

AIA MINNESOTA MATRIX NEWSLETTER

April 2024

Why Volunteer?

by Amy Kalar, AIA, NOMA, AIA Minnesota President



Volunteering. It can be a dreaded word because we all get asked so often to volunteer in our personal lives – whether as part of a faith community, or at our children’s school, or for our passion projects like the Animal Humane Society or a charity race. The opportunities to volunteer are endless. And it can be incredibly hard to find the time to volunteer when our lives are already so incredibly busy!

When I start to feel that dread of volunteering requests, I always have to take a step back and ask myself: WHY do I volunteer? More often than not, the answer for me is that I want to help, make a contribution, or make a difference – and at the root of these things is kindness. I want to be kind, compassionate, and caring. When I remind myself of my personal “why,” it suddenly becomes a lot easier to say yes when opportunities arise.

I’ve mentioned a lot of ways that many of us volunteer in our personal lives, but there are many opportunities to volunteer in our professional lives too! In my last Matrix article, I wrote about how advocacy can be a small or large act, and volunteering in other parts of our architecture community is the same! We have lots of opportunities to volunteer within AIA – large, medium, or small:

- [Home of the Month architect consultations \(May\)](#)
- [Minnesota Design Team visit to Cuyuna Lakes Region \(May\)](#)
- Girl Scout Badge Consultations via Architecture in the Schools (spring-summer)
- STEM Day at the State Fair (August)
- Homes by Architects Tour (September)
- Join a committee or knowledge community of AIA Minnesota or a local chapter

Did anything catch your eye? There is more information about these opportunities in this newsletter and on the AIA Minnesota website.

If not, I'd encourage you to consider trying something you never thought might interest you. In the past, I've tended to "stay in my lane" when it comes to volunteering for AIA. I'm not a residential architect, so I didn't go to those events. But I volunteered for the Homes by Architects Tour and it was absolutely amazing! Then I wandered even further outside my lane and attended a Government Affairs Committee meeting - and found it so much more than interesting - it was enthralling! I even got to go testify at a Senate Committee meeting - and here's the kicker - *It was super easy!* I thought it would be intimidating and scary, but AIA staff were there to support me, provide me with talking points, and thankfully to calm my nerves too!

So, what is your "why" when it comes to volunteering? What is at the root of volunteering for you personally? I hope that you'll consider how some of the opportunities we've outlined above might align with your "why" - and maybe even try something that you wouldn't normally consider. It might surprise you just how fun and interesting - and easy! - volunteering with AIA Minnesota can be even beyond your specific area of practice.

Go wander outside your lane!

COLLEGE OF FELLOWS



Two Minnesota Architects Elevated to Fellowship in 2024

Congratulations to **Eric Amel, FAIA**, and **John Pfluger, FAIA**, elevated to the AIA College of Fellows in 2024. [Learn more »](#)

CALL TO ACTION

Next Gen Award Open for Submissions

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 (2019 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 through academic, professional, or volunteer efforts; and
- Significant contributions to the community through volunteering, activism, or leadership activities.

Submissions are due **Friday, May 31, 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 are eligible for this award. (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 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 excellence demonstrated through leadership, management, and/or specialized technical expertise;
- Contributions to education through teaching, publications, and/or research; and
- Service demonstrated through exemplary contributions to the profession and society.

Submissions are due **Friday, May 31, at 12:00 pm** (noon) CST. [Learn more and submit »](#)

Next Gen and Young Architects Awards Open House

Thursday, April 4, 4:00 pm

[Register for This Virtual Event](#)

The submission window for the 2024 AIA Minnesota Next Gen Award and Young Architects Award is open. Join us on April 4 for a virtual open house with 2023 Next Gen Award recipient **Ellie Ziaie, Assoc. AIA**, and 2023 Young Architects Award recipient **Laura Eder, AIA**, who will share their approaches to creating a successful entry.



