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Knowing a Person

by Mary-Margaret Zindren, EVP/Executive Director



In just a few days, more than 1,000 members of the architecture community will gather at the 2023 AIA Minnesota Conference on Architecture – an event designed to support learning and connection.

Just as learning requires curiosity and an open mind, connection requires curiosity and an open heart. But, often, we make our way through our days having only surface-level connections with others. Exchanges that seem like conversations but are really more like tennis matches or two-way monologues.

There is another path; one that aims for deeper connection through more present listening and selfless conversation, ironically feeding the soul of the listener in a way that benefits them dramatically. This is the subject of a new book from David Brooks titled [How to Know a Person](#). (And if you're already full up on books, see these articles by Brooks from the [NYTimes](#) and [The Atlantic](#) for key takeaways.)

Brooks' research shows that, for some of us—about 30% of the population—the desire and ability to truly know others comes naturally. For the rest of us (myself included), it requires practice and intentionality.

Those of you who know Angie McKinley, Hon. AIAMN, know that she's absolutely within that lucky few with natural ability. To have a conversation with Angie is something outside the norm. She is consistently, genuinely, and deeply curious about the person she is talking with. How can you tell? She is so present – her eye contact, her demeanor – and never once, in 8+ years of working together, did I hear her interrupt another person.

She also asks questions that show she hears you and wants to understand you. One small, everyday, example: One day, Angie commented on what I was having for lunch and I mentioned that for the past several months I had been able to develop a new habit of making plant-based food a priority. Angie then asked, “How do you feel? How does it feel to do this?” No one had ever asked this. And I hadn’t really thought about it, either. My response went from how I felt physically to how the choice is one that can feel embarrassing or righteous or no big deal, depending on the setting. Angie’s question helped her to know me and me to better know myself.

If we want to cultivate this kind of curiosity, presence, and care in conversation with others, the first step is to make the choice that we *want* to know others more deeply – those already close to us as well as acquaintances and strangers.

Then there is becoming more self-aware of the ways we seek to connect in conversation. To be cognizant of our tendencies to let our desire to express ourselves – to be known – become a priority over knowing and being present with others.

And then there is practice; practicing better ways of engaging. Like slowing our minds down to hear others’ thoughts in full, without interruption. And when a question is asked of us that opens the door to depth and vulnerability, saying “yes” to the invitation and walking through it, but not getting so lost inside that we don’t truly return to focusing on the other person.

Architects and designers regularly have opportunities to choose to know a person – a collaborator, a client, a community member. In fact, I would posit that the most effective and resonant design solutions depend upon it.

A good opportunity for practice is the upcoming conference. I so look forward to seeing many of you there. And amid the bustle of it all, I will strive to truly hear and know you, too.

A'23 MN: THE MINNESOTA CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE



A'23 MN

The Minnesota Conference
on Architecture

November 13-15, 2023

Renaissance Minneapolis
Depot Hotel

A'23 MN Preregistration Deadline November 6

If you haven't yet registered for this exciting event, there's still time! More than 40 great sessions are available for learning at the Conference. While several A'23 MN sessions are at capacity, there are nearly 20 sessions still available offering HSW credits, 2 offering ethics credits, 3 offering GBCI credits, and more. Register today to take advantage of all A'23 MN has to offer. [Register »](#)

We are also recording some of the sessions that have reached capacity and will make them available as an on-demand continuing education opportunity at no charge to A'23 MN Conference registrants in early 2024.

Preregistration closes November 6. On-site registration will be available at the Conference. Courses are filling up fast; register today!

Monday Exhibit Hall Reception

The opening night reception is back; be sure to visit both the Great Hall and the Pavilion on **Monday from 5:00 - 6:30 pm** for complimentary light bites and a cash bar before the evening sessions begin. And make sure you have your punch card as you make your way through the halls; full punch cards can be entered into a drawing for a \$300 American Express gift card.

Meet the Dean: Prasad Boradkar, Ph.D.

The UMN School of Architecture and AIA Minnesota invite you to a reception in conjunction with A'23 MN, a chance to meet the new dean of the College of Design, Prasad Boradkar, Ph.D. The reception takes place **Tuesday from 6:30 - 8:30 pm**.

Before joining the College of Design, Prasad spent several years at Google where he served as UX Research and Sustainability Lead in a division called Advanced Technology & Projects, a design and innovation studio for the company. Prior to that, Prasad was a professor of industrial design at Arizona State University, where he also served as co-director of the Biomimicry Center and director of the Innovation

Space transdisciplinary research and education lab.



