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Left to right: Chris Hudson, Honorary AIA MN; Amber Allardyce, Honorary AIA MN; and Deanna Christiansen, Honorary AIA MN

Honorary AIA Minnesota

By Meredith Hayes Gordon, AIA Minnesota President and Mary-Margaret Zindren, AIA Minnesota Executive Vice President

"A person of esteemed character who is otherwise ineligible for membership in the Institute or

AIA Minnesota but who has rendered distinguished service to the profession of architecture...may be admitted as an Honorary member of AIA Minnesota."

The recipients of this honor could not be more deserving, each having served AIA Minnesota with distinction for many years. While we have cued from the AIA National model of a minimum of 10 years of service as a criterion for selection, it is the depth and breadth of service, the exemplary nature of their work, that was most compelling to the AIA Minnesota Board of Directors in lifting up these three AIA Minnesota staff members with the Honorary AIA Minnesota designation:

- Amber Allardyce, Director of Membership and Operations, Hon. AIAMN
- Deanna Christiansen, Continuing Education Director, Hon. AIAMN
- Chris Hudson, Editor of Architecture MN Magazine, Hon. AIAMN

Letters of support from a wide variety of members who have worked with Amber, Deanna, and Chris eloquently convey their praise, gratitude, and myriad reasons why these individuals are deeply worthy of this honor. We look forward to sharing more highlights from these nomination letters at the Awards Dinner on December 8th, as well as our own reasons for activating the Honorary AIA Minnesota distinction for these three great members of our architecture community. [Read more »](#)

2018-2020 Strategic Work Plan

This fall, the Board of Directors set out a three-year work plan for how AIA Minnesota's Strategic Direction will be made real. [Read the plan »](#)

The core elements of the strategic work plan are:

- Pursuing a more accessible, welcoming, public-facing space for AIA Minnesota;
- Expanding and enhancing our Architecture in the Schools programming to include teaching tools and additional youth outreach;
- Re-envisioning *Architecture MN* magazine and its related events to focus on current and potential clients, key influencers of policy and public opinion, and leaders across sectors and geographies;
- Engaging proactively in state and local advocacy on issues of concern to AIA Minnesota members;
- Expanding and institutionalizing equity, diversity and inclusion training and resources to accelerate members' skill in recognizing and addressing bias and engaging across all "differences that make a difference;"
- Reshaping key programs to better engage members and the public throughout Minnesota and discontinuing low mission-impact programs; and
- Restructuring AIA Minnesota volunteer engagement, allowing for reallocation of staff time toward other aspects of the 2018-2020 work plan, which also creates the potential to

grow the number and variety of member groups.

For more detail about the work plan development process and the work plan itself, [read more »](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thirteen 2017 Honor Award Recipients Announced



AIA Minnesota honored thirteen projects with 2017 Honor Awards. The awards were announced at the AIA Minnesota Conference on Architecture. The Honor Awards recognize outstanding architecture designed by AIA Minnesota members and member architecture firms.

87 projects were submitted in 2017, and were evaluated in five categories: architecture; interiors; renovation and restoration; and urban design and master planning. Entries are evaluated by three internationally-renowned architects for their degree of design invention, attention to detail, advancement of sustainable design and other factors. [Read the news release »](#)

Committee Leadership for 2018

Due to restructuring of how some committees are structured and/or staffed as laid out in Strategic Workplan adopted by the AIA Minnesota Board of Directors and presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting for 2018-2020, there is a delay in committee leadership co-chair/co-chair elect applications for 2018. Watch in January 2018 for the application process.