Home of the Month Panel

[Join us](#) on **Wednesday, May 1, 6:30–8:00 pm** at [Glass House](#) to hear from three pairs of local architects and homeowners on their experiences creating their dream homes! Plus, the next 12 homes to be featured in the AIA Minnesota & *Star Tribune* Home of the Month article series will be announced. The evening starts with a social hour from 5:30–6:30 pm with a cash bar and glassblowing tours from event sponsor [Hennepin Made](#). Support your colleagues in the residential architecture field, network with peers, and share the value of architecture with the public! [Get your tickets now »](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

Are you a residential architect or designer? Offered in conjunction with the Home of the Month program, AIA Minnesota's 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 Wednesday, May 1 and Saturday, May 4, or virtual on Tuesday, May 9. LOTS of slots are still open!** [Learn more & sign up »](#)

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 18, 8:00 am to learn more about the process.](#)



Call for Proposals for A'24 MN: The Minnesota Conference on Architecture

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AIA Minnesota is seeking proposals for the A'24 MN Conference on Architecture scheduled for November 11, 12, and 13 at The Minneapolis Renaissance Depot Hotel.

The application process will be open by Friday, April 5. At that time, you will find a link for the call for proposals [here](#).

The deadline for proposals is Monday, June 3, 2024.

Things to note:

- The CE Conference Committee seeks proposals on a wide variety of topics related to all building types, practice management skills, and of interest to architecture professionals in firms/organizations of all sizes.
- 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, we aim for at least 80 percent of our speakers to 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](#).

What topics and speakers would you like to see at the A'24 MN Conference?

Use this [link](#) to access a two-question survey where you can share your

suggestions.

Department of Commerce Seeks Proposals for Small Community Climate Plans

The Minnesota Department of Commerce seeks proposals from eligible entities that agree to coordinate with small cities or towns (populations under 15,000) that have begun, or desire to begin, to plan projects related to energy efficiency, renewable energy, or climate resiliency.

Communities need access to funding to help with planning and strategic implementation of energy efficiency and clean energy initiatives that will assist in resiliency and reliability in the future. Activities under this award may benefit and serve residents, businesses, and not-for-profit organizations within the applicants' jurisdiction and utilize innovative financing to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy. Applications are due April 12. [Learn more »](#)

Metropolitan Council Pre-Development and Policy Grants Available

Applications for the Livable Communities Act (LCA) Pre-Development grants are open. Pre-Development grants can support early project activities like site design, community engagement, and mentoring for new developers. Applications are due April 22. You can find full program details on the [LCA Pre-Development website](#).

LCA [Policy Development grants](#) can provide up to \$50,000 to cities developing policies that support more affordable housing, dense development, economic opportunity, and/or environmental sustainability and that will help realize more equitable development outcomes. Applications are due April 22.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Legislative Session Passes Key Deadline

The 2024 legislative session is well underway. With key committee deadlines in late

March for policy bills, the legislature is now narrowing its scope and creating the omnibus bills that will form the majority of the policy passed this term. Affordable housing has been a major topic of focus for legislators this session, with many bills proposing change in finance and other aspects of housing. A small supplemental budget and a capital investment bill are expected to pass this term. If you have questions about AIA Minnesota's policy work, please contact [Sheri Hansen](#).

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ENTER Digital Advertising Opportunity

Want to align with great design and cutting-edge features on the built environment in Minnesota? Advertise on our monthly digital publication, ENTER. Ads start at \$495 per week. Limited space available.

Contact [Pam Nelson](#) for more information and to reserve your spot.

MINNESOTA ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION



Pictured above (left to right): Ciara Allen, Robert Gay, Julia Larson, Rachel Manson, Isabelle Marty

Thomas F. Ellerbe Scholars Announced

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation (MAF) awards Thomas F. Ellerbe scholarships to exemplary architectural and engineering students in the final year of their master's program at the University of Minnesota. Congratulations to **Rachel**

Mansun, Robert Gay, and Isabelle Marty! Honorable mention scholarships were also awarded to **Julia Larson** and **Ciara Allen**. [Learn about the MAF Thomas F. Ellerbe Scholarship »](#)



Ralph Rapson Traveling Study Fellowship

Rapson Traveling Study Awarded to Isaac Tapp, Assoc. AIA

The 2024 Minnesota Architectural Foundation (MAF) Ralph Rapson Traveling Study Award (RRTSA) competition was held February 22 to March 5 and further incorporated changes to strengthen the program's relevance and impact.

