.

Allison is a graduate of Virginia Tech University, where she obtained her bachelor’s degree from the College of Architecture. She is a licensed architect in Texas, an NCARB certificate holder, and is currently seeking her Interior Design license in the State of Texas.
Allison is a member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the Texas Society of Architects, the Austin Chapter of AIA, and currently serves as President of the Construction Owner’s Association of America (COAA). She previously served as President of COAA’s Texas chapter and participated on the Committee on Architecture for Health for AIA Houston.

**ANDREW REILLY**

Andrew Reilly has served at Carnegie Mellon University for over 12 years and has exhibited excellence in design, engineering and construction management in the higher-ed sector. Andrew’s honesty and integrity are his greatest asset in solving difficult problems between owners and users. Andrew exhibits utmost credibility both with his academia peers and with the design and construction teams that he works with on daily basis. Andrew is committed to sharing his knowledge and expertise to help others grow professionally.

Andrew has served as project executive for the owner on a 215,000 sf computer science building for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. He is currently serving as the project executive in the Construction Management phase of a 315,000 sf business school building. Has served for years as the Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Chapter of COAA.

**JOSEPH SPRYS**

Joe Sprys serves as the Director of Facilities and Construction for National Heritage Academies, with responsibilities for facilities management, construction management, engineering services procurement, and facility operations. NHA builds and manages tuition-free public charter schools and currently has a portfolio of 90 school campuses in nine states. NHA constructs 4-6 new school campuses each year. In his role, Mr. Sprys is responsible for the construction of NHA’s new facilities, as well as the ongoing facility operations at all existing schools.

Prior to joining NHA, Joe was the Manager of Construction Management for Powertrain and Non-Manufacturing at General Motors. During his career he has spent time on the Owner, General Contractor, and Engineering Consulting sides of the table, bringing a somewhat unique perspective to his position. He holds a master’s degree in management, and a Construction Engineering degree from Lawrence Technological University.

Mr. Sprys is currently a member of the COAA Board of Directors, Conference Committee and Scholarship Committee.

**MARVIN WOODWARD**
Marvin Woodward was named Deputy State Property Officer in April 2008. He is responsible for management and operations of the Georgia State Investment and Finance Commission’s construction division, the Georgia Building Authority and the State Properties Commission.

Woodward has 33 years of engineering experience, most recently as Chief Engineer at Georgia Regional Transportation Authority where he was responsible for the management and coordination of the authority’s transportation projects. Prior to working with GRTA, Woodward worked for the Federal Highway Administration, the New Jersey Department of Transportation and Highway Construction Contractors. His experience includes on-site construction management, cost estimating, project design, environmental document preparation and metropolitan planning.

Woodward is a graduate of The Pennsylvania State University (Penn State) with a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering.

**JOHN ZAHOR**

John is the Director of Operations and Maintenance within the Facilities Management Department at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). He is responsible for managing the periodic maintenance, repair and replacement and the day-to-day operations of the campus facilities, including all mechanical, electrical, plumbing, central plant, elevators, building envelopes, interior finishes & furnishings, campus landscaping, roads and public works, and the facility vehicle fleet. He is also responsible for providing small project upgrades.

Prior to this position, John served as the Associate Director of Design & Construction at UMBC for five years. He managed a staff of five and the design and construction of several projects, including a $72 Event Center & Arena and $13M Campus Gateway with several other facilities renewal projects. He is also leading the effort in the implementation of a new project management system for the department.

John brings over 30 years of experience in design, construction management, and owners representation on a wide variety of educational, institutional, laboratory research and healthcare facilities, including the $230 million USAMRICD Army Corp of Engineers Research Building Project at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, the $180 million NIH Bio-Medical Research Center at Johns Hopkins and the $100 million Healthcare Financing Administration Headquarters in Woodlawn, MD.
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John is an active volunteer leader for the Construction Owners Association of America (COAA), serving on its Board of Directors, its Sponsorship Committee, and its Maryland/Washington D.C. chapter.