

AIA MINNESOTA MATRIX NEWSLETTER

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Being CLEAR: Redesigning Governance to Make Room for What Matters Most

by Jennifer Christiaansen, AIA, AIA Minnesota President



In 2025, AIA Minnesota has embraced a renewed commitment to delivering on the three themes of **Connection, Advocacy** and **Value**, and to being **Clear, Curious** and **Bold** in how we do so. This month I would like to elaborate on our focus of **being CLEAR**. This guiding principle has shaped a meaningful evolution in our governance approach, and a shift of focus from process to purpose.

In the past, the AIA Minnesota governance calendar was robust and built around a belief that we needed to essentially meet monthly to answer the question: *What decisions need to occur to keep the organization moving?* This monthly approach ensured that business got done—but it also came with a cost. Every scheduled meeting brought with it the temptation (and sometimes the expectation) to bring more issues to the table, to invite feedback on matters that may not truly require board-level engagement.

This year, recognizing a reduced staff size of eight full-time employees, we experimented with a bold adjustment: **We will have fewer meetings, with greater clarity and intent.** Instead of the traditional monthly cadence, the AIA Minnesota Board, Finance Committee, Executive Committee, and local Chapters generally reduced their meetings by half, which has resulted in roughly 220 hours of staff time being saved.

What's emerged is a more strategic, empowered model for the AIA Minnesota.

Fewer meetings has brought **greater clarity**. Staff are now empowered to make deliberate choices: *When do we need to discuss this topic? With whom? Is this a governance-level decision, or is this something we can handle operationally?* This distinction has created deeper volunteer leader ownership and stronger alignment across our teams. It's also opened up **more time and space for strategic work**. Instead of spending time preparing for, managing, and following up on meeting logistics, our leadership can now devote more of their energy to advancing mission-driven initiatives, partnerships, and innovation across the organization. Importantly, this change has not compromised engagement. Local chapter officers have embraced their leadership and the boards remain active and connected.

This experiment in governance is a reminder that structure should serve strategy—not the other way around. By being intentional with our time and aligned in our expectations, AIA Minnesota is not just getting more done—we're doing the right things, at the right level, at the right time. We'll continue to assess, learn, and refine. But for now, one thing is certain: **being CLEAR has never felt so productive.**

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

CALL TO ACTION

Call for Leaders in 2026

AIA Minnesota is seeking applications for officer and board leadership positions that will begin January 1, 2026. This is an opportunity to shape the ways AIA Minnesota connects, advocates, and promotes the value of architects and architecture. Your board service can grow your leadership experience, expand your network, and raise your profile in the broader community. Application deadline is **September 15**. [Learn more and apply online »](#)

Open AIA Minnesota Officer/ Board Leadership Positions for 2026:

- **President-Elect.** A three-year commitment as President-elect, President, and Past President. Position open to AIA, Associate, or FAIA members in good standing.
- **Treasurer.** A one-year term, with the possibility of re-election for a second year. Position open to AIA, Associate, or FAIA members in good standing.
- **Secretary.** A one-year term, with the possibility of re-election for a second year. Position open to AIA, Associate, or FAIA members in good standing.
- **Associate Director.** A one-year term, with the possibility of re-election for a second year. Position exclusively open to Associate AIA members in good standing. If an individual in this role becomes a licensed architect during their tenure, they are permitted to retain their seat on the Board for the remainder of their term.
- **Minnesota State/Territory Associate Representative.** A two-year term, with the possibility of re-election for a second term, serving as the National Associates Committee representative from Minnesota. Candidates must be an Associate AIA Minnesota member not licensed at the time of submission (may become licensed during the two-year term).



Firm Award Submissions Due August 29

The AIA Minnesota Firm Award, given biennially, is among the highest honors bestowed by the association, recognizing an AIA Minnesota member firm that has made outstanding contributions to the advancement of the profession of architecture. The Firm Award program will accept entries until **Friday, August 29, at 12:00 pm noon CST**. [Learn more »](#)

Honor Awards Submissions Now 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 2025 Honor Award.

In alignment with AIA National Architecture Awards, AIA Minnesota Honor Awards submissions are evaluated using the AIA Framework for Design Excellence. Entries judged to have demonstrated excellence in two or more Framework measures may be awarded an Honor Award. **Note: The award formerly given for achievement in a single Framework measure—the Commendation for Design Excellence—will no longer be given.** Jurors will instead be encouraged (though not required) to recognize work in each of these five categories: Architecture, Interiors, Renovation & Restoration, Urban Design & Master Planning, and Small Projects.

