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Updated Policy on In-Person Meetings and Masks

The AIA Minnesota Board approved the following policy on in-person meetings and masks for the remainder of 2021:

Board, committee, knowledge community, and task force meetings remain primarily virtual with one to two in-person meetings per year. (Virtual meetings allow more members to attend and reduce travel-related concerns, while in-person social gatherings grow connections among members.) For AIA Minnesota gatherings or events (including those of committees and KCs) – indoor or outdoor – masks will be optional and can be worn as a personal preference. Attendees are asked to not comment on or inquire about why someone is wearing a mask, as the choice to do so could relate to any number of personal health-related concerns.

Questions? Please contact [Amber Allardyce](#).

Personal Impact, Professional Opportunity

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



The smoky haze that has enveloped our state for the past few days is bringing with it the worst air quality ever documented in Minnesota – and is bringing home the impacts of climate change.

Children and seniors have been encouraged to limit their time outside. People with compromised respiratory systems are especially cautioned. This at a time when so many of us are excited to reunite with loved ones through experiencing the lakes and woods that make Minnesota special.

If your friends and family are like mine, they are all concerned about the smoke and

poor air quality. A good number of them are talking about it in the context of climate change and how they can take action to reduce their family's carbon footprint and to protect themselves from climate impacts – personal actions like adding or switching to heat pumps (recognizing that natural ventilation through open windows isn't always comfortable or smart in these conditions) or buying e-vehicles and e-bikes (recognizing that traditional cycling constitutes “vigorous exercise” and isn't advisable when air quality is poor).

The vast majority of these people who are close to me have no opportunity to take meaningful climate action as professionals; with careers as graphic designers, therapists, fundraising consultants, elementary school principals, and language teachers, their days are spent in work that is several degrees removed from climate action. Unless they change the course of their careers dramatically, their actions related to climate change will overwhelmingly remain in the realm of the personal.

Architects, architectural designers, and other members of the AEC industry are fortunate to have more options. We are among those whose professional endeavors are inherently related to climate change. Our work, alone and in collaboration with others, can reduce carbon emissions and mitigate climate impacts.

These opportunities manifest at both individual and collective levels. It can be the focus of your specializations and skills, and integrated into regularly-occurring tasks and decisions; it can be woven into the work of internal teams, organization-wide approaches, and multi-disciplinary collaborations on projects of various scales and types.

In the end, it doesn't matter *why* you and your collaborators design for climate change – whether you see it primarily as an [ethical responsibility](#), a [smart business](#) decision, a way to win [awards](#), or a [risk-management issue](#). It really just matters that it happens.

No matter your motivations, recognize that you have more opportunity than most to protect the health and safety of people and the planet; that the way you approach your work in architecture can help ensure this place that the Dakota named Mni Sota Makoce – the “land where the waters reflect the skies” – has a future where that reflection is more blue than gray.

CALL TO ACTION

Call for Leadership

AIA Minnesota is currently seeking applications for officer and board leadership positions that will begin January 1, 2022. This is an opportunity to grow your leadership skills, expand the circle of professionals you work with, or raise your profile in the community. By joining an AIA Minnesota leadership team you will be

engaged in key decision as we continue to serve the interests of current members, to shape a profession where all can thrive, and to advance AIA's top strategic priorities of climate action and equity — in our organization, in our profession, and in our communities. **Application deadline is September 17.** [Learn more and apply online »](#)

Open AIA Minnesota Officer/ Board Leadership Positions for 2022:

- **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)

Seeking Minnesota Representative to Serve on the Strategic Council

AIA is shifting from a region-based model to a state-based model of representation on the Strategic Council. The goal of this shift is to simplify and optimize governance within the organization, open pathways to leadership, enable greater collaboration within AIA, and pivot the organization to meet key goals of the 2021-2025 Strategic Plan. AIA Minnesota is seeking applicants interested in representing AIA Minnesota on the AIA Strategic Council. **Application deadline is September 17, 2021.** [Learn more and apply »](#)

Submit Your Project for a 2021 Honor Award

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.

