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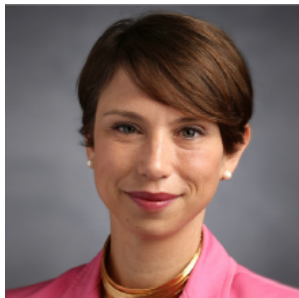
DECEMBER 2020

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.

Carrying Forward from 2020

By Mary-Margaret Zindren, EVP/Executive Director



In reflecting on 2020, it's easy to be drawn toward focusing on the pain, loss, and frustration of this past year. There's been simply so much of all of these things, affecting people's health and happiness, financial stability, and whether and how we see each other—both physically and across political and cultural divides.

I encourage you to resist that pull and to seek out the bright spots and positive learnings to take away from 2020. Here are a few that I'll be carrying into 2021 and our time "on the other side."

Time is elastic – and we have both more and less of it than we think. While there remain 24 hours in a day, every day, pandemic days seem different. I've said several times during the pandemic that most days feel like a Wednesday. Gone are many of the usual markers of the passing of time. Google searches for "what day is it" have spike dramatically. I've never been more attuned to nature and grateful for the fact we have distinct seasons here in Minnesota. We have learned that time gained from no longer commuting or traveling out of state for work seems to evaporate in the context of schooling children from home or caring for sick loved ones. If we're lucky, there are stretches of time that are less stressful and allow for new hobbies and skills to be developed. If we're unlucky, we have experienced

times of deep worry and anxiety. Too many of us have also had to mourn of the loss of loved ones, alone. We never know how much time we have in front of us. Even the days that feel like Wednesdays are precious, not to be taken for granted.

Resilience is overrated. I have often told people that one of the characteristics I look for in hiring employees is resilience. It's incredibly important to success in any field and has been necessary in the context of the pandemic and following the murder of George Floyd. Too often resilience is needed because of not just misfortune but because of systemic failures. The systemic failures brought to the fore in 2020 are many, varied, and interrelated, among them: failure to unify our communities and nation around a course of action to contain the pandemic; failure to ensure consistent, effective healthcare regardless of income or geography; failure to ensure all children can be cared for and can receive high-quality education; failure to address the climate crisis and the conditions that lead to novel coronaviruses; and failure to reckon with hundreds of years of discrimination and brutality based on race and ethnicity. A world where people and all living things require less resilience to survive, much less thrive, is the world we need to create.

We are capable of transformative change. The worlds of business, commerce, education, healthcare, culture, and human connection were forced to transform dramatically within a matter of days and weeks. The changes implemented in shifting to virtual, socially-distanced ways of living and working are so vast and have been so prolonged that we have no idea what impact they will have on us as individuals, organizations and communities. But we do know that, when faced with great risk, we have been capable of tremendous, transformative change. This should give us hope that the greatest challenges facing this profession and the built environment can be met, if the risks are better recognized and if we realize that our futures are deeply interconnected. Change doesn't have to be evolutionary – it can be revolutionary and extraordinary.

As we leave 2020 behind, we know so much more about ourselves, the people we love, and the communities, nation, and world we live in. My hope is that the clarity gained from experiencing this year will create a new foundation for the architecture community and for the broader public to build upon.

Looking forward to the turning of the year and to continuing to serve you and this amazing architecture community in 2021.

CALL TO ACTION



2020 AIA Minnesota

Annual Meeting & Member Congress

AIA Minnesota Member Congress

Wednesday, December 2, 12:00 pm

There is still time to attend! 2020 was a year to demonstrate our resilience...and more. At the Member Congress, you will hear about the many efforts—both planned and unanticipated—that were implemented or initiated in 2020, several of which will continue into 2021. There will also be a vote to amend the Bylaws to include both NAAB accredited educational institutions in Minnesota—University of Minnesota, College of Design and now Dunwoody College of Technology Architecture. Hope you can join us...virtually!

The presentation will include remarks from **Senator Amy Klobuchar**, who will talk about the resilience of the industry and what's ahead for economic recovery. [Register »](#)



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2020 Virtual Awards Celebration

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 | 4:00 PM

Awards Celebration is Friday!

All AIA Minnesota members, clients, and partners are invited to join in celebrating the vibrancy of our architecture community as we lift up the people and projects that make our industry great. This year's event will be hosted virtually, which means it's easier—and more comfortable—than ever to be part of the celebration.

Registration is \$10 and includes a gift box of goodies and treats mailed to you in advance of the event (register TODAY to receive your box before the event!). **Don't miss the festivities, including the announcement of the 2020 Honor Awards and Commendations. [Register now »](#)**

Information Needed for "In Memoriam" Recognition

During this year's virtual Awards Celebration Event on December 4 we will recognize AIA Minnesota members who have passed away during the year (January 1, 2020 through present).

Do you have a name to submit for this memorial feature? Please send the deceased individual's full name, credentials and any other relevant information such as firm affiliation, to [Amber Allardyce](#). **We must receive information by Wednesday, December 2** in order to incorporate it into the awards program.