Submissions for the 2025 Honor Awards will close on **Friday, September 26, at 12:00 pm noon CST.** [Learn more »](#)

Honor Awards Open House

Thursday, August 7, 4:00 pm

[Register »](#)

Is your firm planning to submit a project or two to the 2025 AIA Minnesota Honor Awards program? If so, please join us for this virtual informational open house. VJAA's **Jennifer Yoos, FAIA**, and HGA's **Nat Madson, AIA**, will share their approaches to creating award-winning entries.



Louis Lundgren Award for Service Announced

Congratulations to **Michael Fischer, AIA**, the 2025 recipient of the AIA Minnesota Louis Lundgren Award for Service. This award recognizes an individual AIA Minnesota member for their prolonged, outstanding contributions in community and professional service. [Learn more »](#)



Collaborative Achievement Award Announced

Congratulations to architecture writer, researcher, and historian **Jane King Hession**, 2025 recipient of an AIA Minnesota Collaborative Achievement Award. This award

recognizes individuals and organizations for exceptional contributions to AIA, the profession, or the quality of the built environment. [Learn more »](#)



Let's Celebrate!

Tuesday, August 19, 5:30 pm

Room & Board

[Register »](#)

Join us at the Room & Board showroom in Edina to celebrate AIA Minnesota members who have achieved excellence! At our summer celebration event, 2025 recipients of the following honors will be recognized:

- AIA Fellowship
- AIA National design awards
- Residential Emerging Architect Award
- Next Gen Award
- Young Architects Award
- Louis Lundgren Award for Service
- Collaborative Achievement Award
- Minnesota Architectural Foundation scholarship recipients
- Leadership Forum participants

Enjoy refreshments before and after the program and connect with colleagues.

Attendance is free; registration includes a complimentary beverage and a chance to win a \$250 Room & Board gift card.

Celebrate the Affordable Housing Design Awards

Tuesday, September 30, 4:30 pm

Renaissance Minneapolis Depot Hotel, Zephyr Room

[Register »](#)

The Affordable Housing Design Award highlights the importance of high-quality design for affordable housing in the Midwest. AIA Minnesota is pleased to have the support of The McKnight Foundation for this important award.

AIA Minnesota and The McKnight Foundation will present the 2025 Affordable Housing Design Award at the Affordable Housing Design Award celebration.

During the event, the award jurors will participate in a presentation highlighting innovative, community-oriented projects. AIA Minnesota is honored to have a nationally-recognized jury for this award, including:

- **Catherine Baker, FAIA**, nowhere collaborative, Chicago
- **Fiona Mathew, AIA**, Shapiro & Company Architects, Memphis/Dallas
- **Wendi Shafran, AIA**, FXCollaborative Architects, New York

[Learn more about the Affordable Housing Design Award »](#)

Coming soon: New Community of Practice on Affordable Housing Design!

Interested in furthering quality - not just quantity - in the design of affordable housing? AIA Minnesota, with funding from the McKnight Foundation, is launching a new community of practice to support your efforts. Block your calendar for an organizing meeting featuring a new research study to be held immediately in advance of the Affordable Housing Design Awards celebration on **Tuesday, September 30th, 2:00-4:15**. Watch your email and the September issue of Matrix for more details to come!



Homes by Architects Tour

Support your peers in residential architecture and explore the best of home design on this year's [Homes by Architects Tour](#), in person on September 27 & 28 and virtual on September 27–October 12. Tickets will go on sale August 8!

This year's tour features 18 homes, representing 16 architecture firms. [Check out this year's homes and participating firms »](#)

Volunteer for the tour and get free admission! [Learn more and sign up »](#)

For sponsorship and advertising opportunities, please email [Pam Nelson](#). **Deadline is August 15.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Government Affairs

Does your work involve interacting with cities or counties? You might now be a lobbyist

If your work involves client work, collaboration, or efforts to convince city, county, MetCouncil, or other local government officials, new rules related to lobbying may apply to you. Over the past two legislative sessions, there have been significant changes to the rules and definitions governing lobbying. AIA Minnesota worked with

legislators to better clarify lobbying laws and mitigate the potential impacts on the architecture profession but some interactions with local governments may still require you to register as a lobbyist in certain circumstances.

