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ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS

- Honor Awards Call for Entries Open
- Firm Award Call for Entries Closes Aug. 23
- 2020 Leadership Opportunities
- Homes by Architects Tour Tickets Available
- Northern Community Builder Award Open
- Leadership Forum Open House

Science and the Soul
By Mary-Margaret Zindren, EVP/Executive Director

What does the architecture community uniquely bring to leadership on climate change? More than expertise on design solutions, more than a command of the data related to greenhouse gas emissions from building processes and materials.

You bring imagination. And inspiration. And poetry.

Architecture is the bridge between science and the soul. I was recently reminded of this when re-reading this 2017 article from The Atlantic. The title/subtitle is long: "Walden wasn't Thoreau's Masterpiece--In his 2-million word journal, the transcendentalist discovered how to balance poetic wonder and scientific rigor as he explored the natural world." The article is long, too, but worth the time.

The author brings attention to the context of Henry David Thoreau's journals. "Especially pertinent two centuries after his birth, in an era haunted by inaction on
climate change, he worried over a problem that felt personal but was also spiritual and political: how to be a rigorous scientist and a poet, imaginatively connected to the vast web of natural life."

Thoreau asked, in a response to a series of natural-history reports published by the state of Massachusetts, "How could such dry summaries hold any interest for the general reader? Where...was the joy of nature?" As the author puts it, "For Thoreau, a sense of wonder--of awe toward, but also oneness with, nature--was essential. We will, he understood, protect only what we love."

If we're going to get people to think and act differently when it comes to climate change--through our advocacy efforts, our magazine and digital content, and pop-up Center for Architecture exhibits and events--our efforts will need to invoke the curiosity and wonder that moves people in a way that pure factual argument never will.

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New Head of School of Architecture Sought for UMN

The University of Minnesota College of Design is seeking a new Head of the School of Architecture. A formal job description will be posted in early September.

The Search Committee welcomes support from AIA membership in cultivating a qualified, diverse pool of candidates from academia and practice. Please forward prospective candidates and contact information to Richard Graves. Thank you!

Karen Lu, AIA
AIA Minnesota President-Elect
Member, Search Committee for the University of Minnesota School of Architecture Department Head

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CALL TO ACTION

AIA Minnesota Honor Award Call For Entries Open

Since 1954, AIA Minnesota has celebrated outstanding architecture and urban design through its annual Honor Awards Program. We invite you to submit your firm's best, recent work to be considered for a 2019 Honor Award.
Our program acknowledges outstanding built projects by AIA Minnesota members, or firms that are owned by AIA Minnesota members, that practice professionally in Minnesota. We encourage broad participation from established and new practitioners of firms of all sizes—small, medium, or large. The deadline for completing your submission is **Friday, September 27, at 12:00 pm CST**. [Submit a project »](#)

### AIA Minnesota Honor Awards Open House

**HONOR AWARDS OPEN HOUSE**  
**Tuesday, August 6, 4:00 pm**  
**BWBR**

Is your firm planning to submit a project or two to the 2019 AIA Minnesota Honor Awards program? If so, please join us for an informational open house at BWBR. Two 2018 Honor Awards recipients will share their secrets to creating a successful submission, and attendees will have the opportunity to review many of last year’s winning PDF booklets.

Refreshments will be served before, during, and after the program! [Register today »](#)

### AIA Minnesota Firm Award Call for Entries Closes August 23

The AIA Minnesota Firm Award, given biannually, is one of the highest honors bestowed by the association, recognizing a Minnesota firm that has made outstanding contributions to the advancement of the profession of architecture. Submissions must be completed by **12:00 pm CST on Friday, August 23**. [Learn more »](#)
AIA Minnesota Office and Crown Roller Mill Building
105 5th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55401

The AIA Minnesota Board of Directors and staff invite you to join us for an open house in our new office. Light refreshments will be served. **RSVP to attend »**

Purchase your tickets in advance and save $5! Don't miss seeing this year's 13 new and remodeled homes featured on the 2019 Homes by Architects Tour during the week of September 21-22. **Get tickets starting August 2 »**

**VOLUNTEER AT THE WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**
Several opportunities to help with WLS are available now! Those who volunteer for 6 or more hours receive a 30% discount on registration. Plus, if you volunteer for a happy hour or project tour you can participate in that event for free. **Learn more »**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**
LEADERSHIP POSITIONS FOR 2020

AIA Minnesota is currently seeking applications for officer and board leadership positions that will begin January 1, 2020. Learn more and apply online.

