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The Ebb and Flow of Politics

By Nathan Johnson, AIA, AIA Minnesota President



Welcome to 2018! As I write this column for Matrix, the ebb and flow of political events drive the news, including "historic" tax cuts, the "historic" election in Alabama where a Democrat was elected to the United States Senate for the first time in decades. In November, two new mayors were elected in Minneapolis and St Paul, Minnesota's two largest cities. And just over a year ago, Donald Trump was elected President. At each of these elections, I observed raw emotions, including frustration, anger, sadness, happiness, elation, and disbelief.

Emotions may control the moment, but we understand change takes time. AIA Minnesota was founded in 1892. (More than a 125 years ago - wow!) In that period, Minnesota and the nation have changed many times over. Architects have been actively engaged in that change. Let's continue to be actively engaged in the political process in 2018. [Read more >>](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Snow Kreilich Architects Wins 2018 AIA National Architecture Firm Award



On December 6, 2017, AIA announced that Minnesota's own Snow Kreilich Architects was chosen for the 2018 Firm Award.

Snow Kreilich Architects' studio leadership, helmed by founding principal **Julie V. Snow, FAIA**, and design principal **Matthew Kreilich, AIA**, pushes the practice to explore architecture's transformative ability. Informed by its early work for manufacturing clients, the firm marries pragmatism and poetry to provide intelligent designs that provide a powerful aesthetic experience. More design laboratory than architecture studio, the firm mines each project for its potential for experiential and material innovation. [Read more »](#)

Membership Dues

No matter where you practice or where you are in your career, your AIA membership connects you to top-quality education, critical career and business resources, and a diverse community who shares your passion for design. Don't lose your benefits! [Renew your AIA membership by January 15.](#)

Firm Assessments

Attention Firm Principals and Marketing Staff: Firm Assessments have been mailed and are due on January 31. Firm Directory Profile Questionnaires will be mailed out in mid-January. Firms must pay 2018 Firm Assessments and return the Firm Directory Profile Questionnaire in order to be listed in the AIA Minnesota Firm Directory published in the May/June issue of *Architecture MN*

magazine and on the AIA Minnesota website.



LAKE SUPERIOR DESIGN RETREAT

February 23-24, 2018

Fitger's Inn, Duluth

The Lake Superior Design Retreat is an annual winter weekend gathering in Duluth. Architects and others interested in design get together at Fitger's Inn to explore the corners of design with six invited design professionals who share their passion for their art and/or craft and discuss their creative stories.

Billie Faircloth, AIA - partner, Kieran Timberlake [Learn more »](#)

Kao Kalia Yang - author, activist, teacher [Learn more »](#)

Mary Anne Wise - co-founder, Cultural Cloth [Learn more »](#)

Dessa - rapper, singer, essayist [Learn more »](#)

Amara Hark-Weber - shoemaker, artist, and educator [Learn more »](#)

Kate Sutton-Johnson - 3D designer [Learn more »](#)

Registration for the Retreat is now open. Attendance is limited and we expect to sell out for this 30th anniversary event. [Sign up now »](#)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

MINNESOTA LICENSE RENEWALS ARE DUE JUNE 30, 2018

Architects must have earned 24 Professional Development Hours (PDHs) between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2018 to renew their license to practice architecture in Minnesota. Two of those 24 PDHs must focus on professional ethics. [Learn more about managing your license »](#)

JANUARY - JUNE OPPORTUNITIES

AIA Minnesota will schedule face-to-face, HSW programs each month, January through June, to help you get the 24 hours you need to renew your license by June 30. Topics in development include:

- Slips, Trips, and Falls: material selection and application
- Storm shelters
- Solar-ready buildings
- Security: systems, technology, design
- AIA's Safety Assessment Program (SAP)
- Design for crime prevention

REGISTER NOW! SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS

Thursday, January 25, 8:00 am - 9:30 am

International Market Square

1.5 HSW LUs

The selection of materials and application can have a great deal to do with why people are injured in falls. This program will examine how the architect can aid in the reduction slips, trips, and falls. [Register now >>](#)

ON-DEMAND WEBINARS

Currently available: [MN Conservation Code for Existing Buildings](#)

Available on-demand in January 2018:

- Minnesota Commercial Energy Code (presented in September 2017)
- Minnesota Accessibility Code (presented in October 2017)
- Ethics Past, Present and Future: Tales from the Grey Zone (presented in November 2017)

Three programs recorded at the A'17 MN Conference will also be available on-demand within the first two months of 2018:

- Weather Barriers, Continuous Insulation, and NFPA-285 (Event W19)
- How to Achieve Sustainability Goals with Strategic Communication (Event H41)
- Revised and New AIA Contract Documents (Event F58)

[View details as they become available >>](#)

PEOPLE & FIRMS



Left to right: Renee Cheng, FAIA; and Carly Coulson, AIA

The Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture recognized **Renee Cheng, FAIA**, for her "Professional Practice Class" with the 2017-2018 ACSA/AIA Practice and Leadership Award, which honors "best practice" examples of highly effective teaching, scholarship and outreach in the areas of professional practice and leadership.

