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#### AIA MINNESOTA MATRIX NEWSLETTER

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### What Does Advocacy Mean to You?

by Amy Kalar, AIA, NOMA, AIA Minnesota President



Advocacy can be something as small as giving kudos to someone in a meeting when they aren't there, or it can be as big as lobbying for a cause you believe in with public officials. When I think broadly of advocacy, it seems selfless – and often it is.

That wasn't the case for me though – I fell into advocacy from a personal need. At the time I was working full time, a mother of two small kids, and my husband was also working full time

and going to law school at night. I was not thriving at all - I was barely surviving. So, I reached out to a few women architects who were also moms of young children to ask how they were making it all work. But what I discovered is that many women in our profession were struggling - and not just moms.

From this spark of self-interest and shared struggle the Women in Architecture Committee was formed. It became my lifeline. Things didn't stop there though – I continued speaking all over the country about the challenges that women in architecture face. Suddenly, without really knowing it, I was advocating. My point is, sometimes even seemingly selfless acts arise from very personal needs, and that doesn't make these acts of advocacy any less powerful. In fact, I think it amplifies them.

We have opportunities to advocate every single day. Again, sometimes these are small actions of our everyday work in architecture, and sometimes they are bigger, with broader impact on the profession or the built environment. There are some great opportunities to engage in those bigger opportunities right now, including partnering with AIA Minnesota on our legislative work to get bills passed at the Capitol during the session that starts February 12:

 We are advocating for a bonding package that emphasizes housing and infrastructure, and for one to happen this year to get bonding back "on cycle" after years of unpredictability. This will help ensure a healthy pipeline of business opportunities for our profession and a better built environment for our communities across the state.

- We are advocating for climate action, particularly via advancing the building code to achieve maximum energy savings, embodied carbon reductions, and materials improvements. Architects are directly involved in the building code process and in shaping the bills that drive funding, staff, and support for climate action at the state level.
- We are working with industry partners on climate action via discussions about energy benchmarking and embodied carbon in materials, and will advocate for solutions throughout the legislative session that take building performance to the next level.
- We constantly advocate for a codes process that is driven by experts and all stakeholders, which we have in place, rather than a politicized process that doesn't center technical knowledge.

You can learn more about our issues agenda by visiting our <u>website</u>. And if you'd like to engage in advocacy on these or other issues, contact <u>Sheri Hansen</u> on the AIA Minnesota staff team. This type of advocacy can be as simple as a 15-minute zoom call, and staff will be with you every step of the way. I hope you will consider adding your voice to these conversations, and sharing your experience and expertise.

So, as you go through your day, consider the many opportunities you have to advocate for someone or something. I know you are all doing those small, and incredibly meaningful acts of advocacy every day in your workplace. Now is the time to consider how you can engage in some of these bigger and broadly impactful opportunities, too.

**CALL TO ACTION** 

### Firm Directory and Firm Assessments

Attention Firm Principals and Marketing Staff: Firm Directory requests have been emailed and are due on February 16, 2024. Remember, firms must pay 2024 Firm Assessments and complete the Firm Directory Form to be listed in the AIA Minnesota Firm Directory that will be published in the annual print publication of ENTER and on the AIA Minnesota website. Learn more and access the Firm Assessment Invoice and Firm Directory Form »

# Represent AIA Minnesota on Building Code Technical Advisory Groups

AIA Minnesota has several opportunities for members to serve on Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs) that assist the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry in updating sections of the Building Code.

Members will review code and make recommendations to the Construction Codes

Advisory Council (CCAC). Each TAG will meet multiple times during spring and early summer of 2024, with meeting times yet to be determined for each group.

#### Volunteers are needed to review:

- Mn Rules Chapter 1300, Building Code Administration & Mn Rules Chapter 1302, Construction approval.
- Mn Rules Chapter 1303, Minnesota Provisions.
- Mn Rules Chapter 1307, Elevators and Related Devices.
- Mn Rule Chapter 1346, 2024 IBC & 2024 IFGC/ Mechanical Code
- Mn Rules for Structural Review of the 2024 IBC/IRC/IEBC/MN Rule 1303

Please contact **Sheri Hansen** by Tuesday, February 6 to volunteer.

