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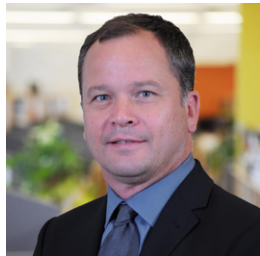
### ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS

The Passing of **Fred Bentz, FAIA**, and  
**George Rafferty, FAIA**  
Culture Change Initiative  
AIA St. Paul Leadership Changes

Lake Superior Design Retreat Update  
Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Awards  
Jan/Feb edition of *Architecture MN*  
AIA Minnesota Office Furniture Sale

## A Strong Past and a Bright Future

By Eric West, AIA Minnesota President



2018 was a very productive year. It was the first year implementing our three-year strategic plan. We are making very good progress on the plan and that is because of the hard work of our AIA Minnesota staff, our member-volunteers and the leadership of our Board. Among many other accomplishments, in 2018 AIA Minnesota forged a new partnership with the Minnesota Historical Society that will allow us to expand our outreach to the public both at the Mill City

Museum and across Minnesota with programming potential at many of the 26 locations across the state. Partnering with the historical society will offer AIA Minnesota perspective on where we have come from and also affords us a forum to discuss how things could be and how that will impact design into the future.

2019 looks to be equally productive and very exciting. AIA Minnesota will be in our new home at the Crown Roller Mill building in February. While there are many terrific events planned for 2019, one that warrants special note is the AIA National Women's Leadership Summit that will be hosted in Minnesota in September of this year.

All these efforts and this progress is built on the efforts of those who came before us.

[Read more »](#)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### AIA Minnesota Mourns the Loss of Fred Bentz, FAIA, and George Rafferty, FAIA

AIA Minnesota is sad to announce the passing of **Frederick J. Bentz, FAIA**, and **George E. Rafferty, FAIA**, in December 2018. Mr. Bentz and Mr. Rafferty were both recipients of the AIA Minnesota Gold Medal, former presidents of the

organization, founders of well-respected firms in Minnesota, and beloved members of the architecture community.

The funeral service for **George Rafferty, FAIA** will take place on Friday, January 4, at 12:00 pm. [Learn more »](#)

The memorial service for **Fred Bentz, FAIA** will take place on Saturday, January 12, at 11:00 am. [Learn more »](#)

### AIA Minnesota Office Furniture for Sale

AIA Minnesota members have an opportunity to purchase furniture and other items as we prepare to move to our new space in the Crown Roller Mill building in early 2019. To view our Florence Knoll Lounge Chairs, task chairs, conference room table, credenzas, and other select furniture items, contact [Michael Sanson](#) for pricing and details.

Stay tuned for additional information regarding AIA Minnesota's upcoming relocation to Crown Roller Mill building.

### AIA Minnesota Culture Change Initiative Call for Volunteers

AIA Minnesota is convening a Culture Change Resource Team to ensure myriad voices within the membership and the architecture community inform the work of our Culture Change Initiative.

The kick-off session of this group will be held January 24th 2:00-4:30 and will be conducted by AIA Minnesota's consultants on intercultural competence - Alfonso Wenker and Sara Schonwald. (This session will also inform the development of the architect-specific version of the Intercultural Leadership Program, to be launched in Spring 2019). At these sessions, the group will engage in defining the ideal culture for the profession of architecture (one free from harassment, discrimination, and abusive behavior), the current state of the profession, the salient issues involving gender, race/ethnicity, income, and different abilities in the profession, and the steps needed to move from current state to ideal state.

If you are interested in potentially serving on the Culture Change Resource Team, please contact [PaviElle French](#) to express your interest and why you would like to participate; please also indicate whether you would be available to attend the kick off session on January 24th, 2:00-4:30pm (in person or remotely; Greater Minnesota members are encouraged to express interest). The resource team will meet approximately 5 times during the course of 2019 and early 2020 and will provide insight and perspective to additional research that will be conducted between meetings.

## AIA Guides to Equitable Practice Available

AIA Minnesota members provided significant contributions to the development of this guide. We encourage all members to review and engage with the content presented in the first three chapters, and to share any questions or suggestions as work continues on future chapters. [Access the guides »](#)

## Firm Assessments

**Attention Firm Principals and Marketing Staff:** Firm Assessments have been mailed and are due on January 31, 2019. Firm Directory Profile Questionnaires will be mailed out in mid-January. Firms must pay 2019 Firm Assessments and return the Firm Directory Profile Questionnaire in order to be listed in the AIA Minnesota Firm Directory published in the May/June issue of *Architecture MN* magazine and on the AIA Minnesota website. Questions related to Firm Assessments should be directed to [Amber Allardyce](#).

