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Wins and Losses

by Mary-Margaret Zindren, EVP/Executive Director



The world of legislative advocacy from the outside – for those who don’t spend their days and nights at the Capitol each winter and spring – is mainly seen as a scoreboard. We count the wins and losses for “our side.” We note the stats – how big the wins and losses were. All the markers of a game where one team is pitted against the other.

If we look at the recent Minnesota legislative session in this way, it was a decent win for AIA Minnesota – and hard fought for. After the legislature adjourned its regular session with much left to do, the word from staffers and in news reports was that a bonding bill wasn’t going to happen. We did one final push and got more media coverage and sent a compelling plea to legislative leaders.

In the end, we were heard. We did get a bonding bill. While much smaller than we would have liked, it restarts the pipeline of building projects. And because passing a bonding bill requires a supermajority, and therefore people to come together across party lines, it sustained some hope that work across the political aisle for the greater good remains possible.

What the insiders know is that legislative advocacy is less about the numbers and more about the relationships. This is why the COVID-19 pandemic was so hard. Legislators and staffers and advocates missed being able to connect with each other in passing. In the corridors. Waiting in line for coffee. Waiting for a hearing to start. Just connecting like people, rather than as adversaries.

The humanity of those who work in legislative affairs is what has been foremost in our minds in mourning the loss of Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and her husband Mark Hortman, and as we pray for the full recovery of Senator John Hoffman and his wife Yvette Hoffman.

Speaker Emerita Hortman was a great legislative leader. Pragmatic, principled, respected by those whom she disagreed with, beloved by her collaborators and her constituents. Her death will leave a leadership void at the Capitol at a time when her way of leading is so needed. Her assassination, and the attempted and planned assassinations of other political and policy leaders, will have ripple effects for decades to come.

It is so tempting to hunker down in response. To make our bubbles tighter. To see these tragic events as pure loss and the end of civility in politics.

But if Speaker Emerita Hortman were here to lead us through this time, she would likely urge us to do the opposite. She would lift up the acts of grace and kindness that have shone through and insist on a better way forward. Where we all do better in working through conflict to find reasonable resolution.

Where no matter what the scoreboard says, we all win because of how we treat each other – like people. People who bake cakes and pet dogs and love our children. People who see the best in one another, even and especially during the worst of times.

As for us at AIA Minnesota, we will continue our relationship-focused approach to advocacy, engaging respectfully with all – especially those with whom we disagree. We will engage with a renewed sense of purpose and commitment and humanity, inspired by hers.

CALL TO ACTION



Firm Award Submissions Open July 7

The AIA Minnesota Firm Award, given biennially, is among the highest honors bestowed by the association, recognizing an AIA Minnesota member firm that has made outstanding contributions to the advancement of the profession of architecture.

The Firm Award program will accept entries between **Monday, July 7**, and **Friday, August 29**, at **12:00 pm CST**. [Learn more »](#)

Honor Awards Open House

Thursday, August 7, 4:00 pm

[Register »](#)

Is your firm planning to submit a project or two to the 2025 AIA Minnesota Honor Awards program? If so, please join us for this virtual informational open house.

VJAA's Jennifer Yoos, FAIA, and **HGA's Nat Madson, AIA**, will share their approaches to creating award-winning entries.

Submissions for the 2025 Honor Awards will open on **August 1** and close at **12:00 noon CST on Friday, September 26**. [Learn more »](#)

Collaborative Achievement Awards Open for Submissions

Through the Collaborative Achievement Awards program, AIA Minnesota recognizes individuals and organizations for exceptional contributions to AIA, the profession, or the quality of the built environment.

Submissions are due **Friday, July 18, at 12:00 pm (noon) CST**. [Learn more and submit »](#)

Louis Lundgren Award for Service Open for Submissions

The Louis Lundgren Award for Service recognizes an individual AIA Minnesota member for their prolonged volunteer activism and outstanding contributions to the community and the profession.

