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Pictured above: Nearly 300 guests listened to a panel of AIA Minnesota residential architects and their clients at the 2017 Home of the Month event.

KEEPING YOU CONNECTED

WARM WELCOME

AIA Minnesota would like to welcome our newest members:

- David B. Aine, Assoc. AIA
- Jennifer R. Bye, Assoc. AIA
- Amber Dowling, Assoc. AIA
- Alison M. Garey, AIA
- Christopher L. Garey, AIA
- Julie Gran, Allied
- Don Matthias, Allied
- Aaron M. Nordling, Assoc. AIA
- Daniel Reed, Allied
- Doug Reichard, Allied
- Ryan Wahlund, Allied

AIA Minnesota President's Message

I am in awe each spring when for a short period of time the magnolia tree outside my dining room window explodes with white blossoms. That experience of awe is a very powerful emotion and has been studied at Stanford and discussed by author Daniel H. Pink. Awe is a powerful emotion that invokes both a perception of vastness and inspires a desire for new knowledge structures. Therefore it has a renewing effect, similar to spring.



Meredith Hayes Gordon, AIA

Aravena sketched (live, on-stage) a definition of architecture that corrects inequalities and dismantles social time bombs. I left the session full of new possibilities.

That afternoon, we convened in the most well attended event to hear from former first lady Michelle Obama.

It was her first public event since leaving the White House and one of the first questions was, why the architects? Mrs. Obama talked about her passion for public service and urban life and her understanding of how influential architects are in that sphere. She suggested that a primary path towards greater diversity in our profession is engaging and investing in young children because showing that you care is the ultimate gift.

I feel fortunate to have had these awe inspiring experiences this spring. I am also thankful for renewed energy it brings to me personally and professionally. I hope that you also find these opportunities as we welcome the warmer Minnesota weather.

Awe was also something I experienced on the first day of our national conference. A number of speakers gathered around the theme of anticipating need. Frances Kèrè, Hon. FAIA, talked about working with his hometown community of Burkina Faso on projects that not only provided new opportunities for learning but also new economies that sustain the community. Michael Murphy described how the profession of architecture's sacred responsibility is the creation of dignity. Architecture that pursues the dignity of all individuals will be successful. He reminded us of the extreme influence that we have in the decisions that we make. Do we make humane decisions that empower the communities we work with? And Alejandro

Meredith Hayes Gordon, AIA
AIA Minnesota President

2017 RALPH RAPSON TRAVELING FELLOW- SHIP WINNER



Hans-Christian Karlberg, Assoc.
AIA has been named recipient of the 2017 Ralph Rapson Traveling Study Fellowship. The MAF and the Ralph Rapson Fellowship awards a \$10,000 prize to the winner of two-part competition to advance the recipient's education in architecture through foreign or domestic travel-study under a theme of discovery.

This year's competition, held March 9-14, challenged competitors to create a public interest design center, corner food market, and makerspace that explored the weaving of community in an existing residential neighborhood intersection of Minneapolis, MN.

This year's jury members were **John Dwyer, AIA**, **Raymond Dehn**, and **Andrew Weyenberg, AIA**.

From among the 47 entrants, the jury chose five finalists including:

- **Michael Hara, Assoc. AIA**
- **Elizabeth Turner, AIA**
- **Don Vu, Assoc. AIA**
- **Jesse Zeien, AIA**
- **Hans-Christian Karlberg, Assoc. AIA**

[View the finalists' boards online.](#)

2017 AIA Minnesota Convention & Products Exposition: Call for Proposals

PROPOSALS DEADLINE: MAY 15

The Convention Programs Committee is seeking proposals for continuing education presentations at the 2017 Convention.

- Have you recently heard someone speak whom you think others in the profession should hear?
- Do you have an interesting project with a story you'd like to share?
- Is there a topic that you'd like to learn more about?
- Do you have an area of expertise you'd be willing to present to others?

Check out our [Call for Proposals](#). Or contact committee co-chairs: Jonathan Strand, AIA,

jstrand@cunningham.com, James Gaspar, Assoc. AIA, jgaspar@paulmeyerarchitects.com, or staff liaison, Deanna Christiansen, Christiansen@aia-mn.org

EXHIBIT HALL BOOTH RESERVATIONS & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES NOW AVAILABLE

2016 exhibitors will have first right to renew booth from last year. [Click here](#) to reserve your booth & sponsorship information. New for exhibitors this year, we will be offering lead retrieval for attendee tracking as well as 15-minute Expo Education Programs at your exhibit booths. More information on these listed in the [prospectus](#).

CONTINUING EDUCATION

WHOSE IDEA IS IT ANYWAY? ETHICS FOR FIRM MARKETING & JOB TRANSITIONS

WHEN: Tuesday, May 9, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

WHERE: International Market Square
2.0 LU Hours and Ethics Credits
[Register now!](#)

- An approach that brings your strategy to life;
- Personal ownership around the challenge of business development;
- A consistent feeling of readiness to lead productive conversations.

