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## AIA MINNESOTA MATRIX NEWSLETTER

November 2018

### ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS

Conference Highlights  
Awards Celebration Update  
LSDR Update

2019 Board Nominations  
Nov/Dec Architecture MN Highlights  
Committee/Knowledge Community Updates

## Public Impact!

By Nathan Johnson, AIA, NOMA, AIA Minnesota President



I met our photographer at the recently-completed Rondo Commemorative Plaza project in August to scout out potential shots for *Architecture MN*. Within 15 minutes, a group of about 30 students from Benjamin E. Mays School descended on the site. I marveled at how they engaged, playing windchimes, running up and down the sculpted hill, and sitting atop the hill on the granite curb, very much as we envisioned it when we developed the design. I like to refer to these moments as happy surprises, finding the public completely immersed in something I helped create.

Every project I have worked on is a herculean effort of a great team: client, architect, consultants, contractors and others. Something that has been at the forefront of my consciousness most of the year is thinking about the public impact of architecture.

What we do is very important. We can see people actively using the spaces we create. The sustainable impact of the buildings we design is well documented. But what about the cultural impact of the places we create? I have more questions than answers, but if we look at the defining character of most cities and communities, one of the highlights is their architecture. So, even without empirical data, we can say yes, what we produce does impact culture and by extension has substantial public impact.

This is my last article for Matrix as 2018 AIA Minnesota president. I say this with a lot of optimism and pride. One of the consistent themes I have heard through the year is impact. Through our strategic implementation plan the board has been hyper-focused on implementing our **strategic priorities**:

1. Build and Mentor the Profession of Architecture

## 2. Make Architecture Accessible, Understandable and Highly Valued.

We believe the strategic priorities can be very impactful. There have been program shifts, new endeavors started, and existing programs strengthened in our first year of implementing the Strategic Plan. 2019 promises to be an even more robust year, with substantial public programming being introduced. Lake Superior Design Retreat has a public event planned in Duluth in the first quarter of the year, AIA Minneapolis is actively planning Open Doors Minneapolis for May, and AIA Minnesota has completed its first program with MNHS at the Mill City Farmers Market this fall, with more programs being planned for 2019.

Our biggest event, A'18 MN, the Minnesota Conference on Architecture, is in a few days. I look forward to having a dialogue with you about the Strategic Plan, current AIA Minnesota initiatives and how we can have ever greater Public Impact!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**AIA Minnesota**

# 2018 AWARDS CELEBRATION

FRIDAY DECEMBER 7 2018  
MCNAMARA ALUMNI CENTER

**GOLD MEDAL AWARD** **YOUNG ARCHITECT AWARDS** **HONOR AWARDS** **25 YEAR AWARD**  
**SPECIAL AWARDS** **LOUIS LUNDGREN AWARD**

Join us to celebrate the best of Minnesota architecture in 2018, including recipients of the Gold Medal, Honor Awards, Young Architect Awards, Special Awards, Louis Lundgren Award for Service, and more!

This year's event features a new, more inclusive format to honor our award recipients and make it more affordable to attend. Registration opens soon!

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## Welcome Michael Sanson



Michael Sanson is the newest member of the AIA Minnesota staff team. In his role as Member Programs, Public Outreach, and Communications Coordinator, Michael will be supporting many of our core efforts within the organization.

Michael holds a B.A. in Studio/Fine Arts from Carleton College and is an aspiring architect. He enjoys urban exploration with friends and attending art exhibitions, and is currently leading an after-school success program at Edison High School.

## AIA Minnesota 2019 Board of Directors Slate of Nominees

### Nominees:

Karen Lu, AIA	President-Elect
Michael Shellin, AIA	Treasurer
Anna Pravinata, AIA	Secretary
Jonathon Jacobs, Assoc. AIA	Associate Director

### Continuing Board Members:

Eric West, AIA	President, 2019
Nathan Johnson, AIA	Past President

### Appointed by the Board:

Marc Swackhamer, Assoc. AIA	U of M School of Architecture Representative
Maura McDaniel, AIAS	AIAS Representative

### Ex-Officio Representatives:

Mary-Margaret Zindren	Executive Vice President
Matthew Johnson, AIA	Regional Director
TBA	Regional Director

The above slate will be voted upon at the Annual Meeting on November 13, 2018.



## 31st Annual Lake Superior Design Retreat

**March 1-2, 2019****Duluth**

The Lake Superior Design Retreat is an annual, winter weekend extravaganza in Duluth, Minnesota. Architects and others interested in design gather together at Fitger's Inn to explore the corners of design with six invited design professionals who share their passion for their art and/or craft and discuss their creative stories.

We are at the four-month countdown to the Retreat! Registration will be available in early January.