Submissions are due **Friday, July 18, at 12:00 pm (noon) CST**. [Learn more and submit »](#)

25 Year Award Open for Submissions

The 25 Year Award recognizes a 25- to 50-year-old building or group of buildings that has stood the test of time. Submitted projects must have been designed by firms with architects registered and practicing professionally in Minnesota.

Submissions are due **Friday, July 18, at 12:00 pm (noon) CST**. [Learn more and submit »](#)



Celebrate with AIA Minnesota in August

Tuesday, August 19, 5:30 pm

Room & Board

[Register »](#)

Join us at the Room & Board showroom in Edina to celebrate AIA Minnesota members who have achieved excellence! At our summer celebration event, 2025

recipients of the following honors will be recognized:

- AIA Fellowship
- AIA National design awards
- Residential Emerging Architect Award
- Next Gen Award
- Young Architects Award
- Louis Lundgren Award for Service
- Collaborative Achievement Award
- Minnesota Architectural Foundation scholarship recipients
- Leadership Forum participants

Enjoy refreshments before and after the program and connect with colleagues. Attendance is free; registration includes a complimentary beverage and a chance to win a \$250 Room & Board gift card.



Homes by Architects Tour

Support your peers in residential architecture and explore the best of home design on this year's [Homes by Architects Tour](#), in person on September 27 & 28 and virtual on September 27–October 12. Tickets will go on sale August 8!

This year's tour features 18 homes, representing 14 architecture firms. [Check out this year's homes and participating firms »](#)

For sponsorship and advertising opportunities, please email [Pam Nelson](#). **Deadline is August 15.**



Inspire Youth in Architecture! Volunteer for August Events

One of the most fun and rewarding ways to get involved is to help out at the Little Africa Festival (Sunday, August 3) or STEM Day at the State Fair (Thursday, August 21)!

Email [Mary-Margaret Zindren](#) for details on both opportunities.

Provide Feedback on Minnesota's Climate Action Framework Draft Action Steps

Minnesota is updating its [Climate Action Framework](#) to include a more comprehensive set of actions with a stronger focus on collaboration, community benefits, and workforce needs. State climate leaders are looking to increase the pace and scale of their actions to achieve a vision of a carbon-neutral, resilient, and equitable Minnesota. The state has further developed a draft list of climate actions to include in the 2025 Climate Action Framework.

Now, we want your feedback on how to improve them. Those interested should review the [Draft Action Steps](#) document and complete the form [here](#) by **Monday, July 21, 2025**.

Unlock Your Next Opportunity with the AIA Minnesota Job Bank

Whether you're seeking a job or looking to hire new employees, the AIA Minnesota Job Bank is your FREE connection to talent and opportunities in Minnesota's architecture and design community.

Firms & Companies: [Start posting your open positions today »](#)

Job Seekers: [Begin your search for your next job now »](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



2025 Legislative Session Ends with Completed Budget, Bonding Bill

The special session held on June 9 resulted in completed budgets and a roughly \$700 million bonding and capital investment package that were passed by both chambers and signed by Governor Walz.

This successful end to a challenging session was overshadowed by the assassination of Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and the shooting of Senator Hoffman. Our hearts go out to everyone touched by this horrible incident of political violence.

The AIA Minnesota advocacy team wishes to again thank all the architects who contributed to our advocacy efforts this year, and we look forward to working with you in the future. If you are interested in learning more about and/or engaging in our advocacy work, please contact [Sheri Hansen](#).