On July 30th, Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director of the Minnesota Campaign Finance Board, shared the updated rules and regulations to help AIA Minnesota members understand how and when your communications with local government officials may constitute lobbying that requires registration with the board.

[View the recording »](#)

Send questions and scenarios for the Campaign Finance Board to address to [Mary-Margaret Zindren](#)

The 2025 *ENTER* Print Annual

The [2025 ENTER print annual](#) features an array of in-depth articles on the challenges and opportunities in shaping a better built environment for Minnesota. It also includes photo-rich profiles of notable new buildings, a special section on the recipients of 2024 AIA Minnesota design awards, and directories of Minnesota architecture firms and other building-project consultants.

All AIA Minnesota members will receive a copy in the mail. **Check your office mailroom if you do not receive the magazine at home.** The publication can be [purchased](#) online for \$18 plus shipping and handling. For a discount on bulk orders, email editor [Chris Hudson](#).



ENTERmn.com Advertising Opportunities

Align with great design and cutting-edge features on the built environment in Minnesota. *ENTER* digital ads start at \$495 per week. **Contact [Pam Nelson](#) to reserve your space!**

A'25 MN: THE MINNESOTA CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE

**A'25
MN**

NOVEMBER 3-5

- Exhibit Hall
- Marketing
- Continuing Education
- Keynotes

A'25 MN Conference: Keynote Speaker

Mark your calendars! Registration for A'25 MN Conference on Architecture opens in

mid-September. You won't want to miss the exciting and inspiring sessions we have planned. We'll be announcing our lineup of keynote speakers in the coming weeks, so keep an eye out for those updates and other conference highlights!



The Conference Keynote Address for Tuesday, November 4 will be presented by **Doris Sung**, an associate professor at USC School of Architecture, sole principal of DOSU Studio Architecture, and co-founder of TBM Designs. She publishes, lectures and exhibits internationally while managing to bring her patented inventions to the market. With two TED Talks under her belt, Doris has received a Cooper Hewitt National Design Award, a *Time Magazine* Best Invention, a Falling Walls Break-through-of-the-Year

Award, and the [next idea] award from ARS Electronica. She has been named a fellow of Google's R+D for the Built Environment, the U.S. Artist, the Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center, the Bogliasco Foundation, and the Headlands Center for the Arts.

Advertising and Sponsorship Opportunities

The Minnesota Conference on Architecture takes place at the Depot Minneapolis **November 3–5, 2025**. The exhibit booths are all sold out but there are many other ways to have a presence with advertising and sponsorship opportunities. [Explore all the opportunities »](#)

MINNESOTA ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION



Beverly Hauschild Baron Women's Leadership Summit Scholarship Recipient Announced

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation (MAF) Beverly Hauschild-Baron Leadership Fund (BHB Fund) is excited to announce **Alexis Meyer, Assoc. AIA**, as recipient of the AIA Women's Leadership Summit (WLS) scholarship. Alexis will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to offset expenses to attend WLS in Atlanta November 3-5, 2025. Congratulations! [Learn more »](#)

CONTINUING EDUCATION



AIA Minnesota On-Demand Webinars

Make use of [AIA Minnesota on-demand webinars](#) and gain new knowledge and apply the credits to meet your CE requirements.

- [Demystifying Decarbonization](#) 1.25 HSW LUs
- [What Would You Do? Navigating the Intersection of Building Codes and Ethics](#) 1.5 HSW LUs and Ethics
- [Ethics in Public Interest Design](#) 2.0 LUs and Ethics

- [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
- [\(Sustainable\) 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
- [Ethical Design in the Era of Climate Change](#) 2.0 HSW LUs and Ethics

Questions? Contact [Deanna Christiansen](#).

LEADERSHIP FORUM



The final session for the 2025 Leadership Forum was on July 23. The assignment for this session was to create a “touchpoint” to serve as a reminder going forward of key learnings, core values, core purpose, goals, and/or next steps. Each member of the cohort presented their touchpoint which was followed by group discussion and words of encouragement. The afternoon concluded with a reception to celebrate their accomplishment. Congratulations to this year’s cohort!

