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# The American Institute of Architects Elevates Four Minnesota Architects to the College of Fellows

*AIA Fellowship Recognizes Significant Contributions to the Profession of Architecture and Society*

*For immediate release:*

**MINNEAPOLIS – February 12, 2016** – The 2016 Jury of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) nationwide elevated 149 AIA members to its prestigious College of Fellows, an honor awarded to members who have made significant contributions to the profession. The Fellowship program was developed to elevate those architects who have made a significant contribution to architecture and society and who have achieved a standard of excellence in the profession. Election to fellowship not only recognizes the achievements of architects as individuals, but also their significant contribution to architecture and society on a national level.



**Four 2016 AIA Minnesota Architects Elevated:** *(pictured above left to right)*

**John Barbour, FAIA, principal, Shelter Architecture, LLC, Minneapolis;** John Barbour orchestrates design solutions by uncovering the shared vision of owners, community members, fellow designers and public officials engaged in his projects, resulting in a legacy energized by his team-driven approach to architecture.

**David Dimond, FAIA, principal, Perkins+Will, Minneapolis;** Dave Dimond's expertise and vision, leading an integrated design process on complex projects for governmental, institutional and non-profit clients, has served to advance each organization's public mission through design excellence and sustainable innovation.

**Rebecca Lewis, FAIA, principal, DSGW Architects, Duluth;** Rebecca Lewis brings nationally-recognized medical design expertise to small and isolated communities, represents AIA in creating healthcare design codes for projects across the country, and leads the profession to improve wellness in rural America.

**Sarah Nettleton, FAIA, principal, Sarah Nettleton Architects, Minneapolis;** Through award-winning designs, teaching, and publications, Sarah Nettleton is shaping a new generation of green design. Her practice integrates technology with a deeper understanding of simplicity in architecture and connection to the land.

Download a summary statement sheet and photo for each Fellow at <http://www.aia-mn.org/?p=45130>

Out of a total AIA membership of nearly 88,000 members, there are fewer than 3,100 distinguished with the honor of fellowship and honorary fellowship. The elevation to fellowship is conferred on architects with at least 10 years of membership in the AIA in one or more of the following nomination categories:

1. Promoted the aesthetic, scientific, and practical efficiency of the profession.
2. Advanced the science and art of planning and building by advancing the standards of architectural education, training and practice.
3. Coordinated the building industry and the profession of architecture through leadership in the AIA and other related professional organizations.
4. Advanced the living standards of people through an improved environment.
5. Made the profession of ever-increasing service to society.

The new Fellows will be honored at an investiture ceremony at the 2016 National AIA Convention in Philadelphia.

### **About The American Institute of Architects**

Founded in 1857, the American Institute of Architects consistently works to create more valuable, healthy, secure, and sustainable buildings, neighborhoods, and communities. Through nearly 300 state and local chapters, the AIA advocates for public policies that promote economic vitality and public wellbeing. Members adhere to a code of ethics and conduct to ensure the highest professional standards. The AIA provides members with tools and resources to assist them in their careers and business as well as engaging civic and government leaders and the public to find solutions to pressing issues facing our communities, institutions, nation and world.

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