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## **AIA MINNESOTA MATRIX NEWSLETTER**

**May 2022**

### **Reciprocal Mentorship**

**By Alicia Belton, FAIA, NOMA, AIA Minnesota President**



I've been reflecting lately on my untraditional career path in architecture and the role mentorship has played in shaping my life and my work.

I first interned in a small two-person firm, followed by another summer internship for a real estate department at a university. After graduate school, I worked for a Fortune 500 company before starting my own practice. Each of these positions was grounded in the desire to not only gain meaningful work experience but also in the value of having work-life balance in an environment that supported my well-being and growth. Equally important for me was seeing how attention to diversity, inclusion, and equity were implemented in leadership and practice.

Working at these places also provided invaluable experiences in mentorship. Through a formal mentorship program at that Fortune 500 company, I was paired with a female manager who was married with children and not in architecture. The hours she spent with me provided helpful and timely insights, since I was fresh out of school and learning how to manage my own life.

Her mentorship inspired me to embrace the responsibility of giving back to others. It led me to find a place within the organization where I could serve; I joined a recruiting team for my alma mater. Although it was early in my career, I recognized that I had practical skills and life lessons to share with those who were beginning their own professional journeys.

Our profession has traditionally practiced a one-way apprenticeship model where the older generation takes the younger generation under their wing. I'm happy to see that there is growing recognition of another way: reciprocal, two-way

mentorship.

In fact, at this point in my career, people younger than me tend to be my greatest source of inspiration and learning. Yes, I will be the first to admit that I am technology challenged and my digital-native mentors have taught me a lot. The passionately talented, up-and-coming and ready to change the world design professionals in my life also regularly broaden my knowledge in sustainability and equity.

Professional mentorship is best when we see ourselves as simultaneously mentors and mentees. As we give, we receive. When we learn, we grow. And, together, we create a better profession and a better world in the process.

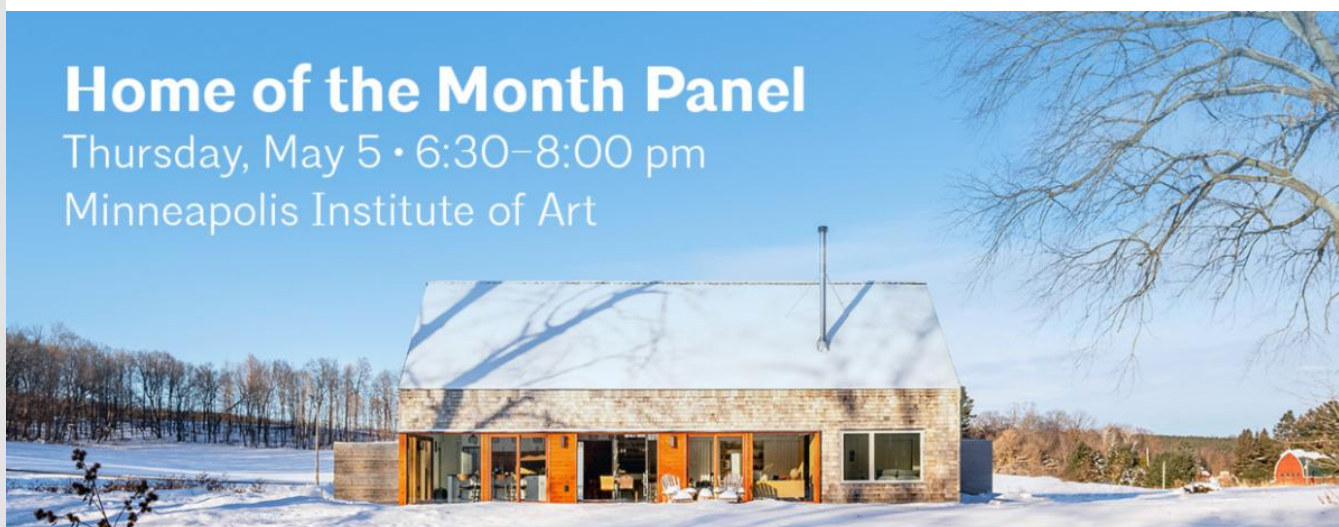
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## CALL TO ACTION

