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IMPORTANT NOTES FROM AIA MINNESOTA

The AIA Minnesota office is closed. All staff are working remotely, available via email and phone.

All meetings will be conducted via Zoom. Please check the website calendar for updates on events, and note meeting details below.

No More "Lost Generations"

By Mary-Margaret Zindren, EVP/Executive Director



Within the AEC industry, PPP loans have started to run out and furloughs, layoffs, and scaled-back hours and pay are pervasive. As many firms face a shallow well of prospective projects, the options available to deal with the economic impact are few. The impact of these budget-balancing actions on individuals is profound, affecting one's ability to make ends meet in the short-term, on long-term career progression and earnings, and on physical and mental health.

...I've recently heard a number of people say, with earnest concern, "We're going to have another lost generation of architects." The reference, of course, is to the huge number of layoffs that occurred in architecture during the Great Recession, which disproportionately impacted people who were in entry-level and early-career positions. The hole left within firms once they recovered - the gap between entry-level and mid-career positions that makes traditional career progression more challenging - has widely, and understandably, been lamented.

I understand this concern. And at the same time, this framing itself should give us pause. [Read more and learn about steps AIA Minnesota is taking to keep the architecture community](#)

[whole and how you can help »](#)

Ways to Stay with AIA: Membership Options

If you or someone you know has recently been laid off, furloughed, their start date has been indefinitely postponed, or they are self-employed or an independent contractor and their income has been significantly impacted by the pandemic, we can help with options for maintaining AIA membership. We can also provide guidance on a wide variety of ways to stay engaged with the architecture community. Please reach out to [Amber Allardyce](#) for more information.

RACIAL JUSTICE RESOURCES

Update on Efforts to Support Areas Affected by the Unrest

AIA Minnesota, in collaboration with MSP AoA NOMA, has undertaken a variety of efforts over the past two months to support the people and places affected by the unrest following the murder of George Floyd. The following is a brief synopsis; if you would like additional information or have questions, please contact EVP/Executive Director [Mary-Margaret Zindren](#).

Matching Program for Architectural Projects

Now that property owners are starting to receive word back from their insurance companies, many are finding that they were significantly underinsured. They are working with neighborhood organizations and city and state governments to determine their options for funding. Those who are wanting to rebuild or to re-envision have just begun what may be months-long or years-long processes. Several projects are in the process of being matched through the MSP AoA NOMA/AIA Minnesota system. The projects received so far involve paid work and, consistent with the approach we have designed, are being first directed to Black- and POC-owned architectural firms. With nearly 100 individuals and firms who have offered to donate their time, the supply of support offered currently exceeds demand. We ask for your patience and continued commitment as we work within a variety of coalitions of neighborhood organizations, business groups and city leaders to identify needs and match those needs with resources.

Donation of Materials

The need for donated materials to support construction at affected sites is immediate and will only grow in the days to come. Many thanks to **Rachelle Schoessler Lynn, AIA Minnesota Allied Member, FASID**, at Gensler and **Mollie O'Connor, AIA**, at DLR Group for responding to our call for outreach to glass and flooring sources; they have secured several donations that will help meet immediate needs. Through the Community Rebuilding Coalition, staffed by Heart of America and Hands On Twin Cities, a warehouse has been secured and logistics are being determined. **Amy Kalar, AIA**, will be AIA Minnesota's volunteer leader working as a liaison between the Community

Rebuilding Coalition and those who have volunteered to assist affected properties to proactively anticipate needs for construction materials, to manage requests and to coordinate receipt of donated materials.

Advocacy Efforts

Advocacy related to affected properties is taking a variety of forms. AIA Minnesota testified in support of The PROMISE Act during the most recent special session of the Minnesota legislature. The bill would have provided dollars to communities to purchase sites in order to better ensure community-led development and community ownership. The bill also included dollars for community re-envisioning. While the bill was passed by the House during the first special session, it did not have traction in the Senate and has not yet passed out of committee.

In related advocacy efforts, AIA Minnesota is also collaborating with MSP AoA NOMA and the Center for Transformative Urban Design (led by Paul Bauknight and sponsored by the MAF) to advocate for not just rebuilding what was but robust re-envisioning and funding to support redevelopment that is consistent with AIA Minnesota's [21st Century Development](#) framework: healthy, climate-oriented, equitable and just. This work so far has resulted in joint efforts with Minnesota Brownfields, the Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association, and other neighborhood groups, philanthropic foundations, and city leaders.

