

#### AIA MINNESOTA MATRIX NEWSLETTER

#### **OCTOBER 2020**

#### IMPORTANT NOTES FROM AIA MINNESOTA

The AIA Minnesota office is closed. All staff are working remotely, available via email and phone.

**All meetings will be conducted via Zoom**. Please check the website calendar for updates on events, and note meeting details below.

# Showing Up for Each Other

### By Mary-Margaret Zindren, EVP/Executive Director



There's a book I love – anyone pulling it from my bookshelves would know this from the dog-eared pages and underlined passages. It's the collection *This I Believe*.

One of the essays in the collection includes the quote from poet Gwendolyn Brooks: "We are each other's business; we are each other's harvest; we are each other's magnitude and bond."

In the midst of all the heaviness of these times, my belief in this truth has become stronger than ever. Our interdependence has never been more clear. We choose, every day, how we show up for each other; how we demonstrate that we see each other and that we value the ties that bind us together.

Two of those opportunities to show up for each other within this architecture community are here before us: the <u>AIA Minnesota Annual Conference</u> and the <u>Homes by Architects Tour</u>.

We often think of these gatherings as opportunities to gain continuing education credits or to be inspired by experiencing great architectural solutions. These are

valuable outcomes of attending these events, to be sure.

But there's another whole realm of opportunity here: to demonstrate that we care about each other; that we are here for each other.

This year, there are 169 members of our architecture community – from Minnesota and across the nation – who are speaking at the Annual Conference. There are 94 industry partners that are supporting this event through virtual exhibit booths, ads, and sponsored sessions. There are 14 architecture firms whose work can be experienced in the virtual Homes by Architects Tour. There are 44 industry partners that have sponsored or otherwise supported the Tour.

When we show up at these events, our presence says we value our colleagues' and partners' work; their perspectives, their voices.

So, when you register for the conference, when you purchase your Homes by Architects Tour tickets, I ask that you think about the people involved and how you can express enthusiasm, encouragement, and gratitude. Also know that simply by showing up, you are demonstrating that you, too, believe in our interdependence; that you, too, believe we each other's magnitude and bond.



# SUPPORT AIA MINNESOTA AND YOUR PEERS WITH A \$15 TICKET TO THE VIRTUAL HOMES BY ARCHITECTS TOUR

Please make a point to buy a ticket and to encourage your friends and people in your network to do the same. Not only is the HBAT a great showcase for the amazing work of our local architecture community, in these challenging economic times, the non-dues revenue from events like HBAT goes a long way in supporting AIA Minnesota's ability to continue to serve our members and the broader public. **Buy tickets** »

A'20 MN: THE MINNESOTA CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE



#### **REGISTER FOR A'20 MN TODAY!**

Registration for A'20 MN will remain open until Monday, October 12. Don't miss these three great days of programming! Register »

#### LAST CALL FOR EXHIBIT AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Reserve your Virtual Exhibit Booth, sponsor a keynote, host a break-time event by October 9th. Don't miss this opportunity to partner with AIA Minnesota for exposure to all conference attendees. Learn more »

#### **SPAM WARNING**

Disregard any correspondence from outside sources offering our member list or attendee lists from AIA Minnesota events. They are not legitimate sources. We do not share our member lists with outside organizations.

Also, disregard emails from Global Expo Travel, Trip Planner Services and FAIRGuide. They've contacted exhibitors in the past to solicit hotel rooms or a listing on their online directory for a fee. They have no affiliation with AIA Minnesota or the AIA Minnesota Conference.

#### **CALL TO ACTION**

### Call for Leaders

AIA Minnesota is currently seeking applications for officer and board leadership positions that will begin January 1, 2021. This is an important time in the leadership of our organization. By joining the leadership teams, you will be engaged in key decisions as we continue to implement change and address AIA's priorities of climate action and advancing racial justice and equity in our organization, in our profession, and in our communities. Learn more and apply online »

### Open AIA Minnesota Officer/ Board Leadership Positions for 2021:

- President-Elect (three-year commitment as President-Elect, President, and Past President; AIA and Assoc. AIA members eligible)
- Secretary (one-year term, renewable; AIA and Assoc. AIA members eligible)

- Treasurer (one-year term, renewable; AIA and Assoc. AIA members eligible)
- Associate Director (one-year term, renewable; only Assoc. AIA members eligible)

If you are interested in exploring leadership opportunities at the local chapter levels - AIA Minneapolis, AIA Northern Minnesota, or AIA St. Paul - or with the Minnesota Architectural Foundation, members are encouraged to **express interest** by October 15. 2020.