Competitors were challenged to design an architectural folly that can be inhabited solo or in small to medium size groups located on a site selected by the competitor. During the initial process, jurors identified five finalists from among 39 submissions – **Ben Newby, Assoc. AIA, Brent Nelson, AIA, Isaac Tapp, Assoc. AIA, Kenos Leong, Assoc. AIA, and Nick Kineke, AIA.**

In the final jury round, **Isaac Tapp, Assoc. AIA** was named recipient of the 2024 Ralph Rapson Traveling Study award. They will receive \$15,500 to advance their education in architecture through international or domestic travel study. [Learn more about the design competition and view the submissions »](#)

CONTINUING EDUCATION



CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT

Minnesota architect license renewals are due June 30, 2024. You must have 24 Professional Development Hours, including 2 hours in ethics, to renew your

license.

Carryover credits. If you had more than 24 PDH when you renewed your license in 2022, you can carry over up to 12 of those additional hours for this license renewal period. Ethics credits do not carry over. Check [here](#) for more details.

Three New On-Demand Webinars Available Mid-April

AIA Minnesota has on-demand webinars to help you meet your continuing education needs. Three more will be available mid-April from the A'23 MN Conference presentations, including:

- [Means of Egress: A General Introduction](#) 1.5 HSW LUs
- [Do Designers Know Best? Fighting for the Design Solutions We Believe In](#) 1.25 LUs and Ethics
- [Local Lessons from the COTE Top Ten](#) 1.5 HSW LUs

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- [\(Sustainable\) Design is in the Details](#) 1.5 HSW LUs
- [The Ethics of Ableism](#) 2.0 HSW LUs and Ethics
- [Ethics: Designing/Constructing Public Projects through an Equity Lens](#) 2.0 LUs and Ethics
- [Code Provisions for Mixed Occupancies](#) 1.5 HSW LU
- [Interrupting Abusive Behavior in the Workplace](#) 1.0 LU and Ethics
- [Fire Service Features of the State Fire Code](#) 1.5 HSW LU
- [Ethical Leadership in Today's Complex Business Environment](#) 2.0 LUs and Ethics
- [Pathways to SB2030: Three Minnesota Case Studies](#) 1.0 HSW LU
- [Ethical Design in the Era of Climate Change](#) 2.0 HSW LUs and Ethics

Questions? Contact [Deanna Christiansen](#).

LEADERSHIP FORUM

The logo for the Leadership Forum features the word "LEADERSHIP" in large, bold, red, sans-serif capital letters. Below it, the word "FORUM" is written in smaller, black, sans-serif capital letters, with each letter centered under a corresponding letter in "LEADERSHIP". The entire text is framed by two horizontal black lines, one above and one below.

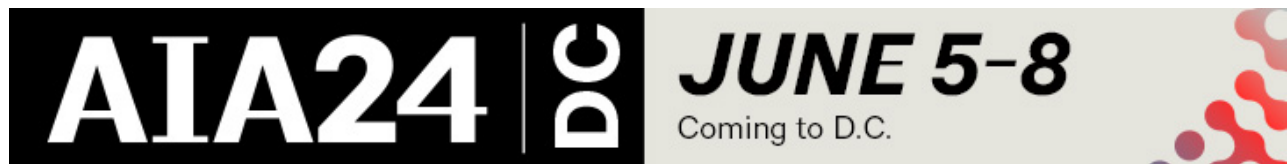
The March Leadership Forum session was a full day spent examining the core concepts of intercultural development and discovering ways to engage effectively with colleagues, project partners, clients, and community members across lines of

difference such as gender, race, ethnicity, and other “differences that make a difference.” Even before this session, participants were introduced to the Intercultural Development Curriculum, took an evaluative assessment to measure their current skills, and received one-on-one guidance on next steps. Participants took the Intercultural Conflict Style (ICS) inventory to build awareness of conflict styles. The session concluded with a scenario-based activity related to interrupting bias.

Thanks goes to Mary-Margaret Zindren, a qualified administrator of the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI); to our 2024 advisors, **Steven Wolf, AIA**, and **Stephanie Howe, AIA**; and to Cuningham for the use of their space, and assistance from Elizabeth Foster, CDFA.

NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

AIA NATIONAL



AIA24 CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

June 5-8, 2024

Washington, DC

AIA24 is where the AIA and AEC communities gather for the industry's best continuing education, unparalleled networking, exclusive tours of Washington architecture and firms, and the industry's largest expo. Make a difference in your career at AIA24 in Washington, D.C.