**2019 Confirmed Speakers:**

[Jeremy Mayer](#); [Adam Regn Arvidson](#); [Erin Rafferty Bugher](#); [Jess Zimbabwe](#); [Ansley Barnard](#); and [Joanna Hurme](#).

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## Major Construction at International Market Square

The Market Street parking lot at IMS is temporarily closed for construction, as is the Market Street entrance to the building. Parking is available in the ramp, including accessible parking, or in the Glenwood Avenue lot. Please enter the building on Glenwood Avenue. Valet parking is available at the Glenwood Avenue entrance.

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## Participate in the Annual AGC Construction Industry Survey

This survey provides an opportunity to share your observations and experiences in the Minnesota construction marketplace.

Only one response per firm should be submitted. Please distribute the survey to your team so accurate information may be collected for responses. All responses will be held confidential.

Please respond by November 2. [Take the survey »](#)



**A'18**  
**MN**

AIA  
Minnesota

The Minnesota Conference  
on Architecture

November 13 - 16, 2018

Minneapolis Convention

Center

**A'18 MN: THE MINNESOTA CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE****November 13-16, 2018****Minneapolis Convention Center****A'18 MN Registration Closes Soon!**

Register for A'18 MN, the Minnesota Conference on Architecture. Many sessions have limited attendance space, so get your registration in early! Online registration will close November 6, 2018.

**[Register today »](#)**

**CONFERENCE CE CREDITS**

Attend the Conference and take advantage of this economical and efficient way to get the credits you need for your AIA and State of Minnesota licensing CE requirements.

**AIA requirements:** 18 credits, 12 of which must be HSW, January 1 to December 31

**Minnesota licensing requirements:** 24 credits each licensing biennium, 2 of which must be ethics: Current biennium is July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020.

**DIGITAL ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION FORMS**

We encourage you to use our digital verification forms. These will be used by AIA Minnesota to record your Conference credits to your National AIA transcript. Paper forms will also be available at the Conference Registration Desk.

**BOOTHS STILL AVAILABLE!**

If you are interested in exhibiting at the A'18 MN Conference, there are still a limited number of booths remaining. This is the best opportunity to be face-to-face with our member architects to showcase your products in person. **[Click here](#)** for details and link to online registration.

For more information, contact **[Pam Nelson](#)**.



**MINNESOTA ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION  
RAFFI F AT A'18 MN**



Once again the Minnesota Architectural Foundation will be holding a raffle to raise funds for scholarships. This year's raffle items are a Zones Sled Chair and Ottoman (donated by Teknion), Lollygagger Bar Cart (donated by Loll) with a selection of Norseman bottles (donated by Norseman) and wine selection (donated by Solo Vino), Brayton's Erik Lounge chair (donated by Witthus & Associates), artwork pair (donated by Hennes Art Company), and Florence Knoll Hairpin Table (donated by Knoll Studios).

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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## 2019 Leadership Forum Participants Selected

Congratulations to the AIA Minnesota members selected to participate in the 2019 Leadership Forum.

**Michael Brown, AIA** - RSP Architects  
**Paul Carr, AIA** - Mohagen Hansen Architecture Interiors  
**Alan D'Souza, AIA** - Alliance  
**Natalya Egon, AIA** - Snow Kreilich Architects  
**Alan Howell, AIA** - Metropolitan Airports Commission  
**Jeremiah Johnson, AIA** - Cuninghame Group Architecture, Inc.  
**Katie Leaf, AIA** - SALA Architects  
**Julie MacLeod, AIA** - Alliance  
**Mike Madden, AIA** - LHB, Inc.  
**Michael McClimon, AIA** - Alliance  
**Corey Mollet, AIA** - HDR, Inc.  
**Brent Nelson, AIA** - Peterssen/Keller architecture  
**Benjamin Nilsson, AIA** - HGA Architects and Engineers  
**Christine Pecard, AIA** - ESGI Architecture & Design  
**Andrew Tisue, AIA** - Cuninghame Group Architecture, Inc.  
**Jesse Zeien, AIA** - HGA Architects and Engineers

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## CONTINUING EDUCATION

### A'18 MN CONFERENCE

Continuing education credits will be available for nearly every session of the A'18 MN Conference in November. Plan to attend and have access to multiple programs providing HSW credits and GBCI credits, and two programs providing ethics credits. Additionally, a handful of these sessions will be recorded and become a part of our growing number of on-demand webinars.

