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What's New and What's Next

By Mary-Margaret Zindren, EVP/Executive Director



We were thrilled to see so many of you at the 2022 AIA Minnesota Annual Conference & Expo a few weeks ago! The response from attendees has been tremendously positive, with the most common remarks being about the great content of the CE sessions and how wonderful it was to reconnect with other attendees and with the vendors in the Expo Hall, after two years of virtual conferences.

While we had a full house of attendees at the Member Congress event at the conference where volunteer leaders and staff spoke to what's new and what's next at AIA Minnesota and the MAF, we want to make sure every member is aware of several key initiatives that will shape our work in 2023 and beyond:

WHAT'S NEW

North Star Story Map – At the conference, we unveiled this new collaboration between AIA Minnesota and Mill City Museum / MNHS. The North Star Story Map showcases the spaces and places that hold meaning for the people of Minnesota by bringing forward their personal stories. The intention is to strengthen the feeling of connection Minnesotans have to their built environment and to recognize a broad array of architecture – from iconic, landmark buildings to neighborhood favorites – as places that shape our everyday experiences and special moments. We encourage ALL members and your friends and family to contribute a story to the North Star Story Map over the next few weeks. Starting in January, we'll be focusing on establishing partnerships with community groups across the state to further populate the website. MNHS and AIA Minnesota are planning an exhibit down the road that showcases compelling stories and photographs submitted to the site. Check it out and add your story! www.northstarstorymap.com

MAF Water Towers – The Minnesota Architectural Foundation Board of Directors developed a special way to donate to the Clarence Wigington Scholarship Fund, which is focused on growing the number of people of color in the profession. They commissioned a model of the Wigington-designed Highland Water Tower. The model, designed by Robert Feyereisen, beautifully recreates this St. Paul landmark and is both a great way to support scholarships for University of Minnesota and Dunwoody students, and makes a memorable gift! 'Tis the season. If you'd like to purchase a water tower model, contact the MAF by emailing MAF@MinnesotaArchitecturalFoundation.org. You can also see a photo of the model in the MAF section of this newsletter.

Building Green – By all accounts, the launch of the partnership between Building Green and the local chapters of AIA in Minnesota, led by AIA Minneapolis, has been a great success. The pre-conference workshop, focused on jump-starting adoption of climate-oriented design approaches within small and mid-sized firms, was sold out and received glowing, enthusiastic reviews. We're now entering the next phase of this partnership: opening up access to the many resources of Building Green to all AIA Minnesota members for the year of 2023 – a \$199 value for each subscriber. EVERY AIA Minnesota member is eligible for this benefit. We'll be conducting firm outreach related to sign-ups in January, but if you want to get a few weeks of bonus access, visit our [website](#) for full details.

WHAT'S NEXT

2022-2026 Joint Strategic Workplan – The 2017-2020 Strategic Workplan of AIA Minnesota was largely accomplished, save for the creation of a physical Center for Architecture. (The North Star Story Map continues the spirit of this effort, and a few years from now we will revisit the prospects.) We paused in the development of a new strategic workplan during the most acute impacts of the pandemic, and in 2022 the state and local chapters of the AIA in Minnesota and the MAF came together to develop and adopt a new, integrated, multi-year strategic workplan.

The four strategic priorities (which are aligned with those of AIA national) remain: 1) Build and mentor the profession; 2) Make architecture accessible, understandable, and highly valued; 3) Take bold action to address climate change; and 4) Foster equity in the profession and in the built environment. The workplan objectives constitute an ambitious plan that can best be summed up in four cross-cutting themes:

- Strengthen the business, working conditions, and culture of architecture;
- Make design for climate change foundational;
- Expand the impact of AIA Minnesota members beyond buildings and for greater public benefit; and
- Expand access to the profession.

And regarding our planned final keynote speaker for the 2022 Annual Conference – Jason Twill, co-founder of the International Living Future Institute who had to bow out due to illness – know that we are working to find a new date for a virtual session. Stay tuned!