Financial Support for ARE Study Materials

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation (MAF) is once again providing financial support to members of the Minnesota architecture community and recent graduating students seeking professional licensing during the economic slowdown. [Learn more and apply »](#)

Donate Your Collection of Architecture MN Magazines to U.S. Modernist

U.S. Modernist, a nonprofit dedicated to documenting, preserving, and promoting modernist residential architecture, is looking for a collection of older *Architecture MN* magazines (predating 2006) to scan for inclusion in its digital [Architecture Magazine Library](#). If you have a set you'd like to donate, U.S. Modernist will arrange and pay for its shipment. Those interested should contact [Chris Hudson](#).

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ENTER, our new digital weekly is launching in January 2021. Register at www.entermn.com to receive our weekly e-blast that will direct you to the site. Also, watch for details on sponsorship and advertising opportunities coming soon or contact [Pam Nelson](#) for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



James Garrett, Jr., AIA, NOMA, and Nathan Johnson, AIA, NOMA, Receive AIA Minnesota 2020 Gold Medal

James Garrett, Jr., AIA, NOMA, and Nathan Johnson, AIA, NOMA, are the joint recipients of the 2020 AIA Minnesota Gold Medal. This award from the American Institute of Architects Minnesota is one the highest honors bestowed by the organization, 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.

Garrett and Johnson are known to be, as one letter noted in support of their nomination, “fiercely passionate designers who work tirelessly to create architecture that heals relationships and confronts issues of access, displacement, and segregation present in our built environment that negatively impact how communities live and thrive.” [Learn more »](#)



2020 Affordable Housing Design Award Given to Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis's Higher Ground St. Paul Designed by Cermak Rhoades Architects (Now Part of LHB, Inc.)

AIA Minnesota and the McKnight Foundation proudly announce that Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis's **Higher Ground Saint Paul** is the winner of the 2020 Affordable Housing Design Award. Higher Ground Saint Paul is the result of the bold and ambitious vision of Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis to transform what was once a system of perpetual crisis management at their former shelter to a proven model that integrates dignified emergency services with resources that lead to stability and opportunity. At this facility, overnight emergency shelter is linked to one-on-one support, permanent housing, health care, and other critical services. [Learn more »](#)



February 26 - 27, 2021

The 2021 Lake Superior Design Retreat is going virtual! "Retreat" from your everyday with four speakers over the course of two days. The speakers will be

architects from [Space Exploration Architecture \(SEArch+\)](#); Ellie Lum, bag maker behind [Klum House](#); [Peyton Scott Russell](#), artist and founder of [Juxtaposition Arts](#); and [Kate Ladenheim](#), dance artist and artistic director of [the People Movers](#). Stay tuned for further virtual LSDR surprises! Registration is expected to open in January.

Congratulations to Newly Licensed Minnesota Architects

September 2019 – October 2020

Douglas Bergert, AIA
 Josh Capistrant
 Alexa Carlson, AIA
 Sishir Chang, AIA
 Carleton Crawford
 Steven Danilowicz, AIA
 Matthew Enos, AIA
 Andrew Gardner, AIA
 Michelle Gerner, AIA
 Anastasia Gulinskaya, AIA
 Matthew Huntress, AIA
 Kaitlyn Janisch, AIA
 Elissa Juhnke, AIA
 Nicole Kastern
 Logan Kern
 Philip Larsen, AIA
 Sarah Lembke, AIA
 Jason Lord
 Cierra Mantz, AIA
 Kenneth Martin, AIA

Erin McDonough
 John Northrup, AIA
 Samuel Olbekson, AIA
 Micheal Owen
 Kyle Palzer, AIA
 Benjamin Partridge, AIA
 Jason Perius
 Maria Petrova, AIA
 Anthony Rabiola
 Leah Saari
 Megan Schires, AIA
 Scott Schlotthauer
 Jyotsna Sivaguru, AIA
 Sophia Skemp
 William St Germaine, AIA
 Meghan Strunk, AIA
 Nathaniel Tollefson, AIA
 Nicholas Wallin, AIA
 Eric Winter, AIA

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.

Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry Seeking Code Development and Energy Code Specialist

The Department of Labor & Industry is seeking an expert to evaluate national code provisions and attend national and state meetings to ensure that codes incorporated into the Minnesota State Building Code are consistent with statutory

standards and achieve public safety goals. **Deadline to apply has been extended to December 17.** [Learn more »](#)

AELSLAGID Seeks Architect for Board Opening

The Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience, and Interior Design (AELSLAGID) will have an opening for an architect beginning in January 2021. AELSLAGID regulates the professions and enforces the statutes and rules in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. It ensures that individuals meet the education, examination and experience standards for licensure or certification, and maintain their records in good standing.

Board members are appointed for a four-year term and applicants must be engaged in the practice of their profession for at least ten years and been in responsible charge of professional work requiring licensure/certification in that profession for at least five years. [Learn more »](#)

Mary-Margaret Zindren Elected to CACE 2021 Executive Committee

The Council of Architectural Component Executives (CACE) is an organization of AIA component leaders that work to improve activities of the various component of AIA. The CACE Executive Committee has elected Mary-Margaret Zindren to Vice President. Zindren will serve two years beginning in January 2021. Congratulations Mary-Margaret and thank you for sharing your leadership with your colleagues around the country.