Don't Miss the 2023 Awards Celebration!

Close out the conference with the AIA Minnesota Awards Celebration! Start the party with light bites and drinks, then gather for the big reveal of the 2023 AIA Minnesota Honor Awards and Commendations, to be announced by moderator **Trevor Bullen, AIA**, with comments from the three jurors. We'll also celebrate the winners of the 2023 AIA Minnesota Firm Award and the 25 Year Award and enjoy a moment looking back at the many award winners from the past year.

Not attending A'23 MN? You can still attend the awards celebration! Tickets are \$40 per person. [Register today »](#)

CALL TO ACTION

AIA Minnesota Annual Meeting

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 | 8:00 – 9:30 am

At the 2023 AIA Minnesota annual business meeting, an event during A'23 MN Conference on Architecture, members will hear updates from staff and member leaders on 2023 accomplishments and what's ahead for 2024. The new Dean of the University of Minnesota College of Design, Dr. Prasad Boradkar will share remarks. There will be important actions to take, including elections of the 2024 leadership and proposed bylaws amendments. The meeting is an event during the A'23 MN Conference on Architecture. If you are attending the Conference be sure you select event T28 Annual Meeting during your registration. All others can register to attend the Annual Meeting [via this registration link](#).

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

There will be a vote of the AIA Minnesota membership on whether to amend the Bylaws to recognize AIA Minnesota members representing Minnesota serving as AIA

Strategic Council Representative, State/Territory Associate Representative (STAR), and Young Architect Representative (YAR) as voting members of the Board of Directors and provide clearer details to the Executive Vice President performance and review process. Additional proposed amendments include edits to formatting for consistency, suggested revisions from AIA to conform with model bylaws, and general grammatical clean up.

[Proposed Bylaw Amendments »](#)
[Current Bylaws »](#)

AIA MINNESOTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SLATE OF NOMINEES

Jennifer Christiaansen, AIA – President-Elect

Sean Higgins, AIA - Treasurer

Constance Chen, AIA - Secretary

Josefina Pozas, Assoc. AIA – Associate Director

The above slate will be voted upon at the Annual Meeting on November 14.

The 2024 President will be **Amy Kalar, AIA**.

Leadership Forum 2024

“The Leadership Forum took a much deeper dive than I was expecting in terms of self-reflection. I really enjoyed the richness and vulnerability of the topics and conversations we had.” - 2023 graduate testimonial

We are planning and looking forward to our 15th year of the AIA Minnesota Leadership Forum! Eligibility requirements became more inclusive in 2023 and remain as such as noted below:

- Candidates **must be** an AIA Minnesota or MSP NOMA member
- License is **not** required
- Minimum of 10 years' industry experience **is** required

Nine sessions will begin in January and continue through July. All but two will be full day sessions. Areas of focus on content include: leadership styles and values; self-awareness; intercultural development; communication; motivation and engagement; leadership case studies; future trends and advocacy; and application and implementation.

The application is ready. Are you ready to apply? Visit the [website](#) to access the online application. **Applications are due December 11, 2023.**

Questions? Contact [Deanna Christiansen](#).

Architecture In the Schools Committee Seeks Information

The Architecture in the Schools Committee seeks to engage and inspire the K-12 community through inclusive and collaborative educational programs that make architecture accessible, understandable and highly valued throughout the state. Committee members work with educators to provide useful and relevant classroom exercises introducing architectural concepts, volunteer their time to work with students on architecture-related, hands-on projects, and attend career fairs to share their experiences of being a professional architect. The committee's mission is "to equip architects and educators with the tools needed to introduce the concepts of architecture to students of all ages."

The committee needs your input! Please complete this [survey](#) to support their work with students throughout Minnesota.

AIA Align Mentorship Deadline November 6

The AIA COF x YAF Align Mentorship Program application deadline has been extended to November 6th. This is an incredible partnership and program between the College of Fellow and Young Architects Forum that connects Fellows and early career architects from across the country in a long-term (think 5 years, not 1), group mentorship.

Successful applicants will represent a diverse group of early career architects and AIA Fellows who have demonstrated leadership within their firms and communities. Candidates are encouraged to emphasize their previous leadership experience; explain what they intend to contribute to the program; and specify what short and long-term goals they are focusing on. [Learn more »](#)

Complete the AGC Construction Industry Assessment by November 3

This is a brief survey to assess business conditions for construction contractors, architect/engineering firms, and service provider/supplier businesses that work in Minnesota's construction industry. Responses will be tabulated and may be used for AGC programming and to communicate the state of the industry to policy makers, elected officials, and the media.

