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## AIA MINNESOTA MATRIX NEWSLETTER

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### Legislative Win for Architects and Designers Brings Clarity, Contains Scope of Liability

By Mary-Margaret Zindren, EVP/Executive Director



A significant victory for architects and designers, in an otherwise challenging legislative session, involved the removal of three little words: “able to be.”

[Senate File 3850](#) – which was brought forward and championed by AIA Minnesota, the American Council of Engineering Companies of Minnesota, the Association of General Contractors of Minnesota, the Minnesota Nursery and Landscape Association, and the Minnesota Subcontractors Association – amended [Minnesota Statute Section 604.21](#) by clarifying application of the responsibility to indemnify, thus addressing challenges in the execution of contracts.

Sheri Hansen, AIA Minnesota’s Director of Communications, Advocacy, and Public Outreach; Sarah Strong-Belisle, our lobbyist with Cook Girard; and several members of the AIA Minnesota Government Affairs Committee, most notably Mark Kalar, AIA, architect and lawyer with Cuningham, led the organization’s efforts, providing testimony and successfully securing support from legislators in a rare showing of bi-partisanship. The bill was sponsored by Deputy Majority Leader Mark Johnson (01, R). It was passed unanimously by both the House (134-0) and Senate (65-0), signed into law by Governor Walz on May 22.

Minn. Stat. 604.21 covers certain prohibitions and restrictions on agreements with design professionals. It states that, “A provision contained in, or executed in connection with, a design professional services contract is void and unenforceable to the extent it attempts to require an indemnitor to indemnify, to hold harmless, or

to defend an indemnitee from or against liability for loss or damage resulting from the negligence or fault of anyone other than the indemnitor or others for whom the indemnitor is legally liable.” This statute and its clear interpretation is critical to design professionals in Minnesota because a design professional’s professional liability insurance does not cover defense of third parties and does not cover broad indemnification obligations; specific exclusions in the E&O insurance policies exclude such coverage.

However, until SF 3850 led to its amendment, the statute included the following language: “(C) This section does not apply to the extent that the obligation to indemnify, to hold harmless, or to defend an indemnitee is able to be covered by insurance.”

AIA Minnesota and our collaborating associations argued that the language “able to be covered” was too vague and ambiguous and could leave the statute up to subjective interpretation. Striking “able to be” to now read “is covered” makes the statute clear and allows for an objective interpretation; either the matter “is” or “is not” covered by insurance. We emphasized that design professionals cannot procure insurance for the defense and broad indemnity of others; that no such insurance coverage exists and there are no design professionals in Minnesota who can purchase such coverage. We reinforced that professional liability insurance for design professionals only covers (and should only cover) defense of the design professional for the design professional’s errors and omissions.

AIA Minnesota had heard from many of our members over the years that the indemnification language as it had been written in Minn. Stat. 604.21 was causing significant negotiating issues with clients who were unaware that there is no insurance product available to meet the obligations of the statute. It created situations where the presence of an insurance product as outlined in subsection (C) in the market – no matter whether it is well rated or not – could have negated section 604.21 in its entirety.

Our purpose in advocating for this change to the law was to bring clarity to insurance issues for architecture firms, streamlining processes and reducing the likelihood that clients will demand policies that require architects to be liable for things outside their control. We and our collaborating associations believe the passage of the amendment will help clarify responsibilities and prevent undue cost burdens for architects and designers.

It is yet to be seen whether the other major legislative advocacy efforts of AIA Minnesota – including passage of a significant bonding bill to keep steady the pipeline of public projects and save taxpayer dollars through asset preservation, and passage of a tax bill which would make permanent the Historic Preservation Tax Credit – will come to pass through a special session. Pressure on legislators to do so will need to be intense and in the near term, as all 201 seats in the

Minnesota Legislature are up for election this November, in brand-new districts, as the result of redistricting.

