

AIA MINNESOTA MATRIX NEWSLETTER

January 2024

2024: Working the Plan and Prioritizing for Impact

by Mary-Margaret Zindren, EVP/Executive Director



Individually and as organizations, this is the time of year that we make plans to achieve our goals. And the accomplishments and experiences of the year past inform our efforts for the year ahead.

At AIA Minnesota, the three local AIA chapters, and the MAF, our work continues to be guided by the 2022-2026 Joint Strategic Workplan. 2023 involved significant effort and progress on many elements of that workplan, a few of which I want to highlight here, as they are poised to continue on into 2024 in new ways:

“Expand access to the profession” – specifically, the objective to “Mitigate and remove financial, cultural, and procedural barriers to joining and remaining within the profession.”

After one and half years of engaging on the topic of alternative paths to licensure in Minnesota – at the board level, with a task force, and in seeking comments and perspectives from the full membership – the AIA Minnesota Board of Directors voted on December 22 to approve the following policy statement: *AIA Minnesota supports the creation and implementation of equivalent, equitable pathways to architect licensure in Minnesota, including options equivalent to a NAAB-accredited degree, in order to: (a) Expand access to the profession; and (b) Mitigate and remove barriers becoming an architect in Minnesota, while maintaining significant rigor and focus on protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public.* Both the substance and volume of the arguments made by nearly 200 members who weighed in were considered by the board and informed this final language. During the first few months of 2024, the AIA Minnesota Board of Directors will take up the question of whether and how we will further explore this issue in the near term, especially in the context of a rulemaking process within the Minnesota Board of AELSLAGID that is anticipated to begin in late January and to last for two years. As we learn more from the licensing board and the AIA Minnesota board determines its next steps, we will do our best to keep the full membership and key stakeholders informed.

“Strengthen the business, working conditions, and culture of architecture.”

AIA Minnesota’s 6+ year effort focused on cultivating culture change in the profession of architecture continued in 2023, with the Community of Practice for Culture Change and the National Intercultural Leadership Program both going strong. In the realm of strengthening the business of architecture, however, our hopes were dashed for a jump start to this work through access to business-focused training content via ACSA/NCARB-developed online modules – our request was denied in Summer of 2023. However, national AIA President Kimberly Dowdell, AIA, NOMA, is bringing a business focus to her 2024 AIA presidency and AIA Minnesota will be exploring new programming focused on the business of architecture that complements AIA’s efforts, including a potential reboot of the Mastering the Future Business of Architecture (MFBA) program, convening members to examine alternative business models, and anticipating AI’s potential to reshape architectural practice.

“Make design for climate change foundational.”

Huge leaps forward were accomplished in 2023 in the realm of climate action supported by our legislative advocacy efforts, including acceleration of changes to Minnesota’s commercial energy code. [Read more »](#)

CALL TO ACTION

Firm Assessments Due January 31

Attention Firm Principals and Marketing Staff: Firm Assessments have been emailed to the firm contacts and are due on January 31, 2024. Firm Directory Profile Questionnaires will be emailed in early January 2024. Firms must pay 2024 Firm Assessments and complete the Firm Directory Profile Questionnaire in order to be listed in the AIA Minnesota Firm Directory that will be published in an annual print publication of ENTER and on the AIA Minnesota website.



Volunteer for Search for Shelter 2024

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, volunteer architects, landscape architects, interior designers, and students create pro bono solutions for design projects submitted by Minnesota affordable housing and/or homeless nonprofit 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.

Kickoff event: Friday, February 2

5:00 pm, University of Minnesota Rapson Hall (dinner provided)

Meet your team and client, and plan your work

Virtual/team-scheduled work February 3-10

Closing presentation: Saturday, February 10

1:00 pm, Dunwoody College of Technology

Present your work and meet with your client

Students and architects at all levels of experience are welcome to join a team and share your expertise with nonprofits. [Volunteer »](#)

Creating a Sustainability Action Plan That Works

Wednesday, January 17, 4:30 pm

Crown Roller Mill Building

Is creating a Sustainability Action Plan (SAP) a barrier preventing your small or medium-size firm from joining the AIA 2030 Commitment? Not sure where to start, or do you have a draft SAP, but haven't been able to finish? Do you have a great SAP that you want to share with others?

Join us for an in-person how-to work session. We will demo two new SAPs in progress by local small firms, and each attendee will then workshop their own or in groups. The goal of an SAP is to identify areas of focus in sustainable design in which you want your firm to do better, along with concrete strategies for improving. This workshop is primarily intended for small firms and solo practitioners, led by architects in various stages of completing theirs, but practitioners from firms of any scale are welcome. You need not have participated in the previous Building Green Workshops to benefit from this session.