The survey will close November 3, 2023. AGC will compile the survey report and post it on their [website](#) before the end of the year. **One response per company, please, though we strongly recommend that you get feedback from various members of your team as you respond!** [Complete the survey »](#)

Dunwoody Seeks Scholarship Mentors

Dunwoody's signature scholarship programs, Women in Technical Careers and Pathways to Careers, are currently looking for mentors of all genders as well as professionals of color to work with the large number of architecture students in the

program this year!

Mentors conduct in-person or virtual meetings with mentees once per month January-May 2024. The time commitment averages 1-3 hours per month.

Sign up to mentor:

[WITC Industry Mentorship Program \(women and non-binary professionals\)](#)

[P2C Industry Mentorship Program \(women, men, and non-binary\)](#)

MHP Strengthening Rural Communities Program Offers Technical Assistance

The Minnesota Housing Partnership (MHP) is seeking Requests for Technical Assistance (RFTA) from entities interested in building their capacity to address prevalent housing, community, or economic development needs. Potentially eligible recipients include Rural Housing Development Organizations (RHDOs), Community Development Corporations (CDCs), Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), local governments, and Tribal governments. Statewide entities are not currently eligible.

As a HUD national technical assistance provider in affordable housing, MHP has made the commitment to improve the conditions of safe, affordable housing for those most impacted by economic and racial disparities. [Learn more »](#)



WYNNE Y
Storyteller

NORTH STAR STORY MAP

Story Feature:

Wynne Yelland, AIA, on Sky Pesher
at the Walker Art Center

North Star Story Map Story Feature: Wynne Yelland, AIA, Sky Pesher at the Walker Art Center

“Just before the old Guthrie was razed, my wife and I took a meander along the back, west, side of the newly built addition to the Walker Art Center. “What’s that?” Linda asked, pointing to a dark opening in the hill, accessed by a narrow walk

snaking downslope from Groveland. I shrugged my shoulders and we started up a worn dirt path to investigate. We entered the tunnel, a bit sheepishly, two rule followers, looking around – was this thing open to the public? Were we trespassing? Anxious of being caught, a little nervous, we walked into this calm – a retreat with a sky aperture. ” [Keep reading »](#)

A collaboration between AIA Minnesota and the Minnesota Historical Society, the [North Star Story Map](#) is a new storytelling platform for people to share their personal stories of the built spaces in Minnesota that hold special meaning to them.

[Click here to share your own story »](#)

[Click here to read stories on the site »](#)



Two Months Left to Take Advantage of the Free Subscription

AIA Minneapolis – in collaboration with AIA Northern Minnesota and AIA St. Paul – is excited to announce that all AIA Minnesota members can now enjoy a FREE one-year subscription to the online content of [BuildingGreen](#), a company that provides a robust online repository of reports, articles, and webinars on all sustainable design topics. [Learn more and begin your subscription »](#)

Join the AIA Minneapolis Sustainability Accountability Group

If you are an AIA Minneapolis member and part of a smaller firm or sole practitioner interested in giving and receiving peer support while working to develop sustainable design capabilities, join the mailing list for the newly formed Sustainability Accountability Group. [Learn more and sign up »](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LSE Architects Receives 2023 AIA Minnesota Firm Award

AIA Minnesota is pleased to announce [LSE Architects](#) as the 2023 AIA Minnesota Firm Award recipient. Given biennially, this prestigious award is among the highest honors bestowed by the association; it recognizes an AIA Minnesota architecture firm that has made outstanding contributions to the advancement of the profession of architecture.

Founded in 2011 by **Mohammed Lawal, FAIA**; **Quin Scott, AIA**; and **Ron Erickson, AIA Member Emeritus**, LSE Architects has become the largest Black-owned architecture and interior design firm in the Upper Midwest, serving a wide range of clients in 28 states. In its selection of LSE Architects, the 2023 Firm Award jury cited the firm's impressive growth in just 12 years, the quality of its work across a range of building types and scales, and the way LSE has challenged traditional assumptions about public process and inclusion.

[Read the press release](#). LSE Architects will be honored at the awards celebration at the AIA Minnesota Conference on Architecture on November 15, 2023.

