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IMPORTANT NOTES FROM AIA MINNESOTA

The AIA Minnesota office is closed until May 29. All staff are working remotely, available via email and phone.

All meetings will be conducted via Zoom. Please check the website calendar for updates on events, and note meeting details below.

For updates on COVID-19 and resources for your business, please visit the [AIA Minnesota website](#).

Empathy in Action

By Karen Lu, AIA, NOMA, AIA Minnesota President



"Compassion is an action word with no boundaries." --Prince

At a time when we are all facing uncertainty, our ability to empathize can be demonstrated by showing compassion towards students, colleagues, partners, and clients. They may be experiencing anxiety, living at home alone, caring for others, recently laid off, or personally impacted by COVID-19. Many leaders across the profession are sensitive to the need for individuals to stay connected to one another as well as the need to be transparent with employees in the areas of finances and staffing. In order to prevent losing another generation of architects, some firms are exploring innovative ways to maintain internships and mentor emerging professionals facing a difficult economic climate.

Over the last two months, we have focused on the need for a quick and deliberate response to the pandemic. As the weeks have passed, it has become clear that many of the challenges we faced pre-crisis are even more urgent and imperative now. The abrupt halt of the global economy has starkly exposed the consequences of our current actions on the environment and the underlying

inequity in our communities. Previously gray and hazy skies are now startlingly blue and clear due to reduced air pollution, and people of color are threatened with alarmingly disproportionate COVID-19 infection and mortality rates.

Architects are responding to the pandemic by making personal protective equipment, assisting clients in adapting to new situations, and addressing the need for adaptable healthcare facilities. Over the past few weeks, AIA Minnesota has been facilitating virtual town halls, sharing resources for business loans and business continuity, and advocating at the state and federal levels for our industry; we have also begun organizing "Future of Design" roundtables, bringing together members of our architecture community and leaders of other industries. AIA National has led the development of best practices for pandemic response, launched a COVID-19 Alternate Care Sites Assessment Tool, and started collecting data on COVID-19 related architecture projects.

How can we weather this crisis and respond in a way that strengthens our education, our practices, our profession, and our communities? How can we meld our values with our vision? Fifty years after the first Earth Day and thirty years after the AIA Committee on the Environment (COTE) was founded, AIA National's 2021-2025 Strategic Plan has a singular priority: Climate Action. Our AIA vision remains to design "a healthy, sustainable, and equitable world, together." In order to accomplish this, our profession must lead with empathy.

Empathy is embedded in architectural education and design thinking. The ability to set aside our own values and beliefs to imagine an experience from someone else's point of view is essential to serving the needs of our clients and the people who use the spaces we design. It is both a skill and core value that is necessary to address the related challenges of climate change and social inequity. Empathy will help to sustain us in the here and now, and to envision a better future for our communities.

COVID-19 RESOURCES

Seeking Speakers for Sessions with Industry Leaders on COVID-19 Redesign

Members must respond by May 5 to be considered for this opportunity

AIA Minnesota is organizing a series of virtual sessions for the week of May 18 - 22, bringing together architects and leaders from other industries to share ideas and considerations related to reworking space to address COVID-19 concerns in the near term, and questions to be explored for longer-term planning. We are seeking speakers who can provide a compelling 10 minute overview presentation on COVID-19 space planning for an audience of non-architects and answer questions posed by an audience of clients/owners.

Each session will be in webinar format with four speakers per session: two architects from different firms and two industry leaders identified by their professional association. These four speakers will

present their perspectives, based on their project work with particular buildings types and uses and on their understanding of public health recommendations to reduce the spread and severity of COVID-19, and ideally drawing upon guidance you have developed for existing clients. The final 20 minutes of the session will be a moderated Q&A. The primary audience will be clients/owners, with promotion occurring in partnership with relevant professional associations affiliated with these clients/owners.

[Visit the website for topics and submission information »](#)

AIA Minnesota Pandemic Response Resources

AIA Minnesota continues to update its Pandemic Response Resources webpage with materials for business management, remote work, health, and more. You can also review notes from the March Town Hall meeting series and get the latest updates on state and federal programs and policies.

If you have further questions, concerns, or ideas for AIA Minnesota during this unprecedented emergency, please contact any member of the AIA Minnesota staff or submit them via this [online form](#).

AIA Minnesota Advocates on Your Behalf

AIA Minnesota staff, member leaders, and contract lobbying partners have been actively advocating for the profession during this critical time.

As part of the Building Jobs Coalition, and as an independent organization, AIA Minnesota has been advocating for a robust bonding bill to support pre-design, design and construction to kickstart the Minnesota economy. We have received positive feedback from legislative leaders and will continue to support this important part of the legislature's work.

