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**AIA MINNESOTA MATRIX NEWSLETTER**

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## **Advocacy: Minnesota's Architects in Action**

**by Sam Olbekson, AIA, AIACAE, NOMA, AIA Minnesota President**



Serving on the AIA Minnesota board for the past few years, I've had the opportunity to gain greater awareness of our component's significant efforts to support the mission, values, and professional interests of our members, and to reduce policy barriers that create issues for our profession.

Our AIA Minnesota community is doing tremendous work to advocate for high-quality design, equity in the built environment, affordable housing, public funding for community-based projects, and many other related community building efforts. AIA Minnesota serves as an invaluable resource to connect us to opportunities to learn, discuss, and take direct action on the issues important to us as firms and individuals.

Advocacy is an important way we can shape the policies that shape our environment and our work. Our insight into the state, county, and local regulations and processes of development, funding, and building our communities gives us an important perspective on how public policy impacts our day-to-day work. We have an opportunity and a responsibility to create strong communities for the future by sharing our knowledge with elected officials at the federal, state, and local levels .

Our Government Affairs Committee and local chapter advocacy efforts connect us to multiple ways to share our insight and voice with policymakers. Member leaders from all state and local AIA chapters in Minnesota recently participated in AIA Lobby Day in Washington DC during this year's AIA Leadership Summit. During the trip, we visited the offices of several Minnesota members of Congress, outlining our perspectives in detail on bipartisan pieces of legislation Congress is considering. The Congressional staff members we met with thoughtfully listened to our perspectives and welcomed AIA Minnesota members as an important and highly

relevant resource of important knowledge.

Other ways we have directly advocated for our profession this year have been through advocacy letters on specific legislative issues, in-person testimony, and individual Zoom and in-person meetings with policymakers at the state Capitol on everything from capital investment and taxes to climate action. Our AIA Minnesota advocacy team also works with state agencies and state boards in an advisory capacity throughout the year and keeps our committees and knowledge communities close at hand to share their expertise in specialized areas.

You can get involved in government affairs through AIA Minnesota in many ways that don't involve a flight to Washington, or even a visit to the Capitol. From a one-time, 15-minute Zoom call with legislators, to visits in person with policymakers, to ongoing participation in the Government Affairs Committee, we invite you to share your expertise about the built environment and creating resilient communities at whatever level of commitment fits your schedule.

The more we are aware of and involved in the legislation and policy decisions being made at the federal, state, and local levels, the more we are able to help legislators build the policy foundation for our future. If you would like to know more about any particular policy proposal, or to learn more about sharing your voice, please feel free to reach out to me or [Sheri Hansen](#). Sheri will also be leading a session recap in early June for all AIA Minnesota members, outlining the progress we made this year on key initiatives for our profession; please join that meeting if you can.

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## IN MEMORIAM

### AIA Minnesota Mourns the Passing of Rebecca Lewis, FAIA, and Herb Ketcham, FAIA

AIA Minnesota lost two beloved members of our community in the past few weeks.



**Rebecca Lewis, FAIA**, passed away unexpectedly on April 30. She was a nationally-recognized health design leader and a steadfast champion of the AIA Minnesota community, serving on the AIA Northern Minnesota Chapter board of directors and frequently volunteering for AIA Minnesota as a juror and committee/knowledge community leader. Her energy and passion for AIA will be greatly missed. We will share information about opportunities to celebrate her life in future emails.