### Home of the Month Panel

Thursday, May 5 • 6:30–8:00 pm

Minneapolis Institute of Art



### Tickets Available for Home of the Month Panel

Join AIA Minnesota and the *Star Tribune* at the annual Home of the Month discussion, this year back in person, on Thursday, May 5 at the Minneapolis Institute of Art. Get a sneak peek of the home design projects picked to be featured for the 2022 Home of the Month program, plus hear a panel of residential architects and their clients talk candidly about the process of designing a home. [Get tickets »](#)

### Don't Miss AIA Minnesota Award Deadlines

Several AIA Minnesota Awards programs have deadlines coming up in the next few weeks. Don't miss these opportunities to recognize your peers and outstanding design projects.

#### 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 »](#)

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING DESIGN AWARD**

This award program is supported by the McKnight Foundation and aspires to improve the visibility and stature of affordable housing design to increase public support of affordable housing; recognize design and development teams and affordable housing organizations that have designed excellent, affordable housing projects; encourage a broad understanding of how financing mechanisms, cost, diverse client populations and community-based design processes contribute to a completed work of architecture; and/or elevate affordable housing that advances environmental justice and equity.

Submissions for the Affordable Housing Design Award are due **Friday, May 20 at 12:00 pm CST.** [Learn more »](#)

## **Delegates Needed to Attend AIA Business Meeting**

**June 9, 2022**

### **Virtual**

Delegates are official representatives of their chapter and participate in the 2022 AIA Annual Business Meetings and election of Officers and At-large Director. Duties include reviewing summaries of candidates' experience and qualifications, listening to pre-recorded candidate speeches, attending a pre-meeting (June 6, 2022, 4:00-5:00pm) the virtual 2022 AIA National Annual Business Meeting (June 9, 2022, 12:00-4:00pm CST) and virtual Candidate Caucus (June 10, 2022, 12:30-1:30 pm CST), and vote online for Officers and At-large Directors. We need delegates from AIA Northern Minnesota, AIA St. Paul, and AIA Minneapolis. If you

are interested, please email [Amber Allardyce](#) by **May 20**.

## Minnesota Office of Legislative Auditor (OLA) Seeks SB 2030 Input

The **Minnesota Office of the Legislative Auditor (OLA)** is beginning an **evaluation of the state's sustainable building guidelines** for new buildings and major renovations that receive funding from bond proceeds. **We are seeking input from stakeholders like you** to help us develop our evaluation questions and the scope of our research activities.

To provide input, **please complete our online questionnaire located [here](#) by May 13, 2022**. Please feel free to forward this invitation to others who may want to provide feedback on the state's sustainable building guidelines.

Potential areas of study include:

- To what extent have new state buildings and major renovations that received funds from the bond proceeds fund been compliant with sustainable building guidelines, as required by law?
- What is needed to ensure that such state buildings and major renovations comply with sustainable building requirements before money is encumbered on a project?
- Who is in charge of enforcing this statute, and does this need to be clarified in law?

Depending on the feedback we receive, we may alter the focus of the evaluation.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Mary-Margaret Zindren a Finalist in Finance & Commerce Top Women in Construction

Congratulations to AIA Minnesota EVP/Executive Director **Mary-Margaret Zindren, CAE**, a finalist in the 2022 *Finance & Commerce* Top Women in Construction Awards. The final recipient will be announced at an event on May 12. [Learn more »](#)

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## 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.

- 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.

*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

## Equity in the Built Environment Committee

Formerly known as the Committee on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, the group made a pivot in 2021 to focus exclusively on issues related to equity in the built environment. In 2022, the EBE Committee will be examining how others within the profession and those outside the profession practice centering equity in the built environment. Members also hope to develop resources to grow understanding about equitable design practices and related topics. We are a group of architects and designers learning as we go. If you're interested in learning with us, please join us!

Contact [Angie McKinley](#) or [PaviElle French](#) for more information.