## ON-DEMAND WEBINARS

Take advantage of AIA Minnesota's on-demand webinars to meet your learning and continuing education credit needs. Convenient access, quality content. Visit AIA Minnesota Current CE Opportunities [for more details »](#)

- *New!* Revised and New AIA Contract Documents: Owner-Architect Agreements & Sustainable Design and Construction -- 1.5 HSW LUs
- Minnesota Conservation Code for Existing Buildings -- 2.75 HSW LUs
- MN Accessibility Code (presented October 2017) -- 2.75 HW LUs
- Ethics Past, Present and Future: Tales from the Grey Zone (presented November 2017) -- 2.0 HSW LUs and 2.0 hours of ethics credit
- Weather Barriers, Continuous Insulation and NFPA-285 (presented November 2017) -- 1.5 HSW LUs

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## PEOPLE & FIRMS

**Charles Stinson, AIA**, produced *Connections* coffee table book featuring stories connecting the human, designer, and the modern home. [Learn more »](#)

**DLR Group** appointed **David Loehr, AIA**, as an architecture principal in the Minneapolis Office. **Sara Guyette, AIA**, joined **DLR Group** Minneapolis to lead the K-12 Education practice.

**Rehkamp Larson Architects** added **Joanna Griffith, AIA**, and **Corey Pederson, Assoc. AIA**, to their team.

The **Weidt Group** received the 2018 IBPSA-USA Award for Outstanding Practice, which honors significant contributions to the effective application and/or advancement of building simulation.

[Read more »](#)

## WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Lafayette Doty, Assoc. AIA  
Jessica Holmes, Assoc. AIA  
Mr. Gregory S. Kinney, AIA

Michael Madden, AIA  
Mackenzie Padilla, AIA  
Margaret Ricci, AIA Minnesota Allied

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## NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

### AIA NATIONAL

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#### NEW ARCHITECT ACTION CENTER AVAILABLE

As part of the "Blueprint for Better" campaign, AIA has created new ways for you to connect with your Members of Congress on critical issues, including housing, sustainability, resilience, school

your members of Congress on critical issues, including housing, sustainability, resilience, school safety, and student loan debt. [Take action today »](#)

## 2018 AIA FILM CHALLENGE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The Grand Prize winner of the 2018 AIA Film Challenge is "Past/Presence: Saving the Spring Garden School" by filmmaker Cheryl Hess. [Learn more about the winners »](#)

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## AIA MINNEAPOLIS

No luncheon in November. Join us on **Thursday, December 20** as we recognize the new Fellows inducted in 2018! [Register »](#)

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## AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA

### AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA ANNUAL MEETING

**Thursday, December 6**

**Clyde Iron Works, Duluth**

4:30 - 6:00 pm Happy Hour with cash bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres throughout the event

6:00 pm Annual Meeting and Northern Community Builder Award

6:30 pm Social

7:00 pm Program

Learn more about Vision Northland, the \$600 million healthcare campus Essentia Health is developing.

Hear from Dan Hartman, Director, Glensheen Mansion.

[Register today »](#)

### GOVERNANCE CHANGES PROPOSED FOR THE AIA NORTHERN MN BOARD

At its December 6th Annual Meeting of the AIA Northern Minnesota membership, changes to the chapter's bylaws related to the size and composition of the Board of Directors will be considered.

The AIA Northern Minnesota Board of Directors is recommending these changes to "right size" the board in the context of the size of the chapter (just over 100 members). Currently, the size of the Board of Directors requires that approximately 10% of the total AIA Northern Minnesota membership be serving on the Board of Directors at any one time. Over the years, this has made recruitment for board positions challenging. (In contrast, the AIA St. Paul Board of Directors comprises less than 3% of its membership, and the AIA Minneapolis Board of Directors comprises about 1% of its membership.)

Related to the recommended bylaws change to reduce the number of board members, the Board is recommending that the Executive Committee be eliminated, as it has not been utilized in recent memory and would not be necessary in the context of a smaller board.

[Click here to review the proposed bylaws changes »](#)



## COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES

### ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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#### AIA MINNESOTA 2019 ARE SCHOLARSHIP

[Applications](#) due at 5:00 pm on Friday, January 18, 2019

The AIA Minnesota Architect Licensing Advisory Committee coordinates awarding a scholarship to an AIA Minnesota Associate member to cover the costs of all sections of the Architect Registration Exam, within the parameters defined in the application. As of October 1, 2018, test fees have increased by \$25 per section for a total of \$1,410 for all six sections of the 5.0 exam.

#### ARE 5.0 REVIEW SESSION AT A'18 MN

[Register today!](#) Pre-registration ends November 6.

#### W.18 Construction & Evaluation

\*Wednesday, November 14, 8:00 -10:00 am (at the Minneapolis Convention Center)

Instructors: Mandi Tauferner, AIA, Kodet Architectural Group, and Will St. Germaine, WD Partners

Advisor: Marissa Geiser, Ryan A + E (passed all six ARE 5.0 exams)

### ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

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#### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: GIRLS AND ENGINEERING DAY

**Saturday, November 17**

Three female architects or designers are needed to share with elementary-aged girls about being an architect. Share with students about your career path and what a day in the life is like at Glacier Hills Elementary School's annual Girls and Engineering Day. Contact [Angie McKinley](#) if you can help.