It is important to celebrate this victory of SF 3850 – and to express gratitude for the efforts of Sheri and Sarah, Mark and other AIA Minnesota volunteer leaders, and our collaborators across the AEC industry. **And, we won't rest until action is taken on a bonding bill and a tax bill. Please add your voice to strengthen these collective efforts by reaching out to your state legislators and urging them to reconvene to finish their work. Onward!**

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## CALL TO ACTION

### Contact Your Legislator: Bonding and Historic Preservation Tax Credit

The 2022 legislative session ended without passage of many bills, including a bonding/capital investment bill and renewal of the Historic Preservation Tax Credit. Both of these key initiatives have a significant impact on our profession, and we urge you to reach out to your Senator and Representative to request that they take action on these items during a special session to take place as soon as possible; unless the tax credit is renewed by June 30, it will no longer be available in Minnesota.

AIA Minnesota has created sample messages and provided the link to help you find your elected officials' contact information. [Learn more »](#)

### Don't Miss Award Deadlines

Two AIA Minnesota Awards programs have deadlines coming up in the next few weeks. Don't miss these opportunities to recognize your peers for their contributions to the profession.

#### NEXT GEN AWARD

In keeping with AIA Minnesota's mission to build and mentor the profession, the Next Gen Award 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.

Candidate submissions should demonstrate early leadership potential and exceptional service; substantial involvement in a committee, knowledge community, or initiative of AIA Minnesota; contributions to the profession of architecture through academic, professional, or volunteer efforts; and/or significant contributions to the community through volunteering, activism, or leadership activities.

Submissions for the Next Gen Award are due **Friday, June 3, at 12:00 pm CST.**

[Learn more »](#)

### **AIA MINNESOTA YOUNG ARCHITECTS AWARD**

The AIA Minnesota Young Architects Award is given to individuals who, in an early stage of their architecture career, have shown exceptional leadership and made significant contributions to the profession and the community at large. AIA Minnesota members who have been licensed to practice architecture for less than 10 years and are currently licensed in Minnesota are eligible.

Submissions for the Young Architects Award are due **Friday, June 3 at 12:00 pm CST**. [Learn more »](#)

### **NOW ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS: COLLABORATIVE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

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. Nominees may be recognized for significant achievement or a body of work in a range of endeavors including, but not limited to: administration; architectural education; architectural scholarship and criticism; building technology innovation; construction; industrial design; information science; professions allied with architecture and architectural patronage; public policy and design advocacy; research, art and craftsmanship; service to AIA or any of its components; visualization, recording, and illustration; and writing and publishing. Professions allied with architecture and architectural patronage may include, but are not limited to contractors, materials, exhibitors and other collaborators. Nominated clients must work broadly with architects, beyond one firm.

Entries are due **Friday, July 15 at 12:00 pm CST**. [Learn more »](#)

### **NOW ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS: LOUIS LUNDGREN AWARD FOR SERVICE**

The Louis Lundgren Award for Service recognizes an individual AIA Minnesota member for his or her outstanding contributions in the area of community and professional service. Through their work as citizen architects, recipients of the award are regarded by their peers for their prolonged and effective volunteer activism. Any member of AIA Minnesota who graduated from a NAAB-accredited program no later than 2017 and whose membership is in good standing at the time of nomination is eligible. Emeritus members are eligible.

Entries are due **Friday, July 15 at 12:00 pm CST**. [Learn more »](#)

### **NOW ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS: 25 YEAR AWARD**

The 25 Year Award recognizes completed building projects — either individual buildings or groups of buildings — completed at least 25 but not more than 50 years ago. The projects must have been designed by firms with architects registered and practicing professionally in Minnesota.

Entries are due **Friday, July 15 at 12:00 pm CST**. [Learn more »](#)



## Free AIA Promotional Items, Books, and More!

AIA Minnesota has a variety of free promotional items and books available for members – mugs, water bottles, notebooks, chargers, books, and more! **These items are available for pick up at the [AIA Minnesota office](#) June 1 – 10 (weekdays only) from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.** Item quantities vary, are limited in some instances, and are available until they run out. We will not be accepting requests to hold items.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Committee and Knowledge Community Leaders

Following a discussion with AIA Minnesota Board of Directors at its March meeting, it was decided to shift the committee and knowledge community leadership structure transition to occur in June of each year, rather than in the spring. The following individuals will hold their position from June 2022 through the end of May 2023. Thank you for your work to advance a vital profession, vibrant communities, and architecture that endures.