Tia Bell, AIA, DLR Group
Jamie Bieser, AIA, Widseth
Lauren Fleming, AIA, HGA
Frances Gonzalez, Assoc. AIA, RSP Architects
Theo Grothe, AIA, ESG Architecture & Design
Abby Hammes, AIA, Miller Dunwiddie
Kaitlyn Janisch, AIA, RoehrSchmitt Architecture & Interiors
Emilie Kopp, AIA, Snow Kreilich Architects
Edward Markfort, AIA, Anderson Engineering of Minnesota
Jennifer Olson, AIA, DLR Group
Nicolas Reiter, AIA, Snow Kreilich Architects
Jyotsna Sivaguru, AIA, Design By Melo
Emily Timm, AIA, LHB
Kristine Wentworth, AIA, Studio BV
Ellie Ziaie, AIA, BKV Group



A special thanks to **Stephanie Howe, AIA** and **Anna Pravinata, AIA** for serving as co-advisors to this year's cohort, being available for questions and support, and helping the cohort make the connections between each of the sessions.

And thank you to all the content experts who led one or more sessions and helped facilitate discussions: **James Garrett, FAIA, NOMA**, 4RM+ULA; **Sheri Hansen, AIA** Minnesota; **Matt Johnson, AIA**, Nelson Worldwide; **Karen Lu, FAIA, NOMA**, Snow Kreilich Architects; **Wendy Neu**, Crossroads Coaching & Consulting; **Sam Olbekson, AIA, AICAE, NOMA**, Full Circle Indigenous Planning + Design; **Alissa**

Pier, AIA, Robbinsdale Area Schools; **Heather Polivka**, Awesome People Leaders; **Mary Eisele Slack**, Eisele & Associates; **Sarah St. Louis, Assoc. AIA, ADAC, MG2**; **Elizabeth Turner, AIA**, Precipitate; **Ann Voda, AIA**, Miller Dunwiddie; **Steven Wolf, AIA**, Roers Companies; and **Mary-Margaret Zindren, CAE**, AIA Minnesota.

Last but not least, much appreciation to **Cunningham** for the use of their space.

NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

AIA NATIONAL

SUBMIT FOR RIVA PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

The RIVA Prize for Excellence in Sustainable Design recognizes projects that demonstrate inventive, integrated, and contextually responsive approaches to sustainability in dynamic, climatic environments. Partnering with AIA Miami, RIVA Spain has offered this prize to AIA architects throughout the U.S. Submissions are open to all AIA architects and their studios, who present a clear, thoughtful architectural agenda for energy and environment. First prize is a trip for two to Spain! **Submissions due August 22.** [Learn more »](#)

2026 YOUNG ARCHITECTS AWARD APPLICATIONS OPEN WITH REDUCED FEE

Applications are now being accepted for the national 2026 AIA Young Architects Award, with a new *reduced* application fee. Submissions are due **August 28, 2025**, so [learn more and start your application today »](#)



UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Help us tailor your AIA experience to your interests. Your updated information allows us to provide you with more personalized content and networking connections. [Keep your AIA profile current »](#)

AIA MINNEAPOLIS

LITTLE AFRICA FESTIVAL BOOTH THIS WEEKEND!

AIA Minneapolis is partnered with AIA Minnesota's Architecture in the Schools Committee for a great K-12 outreach event: Little Africa Festival. All volunteer slots are full, but we'd love to see you. Stop by for food and fun, celebrating and showcasing the vibrant culture and heritage of Africa. The Festival is held Sunday, August 3, 12:00-9:00 p.m. in and around Hamline Park. **The AIA Minneapolis/AIA Minnesota booth will be open 12:00-3:00 pm.**

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GOLF OUTING: ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS!

The annual AIA Minneapolis Golf Outing took place on July 28th. We had a full house with 288 golfers and 50+ sponsors. This event supports the Minnesota Architectural Foundation.

AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA



GOLF OUTING: A SUCESS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS!

The AIA Northern Minnesota Golf Outing on Thursday, July 17, 2025, at Enger Park Golf Course was a fantastic day of golf, fun, and fundraising for the AIA Northern Minnesota architecture education scholarship fund. Golfers enjoyed 18 holes of scramble-format play with contests for putting, chipping, longest drive, and more. The day concluded with a dinner, awards, and an exciting raffle.

Thanks to everyone who participated and supported this event, we raised significant funds to help aspiring architecture students achieve their dreams! We'd like to extend a huge thank you to our generous sponsors who made this event possible: Architecture Advantage, BP Builders, CMTA, DSGW, Dunham, Intertek, Jamar, Kraus-Anderson, A.W. Kuettel & Sons, Inc., LHB, Meyer Borgman Johnson, Northland Consulting Engineers, LLP, TKDA, Wells, Adolfsen & Peterson Construction, Hunt Electric, Meyer Group Architecture, Viking Automatic Sprinkler, Co., and White Cap.

