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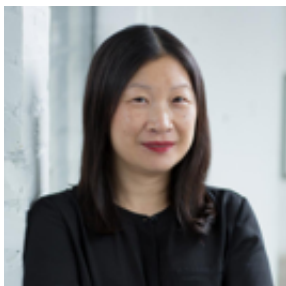
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2020: A Critical Year for Action

By Karen Lu, AIA, AIA Minnesota President



"Because the future's here and we can't go back..."
--Sleater-Kinney

It is 2020 already and we are ten short years away from the 2030 Challenge goal for all new buildings and major renovations to be carbon neutral. This is only one of the many challenges ahead of us as we begin a new decade. From our local municipalities to our global communities, in our education and in our practice, we are faced with an urgency to address the multiple causes and effects of climate change and social inequities for the health and well-being of our communities and our planet.

Two years ago, the AIA "committed to broadening equity, diversity, and inclusion to create a stronger profession." This past June, AIA passed a resolution to "prioritize and support urgent climate action as a health, safety, and welfare issue." Equity and

environmental stewardship are inextricably intertwined and they both clearly demonstrate that our actions greatly impact others. To further emphasize these relationships and their significance, AIA adopted an overall Framework for Design Excellence previously known as the COTE Top Ten. These measures of sustainable design include, among others, designing for economy, energy, and equitable communities.

As architects, we are well-equipped to help tackle complex, multidisciplinary problems that do not have simplistic solutions. AIA Minnesota is leading by example, not just in discussion and ideation around complex and difficult issues, but in concrete action and implementation. [Read more »](#)

CALL TO ACTION

Firm Assessments and Firm Directory Listings

Attention Firm Principals and Marketing Staff: Firm Assessments have been mailed and are due on January 31, 2020. Firm Directory Profile Questionnaires will be distributed in mid-January. Firms must pay 2020 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. [Learn more and download the forms »](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



2020 LAKE SUPERIOR DESIGN RETREAT

Make fresh connections at the 32nd Annual [Lake Superior Design Retreat](#) February 28-29, 2020 at Fitger's Inn in Duluth.

Registration opens this month; keep an eye on AIA Minnesota emails and social media for registration details.

Confirmed Speakers to Date:

- Kathy McTavish, Duluth-based composer, coder, and media artist
- Francis D.K. Ching, architect, author, and University of Washington professor emeritus
- Matt Jenkins, the artisan blacksmith behind Winnipeg's Cloverdale Forge
- Kevin Johnson, principal engineer at Stratsys 3D Printing (newly confirmed)
- Escape room designers from Trapped Puzzle Rooms (newly confirmed)
- Lucia Watson, award-winning chef and owner of the former Lucia's Restaurant, Wine Bar, and To Go restaurants in Minneapolis

LSDR 2020 sponsorship opportunities available. [Read more »](#)



Leadership Forum

Ann Voda, AIA, of **Bentz/Thompson/Rietow**, will be the advisor for the 2020 and 2021 Leadership Forum cohorts. Forum advisors are with the group for each session, helping participants connect the dots from month to month, and offering support and guidance to each participant. Thank you, Ann!

We also appreciate the generosity of **RSP Architects**, which is hosting the 2020 Leadership Forum.



2019 Awards Celebration Offers Variety and Inspiration

Over 200 AIA Minnesota members, friends, and family celebrated the 2019 AIA Minnesota award recipients on Friday, December 6 at International Market Square. Thank you to everyone who helped us honor this community's achievements!

A'19 MN CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION FORMS

Did you forget to complete your Attendance Verification Form at A'19 MN? You still can. Online reporting is now closed but you can visit [A'19 Attendance Verification](#) for a link to the PDF option for reporting.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS ONLINE

AIA Minnesota has invited A'19 MN speakers to post their presentations, notes, and handouts on our website. As we receive them from those who are willing to share their materials we will post them [here](#).

**PEOPLE
FIRMS
AND**



Left to right: Amy Maldonado, AIA, and Christine Soma, AIA.

BWBR was recognized by MNCREW (Minnesota Commercial Real Estate Women) with the Empowering Women Award at its annual celebration in December.

Pope Architects named **Amy Maldonado, AIA**, and **Christine Soma, AIA**, as firm principals.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Gregory Bednar, AIA
 Briana Keskitalo, AIA
 Alex Lelchuk, Allied Member of AIA
 Minnesota
 Philip Mathias, Allied Member of AIA
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 Jeffrey Nicholson, Assoc. AIA

Brandon O'Brien, Allied Member of AIA
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NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

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membership today!



