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## AIA MINNESOTA MATRIX NEWSLETTER

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## The Season of Change

By Meredith Hayes Gordon, AIA, AIA Minnesota President



Our annual conference is upon us, and as we prepare for the annual meeting I am reminded of all the hard work our organization has taken on in 2017. It has been a year of both accomplishments and challenges as we worked to develop an implementation plan for our new strategic direction.

Together, we have thoughtfully analyzed our resources in collaboration with AIA MN staff to understand how our programs and activities relate to our mission and core values. We developed an implementation plan that charts a course for realignment to ensure those member assets are being used to further the things that we collectively agree are important. There have been difficult conversations but I have been inspired by the respect and empathy displayed throughout this work. The primary outcome of these efforts is change. [Read more »](#)

# A'17 MN



The Minnesota Conference  
on Architecture

November 14 - 17, 2017

Minneapolis Convention  
Center

## Register Online for A'17 MN Until November 7

Online registration for the Minnesota Conference on Architecture will be available until November 7, 2017.

[Register today »](#)

**THE CONVENTION REGISTRATION BOOKLET WAS SENT OUT AS A PDF IN SEPTEMBER -- NO PAPER COPIES WILL BE MAILED. CONTACT AIA MINNESOTA WITH QUESTIONS.**

## CONFERENCE PREPARATION--KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

### Things to bring:

- Cash for MAF raffle tickets, silent auction items, books and parking
- Your smart phone and charger to join the conversation at [#A17MN](#)
- Business cards for networking

### Things to see and do:

- The Exhibit Hall is home to 38 new exhibitors this year, and Exhibit Hall CE sessions are a quick way to rack up credits!
- Join us for the Annual Member Congress to hear from AIA National 2018 President-Elect Carl Elefante, FAIA, and Carol Strohecker, Dean of the UMN College of Design
- Enjoy inspiring keynote addresses each day of the Minnesota Conference on Architecture, including presentation of the 2017 Honor Awards on Thursday, November 16
- Attend the opening night reception and beer crawl in the Exhibit Hall

[Register today!](#) Sessions are filling up!

## Minnesota Architectural Foundation Raffle



Once again the Minnesota Architectural Foundation will be holding a raffle to raise funds for our scholarships. This year's raffle items are a Generations Chair (donated by Knoll), Zones Lounge (donated by Teknion), Taavi Chair (donated by Loll), Florence Knoll Hairpin Table (donated by Knoll Studios), and FERN Chair (donated by Haworth). Raffle tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased from an MAF board member.

Your contribution goes a long way to support current and future architects here in Minnesota.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

# 2017 AWARDS CELEBRATION



**Friday, December 8, 6:00 pm**  
**International Market Square**

Be part of the celebration as we recognize AIA Minnesota's 2017 award recipients. Awards presented include the Young Architect Awards, 25 Year Award, Special Awards, Louis Lundgren Award, Honor Awards, and the esteemed Firm Award.

[Make your reservation »](#)

## AIA Minnesota 2018 Board of Directors Slate of Nominees

### Nominees:

Eric West, AIA - President-elect  
Anna Pravinata, AIA - Secretary  
Michael Schellin, AIA - Treasurer  
Coralis Rodriquez, Assoc. AIA - Assoc. Director

## Leadership Forum

AIA Minnesota is pleased to announce the 16 selected Leadership Forum participants for 2018.

