

## IN MEMORIAM: BILL CALLAWAY



It is with heavy hearts, but with immense gratitude for his influence on our firm and the world of landscape architecture, that SWA announces to our clients and friends the passing of Bill Callaway. Bill's SWA career spanned 45 years and included roles as CEO, President, Chairman of the Board, and Managing Principal. He died on November 24th after a brief battle with cancer.

Bill's foremost professional love was design. He instilled a passion for both the land and for art into his many projects and collaborations, while continuously urging us all to "up the ante" of excellence and exploration in our work. Bill's enormous talent and dedication produced impactful landscape architecture projects throughout the United States and internationally. His design training was heavily influenced by Peter Walker, who has called him "an icon of

post-World War II practice," yet Bill's unique style remained firmly grounded in his rural upbringing and intuitive connection to the natural landscape. Bill was a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) and in 2007 he received the ASLA Medal, the highest honor that the organization bestows upon a landscape architect. The ASLA Medal jury stated that Bill's "personal leadership, charisma, and professional passion inspire designers to retain an idealistic view of the profession and the world."

Bill became president of SWA in 1988 and CEO in 1996. Under his 10-year leadership the firm more than doubled in size and, in 2005, was awarded the ASLA's Landscape Architecture Firm Award. Bill's leadership style was flexible, straightforward, and highly people-oriented. He mentored generations of SWA's principals, associates, and staff, inspiring us with his humor, humility, friendship, and the wide range of his skills. Bill was also an insightful and pragmatic business leader who dealt with people fairly, openly, and honestly.

We will dearly miss Bill. He leaves us with a profound awareness of his impact on each of us, on the profession, and on the many projects he helped to create.

### Professional highlights in 45 years of practicing landscape architecture

1967 Bachelor of Science degree in landscape architecture, UC Berkeley

Joins Sasaki Walker and Associates, San Francisco

1971 Master of Landscape Architecture degree, GSD, Harvard University

Returns to Sasaki Walker and Associates (SWA)

1976 Managing Principal, SWA Sausalito Office

1988 President, SWA Group

1994 Became a Fellow in the American Society of Landscape Architects

1996 CEO, SWA Group

2005 SWA wins ASLA's Landscape Architecture Firm Award

2007 Awarded the ASLA Medal

2007 Distinguished Alumni Award, College of Environmental Design, UC Berkeley

2008 Chairman, SWA Group

Bill remained a Principal in the San Francisco office of SWA and a SWA board member after stepping down as CEO in 2006.

## **Select projects on which Bill served as lead designer or key collaborator:**

### **Civic projects**

Arizona Center (Phoenix), McCormick Place (Chicago), Columbus City Hall, Kansas City Power and Light District, Village of Merrick Park (Coral Gables), Concord Pavilion, McCarran Airport (Las Vegas), Oveido Marketplace (Orlando)

### **Campuses**

Electronic Arts, HP, Syntex Laboratories, CREATE campus (National University of Singapore), National Audiovisual Conservation Campus (Culpepper, VA), Weyerhaeuser Headquarters, IBM Almaden Research Center, Bank of America, Concord, Fireman's Fund Headquarters (Novato, CA), University of Washington-Husky Stadium

### **Hospitality projects**

Hyatt Regency Scottsdale (AZ), Desert Ridge (AZ)

### **Large-scale city projects**

Filinvest Corporate City, Manila; Beijing Finance Center; Tuen Mun New Town (Hong Kong)

### **Mixed-use/communities/residential**

Mare Island Development (Vallejo, CA), Summerlin (Las Vegas), Magee Ranch (Danville, CA), Sangiacomo Residence (Pebble Beach, CA), Staglin Residence (Napa Valley)

### **Parks/plazas**

Barney Allis Plaza (Kansas City), Centennial Park (Atlanta), Shoreline Regional Park (Mountain View, CA), PPG Plaza (Pittsburgh), Refugio Valley Park (Hercules, CA), 101 California St. (San Francisco)

**Tribute by John King in San Francisco Chronicle (12.5.14)**

***William B. Callaway, noted Bay Area landscape architect, dies***

<http://tinyurl.com/qfqa6vk>