COVID-19 RESOURCES

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.

AIA Strategies for Safer Facilities

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

- [Strategies for Safer Multifamily Housing](#)
- [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.

NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

AIA NATIONAL

BLUEPRINT FOR BETTER: IMPROVING RACIAL EQUITY THROUGH GREENER DESIGN

AIA has produced an article on the connection between equity and sustainability as part of its Blueprint for Better campaign. [Learn more »](#)

NEW, UPDATED AIA CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Two key residential contracts as well as an updated, complimentary Condominium Project Guide were released on October 19. The updated residential documents address such topics as insurance requirements, post-occupancy site visits and maintenance requirements. [Learn more »](#)

MEMBER PROFILE

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

AIA MINNEAPOLIS

NO LUNCHEON IN DECEMBER

Since the chapter held its annual meeting in November, there will be no virtual meeting in December. Watch the next issue of Matrix for more details on the 2021 schedule of monthly meetings.

COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES

ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 3, 12:00

[Virtual Meeting](#)

VIRTUAL ARE REVIEWS IN 2021

Virtual ARE Reviews are being scheduled for the first quarter 2021.

- Construction & Evaluation
- Practice Management & Project Management
- Programming Analysis

[Watch for details here.](#)

Online proctoring and the [related exam changes](#) launch on December 14. Experience the new format and practice using the digital whiteboard through the updated demo exam, now available in your [My NCARB](#) account!

ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 10, 8:30 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

BUILDING CODES KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Wednesday, December 9, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

This meeting will be a discussion on how jurisdictions are determined for certified/licensed facilities (e.g. healthcare focused), and thereby reviewed by the appropriate AHJ (Authorities Having Jurisdiction). Invited guests for this discussion include: Greg Metz, Building Plan Review Supervisor, Department of Labor and Industry; Bob Dehler, P.E., Program Manager, and Michael Mireau, Public Health Architect, Minnesota Department of Health.

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

COMMITTEE ON DESIGN

Thursday, December 10, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Friday, December 11, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

What framework is needed to help make your practice more sustainable? Join us to discuss what tools and support are needed to help you succeed in sustainable design.

COMMITTEE ON EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

Wednesday, December 16, 8:30 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Monday, December 14, 11:45 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

We will continue our discussion on digital practice at this meeting. The specific topic will

be “New Alignments and Agency: How a digital practice reframes our position as trusted advisor.”

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 1, 8:00 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

ENTER COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 16, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 15, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

HEALTH DESIGN KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Thursday, December 17, 4:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

What's Happening? **Jose Rivas, AIA**, of CRW Architecture in Rochester, will share how his practice has responded to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 9, 12:00 pm (note date change to accommodate annual meeting)

[Virtual Meeting](#)

SEARCH FOR SHELTER 2021

February 12-21

The Search for Shelter Design Charette is virtual in 2021! Join us for opening and closing events, and work with your team over a 10 day period when it works for you!

Watch for more information on speakers, coming soon!

[Volunteer for Search for Shelter 2021 »](#)

Know of a nonprofit that could use volunteer design? Have them complete the [agency application form](#) by January 15.

LAKE SUPERIOR DESIGN RETREAT COMMITTEE

Monday, December 21, 11:30 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM (MDT) COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 16, 4:30 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

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

RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

The Residential Architecture Committee will not meet in December.

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](#). [Join directly »](#)

WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 9, 8:00 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

VIRTUAL SOCIAL

Thursday, December 10, 4:30 pm

Bring your gingerbread house-making game for this quarter's virtual social! You are invited to make a creation and show it off during the gathering. All are welcome, even if you do not have a gingerbread creation to show. [Register »](#)

PEOPLE & FIRMS

GBBN opened an architecture office in Minneapolis. [Learn more »](#)

Sara Phillips, AIA, has been appointed principal at **LHB, Inc.** She leads the firm's higher education studio.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Amy Frye, Assoc. AIA
Van G. Hoang, Assoc. AIA
Robert A. Hunter, AIA

Nicole B. Kiel, Assoc. AIA
Josh Longo, Assoc. AIA

A'20 MN: THE MINNESOTA CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE

Thanks for attending A'20 MN: The Minnesota Conference on Architecture

AIA TRANSCRIPTS

Credit uploads to AIA transcripts from the October Conference have been completed. We encourage you to [check your transcript](#) now, keeping in mind that credits were applied according to the amount of time spent in any given session. Feel free to email [Deanna Christiansen](#) with questions.

CERTIFICATES

All Conference attendees who are not AIA members will receive certificates for the programs they attended by the end of December.

GBCI CREDIT

Those who attended the programs approved for GBCI credit will see these credits on their records by the end of December.

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Thank you to all of our major sponsors, exhibitors, and program sponsors. The conference would not have been possible without you!

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS

MENTOR A DESIGN STUDENT

The College of Design is seeking mentors for junior and senior architecture students. [Learn more and sign up »](#)

ONLINE RESOURCES

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

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.

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 cancelations, postponements, or virtual meetings.



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