Two Receive 2025 Next Gen Award

Congratulations to **Nathan Anderson, AIA**, and **Debanjana Chatterjee, Assoc. AIA**, recipients of the 2025 Next Gen Award. This recognition is given to recent graduates of an accredited NAAB architecture program who have demonstrated early leadership potential or exceptional service to the AIA, the architecture profession, or the community at large. [Learn more »](#)



Four Receive 2025 Young Architects Award

Congratulations to **Shida Du, AIA, NOMA**, **Wale Falade AIA, NOMA**, **Kelly Martinez, AIA**, and **Justin Wang, AIA, NOMA**, recipients of the 2025 Young Architects Award. This award is given by AIA Minnesota to individuals who, in the early stage of their architecture career, have shown exceptional leadership and made significant contributions to the profession. [Learn more »](#)



MSR Design Receives 2025 AIA Architecture Award for RIDC Mill 19

Congratulations to [MSR Design](#), recipient of a [2025 AIA Architecture Award](#) for RIDC Mill 19. This project was also a [2023 AIA Minnesota Honor Award](#) recipient, a [2023 AIA COTE Top 10 Award](#) recipient, and has been featured in [ENTER](#). [Learn more »](#) (photos by Corey Gaffer)

HGA is Associate Architect on 2025 AIA Architecture Award-Winning U.S. Consulate General in Hyderabad

Congratulations to [HGA](#) on its [2025 AIA Architecture Award](#) as associate architect on the U.S. Consulate General project in Hyderabad, in partnership with Richard Kennedy Architects and Integra. [Learn more »](#)



HGA Receives 2025 Interior Architecture Award for the Blake School Early Learning Center

Congratulations to [HGA](#), recipient of a [2025 AIA Interior Architecture Award](#) for The Blake School Early Learning Center. This project is featured in the [ENTER](#) print annual. [Learn more »](#) (photos by Hall + Merrick + McCaugherty; photo on right by Jasper Lazor)



North Star Story Map

The [North Star Story Map](#) has been in the news! Read [this article](#) in the *Pioneer Press*. AIA Minnesota public outreach manager Ann Mayhew also shared the Story Map [on WCCO](#) and [KARE 11](#), with an upcoming KSTP interview. Keep your eye out for radio, social media, and Metro Transit ads publicizing the Story Map as well! Mayhew and AIA Minnesota EVP Mary-Margaret Zindren also connected with local city leaders from around the state at the League of Minnesota Cities annual conference, sharing the Story Map to encourage submissions and potential activity partnerships.

The North Star Story Map has been working with [Rock County Historical Society](#) on bring the Story Map to life with a mobile, interactive exhibit. Check it out at the [Rock County Fair](#) July 23–26! Stay tuned for more information on other North Star Story Map collaborations, including [Stearns History Museum's](#) Get the Message exhibit and walking tours from [History Center of Freeborn County](#).

Most important, we want to hear your stories about the built spaces in Minnesota that hold meaning for you! Share your story on the North Star Story Map [here](#) and read others' [here](#).

The 2025 ENTER Print Annual

The [2025 ENTER print annual](#) features an array of in-depth articles on the challenges and opportunities in shaping a better built environment for Minnesota. It also includes photo-rich profiles of notable new buildings, a special section on the recipients of 2024 AIA Minnesota design awards, and directories of Minnesota architecture firms and other building-project consultants.

All AIA Minnesota members will receive a copy in the mail. **Check your office mailroom if you do not receive the magazine at home.** The publication can be [purchased](#) online for \$18 plus shipping and



handling. For a discount on bulk orders, email editor [Chris Hudson](#).

ENTERmn.com Advertising Opportunities

Align with great design and cutting-edge features on the built environment in Minnesota. *ENTER* digital ads start at \$495 per week. **Contact [Pam Nelson](#) to reserve your space!**

A'25 MN: THE MINNESOTA CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE



A'25 MN

NOVEMBER 3-5

- Exhibit Hall
- Marketing
- Continuing Education
- Keynotes

A'25 MN Conference: Stay at the Depot for the Full Conference Experience

Ready to elevate your A'25 MN Conference experience? Hotel reservations are now open for the upcoming AIA Minnesota Conference on Architecture! Don't miss out on the chance to enrich your experience by staying right at the Conference hotel, The Depot.