"Invisible Sustainability: A Design Approach that Exceeds 2030 Targets" by **Carly Coulson, AIA**, was published by AIA National in December. [Read more >>](#)

The Fall 2017 edition of *Ramsey County History* includes an article by **Diane Trout-Oertel, AIA** about Emma Brunson, Minnesota's first registered woman architect. Copies are available from the Ramsey County Historical Society.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Jessie L. Bauldry, AIA
 Douglas DeVos, Assoc. AIA
 Julie Esch, Allied
 Kelly Hanneman, Assoc. AIA
 John Hasselbalch, Allied

Scott Needham, Allied
 Jacob C. Wollensak, AIA
 Alexandr G. Young, Assoc. AIA
 Debra N. Young, AIA

IN MEMORIAM

LEON SATKOWSKI

Retired University of Minnesota Professor of Architectural History Leon Satkowski passed away December 5 at his home in Maryland. [Learn more »](#)

IAN EDWARD SCOTT, AIA

Ian Scott passed away December 10 after a 5-year battle with cancer. Most recently a principal at RSP, Scott also worked at Alliance and MSR Design. [Learn more »](#)

STEVEN WILMOT, AIA

Steve Wilmot passed away December 10 after a battle with cancer. Wilmot was a founder, most recently, of Wilmot Architecture Office in St. Paul. [Learn more »](#)

J. STEPHEN WEEKS, AIA

Steve Weeks passed away December 18 after a battle with cancer. He was an Associate Professor of Architecture at the University of Minnesota and an active AIA member. [Learn more »](#)

DAVID LEE ANDERSEN, AIA

David Andersen of Anderson by Design passed away suddenly on December 26. [Learn more »](#)

NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

AIA NATIONAL

NEW ADVOCACY AND ACTION CENTER LAUNCHED

Making an impact for your profession just got easier with the new and improved AIA Advocacy Action Center & ArchiPAC site. It has a new look, upgraded features to make it easier for you to engage your legislators, and new tools and resources so you can develop your skills as an advocate to build power for architects. [Visit the site today and make your voice heard »](#)

2018 CALL FOR NATIONAL CANDIDATES

The call for nominations of candidates to stand for election at the AIA Conference on Architecture 2018, is open through January 31, 2018. [Learn more »](#)

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR DIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

We believe diversity creates innovation, and different perspectives make for a stronger profession and a better world. Yet, industry data show that people of color and women are still underrepresented in the architecture profession. The Diversity Advancement Scholarship is one way AIA and the Architects Foundation are trying to address that gap and give more students the chance to pursue a successful career in architecture. [Applications are now open through January 17 »](#)

SUBMIT YOUR SUSTAINABLE PROJECT TO THE COTE TOP TEN

Top Ten is the industry's best-known awards program for sustainable design excellence. The Award highlights achievements in both design intent and actual performance across the triple bottom line of social, economic, and environmental value. Submissions are due by January 17 at 5pm ET. [Learn more and apply »](#)

AIA CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

AIA released the second part of the once-in-a-decade 2017 edition of the A201, design-bid-build family of documents for a total of 34 newly revised 2017 documents. [Learn how the new documents will affect your practice »](#)

AIA MINNEAPOLIS

JANUARY LUNCHEON

Thursday, January 18, 11:45 am

International Market Square Suite 185

Hear the stories behind some of the 2017 Honor Award projects, presented by the designing firms. [Register to attend »](#)

BOWLING NIGHT

Thursday, February 15

Bryant-Lake Bowl, Minneapolis

The 2018 Strike Force is happy to announce the return of AIA Minneapolis Bowling Nite - an annual reprieve from cabin fever and a chance to socialize with your AIA chapter colleagues.

