

# Accessibility Design Forum

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Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 9:00am-12:30pm  
Virtual on zoom

In-person networking event – 4:00-6:00pm  
Ovation 309 Sky Club, 309 W. Johnson St., Madison, WI 53703

Presenting Sponsor: [CUNA Mutual Group](#)

Support From: [Access to Independence Accessibility Services](#), [AIA Wisconsin](#), [Boardman & Clark LLP](#),  
[City of Madison Department of Civil Rights](#) and [Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison](#)

## Schedule

All panels will be on one Zoom link and will be 50 minutes, with breaks between

- 9:00-9:15am: Welcome and Purpose of the Forum
- 9:15-9:30: Break/announcements/promote evening event
- 9:30-10:20: Panel #1
- 10:20-10:30: Break/announcements/promote evening event
- 10:30-11:20: Panel #2
- 11:20-11:30: Break/announcements/promote evening event
- 11:30-12:20: Panel #3
- 12:20-12:30: Wrap up, next steps, reminder of networking event
- 4:00-6:00: In-Person Networking Event

### Panel #1: “Understanding the Process”

How to find common dialogue to achieve accessibility and inclusion

- **Moderator:** Chan Stroman
- **Panelists:** Bill Fedun, AIA (CUNA), John Chapman, AIA (EUA), Nick Zouski (Access Coordinator, WI DNR), and Rebecca Hoyt (City of Madison Disability Rights and Services Specialist)
- **Topics:** Panelists will share their considerations, and what they communicate, when working to ensure accessibility and inclusion through the design and building processes. Panelists may also address a historical perspective of accessible spaces, as well as the simplicity and importance for designers/builders to work with people with disabilities early in the process.

### Panel #2: “The Value of Accessibility”

How can accessibility and inclusion be a priority in the design process, and what does value mean?

- **Moderator:** Jason Beloungy
- **Panelists:** Kevin Donahue, AIA (Strang), Wendy Weiler (DMI Member), and Genny Frieman (The Disability Opportunity Fund)
- **Topic:** Panelists will explore how accessibility and inclusion is prioritized by the client and the designer, and how can it be a top priority for every project. Panelist will also explore the benefits of barrier-free design throughout commercial and hospitality spaces.

### **Panel #3: “Multifamily Housing with Universal Appeal”**

How can universal design be more significant in multifamily housing projects?

- **Moderator:** Wendi Dwyer
- **Panelists:** Fatimah Aure (The Kelsey), Jane Nemke (Madison Disability Rights Commission), Tom Hirsch, FAIA (Hirsch Group), Allie Cannington (The Kelsey) and Dale Streitenberger, AIA (JLA)
- **Topic:** Panelists will talk about the basics of universal design in multifamily housing, and what policy changes needs to happen at a local level to make that a reality throughout all projects.

### **Evening Networking Event**

- Time: 4:00-6:00pm
- Location: [Ovation 309 Sky Club](#), 309 W. Johnson St., Madison, WI 53703
- Parking/Transportation: A limited number of stalls in the Ovation parking garage, located on Johnson Street, which are prioritized for attendees with disabilities who need to park close to the entrance. DMI asks that attendees without mobility needs, who need to park downtown for the event, should park in the City of Madison [Overture Center Garage](#) located at 300 W. Dayton St. and standard parking rates apply. A limited amount of street parking may also be available. [Metro Transit](#), [Madison BCycle](#), and [bicycle](#) transportation are options as well.

### **Event Accessibility:**

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For the in-person networking event, DMI asks that attendees refrain from using flash photography, and from wearing heavily-scented products such as perfume or cologne. This helps ensure an event that is inclusive to people with various disabilities.