Imagine finishing those inspiring conversations, relaxing and unwinding with friends (and making new ones!), or discussing the day's connections and learnings just steps from your room. Plus, staying at The Depot puts you closer to all the city has to offer, making it easy to take advantage of all things Minneapolis. [Book your stay](#) now and immerse yourself in all the A'25 MN action!

Exhibit and Sponsorship Opportunities

The Minnesota Conference on Architecture takes place at the Depot Minneapolis November 3-5, 2025. Join us for inspiring continuing education opportunities, a reinvigorated exhibit hall experience, great food, a variety of beautiful spaces, and new opportunities to connect with friends and fellow members of Minnesota's architecture community. [Click here](#) for exhibit and sponsorship information. **Reserve your booth now! Limited booths available!**

CONTINUING EDUCATION



Continuing Education

New On-Demand Webinars Now Available

Make use of [AIA Minnesota on-demand webinars](#) and gain new knowledge and apply the credits to meet your CE requirements.

- [Demystifying Decarbonization](#) 1.25 HSW LUs
- [What Would You Do? Navigating the Intersection of Building Codes and Ethics](#) 1.5 HSW LUs and Ethics
- [Ethics in Public Interest Design](#) 2.0 LUs and Ethics
- [Means of Egress: A General Introduction](#) 1.5 HSW LUs
- [Do Designers Know Best? Fighting for the Design Solutions We Believe In](#) 1.25 LUs and Ethics
- [Local Lessons from the COTE Top Ten](#) 1.5 HSW LUs
- [\(Sustainable\) 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
- [Ethical Design in the Era of Climate Change](#) 2.0 HSW LUs and Ethics

Questions? Contact [Deanna Christiansen](#).

LEADERSHIP FORUM



Leadership Forum

The morning of the June Leadership Forum featured four design professionals who were invited to share their leadership stories with attention to when they chose to lead and when they chose not to lead. The panel included **Karen Lu, FAIA, NOMA, Snow Kreilich Architects**; **Sam Olbekson, AIA, AICAE, NOMA, Full Circle Indigenous Planning + Design**; **Alissa Pier, AIA, Robbinsdale Area Schools**; and **Ann Voda, AIA, Miller Dunwiddie**.

The afternoon of this session was led by **Steven Wolf, AIA**, and spent reviewing key themes from the book *Dare to Lead* by Brene Brown. Self-examination was encouraged in order to better understand their own behaviors and motivations and explore ways to incorporate these themes and skills into their leadership practice.

Additional thanks to our 2025 advisors, **Stephanie Howe, AIA**, and **Anna Pravinata, AIA, NOMA**; and to **Cunningham** for the use of their office space.

NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

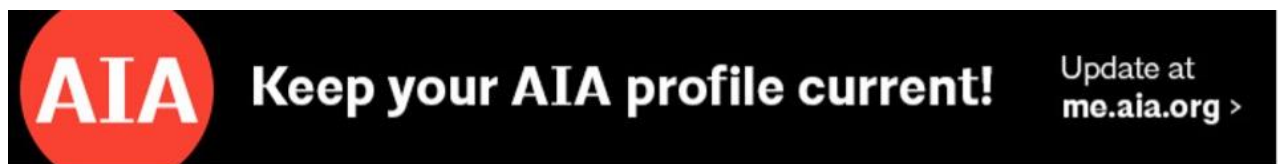
AIA NATIONAL

EXHIBITOR OPPORTUNITY 2025 HUD INNOVATIVE HOUSING SHOWCASE

HUD is accepting housing models and technology demonstrations that the public can tour and interact with. Of particular interest are housing designs and technologies that have the potential to increase supply and lower the cost of construction, and/or reduce housing expenses for owners and renters. Proposals accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis until August 1. [Learn more »](#)

SUBMIT FOR RIVA PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

The RIVA Prize for Excellence in Sustainable Design recognizes projects that demonstrate inventive, integrated, and contextually responsive approaches to sustainability in dynamic, climatic environments. Partnering with AIA Miami, RIVA Spain has offered this prize to AIA Architects throughout the US. Submissions are open to all AIA Architects and their Studios, who present a clear, thoughtful architectural agenda for energy and environment. First prize is a trip for two to Spain! **Submissions due August 22.** [Learn more »](#)