# State Designer Selection Board Process Changes

In response to the pandemic, the State Designer Selection Board (SDSB) has made changes to its process. Highlights include:

- Proposals shall only be submitted electronically.
- Shortlisting and interview meetings will be held via WebEx.
- Revisions to Request for Proposals.

Meetings will continue to be open to the public and digitally recorded for viewing at the convenience of interested parties. It is not clear whether these changes will be made permanent. Learn more about SDSB »

# In-Person Early Voting Now Open in Minnesota

In-person early voting began in Minnesota on Friday, September 18. You can go to designated polling locations and vote in person, no excuse required! <u>Learn more</u> about the process and polling locations in your county here »

In addition to the President of the United States and members of both the U.S. House and U.S. Senate, all members of the Minnesota House and Senate are on the ballot in November, making voting in this election extremely important.

The Minnesota Secretary of State's website has all the resources you need to register to vote and/or to request an absentee ballot for the November 3 general election (note: you no longer need a witness to your signature for your absentee ballot to be valid).

You can also <u>check your registration status</u> and learn more about <u>how to vote</u> <u>on election day</u> through this important resource. Make your voice heard this year!

Concerned about mail delays interfering with absentee ballots? The Secretary of State's Office has a <u>Ballot Tracking</u> service where you can find out if your ballot was received and is valid for counting.

# Why is Voting So Important?

Do you care about the kinds of projects you'll be able to work on in the future? Are you concerned about how safe, equitable, and energy efficient your projects are?

Have you considered how much our communities and your practice are shaped by rules, regulation, and government policies?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please VOTE and make your voice heard! Everything we design is shaped by rules and policies which are greatly impacted by local, state, and national elections: elected officials often set the boundaries within which we design, and sometimes whether any design will happen at all. By voting, you can help make sure those boundaries are being established by people who share your values, and the values of your profession. Please VOTE!

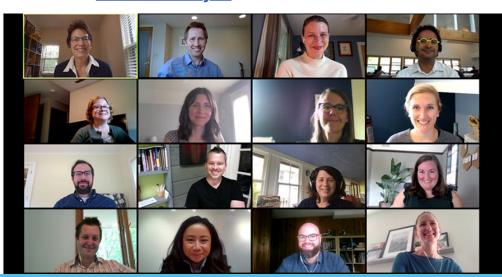
**Bob Shaffer, AIA**, Co-Chair, AIA Minnesota Government Affairs Committee **Elizabeth Turner, AIA**, Co-Chair, AIA Minnesota Government Affairs Committee **Mark Kalar, AIA**, Esq., Co-Chair Elect, AIA Minnesota Government Affairs Committee

#### **ANNOUCEMENTS**

# Ways to Stay with AIA: Membership Options

If you or someone you know has recently been laid off, furloughed, their start date has been indefinitely postponed, or they are self-employed or an independent contractor and their income has been significantly impacted by the pandemic, we can help with options for maintaining AIA membership. We can also provide guidance on a wide variety of ways to stay engaged with the architecture community. Please reach out to Amber Allardyce for more information.





Congratulations to our 16 graduates of this year's Leadership Forum. This flexible, resilient cohort handled a shift to virtual midstream with aplomb, and made the best of a difficult situation.

A huge thanks to Ann Voda, AIA, who was the advisor for this year's Leadership

Forum. Her leadership and ability to keep momentum, including facilitating one-hour coffee talks during the two-month hiatus, was instrumental for keeping this cohort moving forward. **And, many thanks to RSP Architects** who hosted our first three months of face-to-face sessions. RSP provided us with a beautiful space in which to meet and fantastic assistance with catering and audio-visual needs.

**Finally, many thanks to our <u>presenters!</u>** Each session addressed a different topic, presented by a variety of subject matter experts.