AIA Minnesota is also advocating for the adoption of electronic signatures on zoning, planning and architectural documents. This [bill](#) is moving through both the House and Senate.

Where other policy bills have continued to move through the legislative process, AIA Minnesota continues to track them, provide input, and advance our policy agenda wherever possible.

Share Your Unique Skills with FEMA/Army Corps of Engineers

AIA Minnesota has registered the architecture profession as standing ready to assist with emergency needs related to the COVID-19 epidemic. However, individual firms and practitioners are also encouraged to register with the Federal agencies to provide details about professional skills.

The effort to build out facilities to expand local and regional capacity is being lead by the US Army Corps of Engineers through FEMA. They need help from the private sector.

<https://www.usace.army.mil/Business-With-Us/Contracting/>

<https://www.usace.army.mil/Coronavirus/>

Firms and individuals interested in working on this should take the first step of registering:

<https://sam.gov/SAM/pages/public/index.jsf>

Within SAM.gov is the Disaster Response Registry, where you can register your company's unique capabilities: <https://sam.gov/SAM/pages/public/searchRecords/advancedDRSearch.jsf>

Contribute COVID-19 Project Information to ArchMap

Architects, designers, engineers, and facility owners are asked to contribute COVID-19 project information to support the development of best practices. You can also view submitted projects via the ArchMap! [Learn more »](#)

CALL TO ACTION

AIA Minnesota Young Architects Award Open for Submissions

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 for less than 10 years and are currently licensed in Minnesota are eligible.

Submissions should demonstrate outstanding architecture accomplishments, leadership qualities, and significant contributions to the the community at large with selection criteria including, but not limited to, design excellence, practice, education, and service. Entries are due at 4:59 pm CST on Monday, June 8. [Learn more »](#)

Attend the AIA Minnesota Young Architects Award Virtual Information Session

Thursday, May 7, 4:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

Learn more about the "ins and outs" of creating your Young Architects Award submission from past award recipients at this informational session. Previous recipients **Meredith Hayes Gordon, AIA**, and **Jill Vowels, AIA**, will share their award-winning submissions and offer tips for success during this important one-hour session. [Register »](#)

2020 Affordable Housing Design Award Accepting Submissions

The Affordable Housing Design Awards program, supported by the McKnight Foundation, recognizes and supports innovative, high-quality design for affordable housing in a variety of

categories. Announcement of the recipient of the 2020 award may be delayed or presented in a different format than previous years' awards due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Submissions are due at 4:59 pm CST on Monday, June 8. [Learn more and submit »](#)

Ways to Stay with AIA: Membership Options

If you or someone you know has recently been laid off, furloughed, their start date has been indefinitely postponed, or they are self-employed or an independent contractor and their income has been significantly impacted by the pandemic, we can help with options for maintaining AIA membership. We can also provide guidance on a wide variety of ways to stay engaged with the architecture community. Please reach out to [Amber Allardyce](#) for more information.

MINNESOTA ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION

Rapson Fellowship Finalists Announced

The 2020 competition was held March 12-17, 2020 and competitors were challenged to design a year-round place of food preparation and sharing coupled with a regional destination for orienting its visitors to Bde Maka Ska, the Uptown area, and to serve as a celebratory entrance into the Chain of Lakes Regional Park. During the initial process, jurors identified five finalists from among 36 submissions. The final jury will be held at a date to be determined. Congratulations to the finalists:

Molly Dalsin, AIA
Brett Gustafson, Assoc. AIA
Beth Koepfel, AIA
Susan Morgan, AIA
Matthew Tierney, AIA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Three Minnesota Firms Added to EP Friendly Firms List

Congratulations to **Alliance**, **Perkins & Will**, and **RSP Architects**, for their selection for the AIA North Central Region's Emerging Professional Friendly Firm Award. They join **BWBR**, **Cunningham Group Architecture**, **JLG Architects**, **Kodet Architectural Group**, **Peterssen/Keller Architecture**, **Ryan Companies**, and **Snow Kreilich Architects**, selected last year for this recognition. [Learn more »](#)

COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES

ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 7, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

UPDATE ON PROMETRIC AND ARE TESTING

Due to ongoing concerns over safe delivery of examinations, Prometric has decided to keep all testing centers in North America closed until May 31, 2020.

- When Prometric does reopen centers, they will be operating at 50 percent capacity to maintain social distancing for those who are testing.
- Rescheduling existing appointments and scheduling new appointments over the next several months may be difficult due to limited seat availability. All rescheduling fees will be waived.
- An additional six-month rolling clock extension will automatically be applied to all passing ARE scores that were valid as of March 1, 2020, to accommodate for the test center closures and limited seat availability over the next several months. This will add to the three-month extension already added to valid passing scores that was made in March.