Rebecca shared her experience with the Women in Architecture FAIA Legacy Project in 2019. [Hear her story »](#)

She also shared her love of Duluth's Medical Arts Building with *Architecture MN* in

2018. [Read the article »](#)



**Herbert Ketcham, Jr., FAIA**, passed away April 11. Herb was a co-founder of Alliance, a former faculty member at the University of Minnesota College of Design, and a prior member of the AIA Minnesota board of directors. Along with his significant contributions to the Minnesota design community, Herb will be remembered for his warmth and generosity. Herb's life was celebrated in late April. [Read the obituary »](#)

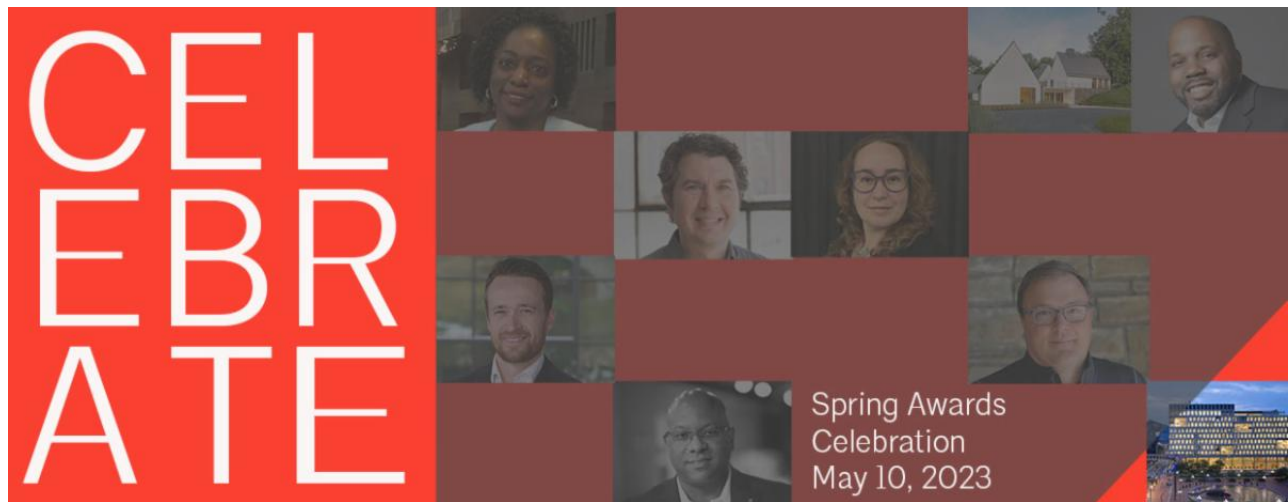
Herb contributed to an article for *Architecture MN* in 1995. [Read the article »](#)

Herb spoke with the Minnesota Society of Architectural Historians for their Minnesota Modern Masters Series. [Hear his story »](#)

We honor the work and legacy of these two leaders in our profession, and hold their families and friends close to our hearts as they grieve these losses.

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## CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN ARCHITECTURE



### Celebrate With AIA Minnesota on May 10

In 2023, AIA Minnesota will celebrate the achievements of our members throughout the year by hosting several more impactful, meaningful events rather than a single event at the end of the year.

We'll start the celebrating on Wednesday, May 10 by recognizing our newly inducted Fellows, AIA Young Architects, Architecture Award winners, and more!

Join us at the Crown Roller Mill at 4:30 pm. [Learn more »](#)

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## A'23 MN: THE MINNESOTA CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE



## A'23 MN Moves to the Depot November 13-15, 2023

The Minnesota Conference on Architecture is on the move! Join us at the Depot Minneapolis November 13-15, 2023, for inspiring continuing education opportunities, a reinvigorated exhibit hall experience, great food, a variety of beautiful spaces, and new opportunities to connect with friends and fellow members of Minnesota's architecture community.

We're so excited and hope you are, too! Watch for more information about A'23 MN throughout the summer and fall.



## Call for Proposals for A'23 MN: The Minnesota Conference on Architecture

AIA Minnesota is seeking proposals for the A'23 MN Conference on Architecture scheduled for November 13-15 at the Depot Minneapolis. All proposals must include:

- Title

- Program description
- Learning objectives
- Program format
- Intended audience
- Speakers.