Intellectual Property Law Clinic Offers Support for Architects

The Intellectual Property (IP) Clinic at the University of Minnesota Law School provides members of the local community an opportunity to obtain legal assistance involving IP such as copyrightable works, trademarks, patents and confidentiality obligations. Legal services are provided by second- and third-year law school students under the supervision of a licensed attorney. There is no charge for participating in the IP Clinic, though clients are responsible for out-of-pocket costs (such as copyright registration and trademark application fees).

[Applications](#) are currently being accepted from interested clients for the 2023-24 Spring Semester (January-May). Please contact lawclinic@umn.edu if interested.

SAVE THE DATE!
36th Annual Lake Superior Design Retreat

Lake Superior Design Retreat

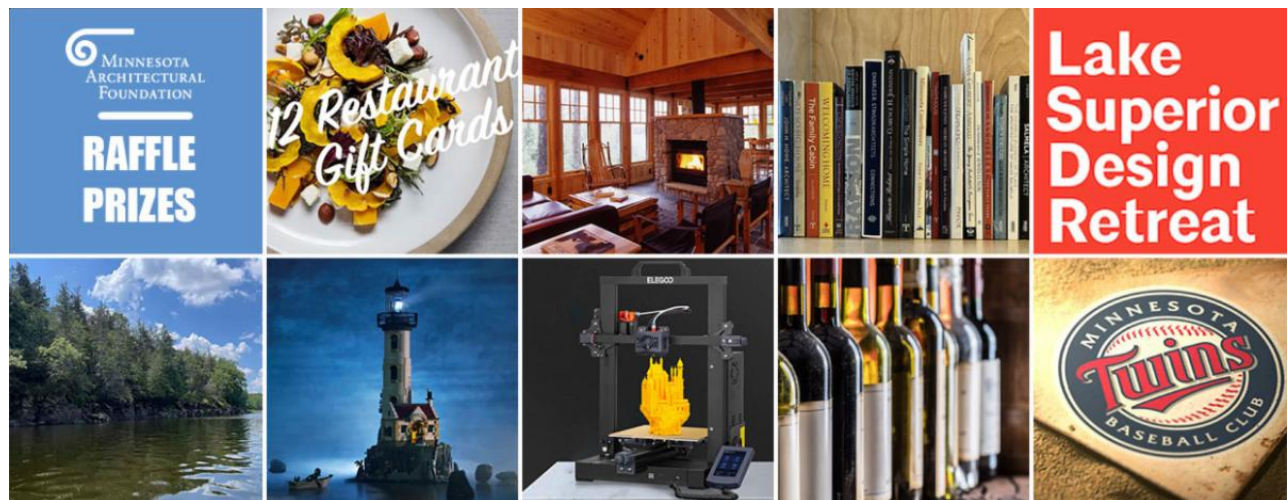
February 23-24, 2024
Duluth



ENTER Advertising Opportunities

As you plan your 2024 ad budget, consider including digital ads on our [ENTER digital site](#). With new content each month, this is a great vehicle to reach architects, related project partners and community leaders. Ad rates are \$995 per month for Presenting Sponsor and \$495 for an ad block. Contact [Pam Nelson](#) for details.

MINNESOTA ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION



MAF Raffle Prizes at A'23 MN

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation (MAF) will once again be selling Raffle tickets with fantastic prizes. Your purchase of raffle tickets helps MAF invest in **Excellence, Leadership, Discovery, and Equity** in the profession of

architecture! We are excited to announce this year's raffle items:

- **12 Restaurant Certificates**, *donated by Mortenson, McGough, RJM Construction, and Adolfsen & Peterson Construction* (\$2,000 value)
- **Winter Three Night Cabinologist's Cabin Stay on Lake Vermilion**, *donated by Dale Mulfinger, FAIA* (\$1,200 value)
- **Minnesota Architects Book Collection** (\$1,000 value)
- **Lake Superior Design Retreat Registration + Lodging**, *donated by AIA Minnesota and MAF* (\$800 value)
- **St. Croix River Private Boat Cruise**, *donated by Lean and Shawn Smith* (\$600 value)
- **LEGO Motorized Lighthouse Set**, *donated by IMEG* (\$300 value)
- **3D Printer**, *donated by Craig Twombly* (\$300 value)
- **FAIA Wine Collection**, *donated by Minnesota FAIA members* (\$200 value)
- **Twins Dugout Tickets**, *donated by Barb and Jim Thomson* (\$170 value)

Raffle tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased from any MAF board member.