Bring your laptop, as the session will include work time for all participants to make progress on their own plans!

Program Presenters:

- Stephanie Howe, AIA
- Kyle Huberty, AIA
- Michael Roehr, AIA

Simona Fischer, AIA, will facilitate the discussion.

[Learn more and register »](#)

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. [Learn more »](#)



ANGIE M
Storyteller

NORTH STAR STORY MAP

Angela McKinley on the Rose
Warner Coliseum at the Minnesota
State Fairgrounds

North Star Story Map Story Feature: Angie McKinley on Rose Warner Coliseum

“As a girl, my only and biggest dream was to own a horse of my own, so my annual visit to the Coliseum at the Minnesota State Fair was a chance to imagine that dream was a reality. Watching the equestrians compete, smelling the barn smells, and staring at all of the horses being led into and out of the building allowed me to fully immerse myself in the world of horses for a few hours. Stepping into the building transported me to another reality.” [Keep reading »](#)

A collaboration between AIA Minnesota and the Minnesota Historical Society, the [North Star Story Map](#) is a new storytelling platform for people to share their personal stories of the built spaces in Minnesota that hold special meaning to them.

[Click here to share your own story »](#)

[Click here to read stories on the site »](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minneapolis Fed Construction Sector Survey Results

The Minneapolis Fed conducted its quarterly Construction Industry Survey in November of 2023 and did a webinar sharing results in December. [View the webinar »](#)

The Fed also completed a summary of results. [View the summary »](#)

AGC Construction Industry Survey Results

The Associated General Contractors of Minnesota produced its annual industry assessment in the fall of 2023, and issued its report in December. [View the report »](#)



The Lake Superior Design Retreat (LSDR) is coming soon!

Mark your calendar now for **February 23 & 24, 2024**, at a NEW venue: [Zeitgeist Arts](#) in Duluth!

Confirmed speakers so far:

- [Alejandra Peña-Gutiérrez](#), Weisman Art Museum director
- [Tenna Florian, FAIA](#), a partner and co-leader of the [Lake|Flato](#)'s Eco-Conservation Studio
- [Jon Hallberg, MD](#), whose talk will focus on the influence of design on the practice of medicine

A block of rooms has been reserved for LSDR attendees at the [Sheraton Duluth Hotel](#) (right across the street from Zeitgeist) at a rate of \$179 per night. This block is available through January 23, 2024. [Make your reservation now »](#)

More details will be available soon. Make sure you're on [our mailing list](#) to be the first to hear updates and when registration opens.

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2024 ENTER Print Annual Publication – coming out in April! 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. Watch for details on advertising and directory information to come or contact [Pam Nelson](#) to reserve your space for the 2024 issue now.

LEADERSHIP FORUM

LEADERSHIP

F O R U M

Congratulations to our 16 participants of the 2024 Leadership Forum!

Becky Alexander, AIA, LHB
Stefan Balaz, AIA, Alliance
Jennifer Books, AIA, Miller Dunwiddie
Jason Dannenbring, AIA, Snow Kreilich Architects
Shida Du, AIA, NOMA, Perkins&Will
Angela Enroth, AIA, Metropolitan Airports Commission
Kat Hughes, Assoc. AIA, Snow Kreilich Architects
Craig Hutchinson, AIA, HGA
Nick Kineke, AIA, RoehrSchmitt Architecture
Jackie Miller, AIA, RSP Architects
Joseph Miller, AIA, RSP Architects
Casie Radford, AIA, MacDonald & Mack Architects
Jonathan Rozenbergs, AIA, Alliance
Christina Stark, AIA, Snow Kreilich Architects
Kyle Tornow, AIA, RSP Architects
Brandon Weis, AIA, Alliance

The advisors for this year's Leadership Forum are **Steven Wolf, AIA**, and **Stephanie Howe, AIA**. The advisors attend each session and serve as the glue that helps tie each session to one another. The advisors address any questions or facilitate any discussions that come from the cohort in between sessions. Thank you to Steve and Stephanie!

MINNESOTA ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION



Ralph Rapson
Traveling Study
Fellowship

Ralph Rapson Traveling Study Award Information

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation is pleased to announce the 2024 Ralph Rapson Traveling Study Award (RRTSA) competition details and invite potential competitors to join us for an information session on January 18!