Registration starts at 5:30, with a hard start for bowling at 6:00. The \$25 ticket price will get you two games of bowling, shoe rental, and appetizers featuring a Minnesota style taco bar. Cash bar service and trophies round out this perennially fantastic event. Sign up individually, or in groups up to 6 people per lane. And as in previous years, what you wear counts! [Register »](#)

SAVE THE DATE! 2018 AIA MINNEAPOLIS GOLF OUTING

The AIA Minneapolis Golf Outing will be held on **Monday, July 30** at Majestic Oaks Golf Club. Mark your calendars!

AIA ST. PAUL

AIA St. Paul is pleased to announce that it awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Ellie Ziaie, who is attending the University of Minnesota College of Design and Architecture. The chapter issues a scholarship annually to a student enrolled in the architecture program at the University of Minnesota.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS

STEP-UP DESIGN CAREER PIPELINE INFORMATION EVENT

Thursday, January 18, 4 pm

New Rules Benefit Corporation, 2015 Lowry Avenue North, Minneapolis

AIA Minnesota and ASLA-MN are hosting this event in collaboration with STEP-UP Achieve to answer your firm's questions about hosting a summer intern who is interested in pursuing a career in architecture and design. Come for drinks and light appetizers, and to learn more about how your firm can make a difference in increasing diversity in the profession. [Register to attend >>](#)

AXP-ARE UPDATE

2018 ARE SCHOLARSHIP

The AIA Minnesota Architect Licensing Advisory Committee coordinates awarding a scholarship to an AIA Minnesota Associate member to cover the costs of all sections of the Architect Registration Exam, within the parameters defined in the application. For the ARE 4.0, the cost was \$1,470 for all seven sections of this exam. Due to the transition from ARE 4.0 to 5.0, the 2018 scholarship awarded will total UP TO \$1,470. [Learn more >](#)

BLACK SPECTACLES TUTORIALS

Our first three-month subscription to the Black Spectacles tutorials for the ARE 5.0 ended December 31. **We are seeking registrants for a second three-month subscription starting February 1 and concluding April 30. A minimum of 10 registrants is required by January 19.** The cost is \$200 for members, which is not only a discount provided to AIA Minnesota by Black Spectacles, but is a cost subsidized by AIA Minnesota for our members by \$55. (The cost for those who are not AIA Minnesota members is \$255.) [Click here for more details and to register >](#)

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY (KCOTE)

CREATING AN ENERGY INNOVATION CORRIDOR

Thursday, January 11, 7:30 - 9:00 am

AIA Minnesota Boardroom

As the Twin Cities has been electrifying its transportation offerings, an equivalent of 1/4 mile of the Metro Transit Green Line Rail Transit (LRT) is now powered by solar energy. The dream to create an Energy Innovation Corridor, the densest and most diverse concentration of renewable energy, advanced energy efficiency, electric transportation and smart energy technologies has been realized, with 1 megawatt of commercial rooftop solar on a number of buildings along the LRT line.

Minnesota is pioneering this trend in community solar gardens, which requires review and

appropriate roof design, as only 10 to 20 percent of existing roofs are suitable. Find out about the dream, the process for it to be realized and the results of the technology and investment. Not a current member of the knowledge community? RSVP to [Sheri Hansen](#) to attend in person or call in.

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE (EPC)

2018 EVENTS

Join the Emerging Professionals Committee for a series of after-work firm tours and other events throughout the year. [See dates and locations of all planned 2018 events here >](#)

HEALTH DESIGN KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY (NEW!)

Meeting Times: Second Thursday of the month beginning **Thursday, January 11, 4-6 pm**, AIA Minnesota and by conference call.

January 11 Discussion Topic: The Minnesota Department of Health's proposal to adopt 2018 FGI Guidelines as code in the state of Minnesota. RSVP to [Deanna Christiansen](#) to attend.

Statement of Purpose: To provide a network of individuals engaged in healthcare design for the purpose of sharing knowledge, and to establish a regional presence for the Academy of Architecture for Health (AAH).

Co-Organizers: Alena Sakalouski Johnson, AIA, ACHA; Jim Lammers, FAIA; Kirsten Staloch, Assoc, AIA, EDAC

HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

SEARCH FOR SHELTER 2018

Friday, February 16 - Sunday, February 18

Rapson Hall, University of Minnesota

Search for Shelter helps local and regional affordable housing organizations envision beautiful, innovative design solutions for projects. Each year at Search for Shelter, nearly 50 volunteer architects, landscape architects, interior designers, and students spend a weekend creating pro bono solutions for up to ten design projects submitted by Minnesota nonprofits focused on affordable housing and/or homelessness. Design volunteers work in teams to create viable, graphic solutions and plans, which serve as visual tools for agencies to use in obtaining further project funding, to promote their organization, and to serve as preliminary development/building plans.

