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## AIA MINNESOTA MATRIX NEWSLETTER

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### Strangers to Collaborators

by Mary-Margaret Zindren, CAE, EVP/Executive Director



There's a lot that's unpredictable about policymaking at the state level. There are always twists and turns related to which legislative proposals get traction, whose arguments will prove most persuasive, and what will actually become law.

One thing that you can always count on is change; in particular, change in the cast of characters who make up the Minnesota State Legislature. Turnover creates the regular challenge for AIA

Minnesota's government affairs team of getting to know a new crop of legislators every two years. Turnover results in loss of institutional knowledge while at the same time opening up opportunities for new leaders, with new perspectives, to take on positions of power and influence.

One of those next-gen leaders is Rep. Fue Lee. Rep. Lee (DFL) represents District 59A of Minneapolis. He is the first Hmong American to represent Minneapolis in the Legislature, having immigrated to the U.S. from a refugee camp in Thailand as a toddler in 1992. After attending Carleton College, he worked alongside former state Senator Mee Moua and Secretary of State Steve Simon. Rep. Lee was first elected to the Legislature in 2016 and has risen rapidly through the ranks, serving as an assistant majority leader for the House DFL Caucus from 2019-2020. Of particular interest to Minnesota's architecture community, Rep. Lee has served as chair of the Capital Investment Committee since 2021 and sits on the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee.

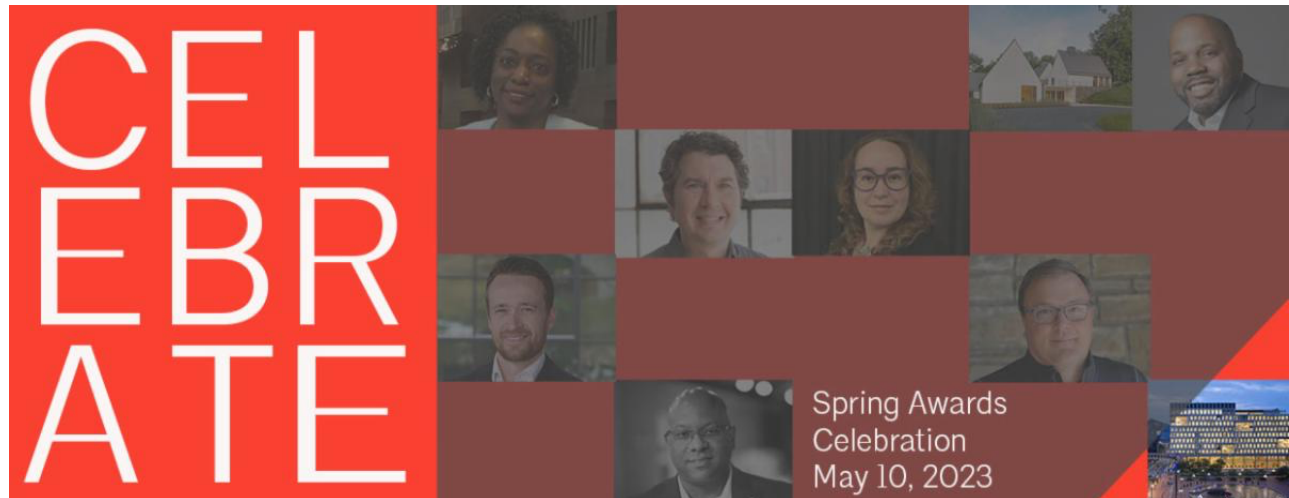
Over the past few years, our architecture community has moved from being strangers to Rep. Lee to being valued collaborators. This is thanks to AIA Minnesota's four-pronged approach to legislative advocacy: dedicated staff time, contracted lobbyists, our political action committee (MAPAC), and most importantly,

volunteer member engagement – from service on AIA Minnesota’s Government Affairs Committee and Board of Directors, to meeting with legislators from their districts, to testifying at legislative committee meetings.