Submissions for the 2021 Honor Awards will close at 12:00 noon CST on Friday, September 24, 2021. [Learn more »](#)

Honor Awards Virtual Open House

Thursday, August 5, 4:00 pm

[Virtual Event](#)

Is your firm planning to submit a project or two to the 2021 AIA Minnesota Honor Awards program? If so, please join us for an informational open house. Two 2020 award recipients will share their secrets to creating a successful submission, including tips on addressing your project's achievements in two or more categories of the AIA Framework for Design Excellence. [Register »](#)

Submissions for the 2021 Honor Awards will close at 12:00 noon CST on Friday, September 24, 2021. [Learn more »](#)

Conversations on Equity & Design Speaker Series

The Walker Art Center, AIA Minnesota, Dunwoody College of Technology, NOMA MSP, and Minneapolis College are sponsoring a fall speaker series on equity and design. Hear from nationally renowned architects and designers who will present their work and engage in critical conversations around the integration of ethics, equity, justice, and culture in relationship to design practices and education.

Save these dates for the conversations, and watch for registration information, coming soon!

- Ron Rael, September 10, 2021, 12:00 pm
- Sekou Cooke, September 30, 2021, 7:00 pm
- Sarah Zewde, October 15, 2021, 12:00 pm
- Majora Carter, November 3, 2021, 12:00 pm

National Intercultural Leadership Program Fall Session

This September, AIA Minnesota will again host an intensive, 9-session virtual leadership program open to members and practitioners around the country, 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 difference 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). Seats are limited; register early. [Learn more »](#)

MAPAC Seeks Volunteers for Advisory Council

The MAPAC board of directors is establishing an advisory board of members from across Minnesota. This group will meet twice per year to share their policy concerns and get updates from the MAPAC board on giving strategy. If you are interested in joining the advisory council, please email [Sheri Hansen](#).

Apply to Serve on the Construction Codes Advisory Council

The Construction Codes Advisory Council reviews laws, codes, rules, standards and licensing requirements related to building construction. Legislation was recently passed to include two additional positions on the council, representatives with expertise in, and engaged in, the energy conservation industry and building

accessibility. Three seats are open for application: public utility supplier, energy conservation industry, and building accessibility. First application review date is August 5. [Learn more »](#)

Main Street Economic Revitalization Program Launches August 3

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) will launch its new Main Street Economic Revitalization Program on August 3. This \$80 million statewide economic redevelopment program will award grants to partner organizations to establish programs within specific communities that will, in turn, fund economic development and redevelopment projects. [Learn more »](#)



A'21 MN: A Hybrid Conference

Virtual Presentations: Wednesdays, October 27 and November 3

In-Person Presentations: November 10-11

KEYNOTES

Keynotes for this year's Conference will be scheduled on three of the four days: October 27, November 3 and November 11. Two keynote speakers have already been confirmed!

Virtual Keynote Address - Wednesday, October 27

[Chris T. Cornelius](#)

Chris Cornelius is a citizen of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin. He focuses his research and practice on the architectural translation of culture; in particular, American Indian culture. He is the founding principal of studio:indigenous, a design and consulting practice serving American Indian clients. He served as a cultural consultant and design collaborator with Antoine Predock on the Indian Community School of Milwaukee (ICS). ICS won the AIA Design Excellence award from the Committee on Architecture for Education. Professor Cornelius teaches at the

undergraduate and graduate levels including a seminar course on visual thinking and mapping.

Virtual Keynote Address - Wednesday, November 3

[Majora Carter](#)

Majora Carter is a real estate developer, urban revitalization strategy consultant, MacArthur Fellow and Peabody Award winning broadcaster. She is responsible for the creation and successful implementation of numerous economic developments, technology and green-infrastructure projects, policies and job training and placement systems. Carter applies her corporate consulting practice focused on talent-retention to reducing Brain Drain in American low-status communities. She has firsthand experience pioneering sustainable economic development in one of America's most storied low-status communities: the South Bronx.

