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We've Moved to Riverplace!

Mary-Margaret Zindren, Hon. AIA MN, EVP/Executive Director



Our move to Riverplace Main Hall, Suite #238 – a cozy nook designed by Alchemy – is a big change – and already proving to be a good one.

It is set within massive complex of airy, bustling community spaces, redesigned beautifully during the pandemic by Perkins&Will and set in an urban neighborhood alive with students, remote workers and their dogs, and people meeting up for coffee, a drink, or dinner and/or a movie. During every day of our first six days at Riverplace, we have run into members of the architecture community at FRGMNT coffee shop, which is just below our office in the atrium. Each time, they came over for a visit. It's a great new reality.

The downsizing of the office space itself reflects much of the way work has changed in the last decade. At only 750 square feet, the new space is three times smaller than the former Crown Roller Mill space. It celebrates the joy of architecture, the value of design, and presents a compelling and legible story about what architects do to make a difference. The strategy of re-use is both low-carbon and a materially low-cost solution that both conserved resources and raised community involvement. We hope it creates inspiration for similar process-focused work.

The office is the result of collective efforts of Alchemy team members and other architects, designers, students, and industry partners who sought out materials for creative reuse, offered up remnants, and shared ideas. Alchemy was joined in design workshops by community members **Kyjuann Cager, Assoc. AIA**, **Steven Esparza, Assoc. AIA**, and **Tyler Whitehead, AIA**.

It's also the result of an adaptive contractor – RJM – rolling with a process that required more flexibility and communication to effectively utilize reuse materials. There is a unique architectural element that defines the space: a wooden scrim made from reclaimed Minnesota hardwoods, procured by **Jacob Mans, AIA**, founder of the Decentralized Design Lab – scrap that would otherwise have gone

unused. Fabricated in collaboration with University of Minnesota architecture and interior design students **Ben Christenson, Sawyer Eidem, Fullah Hazazi, Reagan Olm, and Nora Rosemeier**, the scrim enclosure is both substantial and light. It divides the common space from individual workspaces while also providing porosity and sightlines throughout the whole.

The lights affixed to the ceiling above the scrim are a mix of those simply left in place from the previous tenant and high-quality Juno track lighting harvested by LumberStash salvage during the demolition of the Juut salon in St.

Paul. Repurposed kitchen flooring was provided by Elea Healy Remodelists. Carpet is from remnants purchased at ReStore, and butcher-block and Richlite countertops, plywood, furnishings, sink, and faucet were sourced at other reuse centers and from Alchemy's own stock.

The Wabi-Sabi nature of these rough and mismatched items is balanced out by refined pieces provided at deep discount by **Cheryl Fosdick, Assoc. AIA's Lum Studio** in Duluth – pendant and table lamps and a Blu Dot table. There is also a quiet space made of Kalwall – donated by W.H. Hall – and a salvaged sliding door from a reuse center that can be closed off to dampen sound. Donations of cabinet pulls from the Knobbery and primer and paint from Diamond Vogel helped to finish off the space. And we repurposed desks, chairs, storage, and the refrigerator from the CRM office.

The interwoven pieces of wood and the found materials of various types and textures create a whole that is both eclectic and intentional, and surrounds an open meeting and conversation space at the center. This scrim room is both ordered and informal, with light filtering through the ceiling like that in the forest. It is our nest. YOUR nest. A nurturing safe haven meant to hold staff, members, students, and visitors alike.

Many, many thanks to Alchemy team members – **Geoff Warner, FAIA, Souliyah Keobounpheng, Rowan Freeman, Michelle Wood, Assoc. AIA, and Eric Winter, AIA** – to RJM, and to all who put their creativity, expertise, time and materials toward this effort! And special thanks to our staff team and to Deputy Director Amber Allardyce, Hon. AIAMN, in particular, who organized all aspects of the move.

Stop on by – we look forward to seeing you!

CALL TO ACTION



Celebrate with AIA Minnesota on August 26

Wednesday, August 26, 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, 2026 recipients of the following honors will be recognized:

- AIA Fellowship
- AIA National design awards
- Residential Architect of Distinction Award
- Next Gen Award
- Young Architect Award
- Louis Lundgren Award for Service
- Collaborative Achievement Award

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.