# Campaign Finance Board Changes that Could Impact Architects

The Minnesota Campaign Finance Board (CFB) is currently adopting rules to implement statutory changes made in 2023 to expand the definition of "lobbyist" in ways that may trigger a need for architects to register as lobbyists due to their interactions with government entities, including cities and counties.

#### New laws now in effect define a lobbyist as:

- Any person who receives \$3,000 or more or spends \$3,000 of personal funds:
  - Attempting to influence certain government action by communicating with or encouraging others to communicate with government officials or
  - From a business whose primary source of revenue is facilitating government relations consulting work

# In addition, a new definition of "action by a political subdivision" means it is considered lobbying when any individual interacts with city, county, and local officials on:

Any action that requires a vote or approval by one or more elected local
officials while acting in their official capacity; or an action by an appointed or
employed local official to make, to recommend, or to vote on as a member of
the governing body, major decisions regarding the expenditure or investment
of public money.

Attorneys, accountants, engineers, developers, and others in the AEC industry, including AIA Minnesota, are seeking further clarity about how these rules apply to the practice of architecture. The CFB has produced a number of <u>advisory opinions</u>, and continues to refine rules that interpret the statute. AIA Minnesota will be closely monitoring the rulemaking and advisory opinion process, and will contact legislators if statutory change is required.

Please contact <u>Sheri Hansen</u> with questions, comments, or specific situations on which your firm might want guidance for compliance with this law, as AIA Minnesota can seek an advisory opinion to clarify interpretation on your behalf.

Firm leaders and individual practitioners are encouraged to consult their

general counsel to determine if any staff members should register as lobbyists.



### Register now for the Lake Superior Design Retreat (LSDR)!

Make your reservation for LSDR on February 23 & 24, 2024, at a NEW venue: Zeitgeist Arts in Duluth!

#### **SPEAKERS:**

- <u>Tenna Florian</u>, <u>FAIA</u>, a partner and co-leader of the <u>Lake|Flato</u>'s Eco-Conservation Studio
- Jon Hallberg, MD, health and medical analyst, University of Minnesota Center for the Art of Medicine creative director, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health professor, M Physicians Mill City Clinic medical director
- Alejandra Peña-Gutiérrez, Weisman Art Museum director
- <u>Jesse Puka-Beals</u>, University of Minnesota Department of Agronomy and Plant Genetics researcher
- Maggie Thompson, artist and Makwa Studio founder
- Aaron Wallace, Oxbow Designs founder

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Financial assistance in memory of Dave Morck is available. Contact <u>Deanna</u>

<u>Christiansen</u> or <u>Ann Mayhew</u> for more information. Student scholarships are also available from AIA Northern Minnesota <u>Learn more</u> »

Sponsor the retreat! Learn more »

## MHP Strengthening Rural Communities Program Offers Technical Assistance

The Minnesota Housing Partnership (MHP) is seeking Requests for Technical Assistance (RFTA) from entities interested in building their capacity to address prevalent housing, community, or economic development needs. Potentially eligible recipients include Rural Housing Development Organizations (RHDOs), Community Development Corporations (CDCs), Community Housing Development

Organizations (CHDOs), local governments, and Tribal governments. Statewide entities are not currently eligible.

As a HUD national technical assistance provider in affordable housing, MHP has made the commitment to improve the conditions of safe, affordable housing for those most impacted by economic and racial disparities. <u>Learn more »</u>

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



# Family Tree Clinic Receives AIA Healthcare Design Award

Congratulations to **Perkins&Will** on receiving a 2023 AIA Healthcare Design Award for the Family Tree Clinic. This project also received a 2022 AIA Minnesota Commendation for Excellence in Design for Economy. **Learn more** »



## ENTER: The Best Place for Insightful Content on the Built Environment!

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## 2024 ENTER Print Annual Publication – coming out in May! Include this in your ad budget for 2024!

Reserve your ad now in this once-a-year print publication featuring thought-provoking articles, inspiring community profiles, and a showcase of the 2023 Honor Awards projects. The AIA Minnesota Firm Directory and Consultants Directory are also included. Reach AIA Minnesota members, project partners, C-level executives, legislators, corporate decision makers, and the larger community of targeted

influencers in this high-quality magazine. <u>Click here</u> for details on advertising and directory information to come or contact <u>Pam Nelson</u> to reserve your space for the 2024 issue now.