### Architecture Licensing Advisory Committee

*Co-Chair:* Gary Demele, FAIA

*Co-Chair:* TBD

### Building Codes Knowledge Community

*Co-Chair:* Scott Anderson, AIA

*Co-Chair:* Rachael Spires, AIA

### Committee on Design and Awards

*Co-Chair:* Ligeia Cholensky, Allied Member of AIA Minnesota

*Co-Chair:* Rebecca Muchow, AIA  
*Co-Chair Elect:* Doug Bergert, AIA

### **Committee on Equity in the Built Environment**

*Co-Chair:* Teri Kwant, Allied Member of AIA Minnesota  
*Co-Chair:* TBD

### **Community on the Environment**

*Co-Chair:* Simona Fischer, AIA  
*Co-Chair:* Thea Rozenbergs, AIA  
*Co-Chair Elect:* Sara Curlee, AIA

### **Conference Continuing Education Committee**

*Co-Chair:* Jim Butler, AIA  
*Co-Chair:* Daniel Green, AIA  
*Co-Chair Elect:* Madelyn Sundberg, AIA

### **Council of Firms Knowledge Community**

*Co-Chair:* Amy Williams, AIA  
*Co-Chair:* Nicole Washburn, AIA

### **Emerging Professionals Committee**

*Co-Chair:* Anastasia Jacklitch, Assoc. AIA  
*Co-Chair:* Ashley Vanden Bosch, Assoc. AIA

### **ENTER Committee**

*Co-Chair:* Amy Nash, Allied Member of AIA Minnesota  
*Co-Chair:* Amy Douma, AIA

### **Government Affairs Committee**

*Co-Chair:* Mark Kalar, AIA  
*Co-Chair:* Dustin Rehkamp, AIA  
*Co-Chair Elect:* Corey Mollet, AIA

### **Health Design Knowledge Community**

*Co-Chair:* Joseph Krummel, AIA  
*Co-Chair:* TBD

### **Housing Advocacy Committee**

*Co-Chair:* Chris Palkowitsch, AIA  
*Co-Chair:* Max Carr, AIA  
*Co-Chair Elect:* Mateo Gonzalez, Assoc. AIA

### **Lake Superior Design Retreat Committee**

*Co-Chair:* Amber Sausen, AIA  
*Co-Chair:* Steven Buetow, AIA

**Leadership Forum Committee***Co-Chair:* Tim Guyette, AIA*Co-Chair:* Puneet VEDI, AIA*Co-Chair Elect:* Susan Morgan, AIA**Minnesota Design Team Committee***Co-Chair:* Katie Kangas, AIA*Co-Chair:* Hans Muessig, Allied Member of AIA Minnesota*Co-Chair Elect:* Beth Evenson Makhoul, AIA**Residential Architecture Committee***Co-Chair:* Katharine Leaf, AIA*Co-Chair:* Lance Premeau, Allied Member of AIA Minnesota*Co-Chair Elect:* Rachel Alexander, Assoc. AIA**Technology in Architecture Practice Knowledge Community***Co-Chair:* Rachel Riopel, AIA*Co-Chair:* TBD**Women in Architecture Committee***Co-Chair:* Mollie O'Connor, AIA*Co-Chair:* Katie Blaisdell, AIA*Co-Chair Elect:* Kaitlin Schallow, AIA

**Advertise in *ENTER******ENTER* Digital**

Our *ENTER* digital publication is published on a biweekly basis to allow our readers more time with each issue. This is a great vehicle to align with, containing insightful articles and features that showcase how architecture makes a difference in the community. We have over 3600 subscribers. Ads, sponsorships, and advertorial opportunities start at \$495 per week. Contact [Pam Nelson](#) for more information



and to reserve your digital ads.