The relationship built with Rep. Lee is a case study of the power of this four-pronged approach, and the importance of operating from our core values of authenticity, equity, collaboration, and integrity. [Read more »](#)

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## CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN ARCHITECTURE



### Celebrate With AIA Minnesota on May 10

In 2023, AIA Minnesota will celebrate the achievements of our members throughout the year by hosting several more impactful, meaningful events rather than a single event at the end of the year.

We'll start the celebrating on Thursday, May 10 by recognizing our newly inducted Fellows, AIA Young Architects, Architecture Award winners, and more! Join us at the Crown Roller Mill. [Learn more »](#)

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## A'23 MN: THE MINNESOTA CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE



## Conference on Architecture November 2023

### Call for Proposals Now Open!

### Call for Proposals for A'23 MN: The Minnesota Conference on Architecture

AIA Minnesota is seeking proposals for the A'23 MN Conference on Architecture scheduled for early November. All proposals must include:

- Title
- Program description
- Learning objectives
- Program format
- Intended audience
- Speakers.

**The deadline for proposals is June 3, 2023. Proposals must be submitted digitally [here](#).**

#### Things to note:

- The selection committee seeks proposals on a wide variety of topics for all building types and for firms of all sizes. An emphasis will be placed this year to provide an assortment of programs that address the business of architecture and the AEC industry; topics of particular interest to emerging professionals; and presentations addressing residential practice and design.
- Presentations must be non-proprietary.
- Panels must include a diverse array of voices and perspectives, in particular regarding gender and race/ethnicity.
- In an effort to minimize the climate impact of this conference, more than 80 per cent of our speakers will be within driving distance of the Twin Cities.
- Presenters highlighting a project are asked to share the historical context of the land and built environment related to the project in a manner that takes a long view of history and the people who have called that place home.

Questions? Contact [Deanna Christiansen](#) or [Angie McKinley](#).

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## CALL TO ACTION

### Next Gen Award Open for Submissions

In keeping with AIA Minnesota's mission to build and mentor the profession, the Next Gen Award is given to recent graduates of an accredited NAAB architecture program who have demonstrated early leadership potential or exceptional service to the AIA, the architecture profession, or the community at large. AIA Minnesota members and Associate members who have graduated with an architecture degree from an NAAB-accredited program in the last five years (2017 or more recent) are eligible for this award. AIA licensure is not required to be eligible for this award.

Candidate submissions should demonstrate:

- Early leadership potential and exceptional service.
- Substantial involvement in a committee, knowledge community, or initiative of AIA Minnesota.
- Contributions to the profession of architecture through academic, professional, or volunteer efforts.
- Significant contributions to the community through volunteering, activism, or leadership activities.

Submissions are due **Friday, May 26 at 12:00 pm (noon) CST**. [Learn more and submit »](#)

### Young Architects Award Open for Submissions

The AIA Minnesota Young Architects 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. AIA Minnesota members who have been licensed to practice architecture for less than 10 years and are currently licensed in Minnesota. (NOTE: The term "young architect" does not reference the candidate's age; it references years of professional experience.)

Submissions should demonstrate outstanding architecture accomplishments, leadership qualities, and significant contributions to the the community at large with selection criteria including, but not limited to:

- **Design Excellence** demonstrated through the creation of buildings and environments that enhance our built communities;
- **Practice** demonstrated through leadership, management, and/or specialized technical expertise;
- **Education** demonstrated through teaching, publications, and/or research; and
- **Service** demonstrated through exemplary architecture service and contributions to the profession and society.

Submissions are due **Friday, May 26 at 12:00 pm (noon) CST**. [Learn more and submit »](#)

## Next Gen Award and Young Architects Award Open House

Thursday, April 6, 4:00 pm

[Register for This Virtual Event](#)

The submission window for the AIA Minnesota Next Gen Award and Young Architects Award is open as of April 3. Join us on April 6 for a virtual open house with 2022 Next Gen Award recipient **Nicole Bauknight, Assoc. AIA, NOMA**, and 2022 Young Architects Award recipient **Kyle Palzer, AIA**, who will share their approaches to creating a successful entry.