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AIA MINNEAPOLIS



EIGHT PROJECTS WIN AIA MINNEAPOLIS MERIT AWARDS

In late June, AIA Minneapolis announced the winners of the annual [Merit Awards](#), a program that celebrates projects designed by AIA Minneapolis architects that tell a story of excellence beyond design, emphasize public-interest design, and embrace the varied forces that shape a building. Congratulations to this year's recipients:

- **Belfry Apartments and Mixed Use** in Minneapolis, designed by [UrbanWorks Architecture](#)
- **Lake Elmo City Center** in Lake Elmo, Minnesota, designed by [Leo A Daly](#)
- **Minneapolis American Indian Center** in Minneapolis; on this

project, [Cunningham](#) worked as a consultant to [Full Circle Indigenous Planning + Design](#) and was responsible for project design

- **Moona Moono** in Minneapolis, designed by [Keep](#)
- **Oxbow Park Nature Center** in Byron, Minnesota, designed by [Alliance](#)
- **Rudd Public Library** in Rudd, Iowa, designed by [OPN Architects](#)
- **Wake Tech Community College Public Safety Facility** in Wendell, North Carolina, designed by [Leo A Daly](#)
- **We Are Sharing Hope SC** in Charleston, South Carolina, designed by [RSP Architects](#)

The **Minneapolis American Indian Center** and **Rudd Public Library** were named the winners of Michael L. Schrock Merit Awards, special recognition given to the winning projects that best exemplify the spirit of the Merit Awards. [Learn more about the Merit Awards and the 2025 winners »](#)

MID-SUMMER SOCIAL & MERIT AWARDS CELEBRATION

Thursday, July 24, 4:30 pm

Ryan Companies

[Register »](#)

Join AIA Minneapolis at Ryan Companies for [an evening of socializing and awards recognition](#). The event will include a social hour followed by a presentation of the 2025 Merit Awards winners. Light appetizers and alcoholic and nonalcoholic drinks will be served.

LITTLE AFRICA FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERING

Last year at the Festival was a great success, connecting with youth of all ages with a great activity designed by the AIA MN Architecture in the Schools Committee. This year we'll be there during peak activity in the early afternoon of **August 3**. Email [Mary-Margaret Zindren](#) for details.



GOLF OUTING: REGISTER TODAY! The event is SOLD OUT!

Monday, July 28

Majestic Oaks Golf Club

The tournament will include both 18-hole Signature and Crossroads Courses at Majestic Oaks, in Ham Lake, MN. Each hole is sponsored with giveaways and events. Come early for lunch, driving range pro tips, and a putting green contest. BBQ dinner to follow. Join the Minnesota Architectural Foundation board members at two special holes where you will have the chance to show your skill while supporting the Foundation and our budding scholars win! **This event is sold out but the beginner group lesson session is available.**

NEW TO GOLF? You can still participate in our event!

For beginner golfers, we will be hosting a 2 hour group session with a Golf Pro.

Join us at 11:30am for a box lunch and engage with our sponsors. At 1pm you will have a 2 hour

group lesson at the putting green and driving range for the introductory basics of the game of golf. Spend some time practicing after that to finetune your skills. Ask a friend and sign up together! (We need a minimum of 5 participants to host this event.)

Rate: \$120 for AIA MN members; \$160 for non-members

Deadline: July 18th

Email Pam Nelson to register at nelson@aia-mn.org.

This event supports the Minnesota Architectural Foundation.

AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA



GOLF OUTING

Thursday, July 17

[Enger Park Golf Course](#)

1801 W. Skyline Parkway, Duluth

[Register »](#)

Registration is open for the annual AIA Northern Minnesota Golf Fundraiser! Have fun playing 18 holes of golf and raising money for the chapter's scholarship fund. [Registration](#) due July 11.