[For up-to-date information on Prometric test centers and ARE testing and rescheduling »](#)

ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 14, 8:30 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

ARCHITECTURE MN COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 20, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

BUILDING CODES KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Wednesday, May 13, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

IBC Code Required Guard Design presented by Mark S. Jacobson, CSI - Kuraray America, Inc.

COMMITTEE ON DESIGN

Thursday, May 14, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

The committee will continue its assessment of AIA Minnesota Awards during the May meeting.

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Thursday, May 14, 7:30 - 9:00 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

COMMITTEE ON EQUITY, DIVERSITY, & INCLUSION

FOUNDATIONS OF INTERCULTURAL DEVELOPMENT: SUMMER SESSION

Starting Wednesday, June 10, 12:00 pm

Through a series of virtual webinars and group discussions, become familiar with the foundational concepts of intercultural development and equity, diversity and inclusion. Participants will take the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) assessment and receive a private feedback session as part of the course. Seats are limited; [sign up today »](#)

COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

This knowledge community is planning to meet every Monday from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm to address any firm-related COVID-19 items. [Virtual Meeting info »](#)

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 5, 7:30 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

VIRTUAL SOCIAL HOUR

Monday, May 4, 4:00 pm

Join other young professionals for a time of virtual gathering to share conversation and talk about tips, successes and challenges. [Register in advance »](#)

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 19, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

The committee will recap the 2020 legislative session and plan for interim outreach.

HEALTH DESIGN KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Thursday, May 28, 4:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

COVID-19: Stories of Preparedness and Response - Part 2. Register in advance for this virtual meeting.

HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 6, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

LAKE SUPERIOR DESIGN RETREAT COMMITTEE

Monday, May 18, 11:30 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM (MDT) COMMITTEE

MDT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, May 20, 4:30 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

MDT is looking for volunteers for the workbooks revision project. Contact [Steve Roos](#) if interested.

Gary, MN visit update: This visit has been postponed. The rescheduled date has not yet been finalized.

RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 5, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

2020-2021 HOME OF THE MONTH PROJECTS ANNOUNCED

Visit the [website](#) to view the 38 outstanding residential projects submitted for the chance to be featured over the coming year in the *Star Tribune's* Home & Gardens section. Twelve were selected to be part of the next "Home of the Month" series.

VIRTUAL RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE CHECK-IN FORUM

Tuesday, May 19, 12:00 pm

Meet up virtually with other residential practitioners to share challenges and successes of working in this time of pandemic. [Register in advance »](#)

TECHNOLOGY IN PRACTICE (TAP) KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

The Technology in Practice (TAP) knowledge community is building a virtual community on Slack. Firm leaders are encouraged to direct their AIA and non-AIA technical staff as well as tech-enthusiasts to join the TAP community as our practice moves into an increasingly digital marketplace. If you have questions or would like to be a part of this group, please contact co-chair [Adam Wilbrecht](#), or AIA Minnesota staff liaison [Deanna Christiansen](#).

WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 13, 8:00 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

MINNESOTA LICENSE RENEWALS ARE DUE JUNE 30, 2020

The Board has opened online renewals for 2020-2022. A postcard was mailed to the primary address given by licensees/certificate holders (which may be a work address); and an email has been sent to those who subscribe to the Board's email communications. Architects must have 24 Professional Development Hours (PDHs) earned between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2020 to renew their license to practice architecture in Minnesota. Two of those 24 PDHs must focus on professional ethics. Visit the [AELSLAGID website](#) for the board's COVID-19 statement and license renewal details. Visit the [2018 carryover page](#) for the post of 2018 CE carryover for 2020 renewals.

UP TO 50% OFF AIA MINNESOTA ON-DEMAND WEBINARS

In an effort to make it easier for architects to meet their continuing education requirement for license renewal (due June 30), AIA Minnesota is reducing the registration fee for all our on-demand webinars by up to 50%. This sale price will be good May 1 through June 30. [Visit the website for access to these sessions »](#)

Topics covered include:

- [Ethical Design in the Era of Climate Change](#)
- [The Road to WELL, Pain Free!](#)
- [Demystifying the AIA 2030 Commitment](#)
- [Revised and New AIA Contract Documents](#)
- [MN Conservation Code for Existing Buildings](#)
- [Ethics Past, Present and Future: Tales from the Grey Zone](#)
- [Weather Barriers, Continuous Insulation, and NFPA-285](#)

SPRING/SUMMER PROGRAMMING

A Two-Part Program on Accessible Restrooms

Wednesday, May 20, 8:30 - 10:45 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

2.0 HSW LU Hours

- A Planning Guide for Accessible Restrooms
- Specifying Code-Compliant Toilet Partitions

Presented by Alan Gettelman, Bobrick Washroom Equipment, Inc.