## THE *ENTER* PRINT ANNUAL IS HERE

The future of downtowns. The state of mass timber construction in Minnesota. A mayor on affordability and design for public health. A photo-rich profile of Marshall, Minnesota. The value of systems thinking in creating culture change. The debut issue of the *ENTER* print annual features these and other in-depth articles exploring the challenges and opportunities in the work of climate action, equity, economy, and innovation in the built environment. It also includes spotlights on new buildings and outdoor spaces, a special section on the recipients of 2021 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. Consider purchasing additional copies of the 192-page issue for clients, collaborators, and friends. The publication can be purchased [online](#) for \$18 plus shipping and handling. For a discount on bulk orders, email editor [Chris Hudson](#).

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## CONTINUING EDUCATION

**Minnesota license renewals** are due June 30, 2022. Architects must have 24 Professional Development Hours (PDH) accrued between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2022. Two of these PDH credits must be Ethics credits. **The AELSLAGID licensing board reports that as of May 26 only 20% of all license holders had renewed. There is no grace period for license expiration.**

- Check [here](#) to see if you have carryover credits from the last license renewal (ethics credits do not qualify for carryover).
- Check [here](#) under Continuing Education for the link to view your AIA transcript.

*Still time to register and available at a discounted price to help you reach the ethics requirement for renewing your Minnesota license by June 30, 2022.*

## The Importance of Ethics in Recruitment & Retention: Eliminating Bias and Promoting Equity

**Wednesday, June 8, 8:00 - 10:00 am**

2.0 LUs and 2.0 Ethics PDHs

AIA Members \$40; Nonmembers \$60

[Details and registration »](#)

Attend this virtual program and hear from four firms on strategies to reduce bias in order to have an ethical practice for hiring. The discussion will highlight:

- Best practices for establishing an equitable and transparent firm culture that is kept alive in a hybrid world.
- Standards to help those who work for you succeed, and ways for your firm to



prevail through The Great Resignation.

- Tips and resources to guide your firm – small, medium or large – towards an ethical practice of hiring and retaining employees.

**Trevor Bullen, AIA**, Dean of the School of Design, Dunwoody College of Technology; previously Senior Associate and Director of Operations at Snow Kreilich Architects

**Robin Lang**, Vice President of Human Resources, HGA

**Joel Peterson**, Director, Human Resources, Kohn Pederson Fox Associates

**Shannon Rodriguez**, Director of HR and Office Services, FX Collaborative

*Co-sponsored by Dunwoody College of Technology and AIA Minnesota.*

### Five New On-Demand Webinars Available Now!

**Providing HSW credits and 2.0 hours of ETHICS!**

- D1-18. [Interrupting Abusive Behavior in the Workplace](#) 1.0 LUs and Ethics Content
- D2-22. [Fire Service Features of the State Fire Code](#) 1.5 HSW LUs
- D2-27. [Minnesota Amendments in the 2020 MN Accessibility Code](#) 1.25 HSW LUs
- D3-41. [Ethical Leadership for Today's Complex Business Environment](#) 2.0 LUs and Ethics credits
- D4-71. [Pathways to SB 2030: Three Minnesota Case Studies](#) 1.0 HSW LU

Questions? [Contact Deanna Christiansen](#).

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## COMMITTEE/KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

### Architect Licensing Advisory Committee

The Architect Licensing Advisory Committee's task is to remain up-to-date on current requirements for becoming licensed in the state of Minnesota and to assist Associate members as they complete the Architectural Experience Program (AXP) and prepare for taking the Architect Registration Examination (ARE). Committee initiatives include making AXP/ARE presentations to students and firms and serve as a resource for questions; developing and delivering ARE reviews and promoting the ARE Lending Library; and encouraging licensure through materials that outline the path to licensure and through information sessions at the Schools of Architecture.