**The deadline for proposals is June 3, 2023. Proposals must be submitted digitally [here](#).**

**Things to note:**

- The selection committee seeks proposals on a wide variety of topics for all building types and for firms of all sizes. An emphasis will be placed this year to provide an assortment of programs that address the business of architecture and the AEC industry; topics of particular interest to emerging professionals; and presentations addressing residential practice and design.
- Presentations must be non-proprietary.
- Panels must include a diverse array of voices and perspectives, in particular regarding gender and race/ethnicity.
- In an effort to minimize the climate impact of this conference, more than 80 per cent of our speakers will be within driving distance of the Twin Cities.
- Presenters highlighting a project are asked to share the historical context of the land and built environment related to the project in a manner that takes a long view of history and the people who have called that place home.

Questions? Contact [Deanna Christiansen](#) or [Angie McKinley](#).

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**CALL TO ACTION**

## Next Gen Award Submissions Due May 26

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. AIA Minnesota members and Associate members who have graduated with an architecture degree from an NAAB-accredited program in the last five years (2017 or more recent) are eligible for this award. AIA licensure is not required to be eligible for this award.

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.
- Significant contributions to the community through volunteering, activism, or



leadership activities.

Submissions are due **Friday, May 26 at 12:00 pm (noon) CST**. [Learn more and submit »](#)

## Young Architects Award Submissions Due May 26

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. (NOTE: The term “young architect” does not reference the candidate’s age; it references years of professional experience.)

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** demonstrated through the creation of buildings and environments that enhance our built communities;
- **Practice** demonstrated through leadership, management, and/or specialized technical expertise;
- **Education** demonstrated through teaching, publications, and/or research; and
- **Service** demonstrated through exemplary architecture service and contributions to the profession and society.

Submissions are due **Friday, May 26 at 12:00 pm (noon) CST**. [Learn more and submit »](#)

## Participate in the University of Minnesota College of Design National Search for a Dean

You can keep up to date on the search for a new College of Design dean by visiting the [National Dean Search webpage](#).

Also on this webpage, the public may submit questions and comments about the process, view the candidates' CVs, and learn more about the interview process.

Four final candidates have been identified and will speak at a public forum during their two-day campus visits. Forums are recorded and can be viewed with a UMN login for two days after they occur. Candidate 4 will speak on Thursday, May 4. [See the webpage](#) for forum time and location.

# NORTH STAR

## STORY MAP

### What Place Has Shaped Your Life?

At the Minnesota Conference on Architecture last November, AIA Minnesota soft-launched to members a new storytelling platform called the [North Star Story Map](#) for people to share their personal stories of the built spaces in Minnesota that hold special meaning to them.

**We need your help filling the website with stories before we launch to the public this week.**

**Can you share one of your own stories in the next few weeks? [Click here to get started »](#)**

### Not sure where to start?

Here are some questions to help jog your thinking:

- What building holds meaning for you or has shaped your life?
- What place makes you feel alive?
- What place do you miss?
- What built space makes you feel free to be yourself?
- What place gives you a feeling of belonging?
- What building inspires you?

[Click here](#) to read stories already on the site for further inspiration.



# Government Affairs Updates

## Omnibus Bills Take Center Stage

Key committee deadlines have passed in both the House and Senate, narrowing the field of viable bills for consideration this session. The Governor and legislative leaders have also agreed to preliminary budget targets, and committees in both chambers are beginning to determine which policy proposals will be funded for the next biennium. Many important climate proposals supported by AIA Minnesota are likely to advance this session, but final inclusions won't be clear until late in the session.

The \$1.9 billion bonding bill passed by the House failed in the Senate in March; in order to provide for investment in infrastructure and community assets, the budget targets put forward by leadership include \$2.2 billion in cash, which would not require a supermajority to approve. Additional negotiations on a capital investment package are ongoing as part of broader budget discussions.