Engineering Existing Building Projects - What You Should Know and Why You Should Care

Wednesday, June 3, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

1.5 HSW LU Hours

Presented by Chris Hartnett, PE, American Engineering Testing

Minnesota Amendments

Although this program was originally scheduled to take place on April 7, it was canceled because it was not possible for the speakers to participate with the Stay at Home mandate in place. We hope to reschedule for another time, possibly in July.

June Mini-Code Updates

The Building Code Knowledge Committee is sponsoring three mini-code updates in June. Each of these will be presented virtually by co-chair **Gerhard Guth, AIA**. [Register for the sessions »](#)

IBC-Chapter 1305 - Minnesota Provisions

Wednesday, June 10, 2020, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

1.0 HSW LU

IEBC-Chapter 1311 - International Existing Building Code, Minnesota Provisions

Wednesday, June 17, 2020, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

1.0 HSW LU

ICC-ANSI A-1187.1 - Chapter 1341 - Minnesota Accessibility Code

Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

1.0 HSW LU

ACCESS INFORMATION ON THE CODE AMENDMENTS:

The hard copy of the Minnesota Building Code is available for pre-order on the [ICC website](#).

[Access the read-only version of the Minnesota Building code »](#)

NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

AIA NATIONAL

A'20 CANCELED

The AIA National Conference--A'20--has been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

AIA AWARDS NOW OPEN

The AIA Architecture Awards program celebrates the best contemporary architecture regardless of budget, style, size, or type. This coveted award honors some of the most exciting architecture of the year, and showcases the many ways buildings and spaces improve our lives. Deadline for submissions is June 23, 2020. [Learn more »](#)

HOW AIA CONTRACTS ADDRESS THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

This article provides some tips on how to handle project delays, suspensions, and terminations with AIA documents, and also provides a list of some insurance issues to consider. [Read the article »](#)

AIA 2030 COMMITMENT REPORTING EXTENDED TO JULY 15

The AIA 2030 reporting deadline originally scheduled for April 22 will be extended to July 15. Look for more information about the 2030 commitment over the coming months.

MEMBER PROFILE

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

AIA MINNEAPOLIS

MAY LUNCHEON: VIRTUAL PRESENTATION

Thursday, May 21, 12:00 pm

Hear local climate change experts **Jesse Turck, AIA**, and **Richard Graves, AIA**, share the ways our profession is responding to the call for combating climate change. Registration in advance is required. [Register »](#)

MERIT AWARD CALL FOR ENTRIES

Submittals due Friday, May 29

AIA Minneapolis Merit Awards recognize projects by AIA Minneapolis architects that tell a story of:

- Excellence beyond design
- Public Interest Design
- The variety of forces that shape a building

[Learn more and apply online »](#)

SAVE THE DATE: GOLF OUTING

Monday, July 27

Majestic Oaks Golf Club

The AIA Minneapolis Golf Outing will be held on Monday, July 27 at Majestic Oaks Golf Club. Revisions to the outing are being made to ensure social distancing. Registration for sponsorship and golf are now open! [Registration »](#)

If you'd like to serve on the golf outing planning committee, please contact [Pam Nelson](#). The committee meets once per month through July.

DOORS OPEN MINNEAPOLIS POSTPONED

Doors Open Minneapolis has been postponed until this fall. Stay tuned for more details!

AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA

REGIONAL BROADBAND SPEED TEST

For members living in St. Louis County, please take this one-minute [broadband speed test](#).

The test is sponsored by Range Association of Municipalities & Schools (RAMS) in partnership with St. Louis County. The results will be measured over the next several months by GEO Partners, LLC. When completed, it will provide statistically validated data that can be used to help advance future broadband projects and secure federal and state broadband funding.

DULUTH SMALL BUSINESS EMERGENCY FUND

On April 27, the Duluth City Council approved a \$443,000 grant to the Duluth Small Business Emergency Fund for small businesses in the City of Duluth impacted by COVID-19. Applications open the first week of May. [Learn more »](#)

A'20 MN: THE MINNESOTA CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE

A red banner for the A'20 MN Conference on Architecture. On the left, the text 'A'20 MN' is displayed in large, bold, black and white letters. On the right, the AIA Minnesota logo is shown, featuring a stylized eagle emblem and the text 'AIA Minnesota'. Below the logo, the text reads: 'The Minnesota Conference on Architecture', 'November 10 - 13, 2020', and 'Minneapolis Convention Center'.

PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITIES

Proposals: AIA Minnesota is seeking proposals for the A'20 MN Conference in November. The selection committee will choose a wide variety of topics to be presented; however, this year's Conference will include a special focus on climate action, as well as programs addressing business continuity and resilience, and the future of design. Visit the [A'20 MN web page](#) to access this request. **Deadline is May 18, 2020.**

Ideas: And 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](#).

BOOTH REGISTRATIONS AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Although we are in a time of uncertainty for planning and gathering together, we are moving forward with our plans for the A'20 MN Annual Conference on Architecture. We will be monitoring the Coronavirus situation and will make adjustments as necessary. [Click here for exhibitor and sponsorship information »](#)

PEOPLE & FIRMS

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Phil Anderson, AIA Minnesota Allied Member
Jack Dickinson, AIA Minnesota Allied Member
Anjali Ganapathy, Assoc. AIA
Justine Kray, AIA Minnesota Allied Member
Bryan Kujawa, AIA Minnesota Allied Member

Philip Larsen Jr., AIA
Kareem Reda, AIA Minnesota Allied Member
Mark Rader, AIA Minnesota Allied Member
William St. Germaine, AIA

IN MEMORIAM

John Idstrom, AIA, passed away on April 23, age 78. He was a founder of Partners 4 Design and worked in the architecture community for 40 years. [Learn more »](#)

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS

SMALL & TINY HOUSE MOVEMENT, 1995 - NOW

Tuesday, May 5, 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Join AIA New York for a discussion of the tiny house movement, featuring AIA Minnesota members **Dale Mulfinger, FAIA**, and **Geoff Warner, AIA**, along with other national experts. [Learn more and register »](#)

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ONLINE RESOURCES

Visit the College of Design's [online calendar](#) for regular updates on activities.

CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE BUILDING RESEARCH TRAINING

Energy Updates in B3 and SB 2030: Part 1 and Part 2

May 11 and May 14, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

[Details and registration »](#)

COLLEGE OF DESIGN WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Mending Mondays

Mondays through May 11, 10:30 AM and 1:00 PM

Join Annie Henly from the Fabrication Department for informal group sewing sessions. Bring your torn jeans, busted seams, and a needle and thread for the whole session or just pop in for a bit. All levels welcome. [Join sessions here.](#)

Crafternoons

Thursdays through May 14, 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Kids and their grownups (optional) are welcome in this Zoom crafting session led by Justin Kindelspire from the Fabrication Department and his elementary-school-aged-daughters. Watch for details on [upcoming projects](#) and [join sessions here.](#)

Creativity Break

Fridays (ongoing), 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Stretch your mind and connect with others during these fast, free, interactive creativity breaks hosted by instructor Tane Danger and Keren Gudeman, based on elements from Tane's College of Design class, "Improvisation for Design." [Join sessions here.](#)

COLLEGE OF DESIGN ONLINE RESOURCES

COVID-19 Environmental Interventions & Best Practices

Led by Professor Tasoulla Hadjiyanni (Interior Design), the Culturally Enriched Communities (CEC) research initiative gathers best practices for creating healthy and connected communities. In light of the ongoing COVID-19

pandemic, CEC has begun collecting a [repository of environmental interventions](#) to help inform stay-at-home responses and recovery efforts. See what they've gathered so far and [submit your own suggestions](#).

Career & Internship Resources

Employers with jobs, internships or smaller, project-based micro-internships are encouraged to post opportunities for students and recent grads at careerhelp.umn.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit the [AIA Minnesota Events Calendar](#) for more information about upcoming events. For events not sponsored by AIA Minnesota, please check directly with sponsors for up-to-date information about cancelations, postponements, or virtual meetings.



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

The May/June 2020 issue features a pair of lake retreats that immerse their owners in shoreline forests, a new city home that aims to model a sustainable future for urban neighborhoods, and a nature center and a design studio that have their sights set on the most advanced certifications for sustainable buildings. Plus: Interviews with arts administrator Robyne Robinson and sustainable-materials expert Blaine Brownell, FAIA, and an editorial by publisher Mary-Margaret Zindren on COVID-19 and the built environment. For the first time, the full issue can be read online. [Read more »](#)

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

We are currently working on the July/August issue, which features Midcentury design and sustainability. It also includes the Directory of Renovation, Remodeling, & Restoration. Ad space deadline is May 8, ads due May 15.

[Click here](#) for the 2020 media kit and directory forms and contact [Pam Nelson](#) to reserve your ad spot.



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