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2020 AIA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE JANUARY 15. [RENEW TODAY »](#)

AIA 2020 U.S. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE PROFILES

The 2020 election will be critical to how the United States addresses the issues of our time, including mitigating and adapting to climate change, housing affordability, school safety, student debt, and changes to tax law. This guide provides a factual and objective overview to help you evaluate the presidential candidates and their positions on issues that matter to architects. [Learn more »](#)

APPLY FOR THE 2020 AIA DIVERSITY RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The AIA Diversity Recognition Program recognizes people, programs, and AIA chapters whose work challenges norms and helps diversify the architecture profession. Submissions sought that showcase work, influence and change in five different categories. Application deadline is January 15, 2020. [Learn more »](#)

2019 COMPENSATION REPORT AVAILABLE

The 2019 AIA Compensation Report was released. Members can get more information, purchase the entire report and use the updated salary calculator on the [compensation survey landing page](#). Stop by the AIA Minnesota office to view the West North Central Region portion of the report.

MEMBER PROFILE

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

AIA MINNEAPOLIS

MINNEAPOLIS CHAPTER LUNCHEON

Thursday, January 16, 11:45 am

[The Renaissance Depot](#)

Enjoy complimentary lunch at the historic Depot Renaissance Hotel in Minneapolis while hearing from design team members involved with the 2019 AIA Minnesota Honor Award-winning projects. Presenters will share details about the projects, anecdotes and behind-the-scenes information. [Register to attend »](#)

MINNEAPOLIS HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARDS

Organizers of the 2020 Minneapolis Preservation Awards are pleased to announce that they are accepting nominations for the annual award program, which recognizes architects, developers, volunteers, enthusiasts, and preservation professionals that protect and celebrate the City's built history. Nominations are accepted electronically and are completely free of charge. Final submissions are due on Friday, January 31, 2020. [Learn more »](#)

HELP PLAN DOORS OPEN MINNEAPOLIS 2020 (MAY 16-17)

Doors Open Minneapolis is happening again in 2020! The venue committee is looking for volunteers to help plan the selection of buildings and organize categories to tell the stories of selected buildings, as well as develop a workforce feature within the building groups. We are also recruiting subject matter experts and program committee volunteers. Interested in getting more involved in Doors Open? Contact [Ann Mayhew](#) for volunteer opportunities (no deadline).

CONTINUING EDUCATION

MINNESOTA LICENSE RENEWALS ARE DUE JUNE 30, 2020

Architects must have 24 Professional Development Hours (PDHs) earned between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2020 to renew their license to practice architecture in Minnesota. Two of those 24 PDHs must focus on professional ethics. Visit the [AELSLAGID website](#) for details on managing your license.

UPCOMING CE PROGRAMMING

AIA Minnesota is scheduling additional face-to-face HSW programs in the first six months of 2020 to help you get the 24 hours you need to renew your license by June 30. Programs under consideration include:

- The Accessible Restroom
- Existing Building Projects
- 2012 IBC to the 2018 IBC
- Minnesota Amendments to the 2018 IBC
- Minnesota Amendments to the Minnesota Accessibility Code

NEW ON-DEMAND WEBINARS

Four new on-demand webinars from the A'19 MN Conference will be available soon. Webinars from recent conferences are already available. [Learn more »](#)

COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES

ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AIA MINNESOTA 2020 ARE SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are due at 5:00 pm on Friday, January 17, 2020

The AIA Minnesota Architect Licensing Advisory Committee awards 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. Test fees for all 6 sections of the 5.0 exam are \$1,470. [Learn more »](#)

BLACK SPECTACLES TUTORIALS

AIA Minnesota provides subscriptions to the Black Spectacles tutorials at a discounted and subsidized rate for AIA Minnesota members. The next three-month subscription is February 1 to April 30, 2020. Visit [Black Spectacles Subscription](#) for more details.

ARE FACE-TO-FACE REVIEW SESSIONS

Review sessions will be scheduled soon for spring and fall 2020, covering material in each of the six sections of the exams. Watch for more details [here](#).

ARE LENDING LIBRARY

AIA Minnesota has a lending library of study materials for all sections of the 5.0 exams. Lending library materials are available to AIA Associate members only, and are free. [Click here](#) for a complete list of books and lending library details. Contact [Deanna Christiansen](#) to confirm availability of library materials.

ARE MATERIALS IN NORTHERN MINNESOTA

A set of the six Brightwood books is also available for use in Duluth. Contact [David Booth, AIA](#), for details.

ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Sign up to participate in one or both of these upcoming opportunities to engage with youth around architecture:

- Minneapolis Public Schools STEM Expo: Wednesday, February 5, 8:00 am - 3:30 pm, Minneapolis Convention Center
- Mill City Museum STEM Day: Saturday, February 22, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

[Learn more](#) about these opportunities and sign up to help.

BUILDING CODES KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

REVIEW OF ENERGY CODE PRESENTED BY MN DEPT. OF LABOR & INDUSTRY

Wednesday, January 8, 12:00

[AIA Minnesota Meeting Room](#)

COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

WHAT IS KEEPING YOU UP AT NIGHT?

Monday, January 13, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

[HGA](#)

Ring in an informative New Year with a discussion of challenges, priorities, and top-of-mind concerns for 2020.