Open AIA Minnesota Officer/Board Leadership Positions for 2020:

- President-Elect (three-year commitment as President-Elect, President, and Past President; AIA and Assoc. AIA members eligible)
- Secretary (one-year term, renewable; AIA and Assoc. AIA members eligible)
- Treasurer (one-year term, renewable; AIA and Assoc. AIA members eligible)
- Associate Director (one-year term, renewable; only Assoc. AIA members eligible)

If you are interested in exploring leadership opportunities at the local chapter levels--AIA Minneapolis, AIA Northern Minnesota, or AIA St. Paul--or with the Minnesota Architectural Foundation, members are encouraged to express interest by September 16.

Regional Associate Director (RAD) Opportunity
AIA Minnesota is seeking candidates for the National Associates Committee Regional Associate Director position to represent the North Central States region (Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, and South Dakota). Candidates should have time to devote to this opportunity and an interest in serving the entire region at the national level. Learn more or contact Amber Allardyce, Hon. AIAMN.

2020 Leadership Forum Open House
Monday, September 23, 2019, 4:30 - 6:00 pm
AIA Minnesota Office
Attend the open house to learn how the Forum is good for the individual, good for the firm, and good for the profession. The open house will also provide attendees with an opportunity to talk with past forum participants. Learn more.

Applications will be available soon! Due date will be Monday, October 7.

Governor's Residence Council Opening
The AIA Minnesota Board of Directors is requesting letters of interest from members to fill a position on the Governor's Residence Council (GRC). The GRC advises state officials on the preservation, renovation, and maintenance of the Minnesota Governor's Residence and surrounding grounds. It meets on a regular basis to review issues that affect the residence.

The GRC is composed of 19 members, one of whom is a member of AIA Minnesota. Current advisor Rosemary McMonigal, FAIA is rolling off the committee at the beginning of 2020. If you are interested in this appointment, contact Amber Allardyce, Hon. AIAMN.

Requests for Comments on Code Sections
The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) has published a Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules Without A Public Hearing for the following Codes. The DLI has also published a Request for Comments on these proposed rules. The deadline for comments is 4:30 pm on August 28, 2019.

Simplified Wind Loads »
Minnesota Accessibility Code »

Questions can be directed to DLI.

PEOPLE & FIRMS

Clockwise from top left: Bill Lyons, Assoc. AIA; Cindy McCleary, AIA; Kyle Lacek, Assoc. AIA; Don Rolf, AIA; Elise Kelly, AIA; Mike Refsland, AIA; and Dagmara Larsen, AIA.

Minneapolis firm Coen+Partners was selected to join the Northwest Arkansas Design Excellence Program. Learn more »
Elise Kelly, AIA, Kyle Lacek, Assoc. AIA, and Mike Refsland, AIA, joined DLR Group Minneapolis.

Dagmara Larsen, AIA, has been promoted to principal at MSR Design.

Bill Lyons, Assoc. AIA, joined HGA as Associate Vice President and Interiors Principal in the Minneapolis Office.

Cindy McCleary, AIA, has been promoted to managing principal of the Minneapolis studio of LEO A DALY.

Don Rolf, AIA, joined Pope Architects as a senior project manager for the health care team.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Jasmine Countney, Assoc. AIA
Kayla Duncan, Assoc. AIA
Nathan Ehrlich, Assoc. AIA
David Gilbertson, Assoc. AIA
Jennifer Hakala, Assoc. AIA
Neva Hubbert, Assoc. AIA
Kyle Huberty, Assoc. AIA
Nathan Kaye, Assoc. AIA
Michael Lovato, AIA
Miranda Moen, Assoc. AIA
Patricia Mutebi, Assoc. AIA
Charlotte Nienhaus, AIA
Mauricio Ochoa, Assoc. AIA
Laura Salmela, Assoc. AIA
Ahti Westphal, Assoc. AIA
Angela Wingate, Assoc. AIA
Austin Young, Assoc. AIA

A’19 MN CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE

A’19
MN
The Minnesota Conference
on Architecture
November 12 - 15, 2019
Minneapolis Convention Center
CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES
The four days will be packed with continuing education opportunities including keynotes, tours, panels, interactive workshops, and special program tracks.

DID YOU KNOW that Minnesota license renewals are due June 30, 2020? In order to renew your license you will need 24 Professional Development Hours (PDH) earned between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2020. Of those 24 PDH, 2 must address professional ethics. This year’s Conference will provide four different ethics programs. Plan to attend the Conference for an easy and affordable way to get the credits that you need.