This committee is represented by both licensed architects and licensing candidates and has a *great need* for additional members. If you are interested in being a part of this committee and the important work it does, please contact [Deanna Christiansen](#) for more information.

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## LEADERSHIP FORUM

## Leadership Forum 2022

In May, Leadership Forum met for a session that is always one of the favorites. Each year a panel of professionals take turns sharing their personal leadership stories. This year's panel included **Bill Baxley, AIA, Gensler**; **Nancy Blankford, FAIA, HGA Architects and Engineers**; Donna Harris, Minnehaha Academy; and Anthony Taylor, Equity Outdoors. They each focused on times when they chose to lead and when they chose not to lead and what lessons they learned. Following, the cohort met in small groups with one of the four panelists for more discussion.

The second May session was the final "coffee talk" at which half of the cohort collaborated with one another to organize and then lead a 90-minute session for the full group.

Two months of Leadership Forum remain. We are looking forward to a final session in person.

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### A'22 MN: THE MINNESOTA CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE



AIA Minnesota is pleased to host its annual conference on architecture in person at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

A'22 MN will be a powerful event filled with inspiring and educational programming, opportunities for connection and networking. Prominent keynote speakers will join us to share their knowledge on the issues impacting your practice today.

#### Call for Proposals: Deadline Friday, June 3

Visit [A'22 MN Proposals](#) to access the online form. The selection committee seeks proposals on a wide variety of topics for all building types including design; ethics; equity in the built environment; equity in the profession; future of the profession;

healthcare design; materials and systems; practice; preservation; residential design, rural design; sustainable, resilient, regenerative design; technology; and urban design, to name a few.

**Scheduling.** As you submit your proposal, we ask you to keep open all three days of the Conference. Final scheduling will be made by the selection committee and AIA Minnesota staff. Striving to reduce the climate impact of this conference, we will be scheduling – as much as possible – programs with speakers who will not need to travel.

**Ideas.** If you don't have a proposal to make, but simply have an idea for a topic or speaker, let us know. Send your suggestions to [Deanna Christiansen](#).

## EXHIBIT HALL OPPORTUNITY

Showcase your product or service at our in-person conference this fall. We are taking booth reservations for our exhibit hall. We also have a variety of advertising and sponsorship opportunities to put your brand in front of our attendees. [Click here](#) for the Exhibitor Menu for booth and sponsorship opportunities and details. [See the floor plan »](#)

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## NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

### AIA NATIONAL

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## A'22 CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE

June 22-25

Chicago, IL

Excitement is building! The architecture and design event of the year returns to Chicago. With the city as our backdrop, we'll explore architecture's ability to drive new thinking in one of the most design-forward, sustainable cities in the U.S. [Get your ticket »](#)

## AIA MINNESOTA/UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA/DUNWOODY RECEPTION

Thursday, June 23, 7:00 pm

AIA Minnesota, the University of Minnesota, and Dunwoody College of Technology will be co-hosting a reception for all Minnesota attendees and alumni. RSVP to [Amber Allardyce](#).

## 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 25 Year, Architecture, Architecture Firm, Gold Medal, Interior Architecture, and Regional & Urban Design Awards. [Submit today »](#)

## FREE RESUME REVIEW

To help you navigate the current job market, we're offering free expert résumé review services through the [AIA Career Center](#). Simply visit your account overview page and scroll to the TopResume section at the bottom to submit.