[Explore the schedule »](#)

DELEGATES NEEDED

If you plan to attend AIA24 in Washington, DC, please consider becoming a delegate. Delegates are official representatives of their chapter and participate in the AIA Annual Business Meeting and election of officers and at-large director. Duties include reviewing summaries of candidates' experience and qualifications, listening to pre-recorded candidate speeches, virtual attendance at the AIA Town Hall, review the information session, and in-person attendance at the AIA Business Meeting and Candidate Caucus during AIA24, and voting. We need delegates from AIA Northern Minnesota, AIA St. Paul, and AIA Minneapolis. If you are interested, please email [Amber Allardyce](#) by May 10, 2024.

Delegates should expect to attend the following:

- May 1, 2:00 pm - AIA Town Hall (virtual)
- May 29, 12:00 pm – AIA Minnesota delegate information session
- June 5, 1:00 pm - AIA Annual Meeting (Washington, DC)
- June 5, 4:30 pm - Candidate Caucus (Washington, DC)

AIA NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The 2024 AIA National Photography Competition is now accepting entries. This competition is open to AIA members, registered architects, and architecture students of accredited universities and the top photographs will receive CASH PRIZES. All recognized photographs of the competition will be promoted by our media sponsor *Architecture Record Magazine* and will also

be displayed at the *Architecture Record* booth at the upcoming AIA24 Conference on Architecture & Design in Washington, D.C. [Learn more »](#)

YAF NOW YA KNOW

The March edition of the Young Architects Forum newsletter includes grant and mentorship opportunities, as well as information about special programming at AIA24. [Learn more »](#)

FUTURE FORWARD GRANTS AVAILABLE

A project presented by the Large Firm Roundtable (LFRT) and AIA Young Architects Forum (YAF), the **Future Forward grant** supports students, emerging professionals, and early-career architects in testing new ideas that disrupt the traditional conception of practice, process, and product in the field of architecture. The grant period runs through April 19. [Learn more »](#)

YAF CONNECTION MAGAZINE

View the latest edition of the Young Architects Forum quarterly magazine, entitled "Diversify for the Future," [here](#).

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

We want to make sure we stay connected! If you've moved, changed companies, or retired, or if your member record contains outdated or incorrect information, this is a perfect time to make those updates. [Log into your profile »](#)



AIA MINNEAPOLIS

NO LUNCH PROGRAM IN APRIL

MERIT AWARD CALL FOR ENTRIES

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.

Submissions are due **Friday, May 17**. [Learn more and apply online »](#)

DOORS OPEN MINNEAPOLIS

Volunteer for Doors Open Minneapolis on May 18 & 19! [Learn more »](#)

Did you work on one of the venues? Contact [Kelly Fischer](#) to learn how you can volunteer as a subject matter expert.

JOIN THE SUSTAINABILITY ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP

If you are an AIA Minneapolis member and part of a smaller firm or sole practitioner interested in giving and receiving peer support while working to develop sustainable design capabilities, join the mailing list for the newly formed Sustainability Accountability Group. [Learn more and sign up »](#)



Register Now for the 2024 AIA Minneapolis Golf Outing!

Monday, July 29

Majestic Oaks Golf Course

[Registration for golfers »](#)

[Registration link for sponsors »](#)

Contact [Pam Nelson](#) for more information.

AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA

NO DRAUGHTING CLUB IN APRIL

AIA ST. PAUL

CALL FOR COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN MENTORSHIP SURVEYS

The AIA St. Paul Chapter invites your valued participation in a pivotal initiative centered around mentorship. Your insights are crucial as they will serve as the foundation for the impactful work of our Mentorship Taskforce. Two surveys have been crafted to capture the diverse perspectives within our community:

[For Mentors and Staffing Managers at Firms »](#)

[For Mentees »](#)

If you fall within both categories, we encourage you to share your valuable input on both surveys. The commitment required is minimal, with each survey anticipated to take no more than 5-10 minutes of your time.

Why Your Participation Matters

Your input is the driving force behind informed recommendations. By participating, you directly contribute to shaping the future of mentorship within our professional community. Visit the survey links above to complete the surveys and ensure your voice is heard.