#### MINNESOTA ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION



## Ralph Rapson Traveling Study Fellowship

### Ralph Rapson Traveling Study Award

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation is pleased to announce the 2024 Ralph Rapson Traveling Study Award (RRTSA) competition details.

Application deadline: February 15

• Competition dates: Thursday, February 22 - Tuesday, March 5

Initial jury: Thursday, March 14Final jury: Thursday, March 28

Learn more about the competition and view a recording of the information session »

#### **CONTINUING EDUCATION**



#### CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT

Minnesota architect license renewals are due June 30, 2024. You must have 24 Professional Development Hours, including 2 hours in ethics, to renew your license.

**Carryover credits.** If you had more than 24 PDH when you renewed your license in 2022, you can carry over up to 12 of those additional hours for this license renewal period. Ethics credits do not carry over. Check <a href="here">here</a> for more details.

**AIA Minnesota has on-demand webinars** to help you meet your continuing education needs. Three more will be made available this spring from A'23 MN Conference presentations.

- (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
- Interrupting Abusive Behavior in the Workplace 1.0 LU and Ethics
- Fire Service Features of the State Fire Code 1.5 HSW LU
- Ethical Leadership in Today's Complex Business Environment 2.0 LUs and Ethics
- Pathways to SB2030: Three Minnesota Case Studies 1.0 HSW LU
- Ethical Design in the Era of Climate Change 2.0 HSW LUs and Ethics

Questions? Contact Deanna Christiansen.

**NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES** 

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#### AIAU: WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SUMMIT COURSE COLLECTION

AIAU's latest collection of curated courses is on the heels of Women's Leadership Summit 2023. Now you can access the highly rated education sessions from the sold-out event on demand. Courses on breaking down barriers, firm culture, equity, and more will help you advance your career and lead the change you want to see. Get inspired by and learn from the leaders driving change in the industry today! Learn more »

#### ARCHITECTS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Architects Foundation has opened applications for its Diversity Advancement and Yann Weymouth Graduate Scholarships. Application information is **available**.

The **Yann Weymouth Graduate Scholarship** offers \$5,000 and mentorship from Yann Weymouth, FAIA, to graduate students with a strong focus on sustainable, resilient, wellness, and beautiful design. <u>Learn more</u> »

The **Diversity Advancement Scholarship** is a multi-year scholarship and rewards up to \$20,000 to support ethnically diverse high school and undergraduate students in architecture. **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 Healthcare Design Award. Submit today >>>

#### **UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

We want to make sure we stay connected! If you've moved, changed companies, or retired, or if your member record contains outdated or incorrect information, this is a perfect time to make those updates. Log into your profile »

#### AIA MINNEAPOLIS

## VIRTUAL LUNCH TIME PROGRAM: 2023 AIA MINNESOTA HONOR AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS

#### Thursday, February 15, 12:00 – 1:15 pm

Hear the compelling stories behind the projects that received AIA Minnesota Honor Awards and Commendations for Design Excellence. Register to attend »

#### PRESERVE MINNEAPOLIS LOOKING FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

<u>Preserve Minneapolis</u>, a nonprofit organization that celebrates the city's historic architecture through advocacy, education, and public engagement, is looking for new board members. If you have a passion for historical architecture and a desire to help preserve it, please send an email briefly highlighting your interest to <a href="mailto:theapolicom">thamaninc@aol.com</a>.

#### MINNEAPOLIS PRESERVATION AWARDS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The 2024 Minneapolis Preservation Awards are **now open for submissions**. The program recognizes the architects, developers, volunteers, enthusiasts, and preservation professionals that protect and celebrate the city's built history. Award categories include preservation projects, additions to historic structures, small projects or details, new construction in historic districts, advocacy, and leadership. Projects in all categories must have been completed within the last five years. Submitting is free, and **entries are due Friday, February 16, at noon C.S.T.** <u>Learn more</u> about submitting an entry.

The 2024 Minneapolis Preservation Awards will be celebrated at a free evening event at the Capri Theater in Minneapolis on Thursday, March 14. Register to attend!