This final issue of Matrix for the year always offers the opportunity to pause and reflect. The overwhelming takeaway for me and for the whole of our staff team is gratitude – for your membership, your commitment to bettering the profession, and your daily efforts to create the best of what's possible in the built environment. We are continually in awe of the work you do and deeply appreciate the opportunity to further the mission of AIA Minnesota: Advancing a vital profession, vibrant communities, and architecture that endures.

All the best to you and your loved ones this holiday season and in the year to come!

CALL TO ACTION



Join Us to Celebrate Tomorrow!

Friday, December 2, 6:00 pm

Join us in person at the historic Lumber Exchange building in Minneapolis as we celebrate the vibrancy of our architecture community and recognize some of the people and projects that make it great.

In addition to celebrating all award recipients announced throughout the year, AIA Minnesota will be announcing the 2022 Honor Awards and Commendations for Framework for Design Excellence Achievement. [Register »](#)

Search for Shelter 2023 Goes Hybrid

Search for Shelter will include a combination of in-person events and virtual work in 2023.

- **Friday, February 10:** In-person kickoff event at Rapson Hall, University of Minnesota
 - Enjoy appetizers, hear from an inspiring speaker, and meet with your client and team
- **Friday, February 10-Saturday, February 18:** Team work
 - Work can be virtual and/or in-person as each team prefers
- **Saturday, February 18:** In-person closing event at Dunwoody College of Architecture
 - Your chance to present your work to your client and share your results with the broader volunteer group

Team members are expected to volunteer for approximately 20 hours during the duration of the event. Schedules will be set by each team as suits their group.

[Volunteer for Search for Shelter »](#)

Know a Minnesota affordable housing nonprofit that needs free design work? Encourage them to submit their project for Search for Shelter! Applications are due January 13. [Apply »](#)

LEADERSHIP

F O R U M

Leadership Forum 2023 Applications Due December 9

Visit the [website](#) to access the online application.

Questions? Contact [Deanna Christiansen](#).

Serve on a Minnesota Board or Advisory Group

There are several opportunities for architects to serve on boards, committees, and in other positions for the State of Minnesota. Volunteer architects help maximize our impact on our communities and government operations.

AELSLAGID Board (Licensed Architect)

The Board of Architecture, Engineering, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience, and

Interior Design is seeking a licensed architect to serve a term beginning in 2023. There are applicants for this position, but more interest is encouraged. [Learn more »](#)

Construction Codes Advisory Council (Licensed Architect)

The Construction Codes Advisory Council, under the purview of the Department of Labor and Industry, helps shape Minnesota's building code. There are applicants for this position, but more interest is encouraged. [Learn more »](#)

State Historic Preservation Review Board (Architectural Historian and Historical Architect)

The State Historic Preservation Review Board, which operates within the Department of Administration, is seeking an architectural historian and a historical architect. There are applicants for these positions, but more interest is encouraged. [Learn more »](#)

State Designer Selection Board (Public Member)

The State Designer Selection Board (SDSB), operated by the Department of Administration, is seeking public members, who may be architects, to serve alongside the AIA Minnesota representative on the Board. [Learn more »](#)

[View all open state commission and appointment opportunities »](#)



Free Subscription to BuildingGreen Sustainable Design Resources

AIA Minnesota is excited to announce that all AIA Minnesota members can now enjoy a FREE one-year subscription to the online content of [BuildingGreen](#), a company that provides a robust online repository of reports, articles, and webinars on all sustainable design topics. [Learn more and begin your subscription »](#)

Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Hosts Construction

Sector Economic Outlook Webinar

REGIONAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: CONSTRUCTION SECTOR SURVEY RESULTS

Friday, December 16, 9:00 - 9:30 am

[Virtual Event](#)

How has the summer and fall construction season gone, and what is the construction sector's outlook heading into next year? What effects are high material costs and rising interest rates having on construction activity across the Ninth District? How is overall demand looking as the sector heads into 2023?