### BUILDING CODES KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

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Building Codes will not meet in November. This KC is sponsoring TH50 (the Dayton's Tour) at A'18 MN.

### EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

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#### DRAUGHTING CLUB AT A'18 MN

**Thursday, November 15, 7:30 pm**

Join fellow emerging professionals for conversation and a beverage at Lakes & Legends Brewing, just steps from the Minneapolis Convention Center! The winners of the 2018 St. Paul Prize Design Competition will also be announced at this event. [Learn more »](#)

### GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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The Government Affairs Committee is moving its November meeting to **Monday, November 19, 4:00 pm** at AIA Minnesota. The meeting will focus on recapping election results and discussing the strategy for the 2019 session.

## HEALTH DESIGN KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

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Health Design KC will not meet in November. This KC is sponsoring F58 at A'18 MN: "The Future of Healthcare: Disruptive Agents of Change."

## HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

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### SEARCH FOR SHELTER 2019

**February 8-10, 2019**

**Rapson Hall, University of Minnesota**

Search for Shelter helps local and regional affordable housing organizations envision beautiful, innovative design solutions for projects that previously existed only in written form.

Each year at Search for Shelter, volunteer architects, landscape architects, interior designers, and students, spend a weekend creating pro bono solutions for up to ten design projects submitted by Minnesota affordable housing and/or homeless non-profit organizations. Design volunteers work in teams to create viable, graphic solutions and plans, to serve as visual tools for agencies to use in obtaining further project funding, to promote their organization, and to serve as preliminary development/building plans.

[Volunteer for Search for Shelter »](#)

[Agency application for Search for Shelter »](#)

## KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY ON THE ENVIRONMENT (kCOTE)

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kCOTE will not meet in November or December. We encourage you to attend the sustainable design sessions at the Conference this year, including "TH43: Demystifying the AIA 2030 Commitment."

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## AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS

### CALL FOR MENTORS! MENTOR A UMN DESIGN STUDENT

**Applications preferred ASAP**

**Kickoff event: November 6, 6:30-8:30 PM**

We're still seeking mentors to work with juniors, seniors, and graduate students in architecture, landscape architecture, interior design and other design disciplines. [Learn more and apply »](#)

### PLACE BY DESIGN COMPETITION AT SXSW 2019

**Application Deadline November 8**

Place by Design is SXSW's public space design competition, celebrating transformative work and the intersection of art, technology and design that rethinks how we use and interact with the places around us. Projects include, but are not limited to, urban interventions, public art, architecture, and

other ideas grounded in placemaking. Finalists will receive up to 2 complimentary Platinum badges for their design team to present their work at the SXSW Design track in March. [Learn more »](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

[UMN SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE LECTURE SERIES | DECENTERED CENTER OCTOBER 1-NOVEMBER 26 »](#)

[GRETCHEN JONES WORKSHOP: ALTRUISM BY DESIGN NOVEMBER 2 »](#)

[UNDERSTANDING THE SITE AND WATER SECTION OF THE B3 SUSTAINABLE BUILDING GUIDELINES, VERSION 3.1 NOVEMBER 5 »](#)

[MINNESOTA CLIMATE ADAPTATION CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 14 »](#)

[ARCHITECTURE LECTURE SERIES: CECILIO ORTIZ GARCIA AND MARIA PEREZ LUGO NOVEMBER 19 »](#)

[ARCHITECTURE LECTURE SERIES: MARKUS MIESSEN NOVEMBER 26 »](#)

[DIRTY LAUNDRY: DELIVERING THE DIRT ON DESIGN NOVEMBER 28 »](#)

[CSI'S INTRODUCTION TO CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS SEMINAR NOVEMBER 29 »](#)

## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit the [AIA Minnesota Events Calendar](#) for more information about upcoming events.





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

The November/December 2018 issue of *Architecture MN* features the Rondo Commemorative Plaza, student work in Puerto Rico and a visit with the dream team at Juxtaposition Arts. [See a preview.](#)

### ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

Include *Architecture MN* in your 2019 plans to reach a much sought-after targeted audience! There is no better way to reach project partners and decision makers.

[Click here](#) for the 2019 media kit and directory form.

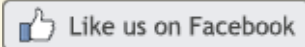
We are currently working on the January/February 2019 issue, which features Collegiate Architecture and the AIA Minnesota Gold Medal Award. It also includes the Directory of Consulting Engineers. Deadline is **Friday, November 9**.

For more information, contact [Pam Nelson](#).

### 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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**DECEMBER** Matrix editorial deadline is Wednesday, November 21.

**JANUARY** Matrix editorial deadline is Friday, December 14.

Please submit content to [\*\*AIA Minnesota\*\*](#).



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