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Photo: *The late Michael Schrock, AIA*



AIA Minnesota Recognizes Louis Lundgren Award Recipients

Minneapolis, Minnesota -- John Cuningham, FAIA, and Michael Schrock, AIA, are the 2008 recipients of the Louis Lundgren Award. This award recognizes individuals for their dedication to the profession of architecture through their volunteer activities in our communities and with the AIA. AIA Minnesota's Committee on Design considered both recipients' volunteerism to be exemplary.

John Cuningham has been an active member throughout the community; involved in his church, homeless programs, the Rotary Club, and Minneapolis Planning Board. In addition, Cuningham taught architectural design for 18 years at the University of Minnesota, leading students to develop several urban design alternatives to save the riverfront area. His interest in the relationship between the city and the river led the Cuningham Group to host an international design charrette to find a comprehensive approach for development of the riverfront. Eight years ago, Cuningham created a monthly forum currently named Urban Currents designed to educate and motivate individuals in the Twin Cities metropolitan area to make meaningful change to their communities.

Michael Schrock embodied the spirit and action of volunteerism in nearly everything he did, be it service to AIA Minnesota, promoting architecture to the general public, or assisting with a myriad of community organizations. Schrock served on numerous committees at AIA Minnesota including Publications and Historic Resources, Public Relations, AIA Minnesota Board of Directors, and the Fellowship and Membership Committee. He wrote numerous articles for local papers, Minnesota Public Radio, and presented a series of broadcasts for KFAL radio promoting the public awareness of architecture. He was an active member of his church, served on the Board of Directors of Wilderness Wind Camp, and volunteered his time to the Southeast Soccer Club. Schrock's involvement within the community was endless, and his passion far exceeded expectations. Schrock truly dedicated his life to improving the architectural profession and community.

John Cuningham and the family of Michael Schrock will be presented with this award on Friday, December 5th at the AIA Minnesota Awards Celebration at the McNamara Alumni Center at the University of Minnesota, in Minneapolis.

The American Institute of Architects Minnesota, founded in 1892, is dedicated to strengthening our communities, improving our built environment and providing exceptional design. For more information on the organization and Minnesota architectural firms, reference our Web site at www.aia-mn.org and pick up a copy of Architecture Minnesota, the award-winning architectural magazine of the Midwest.