## State Designer Selection Board Task Force Report Complete

AIA Minnesota held a 2017-2018 task force of stakeholders on the work of the State Designer Selection Board (SDSB) including representatives of ACEC/MN, and the Minnesota Arts Board to evaluate the legislative and administrative aspects of the SDSB. The Task Force produced this [report](#), which details recommendations for updates to the SDSB process and the dollar threshold for use of the process, raising

it to \$4 million for construction costs and \$400,000 for planning fees.

The AIA Minnesota Government Affairs committee, along with other stakeholders, will be sharing this report with legislative leaders and the Department of Administration to advance the report recommendations throughout the 2019 legislative session.





## 31st Annual Lake Superior Design Retreat

March 1-2, 2019

The Lake Superior Design Retreat is an annual, winter weekend extravaganza in Duluth, Minnesota. Architects and others interested in design gather together at Fitger's Inn to explore the corners of design with six invited design professionals who share their passion for their art and/or craft and discuss their creative stories.

### 2019 Confirmed Speakers:

- **Jeremy Mayer**: artist and sculptor who disassembles typewriters and reassembles the components into full-scale human figures.
- **Adam Regn Arvidson, FASLA**: landscape architect at the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board. Award-winning writer whose recent book is *Wild and Rare* on Minnesota endangered species.
- **Erin Rafferty Bugher**: art therapist who uses the power of art in the healing process and core faculty member, Adler Graduate School.
- **Jess Zimbabwe**: director of urban development at the National League of Cities (NLC) and founding executive director of the Daniel Rose Center for Public Leadership, a partnership of NLC and the Urban Land Institute.
- **Ansley Barnard**: industrial designer, Indy car designer, and inhabitant of the HI-SEAS Mars Simulation Habitat in Hawaii.
- **Joanna Hurme**: architect and founding partner, 5468796 Architecture, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Registration for the Retreat will open early January. Attendance is limited and we expect to sell out for this event. [Sign up now »](#)

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## CONTINUING EDUCATION

### ON-DEMAND WEBINARS

Take advantage of AIA Minnesota's on-demand webinars to meet your learning and continuing education credit needs. Convenient access, quality content. Visit AIA Minnesota Current CE Opportunities [for more details »](#)

### A'18 MN CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION FORMS

Did you forget to complete your Attendance Verification Form from the A'18 MN Conference? You still can! The online option is now closed. Complete the PDF form and email it to Deanna Christiansen.

### A'18 MN CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS ONLINE

AIA Minnesota invites Conference speakers to post their presentations, notes, and handouts on our website. As we receive them, we will post them [here »](#)

### A'18 MN CONFERENCE PROGRAMS RECORDED

Four programs from the A'18 MN Conference were recorded and will be available as on-demand webinars in January 2019, posted here »

- T1. The Road to WELL, Pain-Free! - 1.5 HSW LUs
- W21. How to Properly Specify an Air Barrier System - 1.5 HSW LUs
- TH43. Demystifying the AIA 2030 Commitment - 1.5 HSW LUS
- TH48. Designing for the Midwest Future: Integrating Resiliency and SB 2030 - 1.5 HSW LUs

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## PEOPLE & FIRMS

**DLR Group** elevated **Sara Guyette, AIA**, to Senior Associate, Architecture.

**Julia Robinson, FAIA**, led a studio project at the University of Minnesota that created design proposals to serve youth in Hennepin County's juvenile detention and rehabilitation centers.

**HGA Architects and Engineers** promoted **Rebecca Celis, AIA**, to vice president. Rebecca is a principal focusing on education facilities for clients in the arts, sciences and other learning environments.

**Jacob Mans, AIA**, received the 2019 New Researcher Award from the ARCC Board. He was also named to the 2018 cohort of IonE Associates.

**HGA Architects and Engineers** promoted Minneapolis architects **Amy Braford Whittey, Assoc. AIA**, **Greg Freeman, AIA**, and **Nat Madson, AIA**, and Rochester architect **Andy O'Hare, AIA**, to Associate Vice President.

University of Minnesota School of Architecture graduate students Denise Pike and Kacie Lucchni are curators of "**Owning Up: Racism and Housing in Minneapolis**" at the Hennepin History Museum. The exhibit runs through January 20, 2019.

## WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Amy Braford-Whittey, Assoc. AIA  
 Frank Grazzini, AIA MN Allied  
 Daniel Jacobson, AIA MN Allied  
 Garrett Jones, AIA  
 David Kegler, AIA MN Allied

Lori Rischmiller, AIA MN Allied  
 Jason Schaum, AIA MN Allied  
 Kenneth Stephenson, Assoc. AIA  
 Alex Vos, Assoc. AIA  
 Mary Vancura, AIA MN Allied

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## NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

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### FALL 2018 AIA DOCUMENT RELEASE

On October 30, AIA released 13 new and/or revised AIA forms and contracts including Instructions to Bidders, the Proposal Request form, the Joint Venture Agreement, and the Architect-Consultant Agreement for Special Services and Architect's Field Report. [Learn more »](#)

### 2018 EQUITY IN ARCHITECTURE SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED

The 2018 study was the largest data set ever collected on equity within the design profession in the United States. [Read more »](#)

Renew your  
membership today!