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

BRAINSTORMING RETREAT

Tuesday, January 14, 5:00 pm

[Crooked Pint Ale House](#)

Take part in a brainstorming and planning session to identify the coming year's initiatives for young professionals.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2020 FIRM TOUR HOSTS

The Emerging Professionals Committee is planning its Firm Tour schedule for 2020. Is your firm interested in hosting? [Learn more and apply »](#)

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 21, 12:00 pm

[AIA Minnesota Meeting Room](#)

Last meeting before the start of the 2020 legislative session! Join us to discuss ongoing relationship building opportunities.

The **2020 AIA Minnesota legislative priorities** have been approved by the Board of Directors.

[Review the priorities »](#)

HEALTH DESIGN KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

DULUTH ESSENTIA HEALTH PROJECT

Thursday, January 30, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Join us for an overview of the Duluth Essential Health project presented by Scott Grand from EwingCole and Evan Eljoe from LHB. This will be a web-based meeting conducted by Zoom.

Health Design KC members, watch your email for details. If you are not on our regular participant list, but want to join this meeting, contact [Deanna Christiansen](#).

HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Friday, January 10, 12:00 pm

[AIA Minnesota Meeting Room](#)

Join us for an in-depth planning discussion of Search for Shelter 2020.

SEARCH FOR SHELTER 2020

Friday, February 7 - Sunday, February 9

[Rapson Hall, University of Minnesota](#)

Search for Shelter helps local and regional affordable housing organizations envision beautiful, innovative design solutions for projects that previously existed only in written form.

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

[Volunteer for Search for Shelter »](#)

Know of an organization that needs free design support? Encourage them to [apply](#) for Search for Shelter!

KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY ON THE ENVIRONMENT (KCOTE)

Thursday, January 9, 7:30 - 9:00 am

Room 43, [Rapson Hall, UMN College of Design](#)

Join us for a presentation by Will Steger about his travels and observations on climate change.

MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM (MDT)

2020 MDT RETREAT

Saturday, January 18, 8:30 am - 1:15 pm

ADM Room, [Mill City Museum](#)

Join MDT for a day of exploring the nuances of renewable energy production and its relationship with rural communities at the annual retreat, which will include breakfast and lunch. [Register »](#)

MDT is looking for a leader-in-training for next summer's visit to Gary, Minnesota. If you are interested, please contact [Ann Mayhew](#).

RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

2020 HOMES BY ARCHITECTS TOUR SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN

AIA Minnesota seeks submissions of projects suitable for showcase on the 2020 Homes by Architects Tour, September 19-20. **Deadline for submissions is March 16, 2020.** [Learn more and start your submission »](#)

NOW ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS FOR HOME OF THE MONTH 2020

Submit your residential project for the next Home of the Month program, a partnership between AIA Minnesota and the Star Tribune where architect-designed homes are featured in the Home & Garden section once per month. [Learn more »](#)

WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE



The December Women in Architecture social was a great chance to reconnect!

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS

A/E/C PROJECT MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

February 11-12, 2020

ACEC Minnesota is partnering with PSMJ to hold a [project management boot camp](#) in February. Register at the ACEC member rate by emailing [John Krapek](#).

US GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION RFQ

The GSA has issued an RFQ for the Regionwide Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quality (IDIQ) contract to provide engineering and architectural services to support repair and alterations projects managed by the Great Lakes Region. [Learn more »](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

[WEBINAR: THE ENERGY STAR WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM: NOT A WET BLANKET JANUARY 8 »](#)

[MNSPE WORKSHOP: UNDERSTANDING, MANAGING, AND CAPITALIZING ON DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGIES JANUARY 9 »](#)

[CSBR TRAINING: SB 2030 in 2020 JANUARY 16 »](#)

[WEBINAR: VERIDIAN AT COUNTRY FARM JANUARY 22 »](#)

[WEBINAR: YOUR BODY'S ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMICAL BURDEN JANUARY 29 »](#)

[WEBINAR: THE MIDWEST IS ZNE READY FEBRUARY 19 »](#)

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



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

In the January/February 2020 issue, architects harmonize old and new at two Twin Cities schools, an innovative graduate program in the U's School of Architecture powers research in Minnesota architecture firms, and Perkins and Will takes home the prestigious AIA Minnesota Firm Award. Plus: A tour of Land O' Lakes' LEED Platinum headquarters expansion and a conversation with Minnesota Wild captain Mikko Koivu on design and culture in the Twin Cities and Turku, Finland. [Read more »](#)

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

Include Architecture MN in your 2020 marketing plans to reach a highly sought-after targeted audience of architects, project partners, and decision-makers! [Click here](#) for the 2020 media kit and directory form.

We are currently working on the March/April issue, which features the AIA Minnesota 2019 Honor Awards and landscape architecture. It also includes the directory of landscape architects. Ad deadline is Friday, January 10.



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MARCH Matrix editorial deadline is Friday, February 14.

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