## NILP 2023 Begins This Month: Reserve Your Seat Now

AIA Minnesota is pleased to host this cutting-edge skill-building program for leaders, change-makers, and professionals in the architecture industry who wish to practice inclusive leadership and create lasting culture change among their firms and organizations.

Over nine virtual sessions, the NILP helps individuals expand their abilities to lead inclusively and develop greater intercultural competence. The program also strengthens participants' effectiveness at creating a culture of equity, belonging, and authenticity. [Register now as space is limited »](#)

**NORTH • STAR**  
**STORY MAP**



## What Place Has Shaped Your Life?

At the Minnesota Conference on Architecture last November, AIA Minnesota soft-launched to members a new storytelling platform called the [North Star Story Map](#) for people to share their personal stories of the built spaces in Minnesota that hold special meaning to them.

**We need your help filling the website with stories before we launch to the public this month.**

**Can you share one of your own stories in the next few weeks? [Click here to get started »](#)**

### Not sure where to start?

Here are some questions to help jog your thinking:

- What building holds meaning for you or has shaped your life?
- What place makes you feel alive?
- What place do you miss?
- What built space makes you feel free to be yourself?
- What place gives you a feeling of belonging?
- What building inspires you?

[Click here](#) to read stories already on the site for further inspiration.

We're in soft-launch mode, so be sure to let us know how it goes so we can continue to improve the website before launching to the public. Email [Ann Mayhew](#) with any comments or questions!



## Home of the Month Virtual Event on April 27!

Join us on Thursday, April 27 for the virtual Home Design Panel and Home of the

## Month Preview.

A panel of local architects and homeowners will share their experiences creating their dream homes and answer questions from the audience. Plus, the next 12 homes to be featured in the Home of the Month article series will be announced.

This is a virtual event on Zoom. Panelists will be announced in mid-April.

*Firms receive one free ticket to this event per project submitted to Home of the Month. You will be emailed your promo code to redeem your ticket(s) after the March 31 submission deadline.*

[Get your tickets now »](#)

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Offered in conjunction with the Home of the Month program, AIA Minnesota's popular, annual home design consultations provide an opportunity for the public to connect with a residential design professional for a 45-minute, one-on-one discussion.

**We are looking for volunteers (AIA or Associate AIA members) to be the consultants, in person on Saturdays May 6 and May 20, or virtual on Tuesday, May 9. [Sign up now »](#)**

### **Home of the Month “Look Book” Advertising Opportunity:**

Align your firm with this popular residential architecture event, showcasing our residential firms and their projects. 12 projects will be selected to be featured in the Start Tribune's monthly feature. We publish a beautiful digital program featuring all home submissions with details on the project and architecture firm information. It will be distributed after the April 27 virtual event in a digital format to all event attendees as well as past attendees of the Home of the Month event and the Homes by Architects Tour. Contact [Pam Nelson](#) for more information.

Click [here](#) to reserve your ad.



## Work Begins on Budget Bills, Capital Investment Discussions Continue

Key committee deadlines have passed in both the House and Senate, narrowing the field of viable bills for consideration this session. The Governor and legislative leaders have also agreed to preliminary budget targets, and committees in both chambers are beginning to determine which policy proposals will be funded for the next biennium. Many important climate proposals supported by AIA Minnesota are likely to advance this session, but final inclusions won't be clear until late in the session.

The \$1.9 billion bonding bill passed by the House failed in the Senate in March; in order to provide for investment in infrastructure and community assets, the budget targets put forward by leadership include \$2.2 billion in cash, which would not require a supermajority to approve. Additional negotiations on a capital investment package are ongoing as part of broader budget discussions.

The high volume of bills proposed and fast pace have made this a challenging session for advocates, but AIA Minnesota members have been influential throughout the process and many bills we support are moving forward this year. If you have questions about specific legislative proposals, or if you'd like to get involved in our government affairs activities, please contact [Sheri Hansen](#).