The high volume of bills proposed and fast pace have made this a challenging session for advocates, but AIA Minnesota members have been influential throughout the process and many bills we support are moving forward this year. If you have questions about specific legislative proposals, or if you'd like to get involved in our government affairs activities, please contact [Sheri Hansen](#).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS





## Two Projects by Minnesota Architecture Firms Receive AIA COTE Top Ten Awards

Two projects by Minnesota architecture firms received 2023 AIA COTE Top Ten Awards. **HGA** was recognized for Westwood Hills Nature Center (above, right) and **MSR Design** was recognized for the RIDC Mill 19 project (above, left). Both are prior AIA Minnesota Honor Award recipients. [Learn more »](#)



## MSR Design Receives Two 2023 AIA/ALA Library Building Awards

Congratulations to **MSR Design** on receiving two 2023 AIA/ALA Library Building Awards. Both the Missoula Public Library New Main Library (above, right) and the Louisville Free Public Library Northeast Regional Public Library (above, left) have received Commendations for Framework in Design Excellence Achievement from AIA Minnesota. [Learn more »](#)

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## The 2023 *ENTER* Print Annual Is Out in Early May

Architectural projects that exemplify design excellence. The leader of an urban analytics firm on the future of downtown districts. Spotlights on a historic Minnesota river town and a first-ring Twin Cities suburb. The heads of a major philanthropic organization and a neighborhood association who center love in their leadership. Core concepts and key questions for planning, developing, and designing equitable communities. The [2023 ENTER print annual](#) features these and other in-depth articles on the challenges and opportunities of shaping a better built environment for Minnesota. It also includes photo-rich profiles of notable new buildings, a special section on the recipients of 2022 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 184-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](#).

## *ENTER* Digital Shifts from Biweekly to Monthly

This month, the *ENTER* digital biweekly will transition to a monthly schedule, arriving in readers' inboxes on the **third Thursday** of every month. Look for the same mix of articles highlighting inspiring stories in Minnesota communities and thought leadership on climate action, equity, experience, economy, and innovation in the built environment starting on May 18.

## *ENTER* Advertising Opportunities

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

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## MINNESOTA ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION



## Clarence Wigington Architectural Scholarship

### Clarence Wigington Architectural Scholarship Opportunity

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation (MAF) is now accepting applications for the Clarence Wigington Architectural Scholarship. MAF will provide up to two (2) scholarships to students who identify as Black, Indigenous, or person of color who wish to pursue a professional education in architecture and who hold promise for succeeding in such a career pursuit. The scholarship amount provided to each recipient is \$2,000 per semester (\$4,000 per academic year) and is an ongoing scholarship for up to five years (if a full course load of classes is successfully completed each semester). **Application deadline is May 31, 2023.** [Learn more »](#)

### LEADERSHIP FORUM



### Building Trust and Engagement in Today's Complex Workforce

The April session of Leadership Forum was a fast-paced, full-day session with a focus on building trust and engagement. Much of the time was spent in small- and large-group discussions exploring how to strengthen motivation; increase awareness of unconscious bias; become a more intentionally inclusive leader; and how to turn conflict into courageous conversations. The session was led by Debby Magnuson,



who has been a long-time favorite for our Leadership Forum cohorts. Debby is an executive coach, career counselor, and leadership consultant.

The May session will begin a shift of focus from self and skill development to applying our values to making a difference in our firms, our communities, and our profession.

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## CONTINUING EDUCATION

### Upcoming CE Opportunities

#### Minnesota Conservation Code Overview

Did you miss this seminar on March 23? Visit the [Conservation Code](#) event web page for access to the presentation slides.

#### Two New On-Demand Videos Available

*Presented at the A'22 MN Conference*

- The Ethics of Ableism - 2.0 HSW LUs and Ethics [Details and registration »](#)
- (Sustainable) Design is in the Details - 1.5 HSW LUs [Details and registration »](#)

Questions? Contact [Deanna Christiansen](#).