*This keynote address is a part of an inaugural lecture series, **Conversations in Equity & Design** hosted by the Walker Art Center, Dunwoody College of Technology, Minneapolis College, NOMA MSP and AIA Minnesota.*

For Exhibitors and Sponsors:

We are now accepting exhibit booth reservations and sponsorships for the A'21 MN Conference, for both virtual and in-person events. We look forward to hosting a large in-person exhibit hall again. Reserve your booth now! [Click here to see all opportunities to participate »](#)

Also, we are seeking suggestions for general displays or exhibits to showcase in the common area on our showroom floor. If you have any ideas or community projects that we could display, please send ideas to [Pam Nelson](#).

[Learn more about A'21 MN »](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dunwoody College of Technology Launches School of Design

[Dunwoody College of Technology](#), a private, non-profit institution and pioneer in technical education, formally launched its [School of Design](#) in July. Uniquely structured to provide students with a combination of technical expertise and creative practice, the new school is a combination of Dunwoody's sought-after design-focused programs – architecture, interior design and graphic design.

The school will be led by **Trevor Bullen, AIA**, who is stepping into the role of academic dean for the School of Design. **Maura Rogers, AIA**, will serve as the college's new Director of Architecture. [Learn more »](#)



Join us this September for a hybrid exploration of the best of residential design from our region's talented architecture community. From accessory dwelling units to lakeside cabins, from remodeled split-levels to midcentury modern, this year's event offers a close-up look at how architectural design can make a difference in how we live. The 2021 tour features 16 projects, including four homes presented in a virtual format from September 18–26, and 12 available to tour in person on September 18 and 19.

[View the 2021 tour homes »](#)

Volunteer for the Homes by Architects Tour! Volunteers greet visitors and sell tickets at each home. [Learn more »](#)

Follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#) for behind-the-scenes photos and stories, sneak peeks and more! Use hashtag #HBAT2021 to join the conversation.

SPONSORSHIP AND ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsorship opportunities and program advertising are now available. Align your company with these architect-designed homes to reach a targeted audience who seek out the best in good design! Contact [Pam Nelson](#) for more information.

YAF Connection Q2: Mentorship, Citizen Architect, and 2021 Award Winners

The AIA Young Architects Forum is happy to share that Connection Q2 is available now! The focus is on mentorship, citizen architects, community/civic engagement, and a celebration of the 2021 Young Architect Award and Associate Award winners. The publication is available on [issuu](#), and can also be downloaded in PDF format.

Amber Allardyce Earns Certified Association



Executive Credential

ASAE has announced that our own Amber Allardyce has earned the Certified Association Executive (CAE®) designation. The CAE Program elevates professional standards, enhances individual performance, and designates those who have acquired and have demonstrated the knowledge essential to the practice of association management – it is the highest professional credential in the association industry. Congratulations on your dedication and hard-earned efforts! [Learn more about the CAE »](#)

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.

COMMITTEE/KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Committee on Design

The Committee on Design is charged with overseeing the creation and implementation of all AIA Minnesota award programs. They secure jurors and continually evaluate the relevance and impact of AIA Minnesota awards. The committee also creates programming on design for the AIA Minnesota conference and programming for the public. If you would like to participate in this committee contact staff liaisons [Sheri Hansen](#) or [Chris Hudson](#).

MSP NOMA



NOMA Black Spectacles 50 x 50 Program

NOMA is partnering with Black Spectacles in 2021! Licensure candidates who have paid 2021 NOMA dues will have the opportunity to access the ARE 5.0 Prep Expert Package at a deeply discounted rate. [Learn more »](#)

LEADERSHIP FORUM



Top to bottom, left to right: Thea Rozenbergs, AIA; Ann Voda, AIA; Andrea Baker Pokorney, AIA; Erik Bjorum, AIA; Brooke Jacobson, AIA; Susan Morgan, AIA; Angela Varpness, AIA; Zac Rosenow, AIA; Jody McGuire, AIA; Constance Chen, AIA; Mollie O'Connor, AIA; Simona Fischer, AIA; Nicholas Wallin, AIA; Allison Salzman, AIA; Ian McLellan, AIA; Sarah Gilbert, AIA; and Claire Lonsbury, AIA.