Equity and the Minneapolis Skyways Tour & Talk and Social/Debrief

Wednesday, July 15, 2026, 3:30 pm

[Register »](#)

How does equity in the built environment relate to the Minneapolis skyway system? Explore the past and present of the skyways, and what a more equitable future skyway system might look like.

Reflect on your personal experience of the skyways and recognize how others experience the skyways differently. How does utilization differ pre- and post-pandemic, and who has disproportionately experienced negative impacts? How does ownership and financial influence over the skyway system shape its design and potential improvements? How much of the skyway experience relates to one's

gender, race, sexual orientation, disability status, immigration or resident status, housing vulnerability, etc.?

Join members of the AIA Minnesota Equity in the Built Environment (EBE) Committee in exploring these questions through a tour-and-talk format, followed by a social debrief.

The tour route will start at the new Minneapolis Public Service Building, 505 4th Ave. South, Minneapolis (main lobby at the base of the stairs) and make our way throughout downtown skyways, ending up at Lyon's Pub, 16 South 6th Street, Minneapolis.



STEM Day at the State Fair – Volunteers needed!

The most wonderful day of the year is nearly here! STEM Day at the Minnesota State Fair is on Thursday, August 27. AIA Minnesota has again been selected to host a booth to introduce K-12 youth to architecture, design, and what architects do. We have slots still available for all volunteer shifts (7:00 - 10:00 am; 9:45 am - 12:45 pm; 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm; 3:15 - 5:45 pm). Come for the hands-on activities and the joy of sparking interest in architecture, stay for the State Fair! (Ticket and AIA Minnesota T-shirt included). Email [Mary-Margaret Zindren, Hon. AIAMN](mailto:Mary-Margaret.Zindren@aiamn.org) with your shift availability.

Gold Medal Submissions Open July 6

The AIA Minnesota Gold Medal recognizes one individual or a pair of individuals (living or deceased) whose work has made lasting contributions to the field of architecture.

The Gold Medal program will accept entries between **Monday, July 6, and Friday, August 28, at 12:00 pm CST.** [Learn more »](#)

Collaborative Achievement Awards Open for Submissions

Through the Collaborative Achievement Awards program, AIA Minnesota celebrates people and organizations whose exceptional work strengthens AIA, shapes the

future of architecture, and enhances the built environment.

Submissions due **Friday, July 17, at 12:00 noon CST.** [Learn more and submit »](#)

Louis Lundgren Award for Service Open for Submissions

Louis Lundgren Award for Service recipients are honored for their sustained and effective volunteer leadership as citizen architects and are widely respected by their peers for their commitment to service.

Submissions due **Friday, July 17, at 12:00 noon CST.** [Learn more and submit »](#)

25 Year Award Open for Submissions

The 25 Year Award recognizes completed building projects—either individual buildings or groups of buildings—finished between 25 and 50 years ago. Eligible projects must have been designed by firms with architects registered and professionally practicing in Minnesota.

This award honors one exemplary architectural project that has stood the test of time and continues to demonstrate excellence in architectural design and significance—both in its original context and by today's standards.

Submissions due **Friday, July 17, at 12:00 noon CST.** [Learn more and submit »](#)

Honor Awards Open House

Thursday, August 6, 4:00 pm

[Register »](#)

Is your firm planning to submit a project or two to the 2026 AIA Minnesota Honor Awards program? If so, please join us for this virtual informational open house. HDR's **Isaac Bros, AIA**, and Snow Kreilich Architects' **Mary Springer, AIA**, will share their firms' approaches to creating award-winning entries.

Submissions for the 2026 Honor Awards will open on **August 3** and close at **12:00 noon CST on Friday, September 25.** [Learn more »](#)



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 19 and 20 and virtual on September 19–October 4. Tickets will go on sale August 7!

This year's tour features 12 homes, representing nine architecture firms: [Albertsson Hansen Architecture and Interior Design](#), [David Heide Design Studio](#), [E.J. Hansen, AIA](#), [Rehkamp Larson Architects](#), [SALA Architects](#), [Snow Kreilich Architects](#), [Still Weather Projects](#), Twelve12 Architecture + Interior Design, and [VJAA](#). NEW this year! We're piloting an expansion to Rochester! [Check out this year's homes and participating firms »](#)

GET INVOLVED AS A SPONSOR AND EXHIBITOR

Showcase your products and services to tour attendees! [Register now](#) for sponsorship and advertising opportunities.