Congratulations to Newly-Licensed Architects

September 2016 - August 2017

Brice Arrestad, AIA
Amanda Aspenson, AIA

Griffin Jameson, AIA
David Johansson, AIA

Erik Olson
Heather Olson, AIA

Nathaniel Bartley, AIA	Jenna Johansson, AIA	Jessica Olson, AIA
Justin Bice, AIA	Justin Johnson, AIA	Joseph Paetzel, AIA
David Booth, AIA	Tyler Johnson, AIA	Christine Pecard, AIA
Christina Brophy, AIA	Katie Kangas, AIA	Melissa Rasmussen, AIA
Joe Brown, AIA	Mitchell Karr, AIA	Bonny Reynolds, AIA
Tyler Buerkle, AIA	Tara Ketchum, AIA	Kaitlin Schalow, AIA
Trevor Bullen, AIA	Jacob Kieper, AIA	Virginia Schneider, AIA
Andrew Centanni, AIA	Chelsea King, AIA	Jeffrey Schuler, AIA
Michael Cheng	Joseph Krummel, AIA	Edith Sebesta, AIA
Burton Coffin, AIA	Karl Larsen	Matthew Smith, AIA
Thomas Cramblit	Todd Larson	Christina Stark, AIA
Melissa Cross, AIA	Timothy Lewis-Wolf, AIA	Michael Stark, AIA
Amy Douma, AIA	Yanyan Li, AIA	Matthew Tierney, AIA
Jeffrey Dreisbach	Geoffrey Little, AIA	Andrew Tisue, AIA
Julie Drolet, AIA	Claire Lonsbury, AIA	Kyle Tornow, AIA
Molly Eagen, AIA	Beth Makhoul	Samantha Mendiola, AIA
Edward Eichten, AIA	Jacob Mans	Vanessa Van Beusekom
Joseph Ellingson	Edward Markfort, AIA	Nathan Van Wylen, AIA
Kevin Ellingson, AIA	Kelly Martinez, AIA	Kaitlin Veenstra
Thomas Everson, AIA	Brock Martinson	Donald Venticinque, AIA
Mathias Fitzer	Petro Megits, AIA	Pablo Villamil
Lauren Fleming, AIA	Benjamin Menne	Kathryn Watson, AIA
Ryan Fugleberg, AIA	Scott Miller	Molly Weismantel, AIA
Katherine Gerzina, AIA	Matthew Mohr, AIA	Matthew Wilkus, AIA
John Grothman, AIA	Kathryn Myhre, AIA	Jacob Windschitl
Matthew Haller	Michelle Ney, AIA	Jacob Wollensak
Michael Hanslick, AIA	Jacob Nicklay	Jennifer Worley, AIA
Justin Hayes, AIA	John Nieuwenhuis, AIA	Scott Wullschleger, AIA
Damaris Hollingsworth, AIA		

Architecture MN Wins MMPA Excellence Awards

Architecture MN won three Gold Awards and one Silver from the Minnesota Magazine & Publishing Association (MMPA). The four awards came in the category of General Interest Under 60,000 Circulation:

- Gold in Overall Excellence
- Silver in Overall Design
- Gold for Feature Design ("Masqueray in Minnesota," Jan/Feb 2017)
- Gold for Feature Article ("Five Days in Havana," Jul/Aug 2016)

MMPA established the Publishing Excellence Awards in 1997 to recognize and foster publishing achievements in the areas of editorial, design and overall excellence.

Architecture MN has consistently received awards in various categories over the years. [Learn more about the awards »](#)

A'17 MN: THE CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE



Thanks for attending A'17 MN: The Minnesota Conference on Architecture

Thanks for making 2017 A'17 MN Conference one of the best!

We had valuable CE programs, fabulous keynote speakers, interesting tours, 251 exhibit booths, 1455 registered attendees and another 275 who came just to tour the exhibit hall.

Conference Credits Recorded by Year End

Spreadsheets are being prepared for an electronic upload of credits from the A'17 MN Conference to AIA transcripts. Our goal is to complete that upload by December 31, 2017.