## Call for Fellowship Candidates

Have you made significant contributions to the architectural profession through design, practice, invention, or community leadership? AIA Fellows are recognized with the AIA's highest membership honor for their exceptional work and contributions to architecture, design, and society. The honor of FAIA designation is earned through a rigorous submission process and reviewed by a national jury. AIA Minnesota's Fellowship Advisory Group was established to guide you through the nomination process, help you find a sponsor, share feedback from those who have successfully received Fellowship, and provide peer reviews. If you want to learn



more about the submittal process and receive advice throughout, let the AIA Minnesota Fellows Advisory Group help. If such contributions are part of your career and you have been an active, registered AIA member for a minimum of 10 years, you could become a member of the [AIA College of Fellows](#).

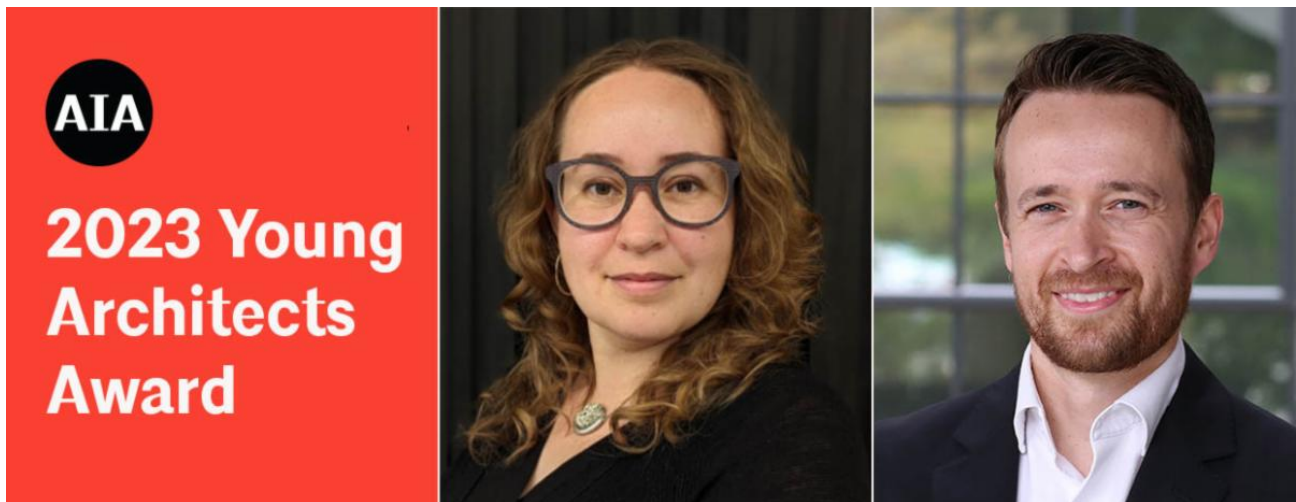
[Join us for an informational meeting on Thursday, April 20, 8:00 am to learn more about the process.](#)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Two Projects by Minnesota Architecture Firms Receive AIA Architecture Awards

Two projects by Minnesota architecture firms received 2023 AIA Architecture Awards. **HGA** was recognized for Marlboro Music Reich Hall and **MSR Design**, with its partner Henning Larsen, was recognized for the Minneapolis Public Service Building. Both are prior AIA Minnesota Honor Award recipients. [Learn more »](#)



## Two Minnesota Architects Receive 2023 AIA Young

## Architects Awards

Congratulations to **Simona Fischer, AIA**, and **David Wilson, AIA**, recipients of 2023 AIA Young Architects Awards. Both received AIA Minnesota Young Architects Awards in 2022. [Learn more »](#)

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*ENTERmn.com: Align with great design and cutting-edge features on the built environment in Minnesota*

ENTER digital ads start at \$495 per week. Contact [Pam Nelson](#) to reserve your space.

**Watch for the 2023 ENTER Print Annual Publication — coming out in April!**

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MINNESOTA ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION



**Ralph Rapson  
Traveling Study  
Fellowship**

## Ralph Rapson Traveling Study Award

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation is pleased to announce the 2023 Ralph Rapson Traveling Study Award (RRTSA) competition details!