A'26 MN: THE MINNESOTA CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE



Get Involved as a Sponsor and Exhibitor

Join AIA Minnesota for the single largest annual event in the Midwest for architects, engineers, contractors, designers, and building industry professionals! A'26 MN Conference returns to Depot Minneapolis November 9-11.

Exhibit and sponsor at this year's annual conference to showcase your products and services to AIA Minnesota members. Over 1,000+ attendees will attend to earn continuing education credits, attend keynote presentations, and network with exhibitors.

Booths and sponsor opportunities are filling up—register today! [Learn more and register »](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



David O'Brien Wagner, AIA, Receives Residential Architect of Distinction Award

Congratulations to **David Wagner, AIA**, 2026 recipient of the AIA Minnesota Residential Architect of Distinction Award. [Learn more about this](#)



Minnesota Architecture Firms Win Seven AIA National Design Awards

Congratulations to [VJAA](#) (for 825 Arts and Lindsay Boathouse), [HGA](#) (for the Jackson Hole History Museum and Marlboro Music Reich Hall), [OPN Architects](#) (for Marion Fire Station #1), and [Snow Kreilich Architects](#) (for River Hub at Graco Park) for their seven project awards at AIA 27! [Learn more about each project and award »](#)

MSR Design Receives ALA/IIDA Library Interior Design Award

Congratulations to [MSR Design](#), recipient of a 2026 AALA/IIDA Library Interior Design Award for the Lincoln City Libraries Central Library adaptive reuse project. [Learn more »](#)



Congratulations to Amber Allardyce, Hon. AIAMN, on 25 Years of Service

The staff and members of AIA Minnesota congratulate Deputy Executive Director Amber Allardyce, Hon. AIAMN, on 25 years of service at AIA Minnesota. Thanks for your dedication, commitment, and leadership, and here's to many more years to come!

New Office for AIA Minnesota, Local Chapters, and MAF

The new address for AIA Minnesota, AIA Minneapolis, AIA Northern Minnesota, AIA St. Paul, and the Minnesota Architectural Foundation is:

Riverplace Main Hall
43 SE Main Street, Suite 238



Minneapolis, MN 55414

This location in the St. Anthony Main area of Northeast Minneapolis is close to the intersection of Hennepin and Main Street and easily accessible by bus and bike. It is walking distance from many downtown Minneapolis architecture firms, crossing the Hennepin, 3rd Avenue, or Stone Arch bridges. 94 and 35W and 394 are the closest highways, for those traveling from outside Minneapolis.

Parking is easy and convenient. Ramp parking is plentiful and connected indoors at Riverplace SE Garage, located at 30 Second Street SE, Minneapolis. Once you set up your preferred credit card on the parking ramp app or website, you simply drive in and out anytime you visit and you'll be emailed a receipt. Metered parking is also available along Main Street and on nearby streets.

In addition to the many spaces within FRGMNT coffee shop, located just below the AIA Minnesota office in the Riverplace Main Hall, there are additional gathering spaces in the Riverplace complex available for members to use for professional purposes, going through AIA Minnesota. Convenings of 5 to 50+ can be accommodated. Contact [Amber Allardyce, Hon. AIAMN](#), if you are interested. Several are available at no cost; others require a small fee.

AIA Minnesota staff work a hybrid schedule and utilize spaces throughout Riverplace for meetings. We welcome you to stop the office at any time – and if you want to be sure someone is there to connect with you, please reach out to [AIA Minnesota staff](#) in advance.



The 2026 ENTER Print Annual Is Out

The [2026 ENTER print annual](#) features an array of in-depth articles on the challenges and opportunities of shaping a better built environment for Minnesota. It also includes photo-rich profiles of notable new buildings, a special section on the recipients of 2025 AIA Minnesota design awards, and directories of Minnesota architecture firms and other building-project consultants.

All AIA Minnesota members were sent a copy in the mail.

Check your office mailroom if you did 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](#).