2021 Leadership Forum

Sessions in July were a time for reflection and synthesis of all that was covered in previous sessions. The cohort was encouraged to choose from a variety of options to create a Touchpoint for their leadership journey. They then presented these to one another at their final session.

The final session also featured a keynote address by **Kimberly Dowdell, AIA, NOMA**, principal of HOK in Chicago, and immediate past president of NOMA. She shared her leadership story that has brought her to the personal mission: “To improve the lives of those living in cities.”

NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

AIA NATIONAL

JOIN THE NAC & YAF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The National Associates Committee and the Young Architects Forum are looking for volunteers who want to be a catalyst for change and positively impact the architecture profession. It's a

great opportunity to develop leadership skills, network with peers, and advocate for the profession. The deadline to submit is August 6, 2021, 11:59pm ET. [Learn more »](#)

2021 AIA FILM CHALLENGE IS OPEN

Enter the seventh annual AIA Film Challenge and you could win up to \$7,000! Produce a 1:30- to 3-minute short documentary film that tells a story of architects, civic leaders, and their communities working together to achieve a zero-carbon, resilient, healthy, and equitable built environment. Submissions are due August 16. [Learn more »](#)

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: MEMBERSHIP HONORS

Each year, AIA celebrates the best buildings and spaces and the people behind them. Submissions are now open for Gold Medal, Fellowship, the Whitney Young Award and more. Deadlines for submitting nominations are quickly approaching from July 27 - October 5. [Learn more »](#)

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: INNOVATION AWARDS

This program recognizes exemplary use and implementation of innovative technologies and progressive practices among designers, collaborators, and clients to support project design, delivery, operation, and research. Share your innovative work! Submissions are due by 5pm ET on August 5. [Learn more »](#)

ARCHITECT'S GUIDE TO BUSINESS CONTINUITY

Floods, cyber-attacks and the unexpected loss of a team member can easily interrupt operations for any firm. Will you be able to provide clients with the assurance that work will continue despite a disruption? Updated for 2021, the Architect's Guide to Business Continuity helps firms become more resilient with a step-by-step process and accompanying worksheets for assessing and reducing risks associated with disruption. [Learn more »](#)

ON-DEMAND HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT VIDEOS

Check out this [library](#) of housing-related videos, including net-zero energy, housing equity, community advocacy, Living Building Challenge, and mitigating pandemic risks.

FREE RESUME REVIEW

To help you navigate the current job market, we're offering free expert résumé review services through the [AIA Career Center](#). Simply visit your account overview page and scroll to the TopResume section at the bottom to submit.

MEMBER PROFILE

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

AIA MINNEAPOLIS

OPEN BOARD LEADERSHIP POSITIONS FOR 2022

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 August 27, 2021.

THERE WILL BE NO VIRTUAL LUNCHEON EVENT IN AUGUST. Mark your calendars for the next virtual luncheon, scheduled for Thursday, September 16 at 12:00 pm.

HENNEPIN COUNTY OFFERS DECONSTRUCTION GRANTS FOR RENOVATION AND DEMOLITION PROJECTS

To help divert waste from landfills, Hennepin County has grants available for up to \$5,000 to deconstruct residential buildings. Property owners and developers are eligible to apply. [Learn more »](#)



GOLF OUTING RECAP

We had two 18-hole courses full with golfers and sponsors. This event brought in over \$20,000 for the Minnesota Architectural Foundation, so thank you to all who participated!