- Application period: March 9 — April 20, 2023
- **Competition dates: Thursday, April 27 — Tuesday, May 9, 2023**

- Initial jury: Thursday, May 18, 2023
- Final jury: Thursday, June 1, 2023

As the result of a board-appointed task force comprehensive review of the RRTSA program, MAF is announcing the program with changes that aim at strengthening the program for the future. This year's RRTSA changes include a shift in calendar dates, expanded time frame, and finalist stipends. Additional adopted recommendations that will be phased in over 2023 and 2024 relate to advance notice of competition dates, jury composition, development of the brief, selection process, and broadly sharing the competition submittals. [Learn more](#) about the competition and apply by April 20!

## Clarence Wigington Architectural Scholarship Opportunity

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation (MAF) is now accepting applications for the Clarence Wigington Architectural Scholarship! MAF will provide up to two (2) scholarships to students who identify as Black, Indigenous, or person of color who wish to pursue a professional education in architecture and who hold promise for succeeding in such a career pursuit. The scholarship amount provided to each recipient is \$2,000 per semester (\$4,000 per academic year) and is an ongoing scholarship for up to five years (if a full course load of classes is successfully completed each semester). **Application deadline is May 31, 2023.** [Learn more »](#)

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### LEADERSHIP FORUM

## Leadership and Communication

The March Leadership Forum session was a highly interactive session examining skills and tools to increase authentic communication.

Led by Mary Slack, a management consultant in human resource and organization, the group studied and and practiced skills in three areas of leadership and communication:

1. Connecting style preferences to communication strategies
2. Describing when to use various styles of leadership
3. Applying communication strategies and a coaching model to improve communication with others

The next session will be in May and will focus on the topic of Building Trust and Engagement in Today's Complex Workforce.

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### CONTINUING EDUCATION

## Upcoming CE Opportunities

Questions? Contact [Deanna Christiansen](#).

## Financial Decision Making: Reading, Validating & Interpreting Financial Statements

Thursday, April 26, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

2.0 LUs, Virtual Meeting

[Details and registration »](#)

This presentation and expert panel discussion will focus on the main aspects of running a business, with a primary focus on the architecture firm. This course will help attendees become more comfortable reviewing and understanding the accounting and business aspects of both projects and firm finances. The information will be aimed at supporting firm owners, project managers, and existing accounting teams who want to connect the dots between financial statements and firm health.

## Minnesota Conservation Code Overview

Did you miss this seminar on March 23? Visit the [Conservation Code](#) event web page for access to the presentation slides.

## Two New On-Demand Videos Available

*Presented at the A'22 MN Conference*

- The Ethics of Ableism [Details and registration »](#)
- (Sustainable) Design is in the Details [Details and registration »](#)

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## NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

### AIA NATIONAL



## AIA CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE

June 7-10

San Francisco, CA

The architecture and design event of the year is heading to the beautiful Bay Area June 7-10, 2023. Early bird registration closes April 5. [Learn more »](#)

Have a colleague considering AIA membership? New AIA members get registration to the conference for just \$99! [Learn more »](#)

## DELEGATES NEEDED TO ATTEND AIA BUSINESS MEETING

If you plan to attend the A'23 in San Francisco, please consider becoming a delegate. Delegates are official representatives of their chapter and participate in the AIA Annual Business Meetings and election of officers and at-large director. Duties include reviewing summaries of candidates'

experience and qualifications, listening to pre-recorded candidate speeches, attending a pre-meeting (tbd), being present at the AIA Business Meeting during A'23 (June 7, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm), attending the Candidate Caucus (June 7, 1:20-2:30 pm), and voting. We need delegates from AIA Northern Minnesota, AIA St. Paul, and AIA Minneapolis. If you are interested, please email [PaviElle French](#) by May 15.