Conference Attendance Verification Forms Available Online

Did you forget to turn in your Attendance Verification Form at the Conference? [Complete the form online »](#)

Or, you can still turn in the paper copy to Deanna Christiansen at:

Christiansen@aia-mn.org

Fax 612-338-7981

AIA Minnesota, 275 Market St, STE 54, Minneapolis, MN 55405

Conference Presentations on Website

AIA Minnesota will invite A'17 MN speakers to post their presentations, notes, handouts, on our website. Some are willing and others choose not to do so. As we receive them, we will post them. [Watch the 2017 Conference Highlights page for updates »](#)

A'18 MN Conference

Save the Date: Nov 13-16, 2018

Exhibit booth reservations and sponsorships will be available online mid-December. Watch for [2018 opportunities and registration »](#)



The Minnesota Architectural Foundation would like to thank all who participated in this year's Raffle in support of our scholarship funds. We successfully raised over \$10,000 to support much-needed funds. MAF is grateful for your contributions.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

MINNESOTA LICENSE RENEWALS ARE DUE JUNE 30, 2018

Architects must have earned 24 Professional Development Hours (PDHs) between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2018 to renew their license to practice architecture in Minnesota. Two of those 24 PDHs must focus on professional ethics. [Learn more about managing your license »](#)

CE PROGRAMMING

AIA Minnesota will schedule face-to-face, HSW programs each month, January through June, to help you get the 24 hours you need to renew your license by June 30. Programs being considered cover topics including:

- Slips, Trips, and Falls: material selection and application
- Storm shelters
- Security: systems, technology, design

- AIA's Safety Assessment Program (SAP)
- Design for crime prevention

ON-DEMAND WEBINARS

Currently available: [MN Conservation Code for Existing Buildings](#)

Available on-demand in January 2018:

- Minnesota Commercial Energy Code (presented in September 2017)
- Minnesota Accessibility Code (presented in October 2017)

Recorded at the A'17 MN Conference on Architecture and available on-demand in January 2018:

- Ethics Past, Present and Future: Tales from the Grey Zone (Event T1)
- Weather Barriers, Continuous Insulation, and NFPA-285 (Event W19)
- How to Achieve Sustainability Goals with Strategic Communication (Event H41)
- Revised and New AIA Contract Documents (Event F58)

[View details as they become available »](#)

PEOPLE & FIRMS



Left to right: Dan Morgan, AIA; Josh Stowers, AIA; Monica Bettendorf Hartberg, AIA, Tom Stoneburner, Amy Schwabe, AIA

4RM+ULA was selected for the Design Futures Council "10 under 10" study of small firms from a nationwide pool. [Read more »](#)

Dan Morgan, AIA, a health care architect who has spent his 32-year career helping organizations

transform and improve the way they deliver care, recently joined BWBR. [Read more »](#)

HGA Architects and Engineers welcomes Josh Stowers, AIA, as Associate Vice President and Principal in the Minneapolis office. [Read more »](#)

Monica Bettendorf Hartberg, AIA has been named president of Miller Dunwiddie Architecture in Minneapolis. [Read more »](#)

The U.S. Green Building Council has adopted RELi, a resilience consensus standard similar in format to the USGBC LEED rating system, which was developed in conjunction with Perkins+Will Minneapolis. [Read more »](#)

TKDA announced that Tom Stoneburner will become the new president and CEO of TKDA in 2018. [Read more »](#)

Trossen Wright Plutowski Architects, PA (TWP) is proud to announce that Amy Schwabe, AIA, is now a principal in the firm. She joins Alan Plutowski, AIA, and Michael Trossen, AIA, as an officer of the leadership team.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Patrick W. Bougie, AIA
Blake G. Hagen, AIA
Chris Laabs, Assoc. AIA
Mark A. Leski, Assoc. AIA
Rodrigo Lozada, Assoc. AIA
Darius J. Polipnick, Assoc. AIA

Lynette A. Rein, AIA
George Rishmawi, Assoc. AIA
Meghan Strunk, Assoc. AIA
Brenda Wentworth, AIA
David J. Witt, AIA

NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

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NEW ADVOCACY AND ACTION CENTER LAUNCHED

Making an impact for your profession just got easier with the new and improved AIA Advocacy Action Center & ArchiPAC site. It has a new look, upgraded features to make it easier for you to engage your legislators, and new tools and resources so you can develop your skills as an advocate to build power for architects. [Visit the site today and make your voice heard »](#)

AIA GEARS UP FOR TAX REFORM DEBATE

AIA is working to make sure any tax reform bill Congress passes reflects architects' core values. Threats to the Historic Tax Credit and green building incentives are among the issues the AIA is watching. Learn [how the bill may impact architects](#), and [contact your representative »](#)

2018 CALL FOR NATIONAL CANDIDATES

The call for nominations of candidates to stand for election at the AIA Conference on Architecture 2018, is open through January 31, 2018. [Learn more »](#)

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR DIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

We believe diversity creates innovation, and different perspectives make for a stronger profession and a better world. Yet, industry data show that minorities are still underrepresented in the architecture profession. The Diversity Advancement Scholarship is one way AIA and the Architects Foundation are trying to address that gap and give more students the chance to pursue a successful career in architecture. [Applications are now open through January 17 »](#)

SUBMIT YOUR SUSTAINABLE PROJECT TO THE COTE TOP TEN

Top Ten is the industry's best-known awards program for sustainable design excellence. The Award highlights achievements in both design intent and actual performance across the triple bottom line of social, economic, and environmental value. Submissions are due by January 17 at 5pm ET. [Learn more and apply »](#)

AIA CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

AIA released the second part of the once-in-a-decade 2017 edition of the A201, design-bid-build family of documents for a total of 34 newly revised 2017 documents. [Learn how the new documents will affect your practice »](#)

KEEP YOUR MEMBER PROFILE UP TO DATE

Update your contact preferences, education, licenses, career and contact information online. [Log in »](#)

AIA MINNEAPOLIS

ANNUAL FELLOWS LUNCHEON & HOLIDAY PARTY

Thursday, December 21, 11:45 am

International Market Square Suite 185

Hear from those who earned fellowship in 2017 and enjoy a holiday luncheon with colleagues.

[Register to attend »](#)

AIA ST. PAUL

AIA St. Paul is pleased to announce that **Matthew Tierney, AIA**, of **Snow Kreilich Architects**, has been awarded first place and \$1,500 for the 2017 St. Paul Prize Design Competition. Honorable mentions were awarded to **Justin Wang, AIA**, of **HGA Architects & Engineers**, and the team of **Joe Mollen, Assoc. AIA**, and **Sean Higgins, Assoc. AIA**, both of **RSP Architects**. [Read more »](#)

COMMITTEE UPDATES

ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS

AIA Minnesota is excited to partner with [STEP-UP Achieve Minneapolis](#) to help create an internship program for high school students interested in pursuing a career in architecture and design. The Design Career Pipeline Program matches students with architecture and other design firms for a summer internship.

The program serves 89% low income students, 87% youth of color and 54% first or second generation immigrants. By hosting an intern, your company can help identify young talent and introduce a diverse new generation to our industry. Is your firm ready to participate? [Learn more »](#)

AXP-ARE UPDATE

2018 ARE SCHOLARSHIP

The AIA Minnesota Architect Licensing Advisory Committee coordinates awarding a scholarship to an AIA Minnesota Associate member to cover the costs of all sections of the Architect Registration Exam, within the parameters defined in the application. 4.0 test fees totalled \$1,470 for all seven sections of this exam. Due to the transition from ARE 4.0 to 5.0, the 2018 scholarship awarded will total UP TO \$1,470. [Learn more »](#)

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE (EPC)

2017 LICENSURE LUAU

Wednesday, December 13, 5:30 pm

[Sisyphus Brewing](#)

Celebrate with those who earned licensure in 2017 at this annual tradition, now at a new location! Snacks are provided, drinks are on your own. [Register to attend »](#)