Winners of the 2021 AIA Minneapolis Golf Outing:

First Flight:

1. Jake Daniels' Team: Peter Keller, Nick Hagen, Matt Johnson (**Classic Construction**)
2. Christopher Tackaberry Team: Kirk Pennings, Nick Peterson, John Fowler (**Deck City**)
3. Josh Erickson Team: Mark Wachter, Joe Fisher, Bill Mogren (**Ram Construction**)

Second Flight:

1. Doug Edstrom (Pella) Team: Brian Gadiant, Joel Springer, Paul Ragozzino (**Pella**)
2. Matthew Fall Team: Stan Ross, Carl Tomasko, Mike Dunn (**County Materials**)
3. Mat Hopf Team: Jeremy Holen, Tia Bell, David Loehr (**EXP**)

Third Flight:

1. Marc Cabrera Team: Bill Costello, Michael Sundet, Corey Schmitt (**Pella**)
2. Scott Vander Heiden Team: Wesley Pfeifer, Kelly Artz, David Stahl (**Emanuelson-Podas**)
3. Matt Blewitt Team: Matt Krueger, Sage Roshau, Joel Hauck (**ESG**)

AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA

GOLF OUTING RECAP

Congratulations to McGough Construction, winners of the AIA Northern Annual Golf/Scholarship Scramble, with a score of 10 under par at 62. Team members were Phil Johnson, Brodie Hosch, Sam Bruestle, and Brian Rankala.

This was one of our best fundraisers to date, raising approximately \$11,000 toward the AIA Northern Minnesota Scholarship Fund. The chapter has already fulfilled a \$25,000 endowment to the University of Minnesota College of Design, and an endowment of \$30,000 to the NDSU School of Architecture. Thanks to all who attended this year's outing and all who have contributed to the AIA Northern Scholarship Fund!

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AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA-CSI SUMMER OUTING

Thursday, August 19

Adults: \$25 Children (ages 8-16): \$10

Join AIA Northern Minnesota and CSI Twin Ports Chapter for a Duluth harbor cruise outing on

the former USCG Cutter Sundew! Invite your friends and family! RSVP by August 16. [Learn more »](#)

AIA ST. PAUL

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CHAPTER SOCIAL

Tuesday, August 17

[Lake Monster Brewing](#)

Reconnect with your AIA St. Paul friends and colleagues at an in-person Summer Social. Let's get outside and share the wins of the past year over a beverage. **All AIA St. Paul members are invited to participate!**

COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES

ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The ALA Committee will not be meeting in August. Instead, we encourage you to sign up and attend the ARE Trivia Mixer!

ARE TRIVIA MIXER

Tuesday, August 3, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

[Crown Roller Mill Building](#), Second Floor

A fun way to prepare for your next exam or to simply meet up with friends and colleagues. For details and to sign up visit [ARE Trivia!](#)

2020 ARE 5.0 PASS RATES

These pass rates are for all candidates (first time and repeat) through December 13, 2020.

Practice Management 51%

Project Management 63%

Programming & Analysis 50%

Project Planning & Design 45%

Project Development & Documentation 57%

Construction & Evaluation 66%

Visit <https://www.ncarb.org/pass-the-are/pass-rates> to compare with previous years.

Does your firm have a designated Architect Licensing Advisor?

Are you the one who everyone comes to with licensing questions? Become an advisor and join the **Architect Licensing Advisors Community** where you can get support for the guidance you are providing. Architect licensing advisors are local professionals, educators, and students who volunteer their time to help others pursue licensure and reciprocity. Questions?

Contact [DJ Heinle, AIA](#), Minnesota State Licensing Advisor. [Learn more »](#)

For more information and resources to guide your licensure, visit the AIA Minnesota website pages for [AXP](#) and [ARE](#).

ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 12, 8:30 am
[Virtual Meeting](#)

VOLUNTEER AT STEM DAY AT THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR **Thursday, August 26, 2021**

AIA Minnesota's Architecture in the Schools committee will again host a booth at STEM Day, held on opening day of the Minnesota State Fair. We need volunteers to help engage with youth and families around architecture. [Sign up for a 3-hour shift »](#)

BUILDING CODES KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

The Building Codes KC will not be meeting in August. Next meeting is September 8.

Use this [link](#) to view all current codes and their specific status.

COMMITTEE ON DESIGN

Thursday, August 12, 12:00 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

COMMITTEE ON EQUITY IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT (EBE)

Wednesday, August 18, 8:30 am
[Virtual Meeting](#)

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COTE)

Friday, August 13, 12:00 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

Join us for a progress report on website and advocacy efforts. You can also share the issues impacting your practice to inform future programming.

COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE UPDATES AND DISCUSSION
Monday, August 9, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 3, 8:00 am
[Virtual Meeting](#)

Virtual book club discussion: [Archispeak podcast episode #225](#): "Hotdogs and Hummus."

ARE TRIVIA

Tuesday, August 3, 7:00 pm

AIA Minnesota’s ALA and EPC committees host a fun event to help you prepare for your ARE examinations and enjoy some friendly competition among friends. Light refreshments are provided. [Register »](#)

ENTER COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 18, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 17, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Join us to learn about AIA Minnesota's approach to affordable housing policy, and hear more about how you can get engaged in advocacy on this and other issues.

HEALTH DESIGN KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Thursday, August 26, 4:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 4, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

LAKE SUPERIOR DESIGN RETREAT COMMITTEE

Monday, August 16, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

SAVE THE DATE
34th Annual Lake Superior Design Retreat
February 25-26, 2022
Duluth, MN

MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM COMMITTEE (MDT)

Wednesday, August 18, 4:30 - 5:30 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 3, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

HAPPY HOUR

Tuesday, August 10, 4:30 - 6:00 pm

[Waldmann Brewery](#)

WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 11, 8:00 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

PEOPLE & FIRMS

MSR Design is now a WBENC-Certified Women's Business Enterprise. [Learn more »](#)

Jeff Hysjulien, AIA, and **Todd Novak, AIA**, were promoted to principal at **RSP Architects**.

Julie Snow, FAIA, is co-leading AIA Cleveland's Coffee with Fellows program on August 13. The program is designed to promote diversity across the profession and elevate the knowledge of AIA members. [Learn more »](#)

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Cody Blevins, Associate AIA
Jacob Cherry, AIA
Stephen Farrell, Associate AIA
Ritah Kagezi, Associate AIA

Erica Larson, AIA
Marin Nagle, Associate AIA
Rebekah Padilla, AIA
Chee Tao, Associate AIA

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS

[UMN COLLEGE OF DESIGN ONLINE SUMMER CAMP: BUILDING BRIDGES TO DESIGN CAREERS FOR BLACK, INDIGENOUS, AND PEOPLE OF COLOR AUGUST 2-6 »](#)

[AIA CHICAGO: NET ZERO NATION: HOW DOES NET ZERO BECOME PART OF A FIRM'S DNA? AUGUST 3 »](#)

[PRESERVING GENIUS: HOW TO SAVE FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT BUILDINGS. REALLY SAVE THEM! AUGUST 7-8 »](#)

[MINNESOTA BROWNFIELDS BEYOND REMEDIATION: SUSTAINABLE DESIGN AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY AUGUST 26 »](#)

[LeadingGREEN Online LEED Training and Exam Prep \(On-Demand in 2021\) »](#)

MINNEAPOLIS COLLEGE ADDS ARCHITECTURAL VIRTUAL REALITY & RENDERING CERTIFICATE

Minneapolis College (formerly known as MCTC) is now offering a 16 CR certificate in Architectural Virtual Reality & Rendering. Our first classes starting this August. Classes are in the evening so they won't interfere with work and are geared toward working practitioners. Please forward this email to those in your office that you think might be interested. We are excited that our instructors (Raz Pomerleau, RSP; Joe Mollen, U+B and Maya Saliba, past MCTC grad and Interior Designer) are working practitioners and are skilled in their subjects.

[Learn more »](#)

ROBERTA DWYER ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP

To honor the legacy of pioneering civil engineer Roberta Dwyer, LHB established an endowment of \$25,000 in 2020 to support a civil engineering scholarship at UMD in her name. The scholarship will support women students in engineering. In order to grow the impact of the scholarship, LHB is reaching out to the community for additional contributions with a goal of a total endowment of \$50,000. Please see the following link for more information and an opportunity to donate: [Roberta Dwyer Engineering Scholarship](#)

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 cancelations, postponements, or virtual meetings.



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