Highland Park Water Tower Kits for Sale

To benefit the Clarence Wigington Architectural Scholarship, the Minnesota Architectural Foundation (MAF) will be selling model kits of the St. Paul Highland Park Water Tower - \$35/kit. Designed by Clarence Wigington in 1928, the model measures 12" tall and 4" wide. Stop by the MAF table during the A'23 MN Conference on Architecture, November 13-15, 2023.

MAF Call for Leadership

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation (MAF) is seeking board leadership positions that will begin January 1, 2024. AIA, Assoc. AIA members, and non-members are all eligible. This is an important time in the leadership of MAF. By joining the leadership team, you will be engaged in key decisions as we continue to implement the Foundation's strategic direction. Anyone interested in being considered for an MAF position should submit a letter of interest no later than **Friday, November 10, 2023** to MAF@MinnesotaArchitecturalFoundation.org.

Announcing 2024 Rapson Traveling Study Dates

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation's Ralph Rapson Traveling Study Award Committee is excited to announce 2024 competition dates: **February 22 - March 5, 2024**. Applications will open in early January 2024. [Learn more about RRTSA »](#)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Continuing Education Requirement

Start assessing now how many additional credits you still need to renew your AIA membership due December 31, 2023. Credits will also be due June 30, 2024 to renew your Minnesota license. Check your AIA transcript [here](#).

Make use of the A'23 MN Conference to meet these continuing education requirements. Programming will include LU and HSW LU credits for AIA; PDH and Ethics credits for license renewals; and GBCI credits for Green Building Certification. There is still time to [register »](#)

And as always, also available are AIA Minnesota on-demand webinars that are recordings of the best of the best programs from past Conferences. Check them out [here](#).

Questions? Contact [Deanna Christiansen](#).

NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

AIA NATIONAL

AIA 2023 COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS REPORT AVAILABLE

The AIA Compensation and Benefits Report is the architecture industry's most comprehensive report on salary, hiring, and benefits trends. With over 1,100 firms reporting data on 45 unique architecture and design roles, the 2023 edition is the most robust edition in 15 years and the only report used by the Department of Labor. Get an in-depth analysis of where architecture industry compensation is headed, as well as insights on the shifting workplace cultures and evolving employee benefits that firms are offering to attract and retain top talent. [Learn more and purchase »](#)

AIAU: MAXIMIZE YOUR FIRM'S COMPETITIVE EDGE WITH THE AIA COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS REPORT

Thursday, November 2, 12:00 pm

In today's competitive job market, how are architecture firms recruiting and retaining top talent? Our new live course shares the latest trends while analyzing key findings from the 2023 AIA Compensation and Benefits Report, the architecture industry's most comprehensive report on salary, hiring, and benefits trends. Explore evolving employee work-life benefits, expanded diversity initiatives, firm culture shifts, student loan assistance, paid leave and holiday policies, and more. [Register »](#)

YAF NOW YA KNOW NEWSLETTER

The October Young Architects Forum (YAF) newsletter includes information on mentorship programs, opportunities to submit articles to an EDI publication, and a toolkit for the EP Friendly Firm Award. [Learn more »](#)

AIA 2030 COMMITMENT BY THE NUMBERS REPORT AVAILABLE

This year's 2030 By the Numbers (RY22), culminating data from over 23,000 projects and over 3.8 billion gross square feet, highlights progress and trends made in renewable energy, embodied carbon, building electrification, and energy modeling data! [Read the report »](#)

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 Small Project Awards. [Submit today »](#)

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

We want to make sure we stay connected! If you've moved, changed companies, or retired, or if your member record contains outdated or incorrect information, this is a perfect time to make those updates. [Log into your profile »](#)

AIA MINNEAPOLIS

NO NOVEMBER VIRTUAL LUNCHEON

AIA MINNEAPOLIS ELECTIONS TO BE HELD AT AIA MINNESOTA MEMBER CONGRESS

Despite significant efforts by staff and volunteer leaders, and an RSVP list within 10 of the number needed, the Annual Meeting of AIA Minneapolis held at Mia on Oct. 25 could not be formally convened due to not meeting quorum. In order to elect officers and board members for 2024, and to approve minutes and financials, the AIA Minneapolis annual meeting will now be added to the Member Congress at the AIA Minnesota Annual Conference, 8:00-9:30 on Tuesday, November 14th. RSVPs from AIA Minneapolis members for the Member Congress already well exceed the number of attendees needed to reach quorum. There is still space available in the Member Congress for additional attendees; it is a free session that includes continental breakfast.