The MFBA workshop will be facilitated by Dean Hyers and Pete Machalek from SagePresence.



MASTERING THE FUTURE BUSINESS OF ARCHITECTURE (MFBA)

The MFBA program was developed specifically to help AIA Minnesota members grow the skills that are core to the business of architecture.

Productive Conversations for Successful Business Development

WHEN: Thursday, June 8, 8:30-4:30 p.m.

WHERE: Hosted at BWBR in St. Paul
6.5 LU Hours [Register now!](#)

Who should attend? This highly interactive, full day MFBA workshop is intended for architects and other design professionals at every stage of experience.

Attend and you will gain more confidence, clarity, competence, and conviction for every conversation you lead. You will learn:

- A strategy to land new clients and new opportunities;

MINNESOTA CONSERVATION CODE FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS: WORK AREA METHOD

On-Demand Webinar Available Now!

Presented on October 11, 2016, this program is now available on our website as an on-demand webinar. The [program](#) provides a step-by-step discussion of the code including two in-depth case studies.

Other topics planned for development and delivery this year:

- Summer tours
- August: Residential Series
- September: Minnesota Commercial Energy Code
- October: Use of technology to improve services: iterative design, parametrics, compatibility between programs
- ADA updates

NCARB ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

WHEN: Thursday, May 11, 2017

Gather: 4:30–5:00 p.m.

Program: 5:00–6:30 p.m.

WHERE:

- U of M, Rapson Hall, Room 225
- TKDA in Duluth
- HGA in Rochester

Patricia Ramallo, AIA, Manager, Experience+Education, with NCARB will present on a range of licensure topics relevant to students, licensing candidates, supervisors, architects, and people in the architecture profession. Attend this program and become more familiar with recent changes to both the AXP and the ARE. [Register here.](#)

PEOPLE & FIRMS



TKDA RECOGNIZED BY NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

TKDA was recently recognized by the National Safety Council for completing more than 3 million work hours without an occupational injury or illness resulting in days away from work.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Building Codes Committee

BUILDING CODES COMMITTEE SHARES RESOURCES

The Building Codes Committee meets monthly to discuss a variety of code related topics. Based on these monthly discussions, the committee is now posting links to resources on the AIA Minnesota website. Check it out [here](#).

Residential Architecture Committee

2017-2018 HOME OF THE MONTH PROJECTS SELECTED

The next twelve residential projects to be featured in the monthly Star Tribune Editorial series were revealed at an evening event on Tuesday, April 18 at the American Swedish Institute. [See the line-up.](#)

2017 HOMES BY ARCHITECTS TOUR

The tour planning committee seeks residential projects in the eastern Twin Cities area (St. Paul, Lake Elmo, Stillwater) that could be included on the two-day tour September 16 & 17. For more information about submitting a project, [click here](#).

Architecture in the Schools Committee

Members from AIA Minnesota’s Architecture in the Schools committee will present to Minnesota educators at the **2017 Turnaround Arts MN Conference** in June. In their talk, “Resources for Teachers: Teaching about Art, STEM, and Architecture” the committee will share information on curricula and other project resources educators can use to expose students to architecture in the classroom.

Emerging Professionals Committee (EPC)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DRAUGHTING CLUB

WHEN: Wednesday, May 10, 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: InBound BrewCo, 701 North 5th Street, Minneapolis

DETAILS: Stop by for a pint and some good conversation! The AIA Minnesota Emerging Professionals Committee (EPC) organizes Draughting Club on the second Wednesday of each month. Check out the [2017 dates and locations](#).

2017 CONTRACT DOCUMENTS WEBINAR

WHEN: May 11, 2:00–3:00 p.m., ET
1 LU Hour

Find out how the new 2017 AIA documents will affect your projects by attending a free webinar. Get insight into the revision process, key changes and how the new Sustainable Projects Exhibit can be used to provide health, safety, and welfare of building occupants. [Register here.](#)

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

U OF M SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE HOSTS PUBLIC INTEREST STUDENT LEADERSHIP FORUM

WHEN: May 22–26, 2017
WHERE: Rapson Hall

Now in its fifth year, the Public Interest Design Forum is hosted annually by a different academic institution. The weeklong event May 22-26 at Rapson Hall brings over 100 students and faculty from 14 colleges and universities to participate in workshops, seminars, and guided visits to local community sites. [Learn more.](#)

MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM

What is your Design Team Story?

We all learn by hearing stories. They tell us what's important. So as we work to transform, we've reached out to architects who have been a part of the "team" over the last thirty-five years and asked them to share their stories. Here is a third one:



Rather than tell one story let me share a few highlights from some of my visits. I have served as committee chair, volunteer, co-leader and mentor for 14 visits including one in Wisconsin. My first introduction to the Design Team was through Michael Schroeder who connected me to Rich McLaughlin. Rich "interviewed" me and then added me to the teams for Houston and Preston just after I had moved to the Twin Cities. My first co-lead was with John Barbour for Two Harbors with strong support from Mike Fischer and Michael Schroeder. Schroeder was interviewed by Kathy Wurzer for MPR on Saturday; the RR bridge you drive under coming into town was his rubble-stone design concept that the RR and MNDot built.