### **AIAU WEBINARS: MATERIALS MATTER SERIES**

**Dates:** March 30th, April 20th, May 11th and June 1st, 8:30 -10:00 EST

Material selection is a core service provided by architects, but that process is far from simple. The Materials Matter series untangles the complexities of that process in five essential courses. The key? Materials transparency. When you know everything you can about the materials you use, you're able to make the best product decisions for projects, people, and the environment. Opportunity to earn 7.5 LU|HSW AIA credits if you attend all five sessions! [Learn more and register »](#)

### **VOLUNTEER AT AIA**

Do you know a few great candidates to participate in accreditation team visits? NAAB and AIA are looking for volunteers with interest in architecture education and developing their leadership skills. [Learn more and apply »](#)

### **NATIONAL AWARD JURORS SOUGHT**

Honors & Awards is seeking jurors for our people-based and project-based awards. Please submit your application [here](#). And, as always, several awards are now open for submissions. Visit the [Honors & Awards](#) page for more information.

### **SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR AIA INDIANA AND AIA KENTUCKY CONFERENCE**

AIA Indiana and AIA Kentucky are accepting proposals for educational sessions for their conference in Indianapolis this September 14-15. The convention programming committee is interested in providing a wide range of programs that will meet the needs of all the convention attendees and appeal to a broad representation of the Institute's membership and allied professionals. Suggested themes include: Climate Action, Sustainability, Resilience, Technology, Design & Innovation, Industry Challenges & Critical Issues in the Profession. [Learn more »](#)

### **YAF NEWSLETTER**

The March 2023 newsletter features activities at the national conference, event details, and more! [View the newsletter »](#)

### **SUBMISSIONS OPEN FOR AIA AWARD PROGRAMS**

AIA recognizes and celebrates the best buildings and spaces, and the people behind them, with some of the most prestigious awards in the built environment. Take a look at many of our awards that are currently open for submission, including the Architecture, Interior, and Regional & Urban Design Awards. [Submit today »](#)

### **AIA NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

The AIA National Photography Competition was founded to capture and honor architects, design professionals and architectural students whose amazing talents are showcased in their photographic interpretation of the designed environment. The competition is open to all architects actively registered in the United States, AIA Associates, and architecture students at an accredited architecture school. Licensed architects do not have to be an AIA members to enter. **Deadline extended to April 17.** [Learn more »](#)

### **MANAGE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

Update your contact preferences, education, licenses, career, and contact information online.



Visit [myprofile.aia.org](https://myprofile.aia.org).

## AIA MINNEAPOLIS

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### **VOLUNTEER FOR DOORS OPEN MINNEAPOLIS**

**May 13-14, 2023**

Help us celebrate the city we know and love! [Doors Open Minneapolis](#) invites the public to explore venues that show off the historical, architectural, and cultural elements that make up our amazing city.

Sign up to volunteer and receive a VIP pass to skip the lines and get a behind-the-scenes look at buildings you've been dying to explore! You can view and register for volunteer opportunities at [this link](#). Visit the [Doors Open Minneapolis website](#) to see a list of some of the exciting venues participating this year!

Interested in being a subject matter expert for a project you've worked on? Contact [Kelly Fischer](#).

### **MERIT AWARD CALL FOR ENTRIES**

**Submittals due Friday, May 19**

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 »](#)



### **AIA MINNEAPOLIS GOLF OUTING**

**Monday, July 24**

**Majestic Oaks Golf Course**

Registration for golfers and sponsors will be available online in mid-April. Contact [Pam Nelson](#) for more information.

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## **COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES**

## ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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### NO MEETING IN APRIL

#### Next Meeting:

Thursday, May 4, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

### ARE 101

#### Panel Discussion Recording Available

The ARE 101 took place on March 21st with four panelists sharing their experience taking the Architecture Registration Exams and recently passing all six. Panelists included **Eden Garton, Assoc. AIA**, Mitlyng Design and Architecture; **Hans-Christian Karlberg, Assoc. AIA**; **James Matthes, AIA**, New Studio Architecture; and **Celina Nelson, AIA**, Collage Architects. The discussion was moderated by **Matt Wingard, Assoc. AIA**, SALA Architects. Visit [ARE101 Recording](#) to access the recording of this session.