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### LEADERSHIP FORUM

## Leadership Forum 2022

This month's Leadership Forum continued the exploration of the connection between communication and being an effective leader. This full day session focused on:

- Building trust to strengthen motivation and engagement
- Increasing awareness of unconscious bias
- Specific things to do to be a more intentionally inclusive leader
- Turning conflict into courageous conversations

Through a combination of presentation, dialogue, and interactive activities the cohort explored the latest research on these topics and discussed ways to apply this new learning and skills to their role as a leader in their firms, communities, and homes.

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### MINNESOTA ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION (MAF)

## 2022 MAF Rapson Competition Award Announcement

**Derek Mahler, AIA** has been named recipient of the 2022 Ralph Rapson Traveling Study Award. The MAF Rapson Fellowship award a \$16,000 prize to the winner of a two-part competition to advance the recipient's education in architecture through foreign or domestic travel-study under a theme of discovery. [Learn more about the design competition and view the finalist submissions »](#)

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

# A'22 MN



The Minnesota Conference  
on Architecture

November 9-11, 2022

Minneapolis Convention  
Center

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

Program planning is now just beginning and our committee is seeking ideas and proposals for continuing education presentations for all three days of this year's Conference. Visit [A'22 MN Proposals](#) to access the online form. **Deadline is Friday, June 3, 2022.**

**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.

**Topics to Propose.** 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.

**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](#).

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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](#).

## AIA HOME DESIGN TRENDS SURVEY

Kitchen and bathroom design trends are in the spotlight in the Q1 AIA Home Design Trends Survey. View the latest interactive report, drawing on data from hundreds of firms. [View findings](#) and [participate »](#)

## 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, Interior Architecture and Regional & Urban Design Awards. [Submit today »](#)

## AIAU CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

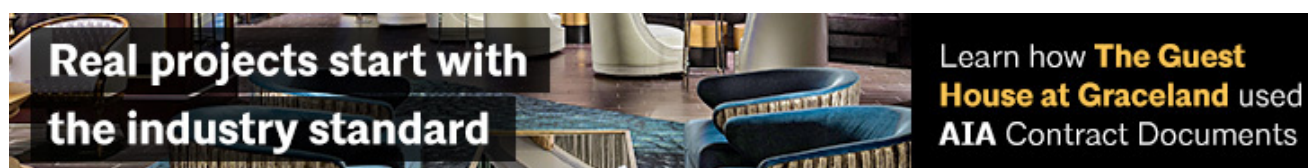
Master new skills that help you meet your firm's business and sustainability goals through AIAU's exclusive certificate programs. You'll learn best practices from leading architects and firms on the core topics that will drive your projects, your career, and your firm forward. Complete all courses in a program to earn a certificate that shows your achievement. Certificates are available in [AIA+2030](#), [Materials](#), [Resilience & Adaptation](#), and [Business Foundations](#). [Learn more »](#)

## 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.

## MANAGE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Update your contact preferences, education, licenses, career, and contact information online. Visit [myprofile.aia.org](#).



## AIA MINNEAPOLIS

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### MERIT AWARD CALL FOR ENTRIES

**Submittals due Friday, May 20**

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 »](#)

### MINNEAPOLIS HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARDS EVENT

**Wednesday, May 25, 5:00 pm**

**Capri Theater**

AIA Minneapolis, Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC), and Preserve Minneapolis invite you to this celebration event that recognize the architects, developers, volunteers, enthusiasts, and preservation professionals that protect and celebrate Minneapolis' built history. [Learn more about the Minneapolis Preservation Awards](#). [Register to attend this free in-person event »](#)

### GOLF OUTING: REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

**Monday, July 25**

**Majestic Oaks**

[Sponsor Information »](#)

[Golfer Registration »](#)

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

## AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA

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### DRAUGHTING CLUB

**Wednesday, May 4, 4:00 pm**

**Canal Park Brewery**

[Learn more »](#)

Watch for more details on a potential tour of the Rock Ridge School site on Thursday, May 19, coming soon!