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## NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

### AIA NATIONAL



#### AIA CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE

June 7-10

San Francisco, CA

The architecture and design event of the year is heading to the beautiful Bay Area June 7-10, 2023. [Learn more »](#)

Have a colleague considering AIA membership? New AIA members get registration to the conference for just \$99! [Learn more »](#)

#### DELEGATES NEEDED TO ATTEND AIA BUSINESS MEETING

If you plan to attend the A'23 in San Francisco, please consider becoming a delegate. Delegates are official representatives of their chapter and participate in the 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 (tbd), being present at the AIA Business Meeting during A'23 (June 7, 10:00 am–1:00 pm), attending the Candidate Caucus (June 7, 1:20–2:30 pm), and voting. We need delegates from AIA Northern Minnesota, AIA St. Paul, and AIA Minneapolis. If you are interested, please email [PaviElle French](#) by May 15.

### COMMENT ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO AIA BYLAWS

At the AIA national conference in June, delegates representing Minnesota's state and local chapters will vote on behalf of the membership on several proposed changes to the AIA bylaws. The AIA Minnesota Board of Directors invites members to share thoughts on the proposed bylaws changes to inform delegates' votes. The changes under consideration include:

- Major revisions related to the AIA National Ethics Council
- Opportunity for emeritus status for International Assoc. AIA members
- Votes required to amend AIA bylaws
- Component bylaws approval

[Read the proposed bylaws »](#)

Comments should be sent to EVP [Mary-Margaret Zindren](#) by Monday, May 8.

### AIAU WEBINARS: MATERIALS MATTER SERIES

**Dates:** May 11th and June 1st, 8:30 -10:00 EST

Material selection is a core service provided by architects, but that process is far from simple. The Materials Matter series untangles the complexities of that process in five essential courses. The key? Materials transparency. When you know everything you can about the materials you use, you're able to make the best product decisions for projects, people, and the environment.

[Learn more and register »](#)

### YAF NEWSLETTER

The April 2023 newsletter features activities at the national conference, opportunities at Women's Leadership Summit, additional spring and summer event details, and more! [View the newsletter »](#)

### NATIONAL AWARD JURORS SOUGHT

Honors & Awards is seeking jurors for our people-based and project-based awards. Please submit your application [here](#). And, as always, several awards are now open for submissions. Visit the [Honors & Awards](#) page for more information.

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

### 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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**VOLUNTEER FOR DOORS OPEN MINNEAPOLIS**  
**May 13-14, 2023**





Help us celebrate the city we know and love! [Doors Open Minneapolis](#) invites the public to explore venues that show off the historical, architectural, and cultural elements that make up our amazing city.

Sign up to volunteer and receive a VIP pass to skip the lines and get a behind-the-scenes look at buildings you've been dying to explore! You can view and register for volunteer opportunities at [this link](#). Visit the [Doors Open Minneapolis website](#) to see a list of some of the exciting venues participating this year!

Interested in being a subject matter expert for a project you've worked on? Contact [Kelly Fischer](#).

### MERIT AWARD CALL FOR ENTRIES

**Submittals due Friday, May 19**

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 »](#)



**AIA MINNEAPOLIS GOLF OUTING**  
**Monday, July 24**  
**Majestic Oaks Golf Course**

[Click here](#) to register golfers. Golfer registration taken on a first-come basis. Limit 288 golfers.  
[Click here](#) to sign up for a sponsorship.

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

**AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA**

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**DRAUGHTING CLUB**  
**Wednesday, May 3, 4:30–5:30 pm**

Join AIA Northern Minnesota and the northern AEC community at Pizza Lucé Duluth for [Drafting Club](#) on the first Wednesday of every month, from 4:30–5:30 pm.

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## COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES

### ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**Thursday, May 4, 12:00 pm**  
[Virtual Meeting](#)

#### **ARE Review – Practice & Project Management**

**Part 1** – May 4, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

**Part 2** – May 11, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

In person at [Dunwoody College of Technology](#)  
[Details and registration »](#)

#### **ARE 101 Panel Discussion Recording Available**

The ARE 101 took place on March 21st with four panelists sharing their experience taking the Architecture Registration Exams and recently passing all six. Panelists included **Eden Garton, Assoc. AIA**, Mitlyng Design and Architecture; **Hans-Christian Karlberg, Assoc. AIA**; **James Matthes, AIA**, New Studio Architecture; and **Celina Nelson, AIA**, Collage Architects. The discussion was moderated by **Matt Wingard, Assoc. AIA**, SALA Architects. Visit [ARE101 Recording](#) to access the recording of this session.