### SPRING ARE REVIEWS

#### Construction & Evaluation

Thursday, April 20, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

In person at [Dunwoody College of Technology](#)  
[Details and registration »](#)

#### Practice & Project Management

Part 1 – May 4, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Part 2 – May 11, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

In person at [Dunwoody College of Technology](#)  
[Details and registration »](#)

### NCARB IS VISITING MINNESOTA AND YOU ARE INVITED

Wednesday, April 26, 4:30 - 6:00 pm

In person at [Cunningham Group](#)  
Limited space available. [Sign up now!](#)

## ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

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### ON HIATUS

## BUILDING CODES KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

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Wednesday, April 12, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Open Forum: bring your code questions, experiences, and updates to share. Also bring ideas for topics you'd like to see covered at future meetings.

## COMMITTEE ON DESIGN

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**Thursday, April 13, 12:00 pm**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

## COMMITTEE ON EQUITY IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT (EBE)

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**Wednesday, April 19, 8:30 am**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

## COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COTE)

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In lieu of the regular committee meeting this month, please join in a committee happy hour to celebrate spring, upcoming Earth Day, and recent climate positive actions!

**HAPPY HOUR WITH USGBC MN**

**Friday, April 14, 3:30-5:30 pm**

[Arbeiter Brewing Company](#), Minneapolis

[Register »](#)

## COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

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**NEW NORMAL: HYBRID WORK AND PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION OF WORKERS AND BUSINESS**

**Monday, April 10, 12:00 pm**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

## EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

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**Tuesday, April 11, 12:00 pm (meetings are held quarterly)**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

**Emerging Professionals Happy Hour at [Bauhaus Brew Labs](#)**

**Wednesday, April 5, 5:30 pm**

[Register »](#)

## ENTER COMMITTEE

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**Friday, April 28, 12:00 pm**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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**Tuesday, April 18, 12:00 pm**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

View the [2023 legislative agenda](#).

## HEALTH DESIGN KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

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Thursday, April 27, 4:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

## HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, April 5, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

## LAKE SUPERIOR DESIGN RETREAT COMMITTEE

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Monday, April 10, 11:30 am (note new day and time)

[Virtual Meeting](#)

## MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM COMMITTEE (MDT)

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Wednesday, April 19, 4:30 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

## RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

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Tuesday, April 4, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

[Submit now for the 2023 Homes by Architects Tour »](#)

Submissions due at 12:00 pm CT April 21, 2023

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### **HOME DESIGN PANEL & HOME OF THE MONTH PREVIEW**

Join your peers and the public at the annual Home of the Month event, this year virtual, on Thursday, April 27. A panel of local architects and homeowners will share their experiences creating their dream homes. Plus, see a sneak peek at the next 12 homes to be featured in the Home of the Month series. *Firms that submitted projects to Home of the Month will receive one complimentary ticket per project submitted—watch your email for a promo code from Ann Mayhew. [Get your tickets »](#)*

## HELP US DEVELOP CONFERENCE SESSIONS

The Residential Architecture Committee has been brainstorming ideas for A'23 MN conference sessions to propose that would be of interest to the residential architecture community, and we need your help! Please review [this Google Sheet](#) to add names of potential speakers to the ideas we've developed and/or commit to championing and submitting one of the ideas.

### CRAN® AIAU: Universal Design in Residential Architecture

Thursday, April 13, 12:00 pm CT | 1.0 LU · HSW

[Learn more and register »](#)

Mark your calendar for the [Minneapolis-St. Paul Home Tour](#) on April 29 & 30. Three AIA Minnesota members have projects on this year's tour. Watch their website for more information.

## TECHNOLOGY IN ARCHITECTURE PRACTICE KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

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### NO APRIL MEETING

The TAP KC leadership has been connecting with other AIA Minnesota committees and knowledge communities to promote a cross-disciplinary discussion. Our goal is to have an active discussion with each group and, in turn, share knowledge that helps advance their goals, and contributes to an alignment with the outstanding technology goals of the AIA, in general.