In November, the regional outreach team surveyed construction firms across the Ninth District to better understand current business conditions in the sector, and to gauge the near-term outlook. Join regional outreach director Ron Wirtz for this free webinar, where he will discuss results from the survey. [Register »](#)

Hennepin County Offers Building Reuse Grants

Hennepin County has grants available to developers and property owners for deconstruction and [used building materials installation](#). Grants are available for [residential](#) and [commercial](#) deconstruction. [Learn more »](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Newly Licensed Minnesota Architects October 2021 – October 2022

Adam Aalgaard
Kyle Bauman-Burr, AIA
Rebecca Becker, AIA
Kaliann Behrens, AIA
Corey Beste, AIA
Houston Burnette, AIA
Samuel Busman, AIA
Jill Buttenhoff, AIA
Nathan Cantley, AIA
Brita Carlson, AIA
Benjamin Castiglione
Rachel Crane, AIA
Robert Darling
Ross Determan
Mallory Dillon, AIA
Matthew Dolan, AIA

Michael Mettee, AIA
Patrick Moffett, AIA
Andrew Morris, AIA
Victoria Noe, AIA
Mauricio Ochoa Rosales
Michael Paddock, AIA
Lauren Perich, AIA
Adam Person, AIA
Hong Phan
Christina Pierson
Marli Post, AIA
Robert Remark
Anna Rynders
Kai Salmela, AIA
Alexandra Schrader, AIA
Timothy Shortreed

Jesse Duchon
 Sarah Fox Drew
 Kathleen Fuchs, AIA
 Yiming Guan, AIA
 Thomas Haller
 Kyle Hoverson, AIA
 Maria Kennedy
 Elizabeth Kief
 Derek Kohlase
 Jessica Kovarik
 Christopher Kroeger, AIA
 James LaCroix, AIA
 Adam Lapacz, AIA
 Rodrigo Lozada, AIA

Alexander Stanley
 Nicholas Strombeck, AIA
 Shawn Sullivan, AIA
 Erik Sundmark
 Alexa Temmen
 Brandon Thompson, AIA
 Gregory Vose, AIA
 Austin Watanabe, AIA
 Kristine Wentworth
 Amanda White, AIA
 Enrico Williams, AIA
 Nicholas Woods, AIA
 Michael Young, AIA
 Jacob Zikmund

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The second annual print publication is coming in April 2023!

Click here for the [rate card](#) and contact [Pam Nelson](#) for details.

MINNESOTA ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION

Highland Park Water Tower Kits for Sale



To benefit the Clarence Wigington Architectural Scholarship, the Minnesota Architectural Foundation (MAF) will be selling model kits of the St. Paul Highland Park Water Tower - \$35/kit. Designed by Clarence Wigington in 1928, the model measures 12" tall and 4" wide. Contact the MAF to purchase your kit at MAF@MinnesotaArchitecturalFoundation.org.

Minnesota Architectural Foundation Thanks

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation would like to thank all who participated in this year's raffle or made contributions in support of our scholarship funds. We successfully raised nearly \$14,000 to support much-needed funds. MAF is grateful for your contributions.

A'22 MN: THE MINNESOTA CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE

A'22
MN



The Minnesota Conference
on Architecture

November 9-11, 2022

Minneapolis Convention
Center

CE Credits Recorded from A'22 MN Conference

AIA credits and GBCI credits earned from attending the A'22 MN Conference will be recorded by December 31, 2022. If you still need to submit your attendance, the Verification Form can be accessed [here](#).

Questions? Contact [Deanna Christiansen](#).

Thank You A'22 MN Exhibitors and Sponsors

Thank you to all who exhibited or sponsored at A'22 MN Conference on Architecture. We had an excellent event, and appreciate your support and involvement with AIA Minnesota. See the complete [exhibitor directory](#) in the final program.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

NEW ON-DEMAND WEBINARS AVAILABLE EARLY 2023

Four programs were recorded at the A'22 MN Conference with the plan to make them available as on-demand webinars for those who missed them. The same number of credits will be provided on-demand as were provided at the Conference. When available, details will be posted [here](#).