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CSI TWIN PORTS CHAPTER SUMMER EXPO, HAPPY HOUR, SUNDEW CRUISE + DINNER

Thursday, August 21, 3:00 pm

Pier B, Duluth

The Construction Specifications Institute Twin Ports Chapter is hosting its annual Summer Expo

on August 21st, 2025, at the Pier B Resort Hotel in Duluth, MN. The event will feature elite construction industry vendors in the exhibit hall from 3:00 pm to 5:15 pm, accompanied by a cash bar and happy hour. Following the trade show at 5:15 pm, attendees are invited for a scenic boat cruise until 8:30 pm. The expo will also include food, prizes, and live music. [Learn more and purchase tickets »](#)

AIA ST. PAUL

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SAVE THE DATE: FOOD FOR THOUGHT SAGEGLASS TOUR!

Mark your calendar for **Friday, September 26, 2025**, because you're invited to an exclusive tour of SageGlass, the global pioneer in smart window technology, headquartered in Faribault, MN. This is your chance to go behind the scenes and witness the advanced manufacturing process of electrochromic smart windows at their state-of-the-art facility. We'll be meeting in the morning for departure via a bus supplied by SageGlass, returning by early afternoon. As a special bonus, attendees traveling by bus from Minneapolis will earn 1 LU/HSW CE credit for attending the "AIA CES 622: Introduction to Dynamic Glass" presentation. You'll also be among the first to experience SageGlass RealTone™, the latest evolution in smart windows! Please note, a basic Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) will need to be signed before the tour. We have a limited capacity of 25 attendees, so keep an eye out for more details on how to reserve your spot!

COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES

ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 13, 5:00 pm

DRINKS + ICE CREAM!

Join us on the patio of BÜCH Fermentary & Taproom and MN Nice Cream for an ALA Happy Hour! Cheers to summer and to our amazing group!

ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Regular meetings of the Architecture in the Schools Committee have changed to the third Thursday of the month 12:00-1:00 pm. However, because of STEM Day at the Minnesota State Fair, there will be **NO MEETING IN AUGUST**.

STEM DAY AT THE FAIR VOLUNTEERING

We had a great response to our call for STEM Day at Minnesota State Fair. All volunteer slots are full. Come on by and say hello! STEM Day is open to the public **August 21, 8:00 am-5:00 pm**. Our booth is located in Dan Patch Park, which is next to the Grandstand.

BUILDING CODES KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Wednesday, August 13, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Open Forum: Bring your code questions, experiences, and updates to share.

COMMITTEE ON DESIGN

Thursday, August 14, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

COMMITTEE ON EQUITY IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT (EBE)

Tuesday, August 19, 3:30 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COTE)

NO COMMITTEE MEETING IN AUGUST

Enjoy your time off, but if you're thirsting for more sustainability conferences, presentations, and tours, please check out one of these.

[2025 BUILD REUSE CONFERENCE](#)

August 4-6

BUILDING CIRCULARITY MN - led by Hennepin County

Monday, August 4, 8:30-10:30 am - Landmark Center, St. Paul, MN

[RSVP by Monday, July 28 »](#)

[BS + BEER MSP MONTHLY MEETING](#) - Open to all

Tuesday, August 19, 4:30-6:00 pm at Urban Growler Brewing Company

MINNESOTA RENEWABLE ENERGY SOCIETY (MRES)

Thursday, August 21 at the Minnesota State Fair

[Eco-Experience](#) – consider visiting or volunteering (volunteer training is August 13th)

[PHIUS ALLIANCE MINNESOTA](#)

Tour - Bald Eagle Build, Thursday, August 21, 4:00-5:00 pm

PASSIVE HOUSE MINNESOTA MONTHLY MEETING

[Passive House Cooling Strategies](#) - virtual via Zoom

Tuesday, August 26, 12:00 pm

COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Monday, August 11, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

PROJECT MANAGEMENT - ADDRESSING THE NEED AND TALENT SHORTAGE

Plan to attend and welcome one of our new co-chairs for this Knowledge Community - **Brian Gadiant, AIA.**

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 14, 12:00 pm (meetings are held quarterly)

[Virtual Meeting](#)

JOIN US FOR A HAPPY HOUR AT BANG BREWING!

