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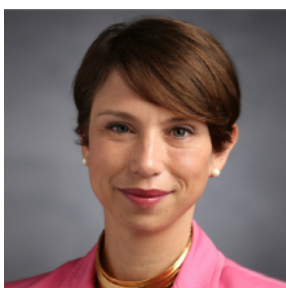
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Finding Your Voice in Advocacy

By Mary-Margaret Zindren, EVP/Executive Director



Do you remember the first time you advocated for something? You'd probably have to go back pretty far back into your childhood. Markers of healthy human development include the recognition of ourselves as independent beings and the exercise of our voices to express what we want. The "terrible twos" are very much about that expression. Thankfully, in the years that follow, we get better and better at it. We become more effective advocates through experience.

I can't remember when I wasn't an advocate; I've always championed causes important to me. Yet when I was tapped at age 23 to become a lobbyist for the National League of Cities (being elevated from a research internship, due to my passion for an issue hardly anyone else cared about), I was stricken with fear. Being given a formal title and role of "advocate"- and being responsible for meeting with

Members of Congress and their staffs - seemed like something altogether different from the advocacy I'd been doing for years. The marble hallways, the rushed meetings, the worry that I wouldn't have all the answers at the ready; it was intimidating.

Until it wasn't. [Read more »](#)

CALLS TO ACTION

Young Architects Award Call for Entries Now Open

The 2019 AIA Minnesota Young Architects Award is now accepting submissions. The award is given to individuals who, in an early stage of their architecture career, have shown exceptional leadership and made significant contributions to the profession and the community at large. Submissions close at 5:00 pm on Friday, May 17. [Learn more »](#)

Young Architects Award Open House

Thursday, April 4, 4:00 pm

Join previous recipients of the AIA Minnesota Young Architects Award **Jody McGuire, AIA** and **Malini Srivastava, AIA**, for a review of the submission process and tips for creating a successful entry. [Register »](#)

**CLOSE TO THE EDGE:
THE BIRTH OF HIP HOP
ARCHITECTURE**

Exhibit Opening: Monday, April 15, 6:00-9:00 pm

Symposium: Wednesday, April 17, 3:00-8:30 pm

Attend and Volunteer for Minnesota's First Pop-Up "Center for Architecture" Exhibit: "Close to the Edge: The Birth of Hip Hop Architecture"

Volunteers are needed to help staff the "Close to the Edge" exhibit. The exhibit is curated by Sekou Cooke, professor of architecture at Syracuse University, and spotlights local AIA Minnesota member **James Garrett, Jr., AIA, NOMA**, and the firm 4RM+ULA's work.

The exhibit will be at the old Saxon Ford building, 262 University Avenue West, St. Paul, which will be the new home of Springboard for the Arts ("SpringBOX!").

KEY EVENTS:

Exhibit Opening: Monday, April 15

SpringBOX!

5:00 - 5:45 pm preview for members of the press

6:00 - 9:00 pm public opening

Sekou Cooke and James Garrett, Jr will be in attendance.

Symposium: Wednesday, April 17

3:00 - 5:00 pm panel discussion at SpringBOX!

5:30-8:30 pm continued conversation and "cypher session" at U of M Rapson Hall, 89 Church St SE, Minneapolis

Panelists: Sekou Cooke, Ujjiji Davis, James Garrett, Jr., Olalekan Jeyifous

Moderator: Jennifer Newsom, assistant professor at the University of Minnesota School of Architecture

Interested in volunteering? [Click here »](#)

The exhibit runs from April 15-June 15, 2019. [Learn more about the exhibit »](#)

Call for AIA Fellowship Candidates

Have you made a significant contribution to the profession and society while exemplifying architectural excellence? You can become a member of the [AIA College of Fellows](#). AIA Fellows are recognized with the AIA's highest membership honor for their exceptional work and contributions to architecture and society. The prestige of FAIA after your name is unparalleled and the judging is rigorous. If you want to learn more about the process and receive advice throughout the nomination process, let the AIA Minnesota Fellows Advisory Group help. Notify [Amber Allardyce](#) of your interest and to be included on the meeting announcements.

Volunteer for Doors Open Minneapolis

[Doors Open Minneapolis](#) is an event on **May 18-19, 2019** that allows the public free, behind-the-scenes access to buildings in Minneapolis that are architecturally, culturally, or socially significant. Over 100 venues have applied to participate. AIA Minneapolis has been working with the Mayor's office and other civic and community partners on planning efforts for this important event.