About the Mentorship Taskforce

The AIA St. Paul Mentorship Taskforce, lead by Dantes Ha, Assoc. AIA, and Ryan Rademacher, AIA, is dedicated to fostering a culture of mentorship within our architecture community. Your feedback will guide their efforts to create impactful and relevant recommendations for the betterment of our profession.

COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES

ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NO MEETING IN APRIL TO MAKE TIME FOR SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

April 5 – ALA members will be joining a panel discussion at Dunwoody

April 10 – ALA members will be making a presentation on the steps to licensure to students at UMN College of Design



2024 ARE 5.0 Scholarship

The AIA Minnesota Architect Licensing Advisory Committee coordinates awarding one scholarship per year to cover the costs of all sections of the Architect Registration Exam. Test fees currently total \$1,410 for all six divisions of the 5.0 exam. *Eligibility has been expanded to include both AIA Minnesota and MSP NOMA licensing candidates.* Visit [2024 ARE Scholarship](#) for details. Deadline is April 15, 2024. Questions? Contact [Deanna Christiansen](#).

ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 11, 8:30 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

The AIS Committee is still open to new members joining us as we have reconvened and are in the planning stages for our second quarter in 2024! Please reach out to [PaviElle French](#) if you are interested, or feel free to register for the meeting.

VOLUNTEER WITH ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS

The AIA MN Architecture in the Schools Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the Girl Scouts as we embark on a new partnership with the organization. Volunteers would support an event by guiding Girl Scouts through an activity. The events vary, but you can expect to plan and execute one activity to fit the mission of the badge while being supported by Girl Scout staff.

Depending on the location of the volunteer, the events will be held in the Twin Cities metro or in Rochester. The events would take place in the fall/winter of 2024-2025 and are typically held on a weekend. General duration is about 2-4 hours.

The attached PDFs have information on the different badges: [Art + Design](#), [Daisy Journeys](#),

and [Senior Ambassador Journeys](#). The badges have bullet points of what needs to be done for the badge to be earned, but they are loose, and creativity is encouraged!

If you are interested, please send a message to Architecture in the Schools Committee Chair [Kelly Martinez](#) and [PaviElle French](#), AIA MN Staff Liaison, by April 5, 2024.

BUILDING CODES KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

OPEN FORUM

Wednesday, April 10, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Update on TAG Committee activity. Then 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

Thursday, April 11, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

COMMITTEE ON EQUITY IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT (EBE)

Tuesday, April 16, 3:30 pm

[Virtual meeting](#)

The EBE Committee is still open to new members joining us and helping actualize our plans to engage in community-based equity events in 2024! Please reach out to [PaviElle French](#) if you are interested, or feel free to register for the meeting.

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COTE)

NO COMMITTEE MEETING IN APRIL

CLEAN ENERGY BUSINESS DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Thursday, April 11, 12:00 pm

Join USGBC at Clean Energy Business Day 2024

- Network with business leaders and industry experts
- Share your business story with policymakers
- Hear directly from lawmakers about how you can shape energy policy

Registration is free, but is required. [Learn more »](#)

COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Monday, April 8, 12:00 pm

This Council of Firms meeting will be hybrid.

Join us in person at [JLG Architects](#) - 710 S 2nd St 8th Floor, Minneapolis, MN 55401

Join us virtually at [COF on Zoom](#)

Topic: How to successfully and inclusively host a hybrid meeting. This meeting will be led by [Sage Presence](#).

In addition to our regular monthly meetings, we will be kicking off a few small group connections throughout the year. The first will be on Accounting and Project Management software. If you are interested, please let Cindy and Nicole know by emailing them at CAMcCleary@leoadaly.com and nwashburn@jlgarchitects.com.

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 9, 12:00 pm (meetings are held quarterly)
[Virtual Meeting](#)

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS FIRM TOUR AND HAPPY HOUR
Wednesday, May 15, 5:00 - 7:00 pm
LSE Architects - 1401 Glenwood Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55405
[Register to Attend »](#)



EMERGING PROFESSIONAL FRIENDLY FIRM PROGRAM

Does your firm provide support to emerging professionals? This award program recognizes firms in the Upper Midwest that are committed to supporting early career professionals. Firms with an office in Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, or South Dakota are eligible to apply.