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## AIA MINNEAPOLIS

### MINNEAPOLIS PRESERVATION AWARDS

AIA Minneapolis, Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission, and Preserve Minneapolis are pleased to announce nine recipients of 2022 Minneapolis Preservation Awards. The winners were recognized during a reception May 25 at the historic Capri Theater. This year's winners in each category include:

#### Historic Restoration, Rehabilitation or Adaptive Reuse

Cloverfield Building  
The Dayton's Project  
Laurel Apartments  
Pillsbury Hall Rehabilitation

#### Grassroots, Advocacy and Education

Scout Workshop

#### New Construction

Water Works Park and Pavilion

#### Preservation Gem

Carriage Door Restoration  
Milwaukee Road Depot Parapet Wall and Chimney Restoration

#### Steve Murray Award

Peter Kiriara

[View the full announcement.](#)

### MERIT AWARDS CELEBRATION

Thursday, July 21, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

The Merit Awards were established to recognize projects by AIA Minneapolis architects that tell the story of excellence beyond design, emphasize public interest design and embrace the varied forces that shape a building. Join us to celebrate the 2022 recipient projects. [Learn more »](#)

### GOLF OUTING

Monday, July 25

Majestic Oaks

Join us for the 2022 golf outing! Put together a foursome or sign up as a single golfer and we will pair you up. Several sponsorship opportunities are still available to promote your company. This is a great event with up to 288 golfers! This event fills on a first-come, first served basis so sign up now!

[Sponsor Information »](#)

[Golfer Registration »](#)

Contact [Pam Nelson](#) for more information.

## AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA

### DRAUGHTING CLUB

Wednesday, June 1, 4:00 pm

Canal Park Brewery

[Learn more »](#)



On May 19, AIA Northern Minnesota members and guests toured the Rock Ridge High School and Laurentian Elementary School. They also met with students from the Rock Ridge CTE class. Stay tuned for a hard hat tour of Essentia in Duluth in July or August!

## COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES

### ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 7, 12:00

[Virtual Meeting](#)

# ARE update

NCARB

### A Shift from Prometric to PSI for the ARE

Starting June 14, 2022, you can take the Architect Registration Examination through NCARB's new exam delivery partner, PSI. PSI will replace Prometric for both in-person and online testing.

Here are some things to know:

- The exam isn't changing.
- You will not be able to schedule or take exams through Prometric after May 31, 2022.
- You can begin taking exams through PSI starting June 14, 2022.
- PSI test centers are listed on [NCARB's website](#). Use this site, not PSI's website or Google.
- Once you've migrated to PSI, you can use the exam scheduler in your [NCARB Record](#) to book an appointment with PSI. When searching for an appointment at a PSI test center, you will only see test centers near you that have availability within the next three months. If you don't see your nearest PSI test center, it currently does not have availability within the next three months.

### NCARB has refreshed the ARE 5.0 Test Prep video series

The refreshed ARE 5.0 test prep videos reflect the content that's currently detailed in the [ARE 5.0 Handbook](#) and in the draft [PSI version of the ARE 5.0 Guidelines](#). As a reminder, the PSI version of the ARE 5.0 Guidelines has been merged with the ARE 5.0 Handbook, so all the information you need to prepare for the exam is available in one convenient document.

For more information and resources to guide your licensure, visit the AIA Minnesota website pages for [AXP](#) and [ARE](#).

## ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

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### ON HIATUS

## BUILDING CODES KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

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**Wednesday, June 8, 12:00 pm**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

This month's topic is nonseparated vs separated occupancy code concepts.

## COMMITTEE ON DESIGN

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**Thursday, June 9, 12:00 pm**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

## COMMITTEE ON EQUITY IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT (EBE)

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**Wednesday, June 15, 8:30 am**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

## COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COTE)

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**Friday, June 10, 12:00 pm**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Please join us at 11:45 for networking before the meeting starts!

## COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

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### KEY STAFF TRANSITIONS

**Monday, June 13, 12:00 pm**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

## EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

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**Tuesday, July 12, 12:00 pm**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

### ARE STUDY BREAK EVENTS

Looking to be held accountable? Want some study tips? Or just want to take a break from the books? Join other emerging professionals for a series of informal gatherings focused around

navigating the ARE exams.