BOOTHs ARE FILLING FAST!
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

AIA DENOUNCES CONDITIONS AT DETENTION CENTERS
AIA issued a statement urging local, state, and federal leaders to work together to safeguard the dignity, safety, and welfare of everyone regardless of race, creed, gender, age, or national origin in their custody and care at detention facilities. Read more »

MEMBER PROFILE
Update your contact preferences, education, licenses, career, and contact information online. Visit myprofile.aia.org.

AIA FILM CHALLENGE SUBMISSIONS OPEN THROUGH AUGUST 12
The fifth annual film challenge recognizes the way architects have collaborated with civic leaders to build resilient and sustainable communities. Learn more »
AIA MINNEAPOLIS

The July AIA Minneapolis luncheon honored the 2019 Minneapolis Merit Award recipients.

MINNEAPOLIS CHAPTER LUNCHEON-SUMMER GET-TOGETHER
Thursday, August 15, 11:45 am
Peavy Plaza
Enjoy conversation with colleagues and experience the newly completed renovation of historic Peavey Plaza at this month's member luncheon. Complimentary lunch provided by Gerhard's Brats food truck. Register to attend »

MINNEAPOLIS GOLF OUTING SUCCESS
Thanks to all who came out for the 2019 AIA Minneapolis Golf Outing on July 29. It was a banner year for dollars raised to support the scholarships and programs of the Minnesota Architectural Foundation. Thank you for your generosity!

AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA
DULUTH HARBOR CRUISE
Thursday, August 29, 5:15 pm
Members of all chapters are welcome to join the AIA Northern Minnesota chapter and Twin Ports CSI for a harbor cruise in Duluth! Hotel discount available. Learn more »

2019 NORTHERN COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARD
The AIA Northern Minnesota Community Builder Award recognizes and individual, team, or organization making a significant contribution to the improvement of the built environment in the communities of our chapter area. Submissions are due Friday, September 27, at 12:00 pm CST. Submit a nomination »

Read a story about the 2018 Northern Community Builder Award recipient, Dan Hartman, Director of Glensheen, from the July/August 2019 edition of Architecture MN »

Mark your calendars for the Curling Event on October 25!

AIA ST. PAUL

AIA ST. PAUL AWARDS UMN SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE FELLOWSHIP
AIA St. Paul annually awards a University of Minnesota School of Architecture student with a merit-based fellowship. This year's scholarship was enhanced by a grant from the AIA National Component Matching Grant program. Congratulations to 2019 recipient Hok Kim Leong!

COMMITEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES

ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARE 5.0 REVIEW SESSIONS
PP&D and PD&D, focused on structural systems
Tuesdays, September 17 and 24, 5:00 - 8:00 pm
Crown Roller Mill First Floor Conference Room
Details »

PP&D and PD&D, focused on mechanical and electrical systems
Tuesdays, October 8 (Mechanical) and 15 (Electrical), 5:00 - 8:00 pm
Crown Roller Mill First Floor Conference Room
Details »

BLACK SPECTACLES ARE 5.0 TUTORIALS
Three-month subscription now available, September 1 - November 30, 2019
Minimum of five registrants required by August 19
AXP/ARE FIRM CONTACTS
The AIA Minnesota Architect Licensing Advisory Committee would like to establish an email list of people within firms who serve as our point of contact for all things AXP and ARE. We will keep your office "in the know!" Learn more »

ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: STEM DAY AT THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR AUGUST 22
Sign up for a 3-hour shift to engage with students, families and educators around architecture at the Minnesota State Fair on August 22. Learn more and sign up for a shift »

BUILDING CODES KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

NO MEETING IN AUGUST
Next Meeting: September 11

COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

TRAINING AND EDUCATION
Monday, August 12, 11:30 am
Perkins + Will
Join the Council of Firms Knowledge Community for a lively discussion of training and continuing education strategies with our firms. What works and what doesn't work for your firm? What topics are you focused on? What formats are being utilized for training?

RSVP to Mary Shaffer, AIA, or Scott Neal, AIA, by end of day Wednesday, August 7.