CALL TO ACTION

Submit Your Project for the 2020 AIA Minnesota Honor Awards

We have made important changes to the Honor Awards program to align it with the AIA National Architecture Awards and the Framework for Design Excellence.

Our Honor Awards acknowledge 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.

New in 2020, in alignment with AIA National Architecture Awards, AIA Minnesota Honor Awards submissions will be evaluated using the [AIA Framework for Design Excellence](#). Design Excellence requires a holistic approach addressing the interdependence among people, buildings, infrastructure, and the environment. The Framework for Design Excellence provides the elements that support this vision during project evaluation. Projects should address multiple measures included in the framework, highlighting how they perform in this context and noting relevant narratives and metrics where applicable.

AIA Minnesota is establishing the **Commendation for Framework in Design Excellence Achievement**, which will recognize projects that excel in one particular AIA Framework for Design Excellence measure. The Honor Awards jury will have the discretion to award up to 10 total single-

measure commendations but are not required to recognize an entry under each measure. No project shall be chosen for a commendation in more than one category or may receive a commendation in more than one year in the same category. Recipients of a commendation will be eligible to resubmit their project for an Honor Award in future years.

Submissions are due at **5:00 pm CDT on Friday, September 25**. [Learn more »](#)

2020 AIA Minnesota Honor Awards Open House

Wednesday, August 5, 4:00 pm

Is your firm planning to submit a project or two to the 2020 AIA Minnesota Honor Awards program? If so, please join us for an informational open house.

We have made important changes to the Honor Awards program to align it with the AIA National Architecture Awards and the Framework for Design Excellence (see above). This event will be your first opportunity to learn about the new elements and ask questions.

Among these changes is an additional opportunity for the jury to recognize excellence related to one particular element of the Framework, expanding opportunities for recognition of great work being done by our Minnesota architecture community.

At the open house, two recent award recipients will share their secrets to creating a successful submission. [Register »](#)

Nominate a Minnesota Architecture Industry Leader for the 2020 AIA Minnesota Gold Medal Award

The AIA Minnesota Gold Medal Award is one of the highest honors bestowed by the association, recognizing individuals whose work has had a lasting influence on the theory and practice of architecture in Minnesota, and significant, positive impact on the Minnesota architecture community and culture. Submissions will be accepted until **5:00 pm CDT on Friday, September 25**. [Learn more »](#)

July Special Legislative Session Ends Without Bonding Bill

The largest bonding bill ever negotiated by the Minnesota legislature -- \$1.8 billion - was blocked by legislative leadership, resulting in no action during the most recent special session. The bill was within six votes of being passed, but those six legislators would not vote in favor. Their primary objection is not to the bonding bill; it is to the executive powers Governor Walz has asserted related to the pandemic. We are pushing for the legislature to reconvene and a vote taken on the bill in September. If you are in the districts of any of the following legislators and interested in adding your voice to our advocacy efforts, please contact [Sheri Hansen](#).

Rep. Peggy Bennett (27A)
Rep. Greg Boe (47B)

Rep. Jon Koznick (58A)
Rep. Nels Piersen (26B)

Rep. Brian Daniels (24B)
 Rep. Lisa Demuth (13A)
 Rep. Bob Dettmer (39A)
 Rep. Barb Haley (21A)
 Rep. John Heinrich (35A)
 Rep. Tony Jurgens (54B)

Rep. Duane Quam (25A)
 Rep. Kristin Robbins (34A)
 Rep. Tama Theis (14A)
 Rep. Paul Torkelson (16B)
 Rep. Nolan West (37B)

Not sure who represents you in the Minnesota legislature? Use the [Find My Legislator](#) tool to find out!

Delegates Requested to Attend AIA Business Meeting

Delegates are official representatives of their chapter and participate in the 2020 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 both the virtual 2020 AIA National Annual Business Meeting (September 1, 2020 at 12:00 CST) and virtual Regional Caucus (September 2, 2020 at 12:00 CST), and vote online for Officers and At-large Directors. We need delegates from AIA Northern Minnesota, AIA St. Paul, and AIA Minneapolis. If you are interested, please email [Amber Allardyce](#).

Are You Registered to Vote? Need an Absentee Ballot?

In addition to the President of the United States and members of both the U.S. House and U.S. Senate, all members of the Minnesota House and Senate are on the ballot in November, making voting in this election extremely important.

The Minnesota Secretary of State's website has all the resources you need to [register to vote](#) and/or to [request an absentee ballot](#) for the August 11 primary and November 3 general elections (note: you no longer need a witness to your signature for your absentee ballot to be valid). You can request both ballots with just one short online form!