**Wednesday, June 1, 6:00 pm**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

## **ASLA-AIA MN EMERGING PROFESSIONALS SKETCH AND PARK WALK**

**Tuesday, June 28, 6:00 pm**

**Water Works Park, Minneapolis**

This casual networking event will provide to walk as a group through the recently completed project on the Minneapolis waterfront. [Register »](#)

## **ENTER COMMITTEE**

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**Friday, June 24, 12:00 pm**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

## **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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**Tuesday, June 21, 12:00 pm**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

[View the 2022 AIA Minnesota Legislative Agenda »](#)

## **HEALTH DESIGN KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY**

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### **UPDATE ON THE AIA ACADEMY OF ARCHITECTURE FOR HEALTH**

**Thursday, June 30, 4:00 pm**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Presented by Ellen Taylor, PhD, AIA, MBA, EDAC, president, AAH Knowledge Community and vice president for research, The Center for Health Design.

## **HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE**

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**Wednesday, June 1, 12:00 pm**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

## **LAKE SUPERIOR DESIGN RETREAT COMMITTEE**

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**Monday, June 20, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

## **MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM COMMITTEE (MDT)**

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## COMMITTEE HAPPY HOUR: SILVER BAY RECAP

**Wednesday, June 15, 4:30 pm**

Location TBD – Watch your email for updates!

## VISITS

Thank you to all of the volunteers who joined us for the Silver Bay visit on May 19–22, the first MDT visit in over three years! A team of 11 volunteers and six high school students engaged with this former company town's residents to develop and propose design solutions to meet the community's voiced needs for diverse housing options, business development, and stronger connections to recreational amenities along Lake Superior. Over 10% of the town's population joined in MDT activities over the weekend to share their perspectives.

Mark your calendar for the Henderson visit in October 6–9, 2022 and contact [Hans Muessig](#), Allied AIAMN, to get involved.

## OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Help update the MDT Workbook! Contact [Katie Kangas, AIA](#) to learn how to get involved.

There are multiple ways to help develop new marketing and publicity resources for MDT. Contact [Ann Mayhew](#) to learn more.

## RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

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**Tuesday, June 7, 12:00 pm**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Congratulations to the firms behind the 12 selected 2022–2023 Home of the Month projects! Thank you to the attendees, advertisers, and participants of the 2022 Home of the Month program on May 5. You may view the 12 selected projects and the Look Book featuring all 24 submissions [here](#).

## TECHNOLOGY IN ARCHITECTURE PRACTICE KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

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## NO TAP MEETING IN JUNE

## WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

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**Wednesday, June 8, 8:00 am**  
[Virtual Meeting](#)

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### PEOPLE & FIRMS

**Julie MacLeod, AIA; Peter Schroeder, AIA; and Joe Simma, AIA**, were promoted to principal at **Alliance**.

**Matthew Axtmann, Assoc. AIA; and Laura Eder, AIA**, were promoted to Vice President at **ESG Architecture & Design**.

### WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Laura Grace, Assoc. AIA  
 Karianna Larson, Assoc. AIA  
 Rachel Mansun, Assoc. AIA

Joshua Meiners, Assoc. AIA  
 Luis Ortega, Assoc. AIA  
 Nicholas Woods, AIA

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### IN MEMORIAM

**Frank Nemeth, AIA**, former AIA Minnesota member and member of the Minnesota Architectural Foundation board of directors, passed away on May 14. [Learn more »](#)

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### AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS

#### SHARE YOUR EXAMPLES OF BIOPHILIC DESIGN

The University of Minnesota's Center for Sustainable Building Research (CSBR) is putting together an exhibition on biophilic design and they want to feature your work! Biophilic design is the idea of increasing our connection with the natural environment through the design of space. Share your photos of how you incorporate nature into your everyday life and work on Instagram using #umnbiophilicdesign for a chance to have it included in the final CSBR exhibition.

#### SAVE THE DATE: DULUTH DESIGN EXPO

**August 11, 2:00 pm**

**Wild State Cider, Duluth**

Join Keynote Speaker Dr. Sam Grabowska for a discussion on trauma-informed design and visit the tradeshow. [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](https://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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**AUGUST** Matrix editorial deadline is Friday, July 22.

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