Join MAF board members and past participants and recipients to better understand the details of the competition. This informal session will diffuse misconceptions, clarify who's eligible to participate, discuss how a design concept is formed, provide tips on planning your time, review the submission process, and answer all of your questions. [Learn more](#) about the competition and

attend the information session on January 18 – attendance is welcome virtually and in person and will be recorded! [RSVP to attend the session »](#)

- Application period: January 8 – February 15
- Information session: January 18, 4:00-5:30 pm at Perkins&Will
- Competition dates: Thursday, February 22 - Tuesday, March 5
- Initial jury: Thursday, March 14
- Final jury: Thursday, March 28

CONTINUING EDUCATION



MINNESOTA ENERGY CODE AND RULE MAKING UPDATE

Friday, January 12, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

2.0 HSW LUs

[Register »](#)

The update will be presented virtually by Greg Metz, Assistant Director, State Building Official, Department of Labor and Industry.

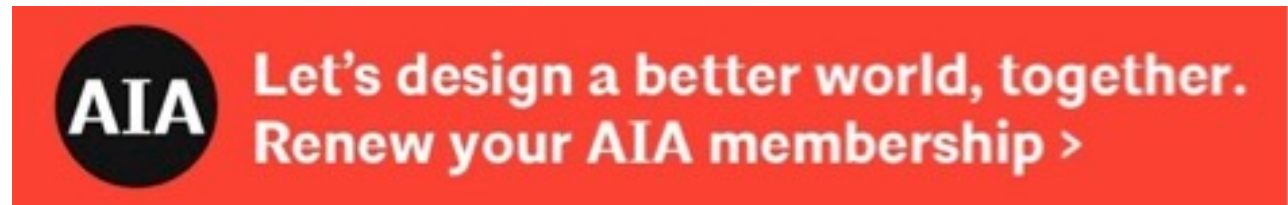
Minnesota is adopting the 2019 ASHRAE 90.1 Standard as the model for the 2024 Minnesota Commercial Energy Code, effective as of January 5, 2024. The two-hour program will highlight changes between the current energy code and the new energy code. In addition, the Minnesota State Legislature passed bills for rule making that will affect the Minnesota State Building Code and the course will review changes to the building code and new requirements. Rule changes include requirements for electric vehicle charging facilities, modifications to window cleaning safety requirements, and the addition of requirements for adult-sized changing facilities in some occupancy classifications.

New On-Demand Webinars Available in 2024

Four programs were recorded at the A'23 MN Conference with the plan to make them available as on-demand webinars. When available, details will be posted [here](#).

Questions? Contact [Deanna Christiansen](#).

AIA NATIONAL



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE JANUARY 15. [LEARN MORE »](#)

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. [Learn more »](#)

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 »](#)

YAF NOW YA KNOW NEWSLETTER

The December Young Architects Forum (YAF) newsletter includes facts and figures on YAF activities in 2023, as well as a look ahead to 2024 programming. [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 Education Facility 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

NO LUNCHEON IN JANUARY

MINNEAPOLIS PRESERVATION AWARDS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Organizers of the Minneapolis Preservation Awards are pleased to announce that they are

accepting nominations for the annual award program recognizing outstanding preservation work in the City of Minneapolis. This year's categories include projects involving preservation, restoration, adaptive reuse, new construction in historic districts, small project detail gems, advocacy, education, and career achievement for an individual. Projects in all categories must have been completed within the last 5 years. Submitting is completely free and final **submissions are due on Friday, February 10, 2023.**

[Learn more about submitting a project, a detail gem, a person or program »](#)

Save the Date: Awards celebration will be held on the evening of Wednesday, March 15 at The Capri Theater.

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

NO DRAUGHTING CLUB IN JANUARY



Thank you to everyone who joined us for the AIA Northern Minnesota hard-hat tour of the Armory and annual dinner in December! It was a wonderful time celebrating this year's successes.

AIA ST. PAUL

AIA ST. PAUL CHAPTER CALLS FOR COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN MENTORSHIP SURVEYS

The AIA St. Paul Chapter invites your valued participation in a pivotal initiative centered around mentorship. Your insights are crucial as they will serve as the foundation for the impactful work of our Mentorship Taskforce.

How You Can Contribute

Two surveys have been crafted to capture the diverse perspectives within our community:

- [For Mentors and Staffing Managers at Firms »](#)
- [For Mentees »](#)

If you fall within both categories, we encourage you to share your valuable input on both surveys. The commitment required is minimal, with each survey anticipated to take no more than 5-10 minutes of your time.