#### **New NCARB Score Validity Process**

NCARB has replaced the “Rolling Clock” section of the *Guidelines* with a new “Score Validity Policy.” Under the score validity policy, passing ARE divisional scores will remain valid throughout the delivery of the exam version under which they were taken. They’ll also be used to establish credit toward the immediately following version of the exam.

For example, a candidate who has passed some of the 4.0 divisions, but not all, prior to the exam moving to ARE 5.0, will not need to start all over in 5.0. Some credit from those 4.0 exams passed will be applied to exams required in 5.0. More details and examples can be found in the [revised Guidelines book](#).

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### ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

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**ON HIATUS**

## BUILDING CODES KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

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### OPEN FORUM

Wednesday, May 10, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Bring your code questions, experiences, and updates to share. Also bring ideas for topics you'd like to see covered at future meetings.

## COMMITTEE ON DESIGN

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Thursday, May 11, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

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

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Wednesday, May 17, 8:30 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

## COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COTE)

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### NO MEETING IN MAY

In lieu of a May meeting, COTE Committee members are encouraged to attend the [Getting to Zero Forum](#) May 10-12 in Minneapolis.

## COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

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### THE FUTURE OF DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS

Monday, May 8, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

This conversation will kick off our call to action, and a series of conversations in the future, not just navigating but leading as a positive force for change and broader vibrancy. Following this Council of Firms (COF) discussion will be opportunities for the broader architecture community to bring forward their thoughts and ideas. The AIA Minneapolis Advocacy Committee and COF co-chairs are planning in-person and virtual discussions. Details are still being determined. Please watch your email for updates.

## EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

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Tuesday, July 11, 12:00 pm (meetings are held quarterly)

[Virtual Meeting](#)

### EMERGING PROFESSIONALS HAPPY HOUR

Wednesday, May 17, 5:30 pm

[Pryes Brewing Company Register »](#)

## ENTER COMMITTEE

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**Friday, May 26, 12:00 pm**  
[Virtual Meeting](#)

## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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**Tuesday, May 16, 12:00 pm**  
[Virtual Meeting](#)

View the [2023 legislative agenda](#).

## HEALTH DESIGN KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

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**GUEST SPEAKER: SWATI GOEL SHARES HER RESEARCH**  
**Thursday, May 25, 4:00 pm**  
[Virtual Meeting](#)

[Swati Golin](#) is a third-year doctoral student at Clemson University in the Planning, Design, and the Built Environment (PDBE) program. Swati has a long-standing interest in patient and family engagement within healthcare settings and is currently researching the impact of the critical care environment on family-centered rounds, staff workflows, and family and staff satisfaction with care.

## HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

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**Wednesday, May 3, 12:00 pm**  
[Virtual Meeting](#)

## LAKE SUPERIOR DESIGN RETREAT COMMITTEE

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**Wednesday, May 17, 11:30 am**  
[Virtual Meeting](#)

## MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM COMMITTEE (MDT)

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**Wednesday, May 17, 4:30 pm**  
[Virtual Meeting](#)

MDT will have a booth at the [League of Minnesota Cities](#) conference in Duluth! The exhibit hall will be open on **Wednesday, June 21**. (The full conference runs from June 21–June 23.)