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### COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES

### ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**Thursday, May 5, 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 can begin taking the exam through PSI starting June 14. You can start making appointments late spring (NCARB will notify you of exact date).
- You can schedule and take exams through Prometric through May 31.
- Prometric appointments cannot be transferred to PSI.
- Get ready for a better exam experience.
  - More direct customer service
  - More flexible and less expensive exam rescheduling
  - More detailed feedback on failing score reports
  - More physical test center locations

### Use these links for more detail:

- A comprehensive [list](#) of test centers that meet NCARB's technical and security requirements (a Google search will not be comprehensive of sites partnering with NCARB)
- [ARE 5.0 Guidelines](#) (Draft) for instructions on scheduling and testing with PSI.
- Continue using this version of the [ARE 5.0 Guidelines](#) (Prometric) until you migrate to PSI.

## Meet Your 2022 Licensure Goals

NCARB has put together the following resources to help you meet your licensing goals.

[Tips for starting the AXP](#)

[Is online proctoring right for you?](#)

[Tips and advice for taking an online exam](#)

[Top ten FAQ's about the path to licensure](#)

[Find inspiration](#)

[New scholarship for Black licensure candidates](#)

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, May 11, 12:00 pm**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

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

## COMMITTEE ON DESIGN

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**Thursday, May 12, 12:00 pm**

## [Virtual Meeting](#)

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

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**Wednesday, May 18, 8:30 am**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

### COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COTE)

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**Friday, May 13, 12:00 pm**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

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

#### **Mindful Materials Popup Event**

**Tuesday, May 24, 5:00 - 8:00 pm**

[MSR Design Studio](#)

Hear a panel of speakers address implementation of a circular materials economy, receive a tour of MSR's LBC Materials Petal Certified studio, and connect with others. [Register »](#)

### COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

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**Monday, May 9, 12:00 pm**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

This meeting will be a brainstorming session about sharing our knowledge at a Conference program in November.

### 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, May 4, 6:00 pm**

Virtual meeting, where we will split into small exam groups. [Register »](#)

**Saturday, May 14, 10:00 am**

In-person check-in and conversation at PKA Architecture. [Register »](#)

### ENTER COMMITTEE

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**Friday, May 27, 12:00 pm**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

### GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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**Tuesday, May 17, 12:00 pm**

**[Virtual Meeting](#)**

Join us for an update on omnibus bills and individual policy packages AIA Minnesota is working on during the session, and hear more about the outlook for bonding.

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

## HEALTH DESIGN KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

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**ADA and Accessible Design**

**Thursday, May 26, 4:00 pm**

**[Virtual Meeting](#)**

Presented by Amanda Collen, DLR Group

## HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

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**Wednesday, May 4, 12:00 pm**

**[Virtual Meeting](#)**

**IN-PERSON SOCIAL**

**Thursday, May 12, 4:00 pm**

**Crown Roller Mill Building Second Floor Deck**

Join the committee for an in-person social at the AIA Minnesota office! Bring your own refreshments and enjoy some time to catch up with the group! We will meet in the second floor reception space if weather is an issue.

## LAKE SUPERIOR DESIGN RETREAT COMMITTEE

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**Monday, May 16, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

**[Virtual Meeting](#)**

## MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM COMMITTEE (MDT)

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**MDT WORKBOOK WORKSHOP**

**Wednesday, May 18, 4:30 pm**

**[Virtual Meeting](#)**

**VOLUNTEER FOR THE SILVER BAY VISIT**

**May 19–21, 2022**

The overall focus of this visit will be on downtown development, lakeside development, and strengthening connections between the different parts of the city. [Apply to volunteer here.](#) Contact visit co-leads [Steve Roos](#) and [Candace Dow](#) with any questions.

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



**Tuesday, May 3, 12:00 pm**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

## **RESIDENTIAL DESIGN PANEL WITH THE *STAR TRIBUNE*: 2022 HOME OF THE MONTH PREVIEW**

**Thursday, May 5, 6:30 pm**

**Minneapolis Institute of Art**

This annual program is back in person! Join us to see a sneak peek of the home design projects picked to be featured for the 2022 Home of the Month program, plus hear a panel of residential architects and their clients talk candidly about the process of designing a home. [Get tickets »](#)

## **VOLUNTEER FOR HOMEOWNER CONSULTATIONS**

Sign up now as a volunteer for one-on-one 45-minute homeowner consultations, an annual program AIA Minnesota offers in conjunction with the Home of the Month preview. In-person and virtual consultations are available. [Sign up »](#)