We will need **Greeters**, **Lead Volunteers**, and **Subject Matter Expert Volunteers** to make this event a success. Volunteer roles will vary from greeting visitors at venues to giving tours to overseeing day-of logistics. Volunteers will receive a Doors Open Minneapolis T-shirt. [Learn more »](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2019 Committee and Knowledge Community Leaders

Thank you for your work to advance a vital profession, vibrant communities, and architecture that endures. Thank you for your leadership in AIA Minnesota!

Architecture Licensing Advisory Committee

Co-Chair: Jeremy Van Minsel, AIA

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Co-Chair: Matt Finn, AIA

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Co-Chair: Mike Refsland, AIA

Co-Chair: Alan D'Souza, AIA

Co-Chair Elect: Marco Vincent, Assoc. AIA

Lake Superior Design Retreat Committee

Chair: David Morck, AIA

Leadership Forum Committee

Co-Chair: Steven Wolf, AIA

Co-Chair: Amy Meller, AIA

Residential Architecture Committee

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Co-Chair Elect: Brandon Pike, Assoc. AIA

Women in Architecture Committee

Co-Chair: Katie Pope, AIA

Co-Chair: Heather Whalen, AIA

Co-Chair Elect: Jill Vowels, AIA

PEOPLE & FIRMS

James Garrett, Jr., AIA, NOMA, of **4RM+ULA**, was listed as one of 25 young architects to watch by Architizer magazine. [Read more »](#)

Meg Parsons, AIA, is beginning her term on the executive committee and as a section chair on the Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design (AELSLAGID).

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Jeffrey Aviles, Assoc. AIA

Alita Bergan, Allied AIA MN

Marthe Brock, Allied AIA MN

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A'19 MN CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE

A'19 MN



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The Minnesota Conference
on Architecture

November 12 - 15, 2019

Minneapolis Convention
Center

A'19 MN Conference on Architecture November 12-15, 2019

Program planning has begun and our committee is seeking ideas and proposals for continuing education presentations and tours for this year's Conference.

Proposals: Who can propose a program? Just about anyone! A committee, a firm or company, an individual member, an allied member or organization, to name a few. Visit [A'19 MN Proposals](#) to access this request. Deadline is May 15, 2019.

Tours: We're also looking for great places to tour. Visit [A'19 MN Tours](#) to access this request. Deadline is May 15, 2019.

Ideas: And if you don't have a proposal to make, but simply have an idea for a topic or speaker, let us know. Send your suggestions to [Deanna Christiansen](#).

Reserve Your A'19 MN Booth Now!

We are looking forward to showcasing the latest innovative design and construction industry products and services to our 1,500+ attendees, composed of architects and building industry professionals who come to network, receive continuing education, and seek out new products and companies to partner with.

Explore the [conference prospectus](#) for details, rates, floor plan and sponsorship opportunities, and a link to the online registration page.

NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

AIA NATIONAL



A'19: THE AIA CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE

June 5-8, 2019

Las Vegas

CONVENTION DELEGATES NEEDED FOR ALL CHAPTERS

If you plan to attend the AIA Conference on Architecture, please consider becoming a delegate. Delegates are official representatives of their chapter and participate in the business meetings and election of officers. Duties include being present for the candidate speeches, voting and attending the business meeting. You will need to arrive in time to attend event beginning on Wednesday, June 5. We need delegates from AIA Northern Minnesota, AIA St. Paul, and AIA Minneapolis. If you are interested, please email [Amber Allardyce](mailto:Amber.Allardyce).

SUBMIT YOUR PHOTO TO THE AIA NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The competition was founded to capture and honor architects, design professionals and architectural students (AIAS members) whose amazing talents are showcased in their photographic interpretation of the designed environment. Deadline is April 15, 2019. [Learn more »](#)

AIA MINNEAPOLIS

AIA MINNEAPOLIS LUNCHEON

Thursday, April 18, 11:45 am

[Parallel Cafe, Holden Room](#)

The April Minneapolis luncheon will explore the issue of Native American homelessness through the example of the Hiawatha encampment and subsequent development of the Navigation Center. **Sam Olbekson, Assoc. AIA, Cunningham Group**, will lead a panel that includes leaders from the City of Minneapolis, the Red Lake Band, and staff from the Navigation Center to discuss the physical and social aspects of the problem, as well as next steps and possible solutions. This luncheon is co-sponsored by the AIA Minnesota Housing Advocacy Committee. [Register »](#)

MERIT AWARD CALL FOR ENTRIES

Submittals due Friday, May 31

AIA Minneapolis Merit Awards recognize projects by AIA Minneapolis architects that tell a story of:

- Excellence beyond design
- Public interest design
- The variety of forces that shape a building

[Learn more and apply online »](#)

2019 AIA MINNEAPOLIS GOLF OUTING--REGISTER NOW!

The AIA Minneapolis Golf Outing will be held on **Monday, July 29** at Majestic Oaks Golf Club. This is a great day of golf and a great way to support the Minnesota Architectural Foundation at the betting hole. Registration is now open:

[Golfer registration »](#)

[Sponsorship opportunities »](#)



Presenters at the March AIA Minneapolis Luncheon discussed ways that employers and the profession of architecture can benefit from hiring people with disabilities.

AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA

CONTINUING EDUCATION: ETHICS FOR DESIGN PROFESSIONALS

Thursday, May 16, 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

[Clyde Iron Works Event Center](#)

2.0 Ethics LU Hours

Presented by Kristine Kubes, Kubes Law Office [Details and registration »](#)

AIA ST. PAUL

FOOD FOR THOUGHT EVENT

Friday, April 5, 11:45 am

[St. Paul Central Library](#)

The winning teams of the 2018 St. Paul Prize Design Competition present their design proposals for a collaborative government resource center on University Avenue. [Register »](#)

COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES

ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR 2019 ARE REVIEWS

The Architect Licensing Advisory Committee is scheduling ARE 5.0 Reviews for 2019. Below is a tentative schedule with details and registration info coming soon.

- April 16, 6:00 - 8:00 pm - Construction & Evaluation
- May 15, 5:00 - 9:00 pm - Practice Management and Project Management
- September/October - Project Development & Documentation and Project Planning & Design
- September - Focus on Mechanical and Electrical
- October - Focus on Structural Systems
- November Conference - Programming Analysis

Visit [ARE](#) for more resources to support you on your journey to licensure.

BLACK SPECTACLES SUBSCRIPTION

AIA Minnesota is once again offering partially-subsidized three-month subscriptions to Black Spectacles. Subscriptions run from April 15-July 15. Deadline to register is April 10, and ten registrants are required. [Details »](#)

BUILDING CODES KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

MAKING A DECISION BETWEEN CODE REQUIREMENTS

Wednesday, April 10, 12:00 pm

AIA Minnesota Meeting Room

Miami-Dade NOA-Tested Assemblies and Standard of Care: Does one outweigh another? Presented by **Steve Kovalik, AIA, Opus.**

COMMITTEE ON EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

EXPLORE THE DRAFTING PROGRESS WEBSITE

The Committee on Equity, Diversity, and inclusion has created a new website for dialogue on these important topics. View articles from architecture publications and other industries, and participate in

discussions on the topic of the month! [Visit the site »](#)



Participants discuss equity in city planning at a "Drafting Progress Live" event hosted by the Committee on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

EFFECTIVE PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS

Wednesday, April 10, 12:00 pm

[Mead & Hunt, Inc.](#)

RSVP to [Mary Shaffer, AIA](#), or [Scott Neal, AIA](#), by close of business Thursday, April 4.

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

FIRM TOUR

Tuesday, April 23, 5:00 pm

[Alliance](#)

Join the Emerging Professionals Committee for the first in their 2019 series of Firm Tour events.

[Register »](#)

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Monday, May 6, 8:00 am

AIA Minnesota Meeting Room

Join us for an update on legislative activities this session and find out more about how you can help accomplish our [2019 agenda](#).

Richard Graves, AIA, appeared on Minnesota Public Radio's Climate Cast on March 27 to talk about the role of the built environment in climate change, and how architects are working with legislators to create climate solutions. [Read and listen »](#)

Rep. Jean Wagenius, Chair of the House Climate and Energy Policy and Finance Division in the Minnesota House of Representatives, highlighted architects as key partners in the fight against climate change during her opening remarks on the energy policy omnibus bill. This is due in large part to the time and effort of several of our members, who met with members of the committee and testified on bills important to our profession. Thanks to all!

HEALTH DESIGN KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Thursday, April 25, 4:00 pm

AIA Minnesota, First Floor Meeting Room (Crown Roller Mill Building)

This meeting will be a discussion of codes led by Bob Dehler, Minnesota Department of Health, and **Gerhard Guth, AIA, HGA Architects & Engineers.**

HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 3, 12:00 pm

AIA Minnesota Meeting Room

Join us to discuss spring events, affordable housing policy developments at the Capitol, and much more!

KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY ON THE ENVIRONMENT (kCOTE)

Thursday, April 11, 7:30 am

AIA Minnesota Meeting Room

How do building codes contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions? Can legislation for a stretch code help Minnesota meet climate goals? This session will walk through ways the energy code has increased building performance over time, how the Minnesota Code Compliance Collaborative works to increase code compliance, where the state is in terms of adopting the energy code, and how a stretch code (and other legislation) can help the state meet our climate goals. Our speaker will be Ben Rabe, Senior Policy Associate with Fresh Energy.



The Knowledge Community on the environment has provided a mural for display in the AIA Minnesota meeting room. Watch for displays from our other committees and knowledge communities in the months to come!

LAKE SUPERIOR DESIGN RETREAT COMMITTEE

LSDR 31: FIVE FUN FACTS

1. The Retreat had 15 first-time attendees! One new attendee said, "I was skeptical of speakers relating to my specific area of practice (engineering). Wow is all I can say."
2. Speakers included an art therapist, an artist, a writer/landscape architect, an urban planner, an architect, and an aerospace and automotive engineer.
3. Urban planner and architect, Jess Zimbabwe, partnered with former Duluth Mayor Don Ness to discuss the challenges and opportunities of downtown edge neighborhoods. 17 Duluth residents attended and were introduced to LSDR, to architecture, and to the insights presented.
4. Attendees had extra time this year to explore Duluth and have lunch.
5. The Retreat's schedule provided ample time to visit, socialize, and mingle with other participants and speakers!



RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

2019 HOME OF THE MONTH PREVIEW EVENT

Thursday, April 25, 5:30 pm

[American Swedish Institute](#)

The next slate of Star Tribune Home of the Month projects are announced and members have the chance to network with the public. [Purchase tickets »](#)

ARCHITECT OF DISTINCTION AWARD PROGRAM NOW ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS

[Learn more](#) about this award honoring a Minnesota residential practitioner licensed for 20 years or more.

EMERGING TALENT OF THE YEAR AWARD NOW ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS

Nominate a peer or submit your own work for this prestigious award for emerging residential practitioners. [Learn more »](#)

AIA MINNESOTA SPONSORS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL HOME TOUR

AIA Minnesota is a proud sponsor of the 32nd annual **Minneapolis-Saint Paul Home Tour** April 28-29. [Learn more »](#)

TECHNOLOGY IN ARCHITECTURE PRACTICE KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY (TAP)

COMPUTATION AND GENERATIVE DESIGN IN THE PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE

Thursday, April 18, 5:00 pm

[ESG Architects](#)

WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

DEMYSTIFYING THE FAIA

Tuesday, April 30, 5:00 pm

[RSP Architects](#)

Hear from some of Minnesota's women Fellows about their experiences applying for fellowship. They'll share insights and tips about the process and how to prepare yourself to apply. [Register »](#)

SPONSOR THE WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Your firm or company is invited to sponsor the AIA 2019 Women's Leadership Summit, hosted in Minneapolis this fall. Opportunities to connect with one of the fastest-growing architecture demographics are available at many different price points. Contact [Angie McKinley](#) for more details on available opportunities.

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS

Don't miss the **University of Minnesota College of Design 50-Year Reunion** for the classes of 1968, 1969 and 1970 on April 22, 2019. [Register »](#)

The **Associated General Contractors of Minnesota** celebrated 100 years with a special display in the North Corridor of the Minnesota State Capitol in March. Congratulations to AGC!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit the [AIA Minnesota Events Calendar](#) for more information about upcoming events.



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

The March/April 2019 issue of *Architecture MN* features the winners of the 2018 AIA Minnesota Honor Awards, the highly acclaimed new Chicago Architecture Center, and an in-depth interview with interdisciplinary artist PaviElle French on her composition with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, focused on her mother and the Rondo Neighborhood of St. Paul. [Read](#)

[more »](#)

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

The **July/August** issue features architecture for kids and historic preservation. This issue also includes the Directory of Renovation, Remodeling and Restoration. If your architecture firm specializes in any of these areas, you should be listed here!

Directory deadline is April 26. Ad. deadline is May 10.

[Click here](#) for the 2019 media kit and directory form. For more information or to reserve your ad spot, contact [Pam Nelson](#).

AIA Minnesota Has Moved!

Our new office space is almost ready for prime time. Stay tuned for a spring open house. In the mean time, be sure to change our address to be the following:


AIA Minnesota
105 5th Avenue South, Suite 485
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Our phone numbers and email addresses remain the same. You can also reach us at the main phone line: (612) 338-6763.

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