You can also [check your registration status](#) and learn more about [how to vote on election day](#) through this important resource. Make your voice heard this year!

National Intercultural Development Program: 20 CEUs Approved, 2 Ethics Credits Applied For

This August, AIA Minnesota will launch an intensive, 10-session virtual leadership program open to members and practitioners around the country, including Minnesota. The program is intended to grow the capacity of leaders in the architecture community to lead inclusively and to engage in sustained action to address systemic racism in the profession of architecture and in the built environment.

Sessions are focused on understanding identity, power and conflict styles, and recognizing differences that make a difference, particularly differences related to gender and race/ethnicity, as

applied to the culture of architecture firms and to the built environment. Participants will take the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) Assessment as well as the Intercultural Conflict-Styles Inventory (ICS). [Learn more »](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Rochester Public Utilities Receives AIA Minnesota 25 Year Award

Rochester Public Utilities, located in Rochester and designed by TKDA is the recipient of the 2020 AIA Minnesota 25 Year Award. [Learn more »](#)



Louis Lundgren Award

Kermit Duncan, AIA, Receives Louis Lundgren Award for Service

Duncan was recognized for his decades of service and mentorship to underrepresented students interested in architecture. [Learn more »](#)



Three Receive 2020 Special Awards

Congratulations to Greg Donofrio, Jennifer Newsom, AIA, NOMA, and Lars Peterssen, AIA, recipients of 2020 Special Awards. [Learn more »](#)

MINNESOTA ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION

MAF Awards Support for 19 Pursuing Licensure

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation (MAF) recently provided financial support to 19 members of the Minnesota architectural community who are pursuing architectural licensure. This support targeted individuals adversely impacted by COVID-19, including those furloughed or laid off, and architecture students seeking employment and preparing for licensure. Recipients received financial support for a 6-month online subscription to Black Spectacles or for NCARB recommended study materials. The requests for support was more than MAF could provide at this time, however MAF plans to offer another round of support in December 2020. [Learn more »](#)

Clarence Wigington Minority Architectural Scholarship

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation (MAF) is pleased to be offering the Clarence Wigington Minority Architectural Scholarship again this year. MAF will provide up to two (2) scholarships to individuals who are black, indigenous, or person of color student who wishes to pursue a professional education in architecture and who holds promise for succeeding in such a career pursuit. This scholarship will continue to be funded to the successful student for each year in the professional architecture degree program through the completion of the degree as long as a full course load of classes is successfully completed each semester and other MAF requirements are met. **Application deadline is August 21, 2020.** [Learn more »](#)

Women in Architecture Grant Application

Minnesota Architectural Foundation (MAF) launched the Women In Architecture (WIA) Fund in 2018 to promote equity by supporting the advancement of women in the profession of architecture. MAF announces they are now accepting their second round of grant applications and will distribute up to \$5,000 in grants! The work accomplished with the grant must directly support and impact women in the profession of architecture. Application deadline is October 1, 2020. [Learn more about eligibility and apply »](#)

COVID-19 RESOURCES

AIA Minnesota Pandemic Response Resources

AIA Minnesota continues to update its [Pandemic Response Resources](#) webpage with materials for business management, remote work, health, and more. You can also get the latest updates on state and federal programs and policies.

If you have further questions, concerns, or ideas for AIA Minnesota during this emergency, please contact any member of the AIA Minnesota staff or submit them via this [online form](#).

AIA Strategies for Safer Facilities

AIA has created strategies and step-by-step risk management tools for many different space types:

- [Health Care Facility Design Checklist](#)
- [Strategies for Safer Schools](#)
- [Strategies for Safer Senior Living Communities](#)
- [Strategies for Safer Retail Stores](#)
- [Strategies for Safer Offices](#)
- [Strategies for Safer Buildings](#)
- [Risk Management Plan for Buildings](#)
- [AIA Reoccupancy Assessment Tool](#)

Visit the [AIA COVID-19 Resources for Architects](#) page to learn more.

COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES

ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 6, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

VIRTUAL ARE REVIEWS THIS FALL

Fall virtual ARE are planned to help you prepare for taking the exams in 2021. Watch for details coming soon.