Ethics: Designing/Constructing Public Projects through an Equity Lens
2.0 LUs and Ethics credits

Code Provisions for Mixed Occupancies
1.5 HSW LUs

(Sustainable) Design is in the Details
1.5 HSW LUs

The Ethics of Ableism
2.0 HSW LUs and Ethics credits

LAKE SUPERIOR DESIGN RETREAT



Lake Superior Design Retreat
FEBRUARY 24-25, 2023 • FITGER'S INN, DULUTH

Pictured above: speakers Brian Grandison, Julia Greer, Peter Mui, and David Thomas.

February 24-25, 2023
Fitger's Inn, Duluth

After two years of a virtual “retreat,” the Lake Superior Design Retreat is going back to Duluth for an in-person event at Fitger’s Inn. Mark your calendar now for this fan-favorite AIA Minnesota event!

We are excited to announce two more of our six speakers:

Brian Grandison is a Minneapolis College theater arts instructor, New Dawn Theatre Company member, actor, and playwright. In 2022, his original play [Redemption](#) premiered, which was based on the real-life stories of students, alumni, faculty and staff in the College's Addiction Counseling Training and Recovery Programs and inspired by events surrounding the George Floyd tragedy.

David Thomas is from the Peguis First Nation in Manitoba and a graduate of the Master of Architecture program at the University of Manitoba. He is currently the manager of planning and design for Treaty #1, developing a 110-acre First Nation economic development zone in the City of Winnipeg. In 2018 he exhibited at the Venice Biennale as part Canada's submission: Unceded, Voices of the Land, featuring 18 Indigenous architects from Canada and the U.S. David is currently guiding the final stages of design for the Indigenous Peoples Garden part of Canada's Diversity Garden in Winnipeg. As a part of the design team at Prairie Architects he was involved in the design of Migizi Agamik Indigenous Student Centre at the University of Manitoba, Aboriginal Peoples Television Network Re-development, and many other First Nations architecture projects. David draws from lived experiences as an indigenous person to create placemaking projects that include the Canadian Museum of Human Rights, As well as presenting internationally in Aotearoa and the UK, David mentors and actively supports young indigenous designers in the community.

Watch future issues of Matrix and [the Lake Superior Design Retreat webpage](#) (to be updated soon) for more details as speakers are confirmed.

Interested in sponsoring the 2023 Retreat? Contact [Ann Mayhew](#) or [Deanna Christiansen](#).

NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

AIA NATIONAL

AIA COTE TOP 10 AWARDS OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS

The AIA COTE Top Ten Awards are the industry's best-known award program for sustainable design excellence. Each year, 10 innovative projects are recognized for their integration of design excellence with environmental performance. Submissions are due December 8. [Learn more »](#)

SUBMISSIONS OPEN FOR AIA AWARD PROGRAMS

AIA recognizes and celebrates the best buildings and spaces, and the people behind them, with some of the most prestigious awards in the built environment. Take a look at many of our awards that are currently open for submission, including the COTE Top 10, Education Facility Design, and AIA/ALA Library Building Awards. [Submit today »](#)

MANAGE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

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

AIA MINNEAPOLIS**VIRTUAL LUNCHEON: CELEBRATING OUR NEWLY INDUCTED FELLOWS AND YOUNG ARCHITECTS AWARD RECIPIENTS**

December 15, 12:00-1:15 pm

Hear more from those AIA Minnesota members who earned Fellowship or who received a Young Architects Award in 2022. [Register »](#)

AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA**2022 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Thursday, December 1, 6:15 pm

Great Lakes Aquarium

[Register »](#)

Join AIA Northern Minnesota chapter members for an evening of reconnecting with fellow members and a brief business meeting. During the business meeting, AIA Northern Minnesota leadership positions and the proposed bylaw amendments will be voted upon by the membership. In addition to important votes, current leadership will report on chapter events, financial status, and plans for the upcoming year. Don't miss this opportunity to reconnect with fellow members, reflect on the success of the chapter. We look forward to seeing you on December 1! [Register today »](#)

DRAUGHTING CLUB

Wednesday, December 7, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

[Canal Park Brewing](#)

AIA ST. PAUL**2022 ST. PAUL PRIZE DESIGN COMPETITION NOW OPEN**

AIA St. Paul is pleased to announce the return of the St. Paul Prize Design Competition!