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### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership renewals are due **January 15**. [Renew »](#)

## AIA MINNEAPOLIS

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### AIA MINNEAPOLIS LUNCHEON

Please note there will be no luncheon offered for the month of January. Expect the **February 21** luncheon to be held at **Parallel Café, 145 Holden Street North, Minneapolis** - just a few blocks east of IMS. More details and a registration link will be shared in the February issue of *Matrix*.

### MINNEAPOLIS HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARDS CALL FOR ENTRIES

Organizers of the 2019 Minneapolis Preservation Awards are pleased to announce that they are accepting nominations for its annual program recognizing outstanding work in preservation in the City of Minneapolis. **Registration will close on February 5th. Final submissions are due on Wednesday, February 13.** This year's awards celebration will be held on the evening of Thursday, February 28 at the historic Pillsbury A-Mill. [Learn more »](#)

### BOWLING NIGHT

**Thursday, February 21**

**Bryant-Lake Bowl, Minneapolis**

The Strike Force is happy to announce the return of AIA Minneapolis Bowling Nite - an annual reprieve from cabin fever and a chance to socialize with your AIA chapter colleagues. Registration starts at 5:30, with a hard start for bowling at 6:00. The \$25 ticket price will get you two games of bowling, shoe rental, and appetizers featuring a Minnesota style taco bar. Cash bar service and trophies round out this perennially fantastic event. Sign up individually, or in groups up to 6 people per lane. And as in previous years, what you wear counts! [Register »](#)

### SAVE THE DATE! 2019 AIA MINNEAPOLIS GOLF OUTING

The AIA Minneapolis Golf Outing will be held on **Monday, July 29** at Majestic Oaks Golf Club. Mark your calendars!

## AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA



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### NEW MAILING ADDRESS FOR AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA

P.O. Box 241  
Duluth, MN 55801

### AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARD

The 2018 AIA Northern Minnesota Community Builder Award was presented to Dan Hartman, Director, Glensheen. [Read more »](#)

## AIA ST. PAUL

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### AIA ST. PAUL LEADERSHIP OPENINGS AND UPCOMING SOCIAL

Due to unforeseen health issues and employment changes, AIA St. Paul is in the unusual position of needing to fill two leadership positions: President and President Elect. Because the bylaws do not contemplate both the President and President Elect positions being open, we will be convening an AIA St. Paul social event with a brief member business meeting in February 2018 for the membership to elect individuals to fill open positions.

If you are interested in serving in a leadership role with AIA St. Paul, please contact EVP [Mary-Margaret Zindren](#) by **January 15th**. Please also watch for an email in January for details on an AIA St. Paul social.

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## COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES

### ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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#### AIA MINNESOTA 2019 ARE SCHOLARSHIP

**Application Deadline: Friday, January 18, 5:00 pm**

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. As of October 1, 2018, test fees have increased by \$25 per section for a total of \$1,410 for all six sections of the 5.0 exam. [Learn more and apply »](#)

#### AXP/ARE: AN OVERVIEW TO KEEP YOU INFORMED

**Wednesday, January 16, 4:30 - 6:00 pm**

#### Cunningham Group Architecture

AIA Minnesota's Architects Licensing Advisory Committee is presenting an overview of the AXP/Architectural Experience Program and the ARE/Architect Registration Examination. Plan to attend to learn about recent and/or upcoming changes taking place and have an opportunity to ask questions. Join us at 4:30 for refreshments; the presentation will begin at 5:00. Encourage your sponsor, mentor, and other firm management to attend. [Register »](#)

### ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

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**Saturday, January 12**

**10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Laura Jeffrey Academy**

Help kindergarten and first grade girls implement their design ideas for a home or business in a morning workshop hosted by the Girl Scouts of the Valley. Four volunteers needed. Contact [Angie McKinley](#) to sign up.

**Thursday, January 31**

**STEM & Career Fair Expo**

**Minneapolis Convention Center**

AIA Minnesota will host a booth at the Minneapolis Public Schools' Expo as a way to introduce 8th grade students to a future career as an architect and spark interest in architecture. Volunteers are needed to staff the booth for two-hour shifts. [Read more and sign up to help »](#)

## BUILDING CODES KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

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**Wednesday, January 9, 12:00 - 1:00 pm**

**IMS Conference Room A, Lower Level**

This will be an open forum discussion. Bring your code questions, experiences, and updates to share!