TIPS FOR SUBMITTING AXP HOURS

NCARB has published guidelines and tips regarding submitting AXP hours. [Learn more »](#)

AN UPDATE ON PROMETRIC AND ARE TESTING

As of June 1, Prometric has been able to resume testing at locations where local and state mandates allow. This includes Minnesota's three testing sites, although open with limited occupancy. As of June 9, ARE candidates are considered Essential and will be able to schedule in test centers as "All Programs" and "Essential Only." For a Coronavirus and Prometric test center update visit the [NCARB website](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page.

TAKE THE ARE AT THE PROMETRIC TESTING CENTER

Hans-Christian Karlberg, Assoc. AIA

When I went to the Prometric Test Center last Thursday, I was struck by how cautious and yet helpful the staff was when test-takers entered the facility and approached them. Due to the required CDC guidelines, everyone was seated sparsely throughout the room. I felt safe. Everyone was wearing a mask and for me it was not a distraction from concentrating on the exam. In fact, after the second question, I forgot I was wearing it. The only minor distractions you may experience is the hum of the air conditioning system, and the sound of the disinfecting spray bottle. I encourage all to keep checking for seat openings to take your exams, as you are personally comfortable doing so.

ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 13, 8:30 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

ARCHITECTURE MN COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 19, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

BUILDING CODES KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

The Building Codes Knowledge Community will be taking a break from meeting in August. [View](#) the three mini-code reviews sponsored by this Knowledge Community in June.

COMMITTEE ON DESIGN

Thursday, August 13, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

As our Committee on the Environment evolves from a Knowledge Community to a working committee, they have been brainstorming and prioritizing their goals. Two different dates and times have been scheduled in August to

enable as many as possible, including both Greater Minnesota and the Twin Cities, to participate in the plans for their next actions. These August meetings will break the attendees up into virtual small groups for discussion and planning. If interested, please put these dates on your calendar and register now for your meeting of choice.

Thursday, August 20th, 12:00 - 1:30 pm

[Register in advance for this meeting »](#)

Wednesday, August 26, 7:30 - 9:00 am

[Register in advance for this meeting »](#)

COMMITTEE ON EQUITY, DIVERSITY, & INCLUSION

Wednesday, August 19, 8:30 am

Results of a recent poll of committee members indicated that a move to a monthly meeting frequency was desired by most. Please note the new meeting day and frequency of this committee. [Register in advance »](#)

COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Monday, August 10, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

A discussion on continuing virtual office, returning to offices and fall schooling.

After meeting weekly for the last few months to address firm-related COVID-19 items, this Knowledge Community has decided they are ready to get back to meeting monthly to share best practices in the area of operations and leadership of their firms. To be added to this meeting, contact [Deanna Christiansen](#).

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

VIRTUAL SOCIAL HOUR

Mondays, August 10 and August 24, 4:00 pm

Connect virtually with other young professionals and expand your professional network! Note the later start time for the August gatherings. [Register in advance »](#)

COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, August 4, 8:00 am (note updated starting time)

[Virtual Meeting](#)

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 18, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

The committee will continue discussions of special sessions and pre-election planning.

HEALTH DESIGN KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

The Health Design Knowledge Community will be taking a break from meeting in August.

HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 5, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

LAKE SUPERIOR DESIGN RETREAT COMMITTEE

Monday, August 17, 11:30 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM (MDT) COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 19, 4:30 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

This committee meeting is a special 90-minute workshop focusing on the Workbook Revision project. Contact [Ann Mayhew](#) if you wish to be involved in the prep for this workshop.

MDT is exploring digital tools that can be adapted to providing virtual community engagement. Anyone with experience and/or interest can contact [Steve Roos](#).

RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 4, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

HOMES BY ARCHITECTS TOUR

Tickets to the 2020 Homes by Architects Virtual Tour will be available for purchase starting August 10! [Check out the lineup of this year's featured projects »](#)

Sponsorships and program advertising are now available for the 2020 virtual tour. Be a part of this opportunity to align with the best of residential architecture and reach a targeted audience of those seeking the best in home design. Program space deadline is August 1. Ads are due August 7. Contact [Pam Nelson](#) for more details.

TECHNOLOGY IN PRACTICE (TAP) KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

The Technology in Practice (TAP) Knowledge Community is building a virtual community on Slack. Firm leaders are encouraged to direct their AIA and non-AIA technical staff as well as tech-enthusiasts to join the TAP community as our practice moves into an increasingly digital marketplace. If you have questions or would like to be a part of this group, please contact co-chair [Adam Wilbrecht](#), AIA or AIA Minnesota staff liaison [Deanna Christiansen](#).

WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 12, 8:00 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

AIA NATIONAL

ARCHITECTURE IN TURBULENT TIMES: EQUITY, ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH & ECONOMY

Wednesday, August 12

The simultaneous crises of climate change, COVID-19, a looming economic depression, and systemic racial injustice have exposed structural failings that architecture, and society, must address. It's a perfect storm that has created an unprecedented call for change. Where do we go from here?

This one-day virtual learning event is centered around change. It's designed to help you confront these challenges and change your practice and the architecture profession for the better. Twenty sessions dive into the important, intersecting issues of equity, the economy, the environment, and public health. You'll learn from a diverse range of experts in architecture and beyond-architects, climate champions, civic leaders, leading academics, and more. Don't miss this event, packed with the brave ideas and honest dialogue that architecture needs now. [Learn more and register »](#)

AIA ISSUES CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Based on input from the full spectrum of AIA's membership, the Climate Action Plan reiterates our dedication and commitment to designing a sustainable, healthy, and equitable world. [Learn more »](#)

AIA RACIAL EQUITY INITIATIVE

AIA has compiled a centralized set of resources for members on understanding racism, firm culture, opportunities for members, and ways to take action. [Learn more »](#)

WHITNEY M. YOUNG, JR. AWARD OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS

Civil rights leader Whitney M. Young Jr. challenged the profession to pursue progressive values in architecture. This award is named in his memory and is one result of that challenge, and distinguishes an architect or architectural organization that embodies social responsibility and actively addresses a relevant issue, such as affordable housing, inclusiveness, or universal access. This social engagement isn't restricted to architecture; it can be expressed in any area of the nominee's life or work. Submissions due September 1. [Learn more »](#)

JASON PETTIGREW MEMORIAL ARE SCHOLARSHIP

The Jason Pettigrew Memorial ARE Scholarship recognizes the significant contributions of emerging professionals at early stages in their careers and helps defray the costs associated with the Architect Registration Examination (ARE). Developed by the AIA National Associates Committee, the scholarship honors the memory of late friend and colleague, Jason Pettigrew. Applications due August 14. [Learn more »](#)

AIA HONORS AND AWARDS PROGRAMS NOW OPEN

Each year, AIA celebrates the best buildings and spaces, and the people behind them, with some of the most prestigious awards in the built environment. Submissions are now open for Architecture, Interior Architecture, and Regional & Urban Design. Deadlines for submitting nominations are quickly approaching, through September 1.

[Learn more »](#)

ENTER THE 2020 AIA FILM CHALLENGE

Design has the power to solve some of the biggest issues facing cities today. We believe these stories are among the most important stories we can tell. The AIA Film Challenge is a film contest that amplifies these stories: architects partnering with communities and civic leaders to design a healthy, sustainable, just world that improves lives. The challenge is open to everyone. Use your smartphone or computer to produce a 60- to 90-second mini documentary. You could win up to \$7,000! Submission deadline is August 24. [Learn more »](#)

MEMBER PROFILE

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

AIA MINNEAPOLIS

CHAPTER LUNCHEON: BUSINESS PLANNING IN THE FACE OF COVID-19

Thursday, Aug 20, 12:00 pm

Virtual Presentation

Hear from a panel of Twin Cities architecture firm leaders representing companies of varying sizes as they speak about business planning in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. Speakers will share about what their own firms are doing as well as what they're seeing from other leaders across the state. [Register »](#)



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THE AIA MINNEAPOLIS GOLF OUTING WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

We had perfect weather for 252 golfers last Monday at Majestic Oaks with a full day of golf followed by an outdoor BBQ.

A big thanks to all who came out to golf and to our many sponsors that support this fundraising event for the

Minnesota Architectural Foundation. Prize winners will be contacted. Here are the winning teams:

1st Flight

1st place: Kirt O'Konek, Amy Keller, Jered McLaughlin, Sam Tukey

2nd place: Ben Anderson, Trent Lundquist, Chris James, John Podgorak

3rd place: Jason Nemitz, Linn Bjornrud, Josh Hoyord, Dan Abeln

2nd Flight

1st place: Karissa Dunham, Mark Hargrove, Ryan Warner, Mike Raiolo

2nd place: Chris Tachaberry, TJ Belisle, Richard Brama, Kirk Pennings

3rd place: Brian Seubert, Jon Schroetke, Nick Reynolds, Jake Fischer

3rd Flight

1st place: Kevin Selander, Brian Gadiant, Melissa Penner, TBD

2nd place: Mike Wagner, Justin Clavelle, Andrew Leach, John Leach

3rd place: Jim Sultanny, John Lemieux, MJ Henrichs-Winlaw, Flash Gordon

[Click here for a list of this year's sponsors »](#)

AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA

INTERCULTURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

AIA Northern Minnesota is offering \$200 scholarships to five AIA Northern Minnesota members, applicable to either [AIA Minnesota's National Intercultural Leadership Program or Foundations of Intercultural Development program](#).