[Register for the AIA Minnesota Annual Conference »](#)

[Register for ONLY the Member Congress and AIA Minneapolis Annual meeting »](#)

SERVE ON A CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS BOARD OR COMMISSION

The City of Minneapolis currently has numerous openings on important boards and commissions, including Capital Improvement, Community Environmental Advisory, Heritage Preservation, Housing, Disabilities, Planning, and Zoning Groups. [Learn more and apply »](#)

HELP RECRUIT DOORS OPEN MINNEAPOLIS VENUES

Work in a cool building in Minneapolis? Know of a building or business that you think would be a great addition to Doors Open Minneapolis 2024? Email kelly@rethos.org to let us know!

We are looking for venues that are any of the following:

- Historically or architecturally interesting
- A business or organization that does or creates something unique
- Located in North or Northeast Minneapolis

AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA

DRAUGHTING CLUB

Wednesday, November 1, 4:30-5:30 pm

[Pizza Lucé Duluth](#)

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

AIA ST. PAUL

2023 ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, November 2, 4:00 - 6:15 pm

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Join AIA St. Paul chapter members at the end of your workday for a Food for Thought panel discussion on long-range planning. Panelists will include **Anton Jerve**, City of St. Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development, **Alan Howell, AIA**, Metropolitan Airports Commission, and **Tu-Anh Bui Johnson, Assoc, AIA, NOMA**, Wold Architects and Engineers and moderated by **Ryan Rademacher, AIA**, Director of Virtual Design & Construction M.G. McGrath, Inc.

The AIA St. Paul annual business meeting will follow the panel discussion to vote on the slate of nominees for 2024 leadership positions and report on chapter events, financial status, and plans for 2024. We will wrap up with light bites and beverages, socializing, and celebrating everything AIA St. Paul. We look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting! [Register »](#)

ST. PAUL PRIZE DESIGN COMPETITION

Calling all designers! Get ready for the highly anticipated annual St. Paul Prize design competition, returning November 16th to December 5th. Compete alongside fellow emerging designers for a chance to win \$3,000. As an added honor, the winner(s) will receive an exclusive invitation to present at AIA St. Paul's Food for Thought seminar, set for the first quarter of 2024. [Learn more and apply »](#)

COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES



COMMITTEES AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITIES PROVIDE SESSIONS FOR A'23 MN

AIA Minnesota committees and knowledge communities have identified topics and speakers and partnered with one another to provide programs for this November's Conference. Plan to attend one or more and benefit from the information your colleagues want to share. Learn more about the courses in the updates from each committee below.

ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NO COMMITTEE MEETING IN NOVEMBER

Next Committee Meeting:

Wednesday, December 6, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 9, 8:30 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

BUILDING CODES KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

NO KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY MEETING IN NOVEMBER

A'23 MN sessions sponsored by the Building Codes Knowledge Community:

M3. Townhouse Building Design Code Review
T42. Means of Egress: A General Introduction

Next Knowledge Community Meeting:
Wednesday, December 13, 12:00 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

COMMITTEE ON DESIGN

NO COMMITTEE MEETING IN NOVEMBER

A'23 MN sessions sponsored by the Committee on Design:

M18. Honor Award Jurors Show and Tell
W56. 2+2: Design for Well-Being

Next Committee Meeting:
Thursday, December 14, 12:00 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

COMMITTEE ON EQUITY IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT (EBE)

NO COMMITTEE MEETING IN NOVEMBER

Next Committee Meeting:
Wednesday December 13, 8:30 am
[Virtual Meeting](#)

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COTE)

NO COMMITTEE MEETING IN NOVEMBER

A'23 MN sessions sponsored by the Committee on the Environment:

T41. Sketching Sustainability
W63. Local Lessons from the COTE Top Ten

Next Committee Meeting: Research and Innovation Update
Friday, December 8, 12:00 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

NO KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY MEETING IN NOVEMBER

A'23 MN sessions sponsored by the Council of Firms Knowledge Community:

T46. Influencing Partners to Invest in Future-Proofing Your Firm

Next Knowledge Community Meeting:

Monday, December 11, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 9, 12:00 pm (meetings are held quarterly)

[Virtual Meeting](#)