Housing Advocacy Committee

SEARCH FOR SHELTER 2018

Friday, February 16 - Sunday, February 18

Rapson Hall

Search for Shelter helps local and regional affordable housing organizations envision beautiful, innovative design solutions for projects. Each year at Search for Shelter, nearly 50 volunteer architects, landscape architects, interior designers, and students spend a weekend creating pro bono solutions for up to ten design projects submitted by Minnesota affordable housing and/or homeless non-profit organizations. Design volunteers work in teams to create viable, graphic solutions and plans, to serve as visual tools for agencies to use in obtaining further project funding, to promote their organization, and to serve as preliminary development/building plans.

[Learn more about Search for Shelter »](#)

Agencies can apply to participate in the process using this [form »](#)

[Volunteer for the weekend design charette »](#)

Look for updates on informational events and more in upcoming editions of Matrix.

MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM (MDT)

MDT 2017 Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 13, 6 pm

AIA Minnesota Boardroom

The December 13 MDT "meeting" will be a holiday social. Starting at 6:00 pm, stop by and enjoy some complimentary snacks and drinks while mingling with the team. We look forward to meeting or catching up with you! [RSVP today »](#)

MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM ANNUAL RETREAT

Saturday, January 27, 2018

International Market Square Suite 185

Please join us for the Minnesota Design Team annual retreat. Founded in 1983, MDT will be kicking off its 35th anniversary celebration in 2018!

The retreat will feature a panel discussion on workforce housing--a topic frequently addressed during MDT community visits--offering perspectives from local architects, civic leaders and housing nonprofits. In addition, we'll give a recap of the coalition-building efforts MDT embarked on in 2017 and updates on perspective community visits for the coming year.

Registration begins at 8:30 am with coffee and pastries, and lunch will be provided for those who register before January 22. Hope to see you there! [Register to attend »](#)

WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE

HOLIDAY SOCIAL

Thursday, December 7, 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Wicked Wort Brewing

Stop in to catch up with colleagues and expand your professional network at this holiday gathering hosted by the Women in Architecture Committee. No RSVP necessary. [Learn more »](#)



CHECK OUT THE LATEST ISSUE OF [ARCHITECTURE MN](#).

The latest issue of *Architecture MN* features the renovation of the Minnesota State Capitol, what's ahead for Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and a review of the renovation at the Minnesota Children's Museum. [See a preview](#).

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

This is the best vehicle to reach our members and the other decision-making project partners all year long!

The March/April issue will feature our annual Honor Award winners & Landscape Architecture Directory. Directory deadline is **December 22**. Ad space reservations are due by **January 12**. Click here for our [media kit](#) with details and deadlines.

Contact [Pam Nelson](#) to reserve your space.

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS

[**CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE BUILDING RESEARCH TRAINING SERIES DECEMBER 15**](#)

[**2018 AGC MINNESOTA CONSTRUCTION SUMMIT JANUARY 9-10**](#)

DECEMBER SUNDAY CAPITOL TOURS

Sunday, December 3, 10, 17, 2 pm

Minnesota State Capitol

Ted Lentz, AIA will lead special Minnesota State Capitol tours in December. In 2011, Governor Dayton appointed Ted a public member of the MN Capitol Preservation Commission and in 2013 appointed him to the Art at the Capitol sub-committee. Ted, the Past President of the Cass Gilbert Society, is the 2017 recipient of the AIA Minnesota Louis Lundgren award for community service.


Each tour begins at 2 pm on the first floor by the main entry doors (south side). Weather permitting, the tour will start outside the Capitol for a few minutes for a marble and facade discussion, but 90% of the 90-minute to 2-hour tour occurs inside. The tour will include the architecture, construction, restoration, art and the new public spaces at the Capitol.

City meters and State operated visitor and staff parking lots are all free on Sundays. Sunday tours may also be held next year. [Email Ted Lentz if interested »](#)

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