Unlock Your Next Opportunity with the 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 »](#)

MINNESOTA ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION



MN Architectural Foundation

Women's Leadership Summit Scholarships

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation's (MAF) Beverly Hauschild-Baron Leadership Fund (BHB Fund) is dedicated to fostering leadership within our architecture community, including through the scholarships to support attending the AIA Women's Leadership Summit (WLS). The BHB Fund will be awarding up to two (2) scholarships in an amount up to \$1,500 each toward expenses to attend the AIA Women's Leadership Summit in Kansas City, November 1-3, 2026. Applications are due by Friday, July 31, 2026! [Learn more about the BHB Fund and apply today »](#)

BHB Celebrations & Support: 25 Years of Architectural Leadership

Join the Minnesota Architectural Foundation (MAF) as we honor Beverly Hauschild-Baron's incredible legacy and look forward to the next 25 years of empowering our architectural community. Here are three ways you can get involved:

BEVERLY HAUSCHILD-BARON FUNDRAISING EVENT

Thursday, July 9, 4:30pm

Miller Dunwiddie, Minneapolis

Connect with colleagues for an evening of conversation, reflection, and community as we celebrate the impact of leadership within our profession. Every contribution helps us build the foundation for the future. [RSVP and share your intention to attend »](#)

CALL FOR ARTISTS: SILENT AUCTION

In honor of Beverly's love for art and hospitality, we are hosting a special silent auction this October at the Riverplace complex. We invite architects and designers to donate original artwork to support the BHB Leadership Fund. [Share a photo and description of the artwork by September 1, 2026 to be reviewed by the selection committee »](#)

CALL FOR MUSICIANS: LIVE PERFORMANCES

We also welcome musical contributions from architects and designers who are musicians and architect-led bands to participate with live musical performances during the event. If you are interested in performing or know of architect/designer musicians or bands who may be interested, [please share the music genre and number of performers by September 1 »](#)



Continuing Education

AIA MINNESOTA ON-DEMAND WEBINARS

Plan to use AIA Minnesota's on-demand webinars to help you meet your continuing education requirements. Twelve on-demand webinars are available and all provide HSW credits, Ethics content, or both. These webinars are recordings from recent AIA Minnesota Conference programs, all of which were highly rated. For more details visit, [AIA Minnesota On-Demand Webinars »](#)

Questions? Contact [Deanna Christiansen, Hon. AIAMN](#)

LEADERSHIP FORUM



Leadership Forum

The June session of the 2026 Leadership Forum was a full day with the morning spent with a panel of four architects and the afternoon spent in a book discussion.

The morning panel included **Simona Fischer, AIA**, MSR Design; **James Garrett, Jr., FAIA, NOMA**, 4RM+ULA; **Sam Olbekson, AIA, AICSA, NOMA**, Full Circle Indigenous Planning; and **Sarah St. Louis, Assoc. AIA**, MG2. Each panelist shared their story of how advocacy has shaped their personal and professional leadership journey. The rest of the morning was spent in breakout sessions where small groups of the cohort met with each of the panelists in order to ask questions and share their own leadership experiences.

As in May, **Steve Wolf, AIA**, of Roers Companies, led the afternoon session, guiding the cohort through discussions, exercises, and role-play focused on key themes from Brené Brown's *Dare to Lead* book. Participants were encouraged to reflect on their behaviors and motivations and consider how to incorporate these themes and skills into their personal leadership practices.

NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

AIA NATIONAL

AIA27 CALL FOR PROPOSALS NOW OPEN

From architectural tours of Philadelphia's built environment to forward-thinking educational sessions, the Call for Proposals is an opportunity to make an impact beyond a single session and inspire peers across the profession. [Submit your proposal](#) by July 21 at 11:59 pm ET and help shape the future of the profession.

AIA 2027 AWARDS NOW ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS

Get your applications in now for 2027 AIA awards! Submissions are open through **August 6** for the AIA/ACSA Topaz Medallion, the Architecture Firm Award, the Associates Award, the Award for Excellence in Public Architecture, the Gold Medal, Honorary Membership, the Whitney M. Young Jr. Award, and the Young Architects Award. [Learn more »](#)

DOE ISSUES NEW GUIDANCE FOR HOME ENERGY REBATE PROGRAMS

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) recently [issued new guidance](#) for states administering Home Energy Rebate Programs. The guidance addresses implementation and administration of rebate funding established through the Inflation Reduction Act.

BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES PROGRAM GRANTS AVAILABLE

Federal funding of \$1 billion is now available for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities program, which helps states, local governments, territories and tribes build preparedness projects to harden against natural hazards like fires, floods, earthquakes and hurricanes. Funding prioritizes shovel-ready construction projects and incentivizes adoption of the latest hazard-resistant building codes. **The application deadline is July 23, 2026.** For more information, see [Evaluation Criteria for the BRIC National Competition for FY24-25](#).



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AIA MINNEAPOLIS



GOLF OUTING

Monday, July 27

Majestic Oaks Golf Course in Ham Lake

[Registration for sponsors »](#)

Golfer registration is at capacity for this year's tournament! Check out remaining sponsorship opportunities to support this important fundraising event.

MID-SUMMER SOCIAL & MERIT AWARDS CELEBRATION

Thursday, July 23, 4:30 pm

Luminary Arts Center

[Register »](#)

Join AIA Minneapolis at the Luminary Arts Center for an evening of socializing and awards recognition. The event will include a social hour followed by a presentation of the 2026 Merit Awards winners. Light appetizers and alcoholic and nonalcoholic drinks will be served.

AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA



GOLF OUTING

Thursday, July 16

[Enger Park Golf Course](#)

[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 10.

CSI EXPO & SUNDEW SUMMER OUTING

Thursday, August 27

Pier B Resort Hotel, Duluth

The event will feature elite construction industry vendors in the exhibit hall from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, accompanied by a cash bar and happy hour. Following the trade show at 5:00 pm, attendees are invited for a scenic boat cruise until 8:30 pm. The expo will also include food, prizes, and live music. [Register »](#)

CALL FOR TOURS!

Have an under-construction or recently completed project you'd like to share with chapter members? We're looking for project tours! Email board president [Melissa Lefebvre, AIA](#), with your suggestion.

COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES

ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUMMER HAPPY HOUR & LIBATIONS AND LICENSURE

Mark your calendar! Tuesday, August 5, 5:00-7:00 pm, Location TBD

Join us for a fun time of fellowship while supporting those prepping for the ARE exams.

ALA CORE COMPETENCY SESSION 3: BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Tuesday, August 18

The ALA Committee has scheduled one final Core Competency session for 2026. The topic is

Business and Finances presented by DJ Heinle, AIA, Vice President, Architecture Division for TKDA. Topics addressed will include profit and loss accounting, invoicing contract, and utilization rates with a practice management and project management focus. More details coming soon.

ARE SCHOLARSHIP – CONGRATULATIONS TO TERAN MELTON, ASSOC. AIA!

The AIA Minnesota Architect Licensing Advisory Committee coordinates awarding a scholarship to an AIA Minnesota Associate member or MSP NOMA member to cover the costs of all sections of the Architect Registration Exam. Applications required an essay that describes the ways they hope to bring the AIA Minnesota core values of Authenticity, Equity, Collaboration, and Integrity to bear in their work as a licensed architect.



Teran Melton, Assoc. AIA, from ATSR Planners, Architects & Engineers was selected to receive the 2026 ARE Scholarship. Teran's thesis statement was, "Architecture gives place to human connection; connection to the environment, light, material, culture, but perhaps most importantly to one another. As an architect, I believe the core values of authenticity, equality, collaboration, and integrity are an important means to that end."

BUILDING CODES KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Wednesday, July 8, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

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

COMMITTEE ON DESIGN

Thursday, July 9, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

COMMITTEE ON EQUITY IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT (EBE)

Tuesday, July 21, 3:30 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Join us for our upcoming event: **Equity and Minneapolis Skyways: Tour & Talk and Social/Debrief** on July 15. Details are at the beginning of this Matrix newsletter. [Register here »](#)

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COTE)

HAPPY HOUR WITH ASLA

Thursday, July 9, 4:30 pm

[Urban Growler](#)

Join us for an AIA Minnesota COTE happy hour. We have invited the local chapter of American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) to join us. This is an opportunity to mingle, cross-pollinate ideas, and enjoy the sunshine.

Look for the ASLA + COTE sign on the patio!

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

Meets quarterly in February, May, September, and December on the second Tuesday of the month, 12:00 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 12:00 pm

[Virtual meeting](#)

COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Monday, July 13, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Topic: Design Leadership vs. Business Leadership

Many of us were promoted for design excellence, not management skills. Let's talk about the tension between being a design voice and running a sustainable business, and whether it's possible to do both well.