### **2018 Leadership Forum**

Catherine Britt, AIA - Cuningham Group Architecture  
Michael Brown, AIA - RSP Architects  
Ryan Fish, AIA - Peterssen Keller Architecture  
Jay Fourniea, AIA - Opus  
Christopher Hanson, AIA - Allliance  
Adam Jonas, AIA - Locus Architecture  
Petro Megits, AIA - Kaas Wilson Architects  
Samantha Turnock Mendiola, AIA - HGA Architects and Engineers  
Aaron Mullins, AIA - HGA Architects and Engineers  
Kristin Nelson, AIA - Cuningham Group Architecture  
Jacquelyn Peck, AIA - BWBR  
Nathan Potratz, AIA - LHB, Inc.  
Amy Sonbuchner, AIA - Allliance  
Jean Turck, AIA - Miller Dunwiddie Architecture  
Rachel Usher, AIA - RSP Architects  
Puneet VEDI, AIA - Metropolitan Airports Commission

These 16 participants will meet once a month, January through June, to explore and strengthen their leadership skills. Each session is led by an expert who will present and facilitate discussion and group exercises.



**Jeffrey Schoeneck, AIA,** will serve as advisor for the 2018 Forum. Jeff is a principal at Cuningham Group Architecture. As the Forum advisor, Jeff will be the bridge between session topics and assist participants with personal application.

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## CONTINUING EDUCATION

### **MINNESOTA LICENSE RENEWALS ARE DUE JUNE 30, 2018**

Attend the A'17 MN Conference on Architecture to get the credits you need for your AIA and State of Minnesota licensing requirements. All credits listed are pending approval. According to our review, Conference programs marked as HSW and the two programs marked for ethics (T1 and TH35) will be accepted for Minnesota's CE requirement for licensing - due June 30, 2018. Additionally, plan to attend the GBCI credit programs to maintain your LEED accreditation (W24, W26, W27, W30, TH41, F59, F64).

### **ON-DEMAND WEBINARS**

The **Minnesota Commercial Energy Code** seminar presented in September 2017 and the **Minnesota Accessibility Code** seminar presented in October 2017 will both be made available on-demand in January 2018.

Additionally, session T1 from the A'17 MN Conference - **Ethics Past, Present and Future: Tales from the Grey Zone** - will be made available on-demand in January 2018.

Currently available on-demand: [MN Conservation Code for Existing Buildings](#)

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## IN MEMORIAM

**Janis Blumentals, AIA**, age 85, passed away on October 23, 2017. In addition to founding Blumentals/Architecture, where he worked until just three weeks before his death, Janis was a member of the AIA Minnesota CE Committee for more than 35 years and served as its chair for several of those years. Attending the Lake Superior Design Retreat was a tradition for Janis and his wife Susan; he is one of two AIA Minnesota members to have attended all 29 years of the event.

[Read the obituary >](#)

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## PEOPLE & FIRMS



Left to right: Shawn Gaither, AIA; Phil Stien, AIA; Kate Yurko, AIA

**DLR Group** announced six new principals in the firm, including Shawn Gaither, AIA, Phil Stien, AIA and Kate Yurko, AIA.

**LHB receives national and area recognition** -- LHB, Inc. was recognized as a top engineering and architecture firm by the *Engineering News Record*. LHB also placed on the *Architectural Record's* top firms list, and was named best architectural firm in the Northland by the *Duluth News-Tribune*. [Read more >](#)

### WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Christopher Barber, Allied  
Joel Baresh, Allied  
Matthew Charles, Allied  
Anna Cobus, Assoc. AIA

Brian Hanson, AIA  
William Holder, Allied  
Forrest Peugh, Allied  
Jon Porter, Assoc. AIA

Nicholas Decker, Assoc. AIA  
Jordan Doria, Allied  
Ryan M. Gauquie, AIA  
Sarah Gilbert, AIA

Andrew Smeby, Assoc. AIA  
Paul A. Smith, Allied  
David P. Walbolt, Assoc. AIA  
Samanthia J. Williams, Assoc. AIA

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## SEEKING ARCHITECTS TO SERVE ON STATE CODE COMMITTEES

The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Construction Codes and Licensing, has a need for one or two licensed architects to serve as members of two Technical Advisory Groups (TAG).

- One architect is needed for the Conservation Code for Existing Buildings.
- Another architect (or the same one) is needed for the Building and Fire Code Compatibility TAG.