[Visit the website »](#)

ENTER COMMITTEE

Friday, April 26, 12:00 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 16, 12:00 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

View the AIA Minnesota [2024 Legislative Agenda](#). The Agenda is created by the Government Affairs Committee with input from multiple committees and knowledge communities, and is aligned with AIA's policy platform. Contact [Sheri Hansen](#) for more information.

HEALTH DESIGN KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

This KC will be on hiatus this spring while we explore the best path forward for future meetings.

HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 3, 12:00 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

LAKE SUPERIOR DESIGN RETREAT COMMITTEE

Monday, April 15, 11:30 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM COMMITTEE (MDT)

Wednesday, April 17, 4:30 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

VOLUNTEER FOR THE UPCOMING MDT VISIT TO CUYUNA LAKES REGION, MAY 2-5!

The Cuyuna Lakes region: forged by the folks who mined the area, mountain bike trails worthy of global acclaim now wind through this beautiful land of red dirt and abandoned mine pits that were reclaimed by nature to create pristine lakes. MDT visited in 2010 and they have implemented our suggestions to the point where tourism is a success, but they now experience the challenges most tourist areas face. If you are interested in volunteering during the visit, please complete the [online application »](#)

RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 2, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS: HOMES BY ARCHITECTS TOUR

Submit your project to be considered for Home of the Month! **Due April 26.** [Learn more and submit »](#)

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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 *Star Tribune's* monthly feature. We publish a beautiful printed program featuring all home submissions with details on the project and architecture firm information. It will be distributed at the May 1st event to all event attendees as well as past attendees of the Home of the Month event and the Homes by Architects Tour. Deadline to reserve your ad is April 5. [Reserve your ad »](#)

Contact [Pam Nelson](#) for more information.

TECHNOLOGY IN ARCHITECTURE PRACTICE KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

NO COMMITTEE MEETING IN APRIL

WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 17, 12:00 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

PEOPLE & FIRMS

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Julia Gordon, Allied member of AIA Minnesota
Bill Heiam, Allied member of AIA Minnesota

Ali Karlen, Assoc. AIA
John Quinlivan, Allied member of AIA
Minnesota

IN MEMORIAM

Kenneth Kraft, AIA, passed away in late February 2024. [Learn more »](#)

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS

[TAPPING INTO SUCCESS: THE IMPACT OF ULI MINNESOTA'S TAPS APRIL 2 »](#)

[UMN DESIGN IN 7: 7 STORIES IN 7 MINUTES APRIL 3 »](#)

[MINNESOTA MAIN STREETS CONFERENCE APRIL 4-5 »](#)

[UMN COLLEGE OF DESIGN RESEARCH SHOWCASE APRIL 5 »](#)

[ETHICS OF DESIGNING FUTURE-READY SCHOOLS APRIL 11 »](#)

[UMN FASHION & PLAY SYMPOSIUM APRIL 12-13 »](#)

[ENVIRONMENTS FOR AGING CONFERENCE APRIL 13-16 »](#)

[AIA SEATTLE VIRTUAL CLIMATE SUMMIT APRIL 15-16 »](#)

[UMN PRODUCT INNOVATION LAB PLAYSENTATIONS MAY 2 »](#)

[CONNECT MIDWEST: MULTIFAMILY, AFFORDABLE, STUDENT, AND SENIOR HOUSING JUNE 4 »](#)

[MODULAR FOR MULTIFAMILY HOUSING SYMPOSIUM JUNE 5-6 »](#)

[2024 NATIONAL ADA SYMPOSIUM MINNEAPOLIS JUNE 9-12 »](#)

2024 SUMMER ARCHITECTURE PROGRAMS FOR KIDS AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Archinect Magazine compiled a list of national design programs for students. [Learn more »](#)

2024 SUMMER ARCHITECTURE PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS AND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Archinect Magazine compiled a list of national design programs for adults and high school graduates. [Learn more »](#)

LEED GREEN ASSOCIATE ONLINE TRAINING

Leading Green is offering LEED training and exam prep this spring. Use code "sust" to receive a \$100 discount! Live and self-paced options are available. [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

Visit the [AIA Minnesota Events Calendar](#) for more information about upcoming events. For events not sponsored by AIA Minnesota, please check directly with sponsors for up-to-date information about cancellations, postponements, or virtual meetings.



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JUNE Matrix editorial deadline is Friday, May 17.

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