We are looking for two volunteers to staff the booth. Volunteers will need to set up, staff, and tear down the booth. **Volunteers need to be confirmed by June 9.**

**Schedule:**

- Set up: Wednesday 12:00–3:00 pm
- Exhibit Hall open: 3:30–6:30 pm
- Teardown: Wednesday 7:00–9:00 pm or Thursday 8:00–10:00 am

Volunteers also receive full conference registrations (up to two). AIA Minnesota will cover the cost of lodging for Tuesday night (if needed) and Wednesday night, plus mileage within the state of Minnesota, and meals, for two volunteers. [Contact Ann Mayhew for more details if you're interested »](#)

We will also need help preparing for the booth to make it fun and engaging! Contact [Ann Mayhew](#) if you're interested in helping and/or watch for opportunities to help via email.

## RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

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**Tuesday, May 2, 12:00 pm**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Provide feedback on this year's Homes by Architects Tour submissions by Friday, May 19. [View the submissions here](#) and [share your thoughts using this form »](#)

## TECHNOLOGY IN ARCHITECTURE PRACTICE KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

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### NO MAY MEETING

The TAP KC leadership has been connecting with other AIA Minnesota committees and knowledge communities to promote a cross-disciplinary discussion. Our goal is to have an active discussion with each group and, in turn, share knowledge that helps advance their goals and contributes to an alignment with the outstanding technology goals of the AIA in general.

As the year progresses, we will be co-developing forums and special sessions with these groups to deliver technology insights that support efforts such as sustainable design, affordable digital transformation, technology leadership, and more. We invite all AIA Minnesota members and firms to reach out to us if you have areas of technology that you would like to see addressed. TAP KC co-chairs: [Rachel Riopel, AIA](#), and [Adam Wilbrecht, AIA](#)

## WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

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

[Virtual Meeting](#)

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### PEOPLE & FIRMS

The University of Minnesota's participants had a strong showing at the 2023 Dept. of Energy Solar Decathlon, receiving Residential Grand Winner, first place Attached Housing, and second



place Multifamily Building awards. **Elizabeth Turner, AIA**, and others provided team support. [Learn more »](#)

## WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Nicholas Angvall, AIA  
Matthew Eftland, Assoc. AIA  
Sarah Hill, AIA  
Emmett Houlihan, Assoc. AIA

Kyle King, Assoc. AIA  
Keaton Kronberg, Assoc. AIA  
Will Natzel, Assoc. AIA  
Nicholas Ward, AIA

## AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS

[HENNEPIN COUNTY SALVAGE CRAWL MAY 1-31 »](#)

[MINNEAPOLIS FED PRESENTS REGIONAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: CONSTRUCTION SECTOR OUTLOOK MAY 5 »](#)

[EXHIBITION | LOW FIDELITY: DESIGN TECHNIQUES FROM THE MINNESOTA UNDERGROUND MUSIC ARCHIVE THROUGH MAY 13 »](#)

[PASSIVE HOUSE BOOT CAMP SEPTEMBER 11-14 »](#)



### GETTING TO ZERO FORUM

May 10-12, 2023

Minneapolis Marriott City Center

Secure your spot in the 2023 [Getting to Zero Forum](#), the premier event dedicated to building decarbonization, taking place in Minneapolis this spring! The event brings together the world's leading experts to share best practice approaches to reducing energy demand and decarbonization related to

policy, program, and projects. It is the only event with a broad cross-section of stakeholders focused on ambitious building efficiency goals and is an ideal venue for organizing both the policy and building communities to achieve zero carbon ambitions.



### DULUTH DESIGN EXPO 2023

**BUILDINGS + BELONGING: EMPOWERING SOCIAL CHANGE THROUGH DESIGN**

May 16, 2023

Blacklist Brewing Company, Duluth

Attend the sixth annual trade show in Duluth, followed by a keynote presentation on empowering social change through

design by Sara Cole, president and CEO of the Duluth Area YMCA. [Learn more »](#)

### LEED GREEN ASSOCIATE ONLINE TRAINING RESOURCES

Leading Green will again be offering online resources to help you attain your LEED Green Associate certification. Courses run from November to February, or can be completed on demand. AIA Minnesota members paying for their own registration can get a \$50 discount. [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](http://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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