This annual design competition is open to designers and architects within 10 years of graduating with a NAAB-accredited degree. Monetary awards are given to the top competitors.

[Register now »](#)

COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES**ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE****Committee Meeting**

Thursday, December 1, 12:00

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Are you preparing to take your Architectural Registration Exams? NCARB has resources that can help.

- **Free NCARB Practice Exams.** To ensure that all candidates have access to affordable, high-quality study materials, NCARB has created a full-length, fully scored practice exam for each division of the ARE. The practice exams are available for free to all candidates with an active NCARB Record and active exam eligibilities. Find them by logging in to your Record, navigating to the Exams tab, and going to the Practice Exam Dashboard.
- **Check out NCARB's responses to [Frequently Asked Questions](#)**

Questions? Contact [Deanna Christiansen](#) or committee co-chair [Gary Demele, FAIA](#).

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

ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

ON HIATUS

BUILDING CODES KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Wednesday, December 14, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

COMMITTEE ON DESIGN

Thursday, December 8, 12:00

[Virtual Meeting](#)

COMMITTEE ON EQUITY IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT (EBE)

NO COMMITTEE MEETING IN DECEMBER

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 18, 8:30 am

Virtual Meeting

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COTE)

Friday, December 9, 12:00 pm (11:45 am for networking)

[Virtual Meeting](#)

COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

DECEMBER IN-PERSON SOCIAL

Monday, December 12, 4:00 - 6:30 pm

[LEO A DALY](#)

Please RSVP to [Deanna Christiansen](#) by Monday, December 5.

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

NO COMMITTEE MEETING IN DECEMBER

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, January 10, 12:00 pm
Virtual Meeting

ENTER COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 13, 12:00 pm (Note Special Date and Time)
[Virtual Meeting](#)

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 20, 12:00 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

We will be reviewing strategy for the 2023 legislative session at our December meeting. Session begins January 3, 2023.

HEALTH DESIGN KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Next Meeting:
Thursday, January 26, 4:00 pm

HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 7, 12:00 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

Search for Shelter planning is underway! Join us for updates and to learn how you can support the event.

Search for Shelter 2023
February 10-18
Hybrid Event (In-Person kickoff and closing, hybrid work period)

Know an agency that needs free design service? Encourage them to [apply](#) by January 13.

Want to volunteer for Search for Shelter? Complete the [registration form](#).

LAKE SUPERIOR DESIGN RETREAT COMMITTEE

Monday, December 19, 11:30 am
[Virtual Meeting](#)

MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM COMMITTEE (MDT)

HOLIDAY HAPPY HOUR**Wednesday, December 14, 5:30 - 7:00 pm**[The Market at Malcolm Yards](#)

Bring a white elephant gift! Re-gift something you no longer want in your home, such as a book, coffee mug, or architectural oddity.

RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

HAPPY HOUR**Tuesday, December 6, 12:00 pm**[Virtual Meeting](#)**TECHNOLOGY IN ARCHITECTURE PRACTICE KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY**

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER**WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE**

Next Meeting:**Wednesday, December 14, 8:00 am**[Virtual Meeting](#)

PEOPLE & FIRMS**WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!**

Joseph Berens, Assoc. AIA
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 McKenna Reller, Assoc. AIA
 Michael Rivera, AIA
 Rula Shadid, Assoc. AIA
 Devyn Smoter, Assoc. AIA
 Sidney Wilson, Assoc. AIA

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS**2023 MINNESOTA CONSTRUCTION SUMMIT****January 17-18****RiverCentre, St. Paul**

The Associated General Contractors Minnesota is hosting this event full of inspiration, education, and industry connections for everyone! Check out the [agenda](#) and [register](#) today!

LEED GREEN ASSOCIATE ONLINE TRAINING RESOURCES

Leading Green will again be offering online resources to help you attain your LEED Green Associate certification. Courses run from November to February, or can be completed on demand. AIA Minnesota members paying for their own registration can get a \$50 discount.

[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. For events not sponsored by AIA Minnesota, please check directly with sponsors for up-to-date information about cancellations, postponements, or virtual meetings.



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