Thursday, August 21, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

We're excited to partner with Alchemy Architects for an exclusive tour of the brewery, where they'll share insights into its innovative design and commitment to sustainability. Bang Brewing holds the distinction of being the first 100% organic brewery in the Midwest. Join us to learn more about their unique approach and network with fellow emerging professionals!

[Sign up to attend »](#)

Application Deadline September 1, 2025

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS FRIENDLY FIRM PROGRAM

Applications are now open for the 2025-2026 Emerging

Emerging Professionals
**Friendly Firm
Program**



A Collaboration of
AIA Minnesota, AIA North Dakota, AIA South Dakota, & AIA Wisconsin
Emerging Professionals Committees

Does your firm support
young professionals?
Let us know about it!

Consider applying for
the **2025-2026 Award!**

The deadline to apply is September 1st, 2025

Professional Friendly Firm Award. This program is a collaboration of four states of AIA emerging professionals: North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. The deadline to apply is September 1. Encourage your firm to apply to show how your firm's EPs are supported. [Apply today »](#)

ENTER COMMITTEE

Friday, August 22, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

NO COMMITTEE MEETING IN AUGUST

HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

NO COMMITTEE MEETING IN AUGUST

HARD HAT TOUR

Wednesday, August 13, 10:45 am

3030 Nicollet, Simpson Housing

Join the Housing Advocacy Committee for a hardhat tour of two under construction affordable housing projects, followed by a lunch! Plan to park near the two projects and walk between the buildings. **Bring your own PPE for these tours.** You will be asked to sign waivers of liability at each facility prior to touring.

Registration is capped at 20 people, so make sure to secure your spot soon! [Register »](#)

LAKE SUPERIOR DESIGN RETREAT COMMITTEE

Monday, August 18, 11:30 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Mark your calendars! The 2026 Lake Superior Design Retreat will be on March 6-7.

MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM COMMITTEE (MDT)

Wednesday, August 20, 4:30 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 5, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

CRAN SYMPOSIUM

The [CRAN Symposium](#) will be on September 17–20 in Alexandria, VA. [Register now »](#)

Did you know our Residential Architecture Committee is a chapter of AIA CRAN, the Custom Residential Architects Network? [Learn more about CRAN and access its forums and resources »](#)

HOMES BY ARCHITECTS TOUR

This year's tour features 18 homes: 16 to tour in person on September 27 & 28, two of which will

also be available to explore virtually September 27–October 12. Two Wisconsin cabins will also be available to tour online. Tickets go on sale August 8.

[Learn more »](#)

[Volunteer for the tour »](#)

WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 20, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

PEOPLE & FIRMS

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

David Bilotta, Assoc. AIA
Dominic Cartier, AIA
India Chand, Assoc. AIA
Harrison Chugg, Assoc. AIA
Anna Dresang, Assoc. AIA
Isaac Guenther, Assoc. AIA
Clara Harter, Assoc. AIA
Ian Johnson, Assoc. AIA
Devin Krugerud, AIA
Sam Lieske, Assoc. AIA

Jesse Meagher, Assoc. AIA
Alap Sunilkumar Parikh, Assoc. AIA
Mia-Rose Peters, Assoc. AIA
Carlos Reyes, Assoc. AIA
Maeve Snapko, Assoc. AIA
Alex Stalboerger, Assoc. AIA
Kristiana Tu, Assoc. AIA
Aaron Watkins, Assoc. AIA
Pwapedeino Wonosikou, Assoc. AIA
Dingliang Yang, Assoc. AIA

IN MEMORIAM

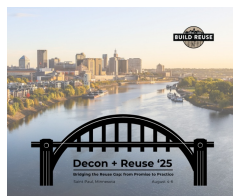
David Bennett, FAIA passed away in July. [Learn more »](#)

William "Bill" Scalzo, AIA passed away in June. [Learn more »](#)

Sean Wagner, AIA passed away in July. [Learn more »](#)

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS

[URBAN DESIGN FORUM STUDY TRIP TO TOKYO SEPTEMBER 8-12 »](#)



BUILD REUSE'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE is being held in St. Paul this year, August 4–6. This is the only North American conference focused explicitly on reuse in the built environment. This three-day, 30-session conference is a great opportunity for architects and designers to learn how to incorporate reused materials into their projects and network with subject matter experts. **AIA Minnesota members can use the code Lakes for a \$50 discount on a full conference registration.** [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.

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