EMERGING PROFESSIONAL FRIENDLY FIRM PROGRAM

Does your firm provide support to emerging professionals? This award program recognizes firms in the Upper Midwest that are committed to supporting early career professionals. Firms with an office in Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, or South Dakota are eligible to apply. [Visit the website »](#)

ENTER COMMITTEE

NO COMMITTEE MEETING IN NOVEMBER

Next Committee Meeting:

Friday, December 22, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 21, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

HEALTH DESIGN KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

ON HIATUS TO REBOOT UNTIL JANUARY 2024

Next Knowledge Community Meeting:

Thursday, January 25, 4:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 1, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

LAKE SUPERIOR DESIGN RETREAT COMMITTEE

Monday, November 20, 11:30 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM COMMITTEE (MDT)

NO COMMITTEE MEETING IN NOVEMBER

A'23 MN sessions sponsored by the Minnesota Design Team Committee:

M5. Collective Visioning Through Community Engagement: MDT Visits to Silver Bay and Henderson

Wednesday, December 20, 4:30 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 7, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

A'23 MN sessions sponsored by the Residential Architecture Committee:

M21. From Sketches to AI: Unlocking Emerging Technologies in Residential Practices

TECHNOLOGY IN ARCHITECTURE PRACTICE KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

NO COMMITTEE MEETING IN NOVEMBER

The TAP KC leadership has been connecting with other AIA Minnesota committees and knowledge communities to promote a cross-disciplinary discussion. One result of those discussions has been the development of the following program in collaboration with the Residential Committee.

A'23 MN sessions sponsored by the Technology in Architecture Practice Knowledge Community:

M21. From Sketches to AI: Unlocking Emerging Technologies in Residential Practice

WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

NO COMMITTEE MEETING IN NOVEMBER

A'23 MN sessions sponsored by the Women in Architecture Committee:

M10. Networking with Women in Architecture: Woman's Search for Meaning In and Beyond Architecture

M27. Film Screening: The Legacy Project, Part II

Next Committee Meeting:

Wednesday, December 20, 11:30 am

[Graze Provisions](#)

Join us for 2024 visioning; arrive at 11:30 to get food, meeting begins at 12:00.

PEOPLE & FIRMS

MSR Design received two Planet Positive Awards: Best Adaptive Reuse Innovation for RIDC Mill 19 in Pittsburgh, and a Planet Positive Rising Star Award for **Chris Wingate, Assoc. AIA**. [Learn more »](#)

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Douglas Danks, AIA
 Thanh Duong, Assoc. AIA
 Liam Hoy, Assoc. AIA
 Beketa Jilo, Assoc. AIA
 Paul Karlson, AIA
 Dakota Mathews Schmidt, Assoc. AIA
 Zeekra Baset Nadi, Assoc. AIA
 Gregory Niles, Assoc. AIA
 Dan Noyes, Assoc. AIA

Josefina Pozas, Assoc. AIA
 Elizabeth Schmiesing, Assoc. AIA
 Ellie Scott, Assoc. AIA
 Alyaa Sonbol, Assoc. AIA
 Olivia Sprosty, Assoc. AIA
 Emi Thornton, Assoc. AIA
 Ashani Trinh, Assoc. AIA
 Mimi Vo, Assoc. AIA

IN MEMORIAM

David Morck of Kaas Wilson Architects, passed away on October 14. He was a dedicated and passionate advocate for the Lake Superior Design Retreat. He was a master at finding the beauty in every single day and was determined to make life more joyful for those around him. Good conversation was one of his favorite ways to do this. He loved to talk - and he was a great listener. [Read more »](#)

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS

[SYMPOSIUM ON SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS 2030 \(SB 2030\) NOVEMBER 1 »](#)

[KUSKE DESIGN LECTURE: JANINE BENYUS ON BIOMIMICRY NOVEMBER 1 »](#)

[UMN SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE LECTURE SERIES: JESSE REISER, FAIA ON DRAWING TO BUILDING NOVEMBER 6 »](#)

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

[WORLD'S FAIR: AN AMERICAN TRADITION IN ARCHITECTURE AND URBANISM INNOVATION THROUGH DECEMBER 1 »](#)

LEED GREEN ASSOCIATE ONLINE TRAINING

Leading Green is offering LEED training and exam prep this fall. Use code "sust" to receive a \$100 discount! Live and self-paced options are available. [Learn more »](#)

UMN ONLINE RESOURCES

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