Architects serving should have a working knowledge of those codes. If you are interested, please submit a letter of interest by November 6 to [Deanna Christiansen](#).

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## NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

### AIA NATIONAL

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#### GRASSROOTS LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARDS --

For the first time, we are offering a monetary award for the winners of the Grassroots Leadership Excellence Awards. First place winners will receive \$1,000 and second place winners will receive \$500. The awards will be offered for each of the three categories. Deadline November 17. [Learn more »](#)

**WEBINAR: REVISED 2017 ARCHITECT SCOPE DOCUMENTS** -- Join us November 28 for a free, detailed webinar exploring the revised 2017 Architect Scope Documents and how they can impact your projects when providing services such as site evaluation, historic preservation, facility support, and commissioning services. [Register »](#)

**APPLY FOR AIA SUSTAINABLE DESIGN ASSESSMENT TEAM PROGRAM** -- AIA's Sustainable Design Assessment Team (SDAT) program helps communities develop a vision for a sustainable future and a realistic, attainable roadmap to get there. Applications for the 2018 SDAT program are now open and due December 8, 2017.



Apply now if your community is in need of assistance to build strategies on revitalization, housing, climate change or other key issues. [Learn more »](#)

**KEEP YOUR MEMBER PROFILE UP TO DATE** -- Update your contact preferences, education, licenses, career and contact information online. [Log in »](#)

**MEMBER RENEWAL** -- It is not too late for members who have not renewed for 2017 to do so. If 2017 dues are not paid by December 31, 2017, membership will be terminated for non-payment. Terminations create a permanent break in membership and can impact ones' eligibility for future fellowship or emeritus status. [Renew today »](#)

## AIA MINNEAPOLIS

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No luncheon in November - join us on **December 21** as we honor this year's Fellows. [Register to attend »](#)

## AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA

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### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, November 2, 4:00 pm

Clyde Iron Works, Duluth

[Register today »](#)



The Grand Rapids Regional Meeting in September was a rousing success! Content included an ethics CE session, a tour of the newly-renovated Myles Reif Performing Arts Center and a member social. Thanks to all who attended.

## AIA ST. PAUL



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The 2017 St. Paul Prize Design Competition Winner will be announced at [Draughting Club](#) on November 16. Join us at the Minneapolis Convention Center's Craft Bar & Lounge to celebrate with those who participated in this year's competition.

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## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### AXP-ARE UPDATE

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#### BLACK SPECTACLES --

We reached the minimum number of ten registrants required for AIA Minnesota to obtain a licensed subscription to the Black Spectacles ARE 5.0 tutorials. The three-month subscription will begin October 1, 2017. Depending on the feedback we get, we'll offer a second three-month subscription for January - March 2018.

#### INSIGHTS INTO THE ARE 5.0

##### Event TH37 at the A'17 MN Conference

November 16, 8:30 - 10:00 am

A moderated panel discussion about the nuances of the new 5.0 version from those who have taken one or more of the 5.0 exams.

#### 5.0 STUDY MATERIALS NOW AVAILABLE - TWIN CITIES AND DULUTH!

AIA Minnesota's lending library has now been updated with Brightwood (formerly Kaplan) study books for each of the six sections of the 5.0 ARE. The 5.0 Ballast/PPI study guide is also available. The lending library is free for AIA Associate members to use. Contact [Deanna Christiansen](#) for more details.

AIA Northern Minnesota members: A set of the six Brightwood books is also available for use in Duluth. Contact [David Booth, AIA](#), for details.

### EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE (EPC)

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#### DRAUGHTING CLUB AT THE MINNESOTA CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE

Thursday, November 16 at 6:30 pm, Craft Bar & Lounge

Join the Emerging Professionals at this very special Draughting Club and hear the announcement of the winner of the St. Paul Prize Design Competition! [Learn more](#)  
[»](#)

**RECENTLY LICENSED RESOURCES SURVEY** -- Are you an emerging professional licensed five years or less? Take this short [AIA National survey](#) to help our

development of content, initiatives, and support for your career stage and be entered for one of six Amazon or AIA Bookstore gift cards. The survey closes November 10.

## MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM (MDT)

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### WHAT IS YOUR DESIGN STORY?

*As we work to transform our committee, we've reached out to architects who have been a part of the "team" over the last thirty-five years and asked them to share their stories.*

In the fall of 2007 significant flooding along the Root River in SE Minnesota caused extensive damage and destruction to properties in and around Rushford. Shortly after the flood, the Minnesota Design Team "fielded" an emergency team of architects and planners to visit Rushford and make recommendations for the community's recovery.

The public school in town was not destroyed by the flood, but experienced water damage in the lower levels. Over the next couple of years, the oldest part of school, the 1906 stone building, started to settle, causing gaps between the flooring and the foundation while the and third story experienced falling ceilings. One of the recommendations from the Design Team was to rebuild the school in a new location. Susan Hart, one of the local leaders and hosts for the visit, takes up the [story »](#)

### MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM: MEET US AT A'17 MN, GET TO KNOW US!

Did you know that the Minnesota Design Team is over 35 years old? Or that we've visited 138 communities in that time and given them design ideas to enhance their community's built/design environment? Or that you can earn 10 CEs by participating in a visit?

MDT volunteers will be staffing **booth 825** in the Exhibit Hall during the Conference and we invite you to stop by and learn more about how we support good design in communities around the state and provide outstanding professional development experiences.

For more information, visit our [website »](#)

## WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE

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### HOLIDAY SOCIAL

Thursday, December 7, 4:30 - 6:30 pm

## Wicked Wort Brewing

Stop in to catch up with colleagues and expand your professional network at this holiday gathering hosted by the Women in Architecture Committee. No RSVP necessary. [Learn more »](#)



## CHECK OUT THE LATEST ISSUE OF ARCHITECTURE MN.

The latest issue of *Architecture MN* features the renovation of the Minnesota State Capitol, what's ahead for Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and a review of the renovation at the Minnesota Children's Museum. [See a preview.](#)

### ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

As you make your media plans for 2018, please include *Architecture MN* magazine to reach the important audience of architects and related decision makers. [Click here for the media kit and rate card »](#)

Jan/Feb 2018 will feature the AIA Minnesota Firm Award and more, as well as the Directory of Consulting Engineers. We are past deadline but can still accommodate your ad and directory listing if you reserve by November 8.

Plan now for the Mar/Apr 2018 issue featuring AIA Minnesota Honor Award Winners & Landscape Architecture directory.

Directory deadline is Dec 22. Ad space deadline is Jan 8.

Contact [Pam Nelson](#) to reserve your space.

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## AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS

[MAKE-A-WISH WINE, WOMEN AND WISHES EVENT NOV 2](#)

[UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE LECTURE SERIES | COLONIALISM - FINAL LECTURE NOV 13](#)

[12th ANNUAL ULI ECONOMIC OUTLOOK NOV 15](#)

[DIRTY LAUNDRY: DELIVERING THE DIRT ON DESIGN NOV 15](#)

[VICTOR GRUEN: VISIONARY URBAN DESIGNER NOV 20](#)

[CSI-MSP INTRODUCTION TO CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS NOV 30](#)

[CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE BUILDING RESEARCH TRAINING SERIES DEC 15](#)

### CREATIVE CITY CHALLENGE

The annual City of Minneapolis Creative City Challenge competition will be sited at the Commons, and is designed as a showcase for Minnesota architects and other design professionals. Finalists receive \$2,500 to complete proposals, winner receives \$50,000. Deadline Nov. 17. [Learn more »](#)

### Stay caught up with AIA Minnesota on Social Media

Get updates on events, activities and the latest architectural news from AIA Minnesota and its chapters on social media. And don't forget to tag us on your news to share!

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