ENTER COMMITTEE

This committee meets at noon on the fourth Friday of even-numbered months. The next meeting is on August 28.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 21, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

HEALTH DESIGN KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

JOINT MEETING WITH THE HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 9, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Join a virtual discussion between the Housing Advocacy Committee and the Health Design Knowledge Community exploring emerging hybrid housing–healthcare typologies, including integrated and co-located models, and their implications for zoning, density, and policy frameworks. The conversation will examine whether these models should be embedded within healthcare systems or addressed through broader government affairs and land-use strategies.

HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

JOINT MEETING WITH THE HEALTH DESIGN KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Wednesday, July 9, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#) (NOTE NEW LINK)

Join a virtual discussion between the Housing Advocacy Committee and the Health Design Knowledge Community exploring emerging hybrid housing–healthcare typologies, including integrated and co-located models, and their implications for zoning, density, and policy frameworks. The conversation will examine whether these models should be embedded within healthcare systems or addressed through broader government affairs and land-use strategies.

LAKE SUPERIOR DESIGN RETREAT COMMITTEE

Monday, July 20, 11:30 am
[Virtual Meeting](#)

MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM COMMITTEE (MDT)

SUMMER SOCIAL GATHERING
Wednesday, July 15, 4:30 pm
[Surly](#)

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR HOUSTON, MN VISIT

We are seeking volunteers for our upcoming community visit to Houston, MN this fall! Scheduled for September 24-26, this third visit marks an important phase in our ongoing partnership with the community. If you are interested in contributing your time and talent to this effort, please complete the online application. Whether you have been part of the Houston project in the past or are looking to join your first MDT visit, we welcome your perspective. [Sign up to volunteer today »](#)

RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 7, 12:00
[Virtual Meeting](#)

CRAN BEHIND THE BUILD TOUR

Tuesday, July 21, 12:00 pm

Orono (*exact address provided after registering*)

Cost: \$25 or \$5 for students and emerging professionals

Join us for tour of an under-construction home designed by [Christopher Strom Architects](#) and built by [Mark D. Williams Custom Homes](#). Lunch is included, sponsored by [Pella Windows & Doors](#). [Register »](#)

SCHERER BROS. TRUSS PLANT TOUR (2.0 AIA HSW LUs)

Tuesday, July 30, 12:30

Albertville

Cost: \$40 with AIA HSW LUs / \$25 without CE credit / \$5 for students

Lunch included!

[Register »](#)

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

- Wednesday, September 9 — [Happy Hour](#)
- Wednesday, December 9 — [Happy Hour](#)

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

TECHNOLOGY IN ARCHITECTURE PRACTICE KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

The TAP Knowledge Community is reactivating under the leadership of two new co-chairs, Andy Wise, Assoc. AIA, and Timothy Halvorson. Architects, contractors, educators, lawyers, and manufacturers are all welcome to join this Knowledge Community. Watch for an announcement of the first TAP meeting in future issues of Matrix or on the [AIA Minnesota website](#). If you want to be added to the email list to get notifications, contact [Deanna Christiansen, Hon. AIAMN](#).

WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 15, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

YOUTH IN ARCHITECTURE/ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 16, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

PEOPLE & FIRMS

William Weber, AIA, has been appointed Associate Head of the Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Interior Design Department at the University of Minnesota College of Design.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Stephanie Beske, Assoc. AIA
Jada Bobeldyk, Assoc. AIA
Joshua Boche, Assoc. AIA
Jacob Bonde, Assoc. AIA
Kara Hand Assoc. AIA
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AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS

[UMN ILLUSIVE OBJECTS EXHIBITION THROUGH JULY 2 »](#)

[THE ART OF LOOKING: ARCHITECTURAL PHOTOGRAPHY RETREAT JULY 19-23 »](#)

WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION (WIC) SHOWROOM SHIMMY

Showroom Shimmy is an event series every Wednesday in July, beginning July 8. Each event takes place at a different showroom and includes networking, a unique activity, and the opportunity to support the wonderful vendors that make our industry so special. You do not need to be a WINC member to participate—everyone is welcome! [Learn more and register »](#)

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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