## COMMITTEE ON EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

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**EXPLORE THE DRAFTING PROGRESS WEBSITE**

The Committee on Equity, Diversity, and inclusion has created a new website for dialogue on these important topics. View articles from architecture publications and other industries, and participate in discussions on the topic of the month! [Visit the site »](#)

## COMMITTEE ON DESIGN

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**NEW LOCATION FOR JANUARY MEETING!**

**Thursday, January 10, 12:00 - 1:00 pm**

[Snow Kreilich Architects](#)

## COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

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**MARKETING AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION**

**Monday, January 14, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

**Location:** [LHB, Inc. Minneapolis](#)

RSVP to [Mary Shaffer, AIA](#), by end of day Thursday, January 10 for lunch count.

## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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**JANUARY MEETING ON NEW DAY AND AT NEW LOCATION!**

**Monday, January 14, 4:00 - 5:30 pm**

[Foundation Architects](#)



## AIA MINNESOTA 2019 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA APPROVED

The AIA Minnesota Board of Directors approved the [2019 legislative agenda](#) for AIA Minnesota. The issues included in this agenda are top priorities for the organization, but the government affairs committee will also be prepared to respond to any additional legislative issues that arise during the session.

## HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

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### JANUARY MEETING AT NEW LOCATION!

**Tuesday, January 8, 12:00 - 1:00 pm**

[HDR Inc.](#)

### SEARCH FOR SHELTER 2019

**February 8-10, 2019**

**Rapson Hall, University of Minnesota**

Each year at Search for Shelter, 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.

The deadline for agency applications is **Friday, January 11, 2019**.

[Volunteer for Search for Shelter »](#)

[Agency application for Search for Shelter »](#)

## KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY ON THE ENVIRONMENT (kCOTE)

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**Thursday, January 10, 7:45 - 9:00 am**

[Miller Dunwiddie](#)

Will global leaders rise to the challenge of combatting climate change? What can we do in Minnesota, in our lives and work, to do our part? Jesse Turck of BWBR was one of four Minnesota delegates to attend the COP24 Climate Conference in Poland. He will present findings from the international summit, what tangible actions the countries agreed to, and what actions designers can take to ensure a better and more stable future.

### kCOTE COMMENTARY

*Leaders and members of kCOTE will share their ideas and information about topics they cover in brief commentaries. This month's commentary comes from **Mike Refsland, AIA**. Explore the commentaries [here](#) »*

### Immediately and Dramatically

Two major reports unveiled at the end of 2018 conclude we must immediately and dramatically reduce our global greenhouse gas emissions. The [IPCC Special Report on Global Warming](#) and the [Fourth National Climate Assessment](#) make these points clear: The time for action is now. Climate change will hit us in our wallets and on our dinner plates, and those least capable of adapting could be the most affected. The gravity of the reports is stunning. But through all the gloom shines one important message; there is hope, and designers are already playing a

significant role in combatting climate change.

As designers, we are uniquely prepared to find creative solutions to complex problems. We are experts in finding common ground among disparate groups. We are charged with being ethical leaders in society, and there is no ethical dilemma more profound than climate change. If you are interested in learning what you can do, if you have an idea for the group, or are curious and simply want to listen in, we welcome you to join AIA Minnesota's Knowledge Community on the Environment (kCOTE). Our group serves as an education resource for AIA members, and works to equip all with the tools necessary to make better and more sustainable decisions. All voices are welcome. We need all hands on deck, and we hope to see you in 2019.

Mike Refsland, AIA  
kCOTE co-chair

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## AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

[GreenHome Institute Free CE: "Residential End Uses of Water" January 16 »](#)

Visit the [AIA Minnesota Events Calendar](#) for more information about upcoming events.



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

The January/February 2019 issue of *Architecture MN* features a profile of 2018 AIA Minnesota Gold Medal recipient John Cunningham, FAIA; Dream the Combine taking over MoMA PS1; and award-winning new collegiate facilities. [See a preview](#).

### ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

Include *Architecture MN* in your 2019 plans to reach a much sought-after targeted audience! There is no better way to reach project partners and decision makers.

[Click here](#) for the 2019 media kit and directory form.


We are currently working on the March/April 2019 issue, which features the AIA Minnesota Honor Awards and landscape architecture. It also includes the Directory of Landscape Architects. Deadline is **January 11** to reserve ad space.

For more information, contact [Pam Nelson](#).

### Stay caught up with AIA Minnesota on Social Media

Get updates on events, activities and the latest architectural news from AIA Minnesota and its chapters on social media. And don't forget to tag us on your news to share!

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**MARCH** Matrix editorial deadline is Friday, February 15.

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