

Bob Lynch, Principal of Lynch & Associates, Architects since 1982 participated in refinement and enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in 1990, testifying before Congress on behalf of the American Institute of Architects. In 1991 he was awarded the PSA Medal of Distinction, highest honor bestowed by the Pennsylvania Society of Architects. Also in 1991, Mr. Lynch was lead presenter in a three-day nationwide interactive online session on implementing the ADA, “Opening All Doors”, for 5,000 members of the AIA in various cities, and broadcast over the Public Broadcasting Network from WETA in Washington, DC.

Mr. Lynch was elected to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects in 1996.

Since 1988 he has served as a member of the American National Standards Institute’s A117 Committee on Accessible & Usable Buildings & Facilities, and has contributed to creation of five editions of the ANSI A117.1 Standard for Accessible & Usable Buildings & Facilities.

Throughout his career, Mr. Lynch has designed accessibility modifications for over 170 private homes; and, for 12 years, served on the faculty in the University of Pittsburgh’s School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences, teaching courses in architectural design & construction to post graduate rehabilitation professionals.

Bob Lynch is member of a task force of the AIA Design for Aging Committee guiding research at Georgia Tech for the creation of design standards for assisted bathing & toileting for aging and frail persons. He is also a Professional Member of the International Code Council.

Mr. Lynch is a Fellow in the Engineering Sciences Section of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, and has presented lectures on creation of standards for accessibility, including research for assisted toileting & bathing at five Annual Meetings of the 7000-member Academy over the past seven years.

From a personal perspective, Bob is father to a son, now 47 years old, who suffered severe traumatic brain injury (TBI) when hit by a car in 2001 while employed by the Ford Motor Company as a body design engineer. Anne, David’s mother & Bob bring him home for a visit every two weeks from a facility for TBI patients, Tree of Life, near Richmond, Virginia. Bob is caregiver for all of David’s personal care needs in activities of daily living for six days and nights every month for the last 15 years.

On Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> of 2015, Bob Lynch presented “**Making a Home Accessible for Aging in Place**” at the 2015 Environments for Aging Conference in Baltimore.