As the year progresses, we will be co-developing forums and special sessions with these groups to deliver technology insights that support efforts such as sustainable design, affordable digital transformation, technology leadership, and more. We invite all AIA Minnesota members and firms to reach out to us if you have areas of technology that you would like to see addressed. TAP KC co-chairs: [Rachel Riopel, AIA](#), and [Adam Wilbrecht, AIA](#)

## WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

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**Wednesday, April 19, 12:00 pm (NOTE NEW MEETING DAY AND TIME)**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

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### PEOPLE & FIRMS

**Alliance** promoted **Jeff Dreisbach, AIA**, and **Linda Landry, AIA**, to associate. **Destin Nygard, Assoc. AIA**, was promoted to senior associate.

**HGA** and the Minnesota Climate Action Partnership at the University of Minnesota produced a new report on the role of climate projections in design. [Learn more »](#)

## WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Sundus Al-bayati, AIA  
Angelo Davalos, Assoc. AIA  
Benjamin Dosch, AIA  
Sarah Hill, AIA  
Sarah Kern, AIA

Logan Kern, AIA  
Michael Lekan-Kehinde, Assoc. AIA  
Lorren Mueller, Assoc. AIA  
Jena Quast, Assoc. AIA



## IN MEMORIAM

**Randy Thoreson**, a longtime member of Minnesota Design Team (MDT), passed away in late October last year, shortly after the MDT visit to Henderson. Randy's passion for and knowledge of recreation facilities—trails, parks, rivers, and more generally the natural world—was the core of who he was. His contributions to the recreational assets of the communities he visited as part of MDT were many. Those who worked with him will remember his smile and his delightful energy. He always had fun on visits and helped other team members approach the challenges communities presented to him with his wonderful insights about the natural environment.

## AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS

[DESIGN IN 7: 7 STORIES IN 7 MINUTES APRIL 5 »](#)

[EXHIBITION | BIOPHILIA + WELLBEING + DESIGN THROUGH APRIL 21 »](#)

[EXHIBITION | LOW FIDELITY: DESIGN TECHNIQUES FROM THE MINNESOTA UNDERGROUND MUSIC ARCHIVE THROUGH MAY 13 »](#)



### GETTING TO ZERO FORUM

May 10-12, 2023

Minneapolis Marriott City Center

Secure your spot in the 2023 [Getting to Zero Forum](#), the premier event dedicated to building decarbonization, taking place in Minneapolis this spring! The event brings together the world's leading experts to share best practice approaches to reducing energy demand and decarbonization related to

policy, program, and projects. It is the only event with a broad cross-section of stakeholders focused on ambitious building efficiency goals and is an ideal venue for organizing both the policy and building communities to achieve zero carbon ambitions.



### MSP HOME TOUR

The [MSP Home Tour](#) returns Saturday, April 29 & Sunday, April 30, 2023 with a variety of homes in Minneapolis, St. Paul and nearby suburbs.



### DULUTH DESIGN EXPO 2023

**BUILDINGS + BELONGING: EMPOWERING SOCIAL CHANGE THROUGH DESIGN**

May 16, 2023

Blacklist Brewing Company, Duluth

Attend the sixth annual trade show in Duluth, followed by a keynote presentation on empowering social change through

design by Sara Cole, president and CEO of the Duluth Area YMCA. [Learn more »](#)

### LEED GREEN ASSOCIATE ONLINE TRAINING RESOURCES

Leading Green will again be offering online resources to help you attain your LEED Green Associate certification. Courses run from November to February, or can be completed on demand. AIA Minnesota members paying for their own registration can get a \$50

discount. [Learn more »](#)

## UMN ONLINE RESOURCES

Visit the College of Design's [online calendar](#) for regular updates on activities.

## UMN CAREER AND INTERNSHIP RESOURCES

Employers with jobs, internships, or smaller, project-based micro-internships are encouraged to post opportunities for students and recent grads at [careerhelp.umn.edu](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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