#### HELP RECRUIT DOORS OPEN MINNEAPOLIS VENUES

Work in a cool building in Minneapolis? Know of a building or business that you think would be a great addition to Doors Open Minneapolis 2024? Email kelly@rethos.org to let us know!

We are looking for venues that are any of the following:

- Historically or architecturally interesting
- A business or organization that does or creates something unique
- · Located in North or Northeast Minneapolis

#### JOIN THE SUSTAINABILITY ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP

If you are an AIA Minneapolis member and part of a smaller firm or sole practitioner interested in giving and receiving peer support while working to develop sustainable design capabilities, join the mailing list for the newly formed Sustainability Accountability Group. Learn more and sign up »

AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA

#### ETHICS TRAINING FOR DESIGN PROFESSIONALS Tuesday, February 6, 9:00–11:00 am (In person)

CSI Members \$40 / Non-members \$50 RSVP to **Brooke Petersen** 

Apply for an AIA Northern Minnesota student scholarship to attend the Lake Superior Design Retreat! The chapter is funding four \$250 scholarships to attend this annual AIA Minnesota design retreat. Check the eligibility and apply »

**COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES** 

#### ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 7, 12:00 pm **Virtual Meeting** 

#### ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 8, 8:30 am **Virtual Meeting** 

#### **BUILDING CODES KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY**

**OPEN FORUM** Wednesday, February 14, 12:00 pm **Virtual Meeting** 

Bring your code questions, experiences, and updates to share. Also bring ideas for topics you'd like to see covered at future meetings.

#### COMMITTEE ON DESIGN

Thursday, February 8, 12:00 pm **Virtual Meeting** 

#### COMMITTEE ON EQUITY IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT (EBE)

Date Change: Now occurs on the third Tuesday of each month.

Tuesday, February 20, 3:30 pm

Virtual meeting

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COTE)

Friday, February 9, 12:00 pm **Virtual Meeting** 

#### COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

#### Monday, February 12, 12:00 pm

#### **Virtual Meeting**

Pathways to Licensure: Join us for a conversation on AIA Minnesota's policy position on Pathways to Licensure, recently adopted by the Board of Directors. Mary-Margaret Zindren will join us to provide more detail, history and insights into next steps as well as answer questions. Hope you can join us!

#### **EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE**

#### Tuesday, April 9, 12:00 pm (meetings are held quarterly) Virtual Meeting



## EMERGING PROFESSIONALS HAPPY HOUR Thursday, February 15, 5-7 pm

#### **Indeed Brewing**

Join the Emerging Professionals Committee for happy hour at Indeed Brewing Company – all are welcome. Food, alcoholic, and non-alcoholic beverages are available for purchase. You can find the taplist on Indeed's <u>website</u> along with information about parking.



#### **EMERGING PROFESSIONAL FRIENDLY FIRM PROGRAM**

Does your firm provide support to emerging professionals? This award program recognizes firms in the Upper Midwest that are committed to supporting early career professionals. Firms with an office in Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, or South Dakota are eligible to apply.

Visit the website »

#### **ENTER COMMITTEE**

Friday, February 23, 12:00 pm Virtual Meeting

#### **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

#### Tuesday, February 20, 12:00 pm <u>Virtual Meeting</u>

The AIA Minnesota Board of Directors approved the <u>2024 Legislative Agenda</u>. The Agenda is created by the Government Affairs Committee with input from multiple committees and knowledge communities, and is aligned with AIA's policy platform. Contact <u>Sheri Hansen</u> for more information.

HEALTH DESIGN KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

This KC will be on hiatus until this spring while we explore the best path forward for future meetings.

#### HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 7, 12:00 pm <u>Virtual Meeting</u>

#### LAKE SUPERIOR DESIGN RETREAT COMMITTEE

Monday, February 19, 11:30 am Virtual Meeting

The 2024 LSDR event is on February 23 and 24 at Zeitgeist Arts in Duluth. Register now!

#### MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM COMMITTEE (MDT)

Wednesday, February 21, 4:30 pm Virtual Meeting



What a fun event for those who attended the MDT Retreat in late January! Special notes of gratitude to the panelists Amanda Pederson, AIA, Daniel Lightfoot, and Ben Winchester, and Alliiance for hosting the event in their welcoming and beautiful office.

#### RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 6, 12:00 pm Virtual Meeting

#### OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS: RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECT OF DISTINCTION AWARD

Nominate someone or self-submit for the newly revised Residential Architect of Distinction Award! This award was recently revised; please review the new criteria and submission requirements carefully. You may also learn more about the revisions by <a href="watching">watching</a> the Residential Publicity Opportunities Overview recording. **Due March 15.** <a href="Learn more and submit">Learn more and submit</a> >>

#### OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS: RESIDENTIAL EMERGING ARCHITECT AWARD

Nominate someone or self-submit for the newly revised Residential Emerging Architect Award (previously the Residential Emerging Talent Award)! This award was recently revised; please review the new criteria and submission requirements carefully. You may also learn more about the revisions by <a href="watching">watching</a> the Residential Publicity Opportunities Overview recording. **Due March 15.** <a href="Learn more and submit">Learn more and submit</a> »

#### **OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS: HOME OF THE MONTH**

Submit your project to be considered for Home of the Month! **Due March 22**. <u>Learn more and submit »</u>

#### **OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS: HOMES BY ARCHITECTS TOUR**

Submit your project to be considered for Home of the Month! **Due April 19.** Learn more and submit »

#### DO YOU HAVE A PROJECT ON THE MSP HOME TOUR?

Let us know so we can publicize your tour project to our audience!

#### RECORDING: RESIDENTIAL PUBLICITY OPPORTUNITIES OVERVIEW

Did you miss the Residential Publicity Opportunities Overview info meeting last month? <u>Watch the recording</u> and <u>view the slide deck</u>.

#### TECHNOLOGY IN ARCHITECTURE PRACTICE KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

#### NO COMMITTEE MEETING IN FEBRUARY

#### WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 21, 12:00 pm Virtual Meeting

Quarterly Networking/Social Gathering Thursday, February 15, 4:30 - 6:30 pm Hai Hai Restaurant and Bar

**PEOPLE & FIRMS** 

#### WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Luis Campoverde-Loayza, Assoc. AIA
Travis Dunn, Assoc. AIA
Xiao Han, Assoc. AIA
Mark Hamilton, Allied Member of AIA Minnesota
Kelly Hanneman, AIA
Bryan Hicks, AIA
Nicholas Jackson, AIA
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Peter Lacey, AIA
Ariane Laxo, Allied Member of AIA Minnesota
Pete Malm, Allied Member of AIA Minnesota
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#### PHIUS: REIMAGINE BUILDINGS: ONE PLANET, 24 HOURS MARCH 7-8 »



# THE GREENEST BUILDINGS IN THE WORLD: HOW WINONA STATE CAN LEAD THE NATION Wednesday, February 7, 6:30 pm

Science Laboratory Center 120, Winona State University
Jason F. McLennan will highlight leading edge ideas on how
buildings, campuses and cities can be transformed to create a
positive, living future and deal with the threats of climate
change and other pressing global environmental issues. The

presentation will include discussion of Winona State's upcoming Center for Interdisciplinary Collaboration, Engagement, and Learning (CICEL) project, which will be the first Net Zero Energy (NZE) and carbon neutral building in the Minnesota State system.

A reception will precede the event at 6:30 p.m. and include a Meet & Greet with McLennan, Winona State leadership, and members of the design team for the CICEL project. McLennan is considered one of the world's most influential individuals in the field of architecture and green building movement today. He is the creator of the Living Building Challenge – the most stringent and progressive green building program in existence - and is the recipient of the prestigious Buckminster Fuller Prize - the planet's top prize for socially responsible design.

#### A/E PRONET SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The A&E Practice Group at Kraus-Anderson Insurance are proud members of the a/e ProNet Association, a group of insurance and legal professionals dedicated to serving the A&E Community, advocating for effective risk management in your business. Each year, ProNet awards several scholarships to individuals pursuing a Bachelor's or Master's degree. Learn more »

#### LEED GREEN ASSOCIATE ONLINE TRAINING

Leading Green is offering LEED training and exam prep this spring. Use code "sust" to receive a \$100 discount! Live and self-paced options are available. 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 <u>careerhelp.umn.edu</u>.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Visit the <u>AIA Minnesota Events Calendar</u> 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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