SAVE THE DATE FOR SUMMER EVENTS:

Thursday, August 21 — CSI Twin Harbors Expo & Boat Cruise

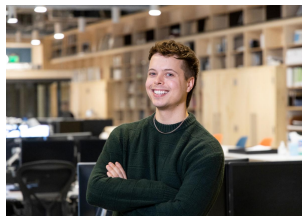
COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES

ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 2, 12:30 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Summer Social on Wednesday, August 13 - Save the date and watch for details coming soon!



2025 ARE Scholarship

Congratulations to Jack Strawn, Assoc. AIA!

Jack Strawn, Assoc. AIA, architectural designer, **Studio BV**, received AIA Minnesota's 2025 ARE Scholarship. Applicants submitted a 300-word essay describing how they hope to bring AIA Minnesota's core values to bear in their work as a licensed architect. Jack's essay stated, "Architecture is like theater – designed for all to enjoy, feel and

experience. I am dedicated to perform for the public through authentic, equitable, collaborative, and integral intent day in and day out." [See the full essay »](#)

ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 10, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

STEM Day at the Fair Volunteering

STEM Day at the State Fair is fast approaching! Join us **August 21** for a few hours of fun with budding architects and designers. Email [Mary-Margaret Zindren](#) for details.

BUILDING CODES KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Wednesday, July 9, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Open Forum: Bring your code questions, experiences, and updates to share.

COMMITTEE ON DESIGN

Thursday, July 10, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

COMMITTEE ON EQUITY IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT (EBE)

Tuesday, July 15, 3:30 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COTE)

Friday, July 11, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Sara Goenner Curlee, AIA, sustainability manager at **Pope Design Group** and former AIA MN COTE Co-Chair, will share information on the MN 2024 Commercial Energy Code testing, verification, and commissioning requirements. We will review the differences between systems, controls, and envelope commissioning, including best practices, common questions, and share experiences on how these additions to the energy code are being interpreted and enforced by AHJs.

COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

CAREER MAPPING

Monday, July 14, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

This topic has been selected for presentation at the A'25 MN Conference. Let's explore the topic at our meeting with conversation about the strategies that we utilize at our firms.

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 8, 12:00 pm (meetings are held quarterly)

[Virtual Meeting](#)

In addition to upcoming events and news, we will be discussing the recently established NextGen Task Force and AIA Minnesota's commitment to supporting young professionals. Stop by to learn what we've been up to!

EPC CONSTRUCTION TOUR OF FRASER HALL

Thursday, July 10, 4:00 pm

Limited to the first 20 registrants.

Sponsored by the AIA MN EPC Committee and the UMN AIAS

[Learn more and register »](#)

Emerging Professionals
**Friendly Firm
Program**

AIA A Collaboration of
AIA Minnesota, AIA North Dakota, AIA South Dakota, & AIA Wisconsin
Emerging Professionals Committee

Does your firm support
young professionals?
Let us know about it!

Consider applying for
the **2025-2026 Award!**

The deadline to apply is September 1st, 2025

**EMERGING PROFESSIONAL FRIENDLY FIRM
PROGRAM**

Application deadline: September 1, 2025

Applications are now open for the 2025-2026 Emerging Professional Friendly Firm Award. This program is a collaboration of four states of AIA emerging professionals: North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota,

and Wisconsin. The deadline to apply is September 1. Encourage your firm to apply to show how your firm's EPs are supported. **[Apply today »](#)**

ENTER COMMITTEE

This committee meets at noon on the fourth Friday of even-numbered months. The next meeting is on August 22.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 15, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 2, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

LAKE SUPERIOR DESIGN RETREAT COMMITTEE

Monday, July 21, 11:30 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Mark your calendars! The 2026 Lake Superior Design Retreat will be on March 6-7.

MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM COMMITTEE (MDT)

NO COMMITTEE MEETING IN JULY

RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

NO COMMITTEE MEETING IN JULY

Did you know our Residential Architecture Committee is a chapter of AIA CRAN, the Custom Residential Architects Network? [Learn more about CRAN and access its forums and resources »](#)

CRAN CONVERSATION SERIES: TALKING CONSTRUCTION COSTS: SETTING EXPECTATIONS & STAYING AHEAD

Join us on July 8 at Fuse in International Market Square for an open discussion on the challenges and opportunities of managing client expectations around construction costs. This discussion will provide a forum to exchange ideas, share experiences, and explore practical strategies to navigate today's complex cost landscape. \$10/person or \$5/emerging professionals. [Learn more and register »](#)

CRAN BEHIND THE BUILD TOUR: WHITE OAKS SAVANNA NEW BUILD

Join us for a CRAN Behind the Build Tour on Friday, July 11, to tour an under-construction home in White Oaks Savanna designed by Spokane, WA, architecture firm [Uptics Studio](#) and built by [Redstone Builders](#). Lunch will be provided, courtesy of [Andersen Windows & Doors](#)! \$25/person or \$5/students and emerging professionals. [Learn more and register »](#)

CRAN SYMPOSIUM

The [CRAN Symposium](#) will be on September 17–20 in Alexandria, VA. Registration will open in July.

WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 16, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

PEOPLE & FIRMS

James Garrett, Jr., FAIA, NOMA, is a 2025 Bush Fellow. [Learn more »](#)

James Garrett, Jr., FAIA, NOMA, Nathan Johnson, FAIA, NOMA, and Eric Goodlow will be honored with MEDA's 2025 Community Builder Entrepreneur Award. [Learn more »](#)

AIA Minnesota president-elect **Phillip Koski, AIA**, has joined **Mead & Hunt** as a senior project architect for aviation.

Sean Wagner, AIA, has retired as CEO of **NewStudio Architects**. **Adam Jarvi, AIA**, will assume the role of CEO.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Keely Ashton, Assoc. AIA
Daniel Banker, Assoc. AIA
Ingrid Blanco-Abundez, Assoc. AIA
Aubrey Chelich, Assoc. AIA
Mahdi Fakhimi, Assoc. AIA
Avena Fromayan, Assoc. AIA
Christina Gallarello, Assoc. AIA
Franco Rodriguez, Assoc. AIA

Gretchen Koncan, Assoc. AIA
Chloe O'Neill, Assoc. AIA
Georgia Perry, Assoc. AIA
Nick Seneczko, Assoc. AIA
Jack Weiler, Assoc. AIA

New Allied Members

Marvin Windows and Doors

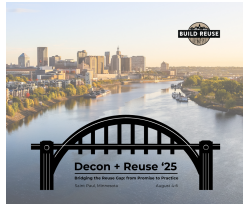
IN MEMORIAM

Bryan Paulsen, AIA, passed away in June 2025. [Learn more »](#)

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS

[NCARB LICENSING ADVISORS SUMMIT JULY 24-26 »](#)

[IMAGINING FUTURE CITIES EXHIBIT JUNE 21 - SEPTEMBER 14 »](#)



[BUILD REUSE'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE](#) is being held in St. Paul this year, August 4 - 6. This is the only North American conference focused explicitly on reuse in the built environment. This three-day, 30-session conference is a great opportunity for architects and designers to learn how to incorporate reused materials into their projects and network with subject matter experts. **AIA Minnesota members can use the code Lakes for a \$50 discount on a full conference registration.** [Learn more »](#)

RETHOS DECONSTRUCTION ACADEMY SEEKS SURVEY PARTICIPATION

As part of the Deconstruction Academy, we're gathering data to determine a baseline of deconstruction knowledge among various groups involved in the construction industry. One of the groups we're focusing on is architects and designers. Could you share a brief survey with your members? A follow-up survey would be sent out at the end of the grant term (Spring 2027) to determine understanding of deconstruction over time. **Deadline is Friday, July 18.** [Take the survey »](#)

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.



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