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

FIRM TOUR: NewStudio Architecture
Thursday, August 8, 5:30 pm
St. Paul firm NewStudio Architecture is hosting a tour of their office and a happy hour for young professionals and architecture students. Register to attend »

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

NO REGULARLY-SCHEDULED AUGUST MEETING

INTERIM AND 2020 SESSION PLANNING MEETING
Tuesday, August 6, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
AIA Minnesota Meeting Room

2019 SESSION RECAP
View a recap of AIA Minnesota's activities at the Capitol during the 2019 session on our website »

HEALTH DESIGN KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

NO MEETING IN AUGUST
Next meeting: September 26

HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 7, 12:00 pm
AIA Minnesota Meeting Room
The August meeting will include a review of affordable housing activities in other AIA components and chapters, discussion of the committee charter, and an update on affordable housing activities underway with the City of Minneapolis.

OUT OF REACH MINNESOTA 2019
The Minnesota Housing Partnership issued "Out of Reach Minnesota 2019," a report on housing affordability around the state. Learn more »

KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY ON THE ENVIRONMENT (kCOTE)

RELI GUIDELINES OVERVIEW
Thursday, August 8, 7:30 - 9:00 am
AIA Minnesota Meeting Room
The RELi Rating Guidelines for Resilient Design + Construction were adopted by the US Green Building Council in 2017. Doug Pierce of Perkins and Will, the lead author of RELi will provide an update and overview of the RELi rating system including credit samples, RELi case-studies and pathways to RELi certification. Learn more »

RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

VOLUNTEER AT THE 2019 HOMES BY ARCHITECTS TOUR
Attend the tour for FREE when you sign up to serve as a greeter at one of the tour homes. Shifts fill up quickly! Sign up »

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY: FREE HOMES BY ARCHITECTS TOUR BY MOTORCOACH FOR AIA AND ASSOC. AIA MINNESOTA MEMBERS
Join Pella Windows and Doors as they explore the beautiful homes on the 2019 Homes by Architects Tour via private motor coach. A FREE tour ticket, bus transportation, food and
beverages provided. Sign up to reserve a spot on the bus for one or both days of the tour.

HOMES BY ARCHITECTS TOUR: SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
We are now offering sponsorship opportunities for the 2019 Homes by Architects Tour. To sponsor the tour, contact Pam Nelson.

FOLLOW THE HOMES BY ARCHITECTS TOUR ON SOCIAL MEDIA
The Homes by Architects Tour is now on Instagram and Twitter! Follow us on social media to get behind-the-scenes info, sneak peeks at the homes, and more.

Facebook: @hbatour
Instagram: @homes_by_architects_mn
Twitter: @homes_tour

TECHNOLOGY IN ARCHITECTURE PRACTICE KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY (TAP)

THE EVOLVING ROLE OF DATA IN DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
August 15, 5:00 pm
Cunningham Group Architecture

WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

FACES OF WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE: PHOTOS WANTED
The Women in Architecture Committee is continuing to add to their display in the AIA MN meeting room and at the Women's Leadership Summit, showcasing the diversity and strength of AIA Minnesota's women members. Contribute your photo here »

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS
LEED v4.1 TECHNICAL WORKSHOP
Thursday, August 8, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Wells Fargo 550 Tower, 4th Floor
Last year USGBC celebrated their 25th anniversary, and this year LEED Technical Staff are hitting the road to recap progress made to date and share important updates to LEED in LEEDv4.1. The meeting will feature an interactive LEEDv4.1 technical workshop and show participants the evolution of LEED in action. 3 CE credits will be available. Use code PromoPartner to receive a 30% discount on this event! Register »

UPCOMING EVENTS
DESIGN SUMMER CAMP: BUILDING BRIDGES TO DESIGN CAREERS AUGUST 5-7 »

TEEN ARCHITECTURE WORKSHOP, WEISMAN ART MUSEUM AUGUST 5 - 9 »

ASES SOLAR ENERGY SOCIETY CONFERENCE AUGUST 5-9 »

Visit the AIA Minnesota Events Calendar for more information about upcoming events.
CHECK OUT THE LATEST ISSUE OF **ARCHITECTURE MN**.

The July/August 2019 issue of *Architecture MN* features engaging new buildings and design-themed learning opportunities for young people, dramatic renovations for Duluth's NorShor Theatre and St. Paul's Minnesota Museum of American Art, and an in-depth Q & A with Glensheen director Dan Hartman. [Read more »](#)

**ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES**

The November/December issue features healthcare and sustainable regional development. This issue also includes the Directory of General Contractors.

Contact Pam Nelson by August 23 to be included in the directory. Ad deadline is September 6.

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

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