Scholarships will be awarded in order of interest, and will be reimbursed to the members upon attendance of the program. Members who qualify for the Foundations of Intercultural Development \$200 discount are not eligible.

If interested, please contact [Ann Mayhew](#).

GOLF OUTING UPDATE & INPUT REQUESTED FOR FUTURE OUTINGS

The annual Golf Outing has been canceled for 2020, but we are actively pursuing other ideas for AIA Northern Minnesota members to get together with their peers. Help us choose and organize a safe and fun scholarship fundraiser or social outing [here](#). Survey responses requested by Friday, August 7.

AIA ST. PAUL

VIRTUAL FOOD FOR THOUGHT: EDUCATIONAL SPACES AND THE PANDEMIC

Wednesday, August 26, 12:00 pm

Join a panel of professionals as they discuss how our educational spaces are being transformed by COVID-19. As we enter into the fall months with the virus still at large in our communities, we know the upcoming school year will be anything but typical. Our panelists will discuss the ways in which changes to our educational spaces may be temporary or more permanent, along with addressing additional questions. [Register to attend »](#)

A'20 MN: THE MINNESOTA CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE

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KEYNOTES FOR THE A'20 MN CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE

This year's annual Conference on architecture is going virtual and is scheduled for three consecutive Tuesdays in October, with keynotes and programs focused on three different themes. Two keynote speakers have already been confirmed! You can get a brief preview of these fascinating speakers at AIA's August 12 Intersections Symposium.

Edward Mazria, FAIA, Hon. FRAIC

Ed Mazria is an internationally recognized architect, author, researcher, and educator. Over the past decade, his seminal research into the sustainability, resilience, energy consumption, and greenhouse gas emissions of the built environment has redefined the role of architecture, planning, design, and building, in reshaping our world. He is the founder of Architecture 2030, a think tank developing real-world solutions for 21st century problems, and host of the AIA+2030 Professional Education Series and inspiration for the 2030 Districts movement in North American cities. [Learn more »](#)

Keynote: Mindy Fullilove, MD, Hon. AIA

Dr. Mindy Fullilove is a professor of urban policy and health for The New School in New York City. She is a board-certified psychiatrist who explores the ties between environment and mental health. She received her bachelor's degree from Bryn Mawr College and her MS and MD degrees from Columbia University. Dedicated to the psychology of place, Mindy's research started in 1986 when she linked the AIDS epidemic with place of residence and she continues to focus on the health problems caused by inequality. For the past 30 years, Mindy has been investigating how broken connections between different sections of cities harm public health and explores ways to reconnect them. [Learn more »](#)

PEOPLE & FIRMS

Mead & Hunt is pleased to welcome **Rachel Usher, AIA**, to its Architecture North Team, where she will focus on aviation, government, and interior architecture.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Jessica Ainsworth-Truong, Assoc. AIA
 Dane Andersen, AIA
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 Hilyarit Santiago-Robles, Assoc. AIA
 Laura Stene, Assoc. AIA
 Christopher Tackaberry, Assoc. AIA
 Yutong Yang, Assoc. AIA

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS

[DESIGN IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD: EDUCATIONAL SPACES AND EXPERIENCES AUGUST 18 »](#)

CUNINGHAM GROUP TEAM MEMBER NAMED SDA PRESIDENT-ELECT

Congratulations to Marie Tomala, CDFA, of the Minneapolis office of Cuningham Group Architecture on her election to the president-elect position for the national Society for Design Administration.

MENTOR A U OF M DESIGN STUDENT

Mentor applications open in August! [Learn more and sign up »](#)

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ONLINE RESOURCES

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

COLLEGE OF DESIGN ONLINE RESOURCES

COVID-19 Environmental Interventions & Best Practices

Led by Professor Tasoulla Hadjiyanni (Interior Design), the Culturally Enriched Communities (CEC) research initiative gathers best practices for creating healthy and connected communities. In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, CEC has begun collecting a [repository of environmental interventions](#) to help inform stay-at-home responses and recovery efforts. See what they've gathered so far and [submit your own suggestions](#).

Career & 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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