Why Your Participation Matters

Your input is the driving force behind informed recommendations. By participating, you directly contribute to shaping the future of mentorship within our professional community.

How to Get Involved

Visit the survey links above to complete the surveys and ensure your voice is heard.

About the Mentorship Taskforce

The Mentorship Taskforce, lead by **Dantes Ha, Assoc. AIA**, and **Ryan Rademacher, AIA**, is dedicated to fostering a culture of mentorship within our architecture community. Your feedback will guide their efforts to create impactful and relevant recommendations for the betterment of our profession. Your contribution is invaluable, and we thank you for your time and commitment to AIA MN. Please reach out to [Dantes Ha](#) with questions.



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AIA ST. PAUL PRIZE ANNOUNCEMENT

AIA St. Paul is delighted to announce the results of this year's AIA St. Paul Prize competition. The jury this year comprised of **James Garrett Jr., FAIA, NOMA, Mychal Baston,** and **Dionne Gharamu** from NEOO Partners, **Andrew Gardner, AIA,** and **Michael Hara, AIA.** The jury was selected based on two criteria: their proximity and familiarity with the competition site, and their previous success with design competitions.

In an unprecedented move, the jurors have decided to award two 1st prizes to **Oleg Koslovski, AIA,** and **Tim Shortreed, AIA.** Oleg's submission impressed the panel with its bold conceptualization and meticulously crafted graphics. Equally noteworthy was Tim's proposal, celebrated for its light and elegant approach to the site. It's rare to have two winners, rarer still that the ideas are so different from one another. This really speaks to the quality of Tim and Oleg's proposals. Both Oleg Koslovski and Tim Shortreed, will have the unique opportunity to present their visionary proposals at AIA St. Paul's upcoming Food for Thought seminar, details of which will be released soon.

The jury also extends its acknowledgment to the two other finalists, **Kenos Leong** and **Alyssa Maristela, AIA,** for their commendable contributions to the competition. To celebrate the exceptional talent showcased in the competition, all finalists' and winners' boards will be featured on the AIA St. Paul website. This virtual exhibition allows a broader audience to appreciate the innovative ideas that came out of this two-and-a-half-week competition.

COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES

ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

The ALA Committee is open to new members. Please reach out to [Deanna Christiansen](#) if interested, or use the link above to attend the February meeting.

ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 11, 8:30 am
[Virtual Meeting](#)

The AIS Committee is open to new members joining us as we have reconvened and are in the planning stages for 2024! Please reach out to [PaviElle French](#) if you are interested, or feel free to register and attend the meeting.

BUILDING CODES KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

OPEN FORUM
Wednesday, January 10, 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.

The Building Codes KC is open to new members. Please reach out to [Deanna Christiansen](#) if interested, or use the link above to register and attend the January meeting.

COMMITTEE ON DESIGN

Thursday, January 11, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

The Committee on Design is open to new members. Please reach out to [Chris Hudson](#) if interested, or use the link above to register and attend the January meeting.

COMMITTEE ON EQUITY IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT (EBE)

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

Tuesday, January 16, 3:30 pm

[Virtual meeting](#)

The EBE Committee is open to new members joining us and helping actualize our plans to engage in community-based equity events in the new year! Please reach out to [PaviElle French](#) if you are interested, or feel free to register and attend the meeting.

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COTE)

NO MEETING IN JANUARY

Committee leaders encourage you to attend the **Minnesota Energy Code Update** session, led by Greg Metz, Minnesota's State Building Official. [Learn more »](#)

Next Committee Meeting:

Friday, February 9, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

The Committee on the Environment is open to new members joining us in the new year! Please reach out to [Sheri Hansen](#) if you are interested, or feel free to register and attend the meeting.

COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Monday, January 8, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Join us to set the stage for our discussions in 2024! We will bring forward and brainstorm on the pressing topics facing our organizations and prioritize our focus. Hope you can join us!

The Council of Firms Knowledge Community provides a forum for firm owners and principals to advance the profession and their own practices through collegial sharing of ideas, knowledge, and best practices. If you are a firm owner or principal and would like to be added to this KC's email list, please reach out to [Deanna Christiansen](#).

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 9, 12:00 pm (meetings are held quarterly)

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Join our first committee meeting of the year where we will focus our conversation on yearly goals, topic orientation for the year, and future event planning for the committee. We will plan to discuss current EPC projects like the Emerging Professional friendly firm award and our work on mentorship within the AIA along with new areas of interest like Downtown Next and the role of AI in the emerging professional experience. All are welcome!