[Learn more about Search for Shelter >](#)

Agencies can apply to participate in the process using this [form >](#)

[Volunteer for the weekend design charette >](#)

MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM (MDT)

MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM ANNUAL RETREAT

Saturday, January 27, 2018

International Market Square Suite 185

Please join us for the Minnesota Design Team annual retreat. Founded in 1983, MDT will be kicking off its 35th anniversary celebration in 2018! The retreat will feature a panel discussion on workforce housing--a topic frequently addressed during MDT community visits--offering perspectives from local architects, civic leaders and housing nonprofits. In addition, we'll give a recap of the partnership efforts MDT embarked on in 2017 and updates on perspective community visits for the coming year. Registration begins at 8:30 am with coffee and pastries, and lunch will be provided for those who register before January 22. Hope to see you there! [Register to attend >](#)

RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

AIA Minnesota, in partnership with *Midwest Home* magazine, recognizes two residential practitioners each year for excellence in design and significant contributions to the profession. Nominate a peer or submit an entry yourself - there is no fee to submit.

ARCHITECT OF DISTINCTION AWARD

Open to all AIA Minnesota members who have been licensed to practice for 15 years or more.

[Learn more >>](#)

EMERGING TALENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Open to all AIA Minnesota members who have been licensed to practice for 10 or fewer years.

[Learn more >>](#)

Submissions for both awards are due by **Friday, February 2, 2018 by 5pm.**

WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Tuesday, January 9, 7 pm

[LHB Office](#)

Presenting a 2017 Master's final project on promoting women in the profession. Discussion and happy hour to follow the presentation at LHB in Minneapolis. No RSVP necessary - all are welcome. [Learn more >>](#)

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS

[2018 AGC MINNESOTA CONSTRUCTION SUMMIT JANUARY 9-10](#)

[MAXIMUM OUTCOMES & MINIMUM HASSLES: USING MEDIATION EARLY AND EFFECTIVELY TO RESOLVE THE COMPLEX CONSTRUCTION DISPUTE \(MSBA CLE\) JANUARY 11](#)

SUBMIT YOUR LOCATION FOR POSSIBLE FILM, TELEVISION or COMMERCIALS

Do you or your clients have a one-of-a-kind home or business? An entryway, kitchen, office, or exterior that could be a cinematic jewel? If so, Minnesota Film and Television would like to take a look. They recently added a [submissions portal](#) where businesses and other property owners can upload pictures of their space as possible locations for future productions. Keep in mind that posting photos doesn't commit you to serving as a location, but it can put you in the running. Location fees are negotiated directly with the producer or production company. With recent productions shooting in the Twin Cities and throughout Minnesota, now's the perfect time to submit.

A'17 MN: THE CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE

The logo for the A'17 MN conference features the text 'A'17' in a large, bold, black font, with the '17' in white. Below it, 'MN' is written in a smaller, bold, black font.

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Thanks for attending A'17 MN: The Minnesota Conference on Architecture

CONFERENCE CREDITS RECORDED TO AIA TRANSCRIPTS

Credits from the A'17 MN Conference have now been recorded to AIA transcripts. You can still turn in your Attendance Verification Form. [Download](#) a pdf of the form. Complete and sign the form and return it to Deanna Christiansen:

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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS ON WEBSITE

AIA Minnesota has invited Conference speakers to post their presentations, notes, handouts, on our web site. Some are willing and others choose not to do so. As we receive them, we will post them. [Many have already been posted on the website »](#)

A'18 MN Conference

Save the Date: November 13-16, 2018

We are taking Exhibit booth and sponsorship renewals through March 31. After that date, the exhibit hall opens to all new exhibitors. [2018 opportunities and registration »](#)
[More information and a link to the prospectus »](#)



CHECK OUT THE LATEST ISSUE OF [ARCHITECTURE MN](#).

The latest issue of *Architecture MN* features 4RM+ULA's Nathan Johnson on IDS Crystal Court, MIA Curator Yasufumi Nakamori on Tange, dynamic new recreational building, and a major award for Kodet Architectural Group. Plus: Modern Des Moines. [See a preview.](#)

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

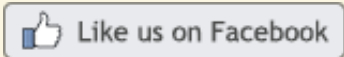
This is the best vehicle to reach our members and the other decision-making project partners all year long! The March/April issue will feature our annual Honor Award winners & Landscape Architecture Directory.

Ad space reservations are due by **January 12**. Click here for our [media kit](#) with details and deadlines.

Contact [Pam Nelson](#) to reserve your space.

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