In rare metro-area community visits I mentored the Columbia Heights team (and bunked in the city managers house) and also served on the Lake Elmo team. During this visit Tim Griffin and Rich McLaughlin illustrated how a cluster development could allow new housing at a certain density while still maintaining 75% open space (a big issue for the city). That allowed the city support for creating and adopting a new cluster zoning ordinance (maybe the first in the cities) that developer Bob Engstrom (who served on the Preston visit) used to implement his nationally known 'Fields of St. Croix' project (one of the earliest examples of applying "structured wetlands" to treatment waste water).

I led or served on post-disaster visits to 4 communities: St. Peter, Wadena, Rushford and Hammond/Zumbro Falls. In Rushford the team included 2 PhD's, 3 published authors as well as market, housing finance and stormwater management specialists. Among several outstanding recommendations, including a new library and elementary school (that was eventually state funded), was the proposal to create a new watershed management organization, based on U of MN MLA candidate Mitchell Cookas' capstone project. The WMO was adopted and has been a critical help to the regional watershed and rural land owners in maintaining stormwater run-off using best management practices.

In Wadena, after an initial meeting with about three dozen community leaders, state elected officials and representatives from Senator's Franken and Klobuchar offices, the design team was put into action. We had over 250 people show up for the Friday night potluck, we were interviewed by MPR and the team's recommendations ultimately helped support the request for state emergency funding to rebuild the high school that had been destroyed by a tornado.

The Minnesota Design Team has been a consistent and time-tested source of community-based decision-making and inspiration for dozens of small towns throughout the state. I have been fortunate to have worked with such amazing and talented volunteers over the years and proud to have had a small role in keeping this AIA award winning organization in service to the citizens of Minnesota.

Mike Lamb
MDT Committee Chair (1997-1999)

Please share your Minnesota Design Team story with us! It can be about something you learned, made you a better architect or a heartwarming story about working in a community in greater Minnesota. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE!

ARCHITECTURE MN MAY/JUN ISSUE LAUNCH PARTY

WHEN: Wednesday, May 17, 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: Room & Board, Edina

Join us at the Room & Board store in Edina for drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and a lively design conversation on Compact Living Spaces. Panelists include **John Dwyer, AIA**, **Meghan Kell Cornell, AIA**, and **Todd Hansen, AIA**. [Click here](#) for registration information!

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CHAPTER UPDATES

AIA MINNEAPOLIS

AIA MINNEAPOLIS MERIT AWARDS

SUBMITTALS DUE: Wednesday, May 10



The philosophy behind this award is the story of the project. Your story

is compelling and may be a bit different than expected—celebrate and honor the story your building has to tell! Submit the work you do that goes beyond great design! [Learn more and apply online.](#)

MONTHLY LUNCHEON



WHEN: Thursday, May 18, 11:45 a.m.

WHERE: International Market Square, Ste. 185

DETAILS: AIA Minneapolis Recognition and Programs Committee, Preserve Minneapolis, and the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission will host the 26th annual Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Awards. The luncheon event is free for AIA Minnesota members and \$20 for non-members. [Register online](#) by Friday, May 12.

2017 GOLF OUTING

WHEN: Monday, July 24

WHERE: Majestic Oaks Golf Club, Ham Lake

DETAILS: This annual event is a great day of golf along with a dinner reception with awards and prizes. Put your foursome together or

consider sponsoring a hole. [Click here](#) for more details, registration and sponsorship opportunities. Contact Pam Nelson for more information at nelson@aia-mn.org.

AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

WHEN: Friday, July 14, 2017

WHERE: Enger Park Golf Course, Duluth

[Click here](#) for information and registration.

TOUR OF LHB VIRTUAL REALITY LOUNGE

WHEN: Thursday, May 4, 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: LHB, Inc., 21 West Superior Street, Ste. 500, Duluth

AIA ST. PAUL



ST. PAUL HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARDS

WHEN: Tuesday, May 23, 2017

WHERE: St. Paul City Hall

DETAILS: The Heritage Preservation Commission of the City of St. Paul and the AIA

St. Paul chapter are co-sponsors of the twenty-seventh annual St. Paul Heritage Preservation Awards to recognize projects, individuals, and organizations that enhance and celebrate St. Paul's cultural resources. Registration information coming soon!



ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

The July/August issue of *Architecture MN* Magazine will feature Downtown Duluth Projects, Hibbing High School & Mayor Coleman's Architectural Legacy. This issue also includes the Directory of Renovation, Remodeling, & Restoration.

Final deadline is May 5. [Click here](#) for directory form.

Ad space reservation deadline is May 5. Contact Pam Nelson at nelson@aia-mn.org to reserve your ad.

Make Matrix Your Own

JUNE Matrix editorial deadline is Friday, May 19.

JULY Matrix editorial deadline is Friday, June 23.

Please submit content to Amber Allardyce at allardyce@aia-mn.org.