The Emerging Professionals Committee is open to new members. Please reach out to [Deanna Christiansen](#) if interested, or use the link above to register and attend the January meeting.



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, January 26, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

The *ENTER* committee is open to new members. Please reach out to [Chris Hudson](#) if interested, or use the link above to register and attend the January meeting.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 16, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

The Government Affairs Committee is open to new members joining us and helping bring our policy agenda to life in 2024! Please reach out to [Sheri Hansen](#) if you are interested, or feel free to register and attend the meeting.

HEALTH DESIGN KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Thursday, January 25, 4:00 pm (tentative)

[Virtual Meeting](#)

The goal of this knowledge community is to create a network of individuals engaged in healthcare design for the purpose of sharing knowledge, and to establish a regional presence for the Academy of Architecture for Health (AAH). If you'd like to be on the mailing list for upcoming meetings, please reach out to [Deanna Christiansen](#).

HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 7, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Search for Shelter 2024

Friday, February 2 - Saturday, February 10

The event will include in-person kickoff and closing events, with the work of each team conducted virtually or in a hybrid format as chosen by the team. Students and architects at all levels of experience are welcome to join a team and share your expertise with nonprofits.

[Volunteer »](#)

The Housing Advocacy Committee is open to new members joining us and helping us accomplish our work in the new year! Please reach out to [Sheri Hansen](#) if you are interested, or feel free to register and attend the meeting.

LAKE SUPERIOR DESIGN RETREAT COMMITTEE

Monday, February 19, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

[Crown Roller Mill Building](#), First Floor Conference Room

The LSDR Committee is responsible for organizing this annual weekend event. The committee welcomes new members, please reach out to [Deanna Christiansen](#) if interested.

MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM COMMITTEE (MDT)

NO COMMITTEE MEETING IN JANUARY

MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM RETREAT: LIFE CYCLE HOUSING

Saturday, January 27, 8:30 am

[Alliance](#)

Join MDT for their annual January retreat, this year focused on the subject of life-cycle housing in rural Minnesota. [Learn more and register »](#)

RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 6, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Virtual Info Meeting: AIA Minnesota Residential Architecture Publicity Opportunities

Overview

Wednesday, January 17, 3:00–4:00 pm

[Register »](#)

Need a refresher on the ways you can publicize your projects and your firm through AIA Minnesota programs? Has it been a few years since you participated in one of these opportunities? Join us for a virtual info meeting for an overview of our residential architecture publicity opportunities, including our newly revised residential architect awards.

Submit your project to the MSP Home Tour — AIA Minnesota members now receive discounted rate!

New this year, AIA Minnesota members are eligible for the NARI member tour participation rate. Deadline to submit your project has been extended to January 29. Contact [Margaret Griffith](#) with questions. [Learn more »](#)

The Residential Architecture Committee is open to new members! Join us to connect with your peers working in residential design, discuss issues related to your work, weigh in residential program planning, and more. Please reach out to [Ann Mayhew](#) if you are interested, or feel free to register and attend the meeting.

TECHNOLOGY IN ARCHITECTURE PRACTICE KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

NO COMMITTEE MEETING IN JANUARY

This KC is open to new members. If you are interested, please reach out to [Deanna Christiansen](#).

WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 17, 12:00 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

The Women in Architecture Committee is open to new members joining us in the new year! Please reach out to [Sheri Hansen](#) if you are interested, or feel free to register and attend the meeting.

PEOPLE & FIRMS

Mia Blanchett, FAIA, is the CEO of **HGA Architects & Engineers**. [Learn more »](#)

Terri Ulrick, AIA, is the President and CEO of **BWBR**. [Learn more »](#)

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Catherine Groth, Assoc. AIA
Sophie Hollander, Assoc. AIA

Julia Severson, AIA

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS



Showcase Your Talent!
Share your renovation project, generate leads, and build community!

2024 Tour Dates:
April 27 - 28, 2024
11 AM - 5 PM

Rates:
\$1,800 - NARI members
\$2,400 - Non-NARI members
All members will receive NARI rate

Enter your project by Jan. 17th, 2024
Submit at [mshometour.com](#)

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[Learn more »](#)

2024 MINNESOTA CONSTRUCTION SUMMIT January 17-18 2024

[River Centre](#)

Please join us for the industry event of the year, bringing together construction industry professionals for two days of inspiration, education, and networking! [Learn more »](#)

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 fall. 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 [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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