## **TECHNOLOGY IN ARCHITECTURE PRACTICE KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY**

### **NO TAP MEETING IN MAY**

## **WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, May 11, 8:00 am**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

## **PEOPLE & FIRMS**

**Adam Ariano, AIA; Melissa Cross, AIA; Jon Dykstra, AIA; Beth Evanson Makhoul, AIA; Greg Frenzel, AIA; Gauri Kelkar, Assoc. AIA; Christine Peterson, AIA; Kristen Salkas, AIA; and Steve Wohlford, AIA**, were promoted to Senior Associate at **Alliance**.

**OPN Architects** opened a new office in Minneapolis, led by **Tate Walker, AIA**.

**Pope Architects** is now **Pope Design Group** and has a new St. Paul headquarters.

**Ryan A+E** joined the [AIA 2030 Commitment](#).

## **WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!**

Jack Bertram, Assoc. AIA  
Tyler Ertl, AIA  
Anna Beth Gunderson, Assoc. AIA  
Sophia LaMere, Assoc. AIA  
Florije Mazreku Sr., Assoc. AIA

Corissa Nelson, Assoc. AIA  
Austin Schendel, Assoc. AIA  
Samantha Seebeck, Assoc. AIA  
Grace Sundberg, Assoc. AIA

## **AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS**

[ARCHITECTURE 2030 WEBINAR: RENEWABLE ENERGY PROCUREMENT MAY 4 »](#)

[UMN PRODUCT INNOVATION LAB PRESENTATIONS MAY 5 »](#)

[FEDERAL RESERVE BANK: CONSTRUCTION SECTOR CONDITIONS REPORT MAY 6 »](#)

[WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC MENOMONIE DISTRICT MAY 13 »](#)

## **DESIGN IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD DISCUSSION SERIES (Online)**

**May 10**

After two years of great discussions and speakers in this series, we wrap up with a final conversation focused on [post-pandemic cities](#).

## **BECOME LEED ACCREDITED**

### **LeadingGREEN TRAINING & EXAM PREP**

Make your resume stand out with the premier sustainability designation called the LEED Green Associate! **AIA Minnesota members are eligible for a \$50 discount on the live webinars by using the code "sust" at registration.** Live webinars in April and May. [Learn more »](#)

## **GBBN's DESIGN ISSUES SERIES (DIS)**

**Wednesday, May 11, 4 – 6 pm**

### **Minneapolis Grain Exchange Building (Trading Floor)**

GBBN's Design Issues Series (DIS) is a collaborative, interoffice exhibit. Each year DIS allows us to take a step back, take notice, and explore emerging design issues. Open-ended and wide-ranging, previous DIS exhibits have included investigations into the way that screens shape our built environment; the power of prefabrication; and environmental justice initiatives in the cities where we're located. Our aim is to connect to our community while cultivating an understanding of how design affects us all. Please join us for our first DIS exhibit and open house in Minneapolis. The exhibit will feature a brief history of DIS. Light refreshments will be provided. Learn more [here](#).

## **CO-HOUSING: A SHORT-TERM ANTIDOTE TO LONELINESS AND LONG-TERM RETIREMENT PLAN**

**Wednesday, May 11, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

### **Virtual Meeting**

Join the Twin Cities Co-Housing Network for a presentation by Grace Kim, FAIA, of Schemata Workshop in Seattle to learn more about the benefits and design considerations of co-housing. [Learn more »](#)

## **USGBC LIVE FORUM TWIN CITIES**

**Thursday, May 12**

### **St. Paul River Centre**

USGBC Live is the leading event for the future of buildings, cities and communities. Attend to learn how to implement LEED, meet others in the industry, discover new green building strategies that help with real world issues and explore the latest in green building technology platforms, including updates to LEED. [Learn more »](#)

## **UMN COLLEGE OF DESIGN GRADUATING STUDENT EXHIBITIONS**

**May dates vary**

See a list of upcoming exhibitions and receptions for architecture, interior design and other design majors at [design.umn.edu/events](https://design.umn.edu/events).

**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](#).

**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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