#### **LEADERSHIP FORUM 2021 OPEN HOUSE**

Thursday, October 29, 4:30 pm Register to attend

If you are interested in applying for the 2021 Leadership Forum, plan to attend our virtual Open House. The Open House will provide you with information on the 2021 schedule and topics to be covered. Members of this year's cohort will attend to share with you their experience shifting from a face-to-face Forum to a virtual Forum via Zoom.

- The call for applications will be available on October 29
- Application deadline: November 30 application deadline
- Tentative first session: February 9 tentative first session

Questions? Feel free to contact **Deanna Christiansen**.

#### MINNESOTA ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION

# Rapson Announcement

**Matthew Tierney, AIA**, has been named recipient of the 2020 Ralph Rapson Traveling Study Fellowship. The MAF and the Ralph Rapson Fellowship awards a \$12,000 prize to the winner of two-part competition to advance the recipient's education in architecture through foreign or domestic travel-study under a theme of discovery. Learn more about the design challenge and view the finalists' boards »

# Clarence Wigington Minority Scholarship Announcement

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation (MAF) Clarence Wigington Minority Architectural Scholarship awarded two (2) additional scholarships to individuals who are black, indigenous, or person of color student pursuing a professional education in architecture. The scholarship will continue to fund recipients through the completion of the degree as long as they meet the requirements. Congratulations to University of Minnesota student **Samuel Fleming** and Dunwoody College of Technology student **Faiza Duale**. Learn more and make a donation »

#### **COVID-19 RESOURCES**

# Pandemic Response Resources

AIA Minnesota continues to update its <u>Pandemic Response Resources</u> webpage with materials for business management, remote work, health, and more. You can also get the latest updates on state and federal programs and policies.

If you have further questions, concerns, or ideas for AIA Minnesota during this emergency, please contact any member of the AIA Minnesota staff or submit them via this online form.

## AIA Strategies for Safer Facilities

AIA has created strategies and step-by-step risk management tools for many different space types:

- Strategies for Safer Multifamily Housing
- Health Care Facility Design Checklist
- Strategies for Safer Schools
- Strategies for Safer Senior Living Communities
- Strategies for Safer Retail Stores
- Strategies for Safer Offices
- Strategies for Safer Buildings
- Risk Management Plan for Buildings
- AIA Reoccupancy Assessment Tool

Visit the <u>AIA COVID-19 Resources for Architects</u> page to learn more.

#### **NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES**

#### AIA NATIONAL

#### **VOTE FOR AIA FILM CHALLENGE PEOPLE'S CHOICE WINNER BY OCTOBER 4**

Every vote brings one lucky film closer to winning the People's Choice Award, which includes a \$2,000 prize, a film screening, and online promotion. Help someone win! Vote for your favorite films, up to once an hour per film. Voting ends October 4. <u>Vote</u> »

#### SUBMIT YOUR PROJECT TO THE 2020 INNOVATION AWARDS

The Innovation Awards recognize the exemplary use and implementation of innovative technologies and progressive practices among architects and designers, their collaborators, and their clients to support the design, delivery, and operation of buildings or research in practice or academia. Deadline is Oct. 26. <u>Learn more</u> »

#### **AIAU: DESIGNING FOR HEALTH**

Licensed architects and affiliated design professionals have, in their professional practice, a positive duty to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare. As America's health care

expenses continue to rise and we rebuild post-pandemic, collaboration with public health professionals will be more critical than ever. Through this series of courses, you will learn from architects and public health experts as they guide you through the opportunities in rethinking the design process to create healthier buildings. Learn more »

#### **AIA LAUNCHES NEW POLICY PLATFORM 2020**

Ahead of the Democratic and Republican conventions, AIA National launched its new Policy Platform 2020. The platform details AIA's advocacy priorities that will advance the architecture profession and improve the built environment by addressing economic, climate, and community needs in the U.S. AIA also created an FAQ document to help members understand how the information will be used by our national organization, and how you can get involved. Learn more about AIA Advocacy »

#### **AIA ISSUES CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

Based on input from the full spectrum of AIA's membership, the Climate Action Plan reiterates our dedication and commitment to designing a sustainable, healthy, and equitable world. <u>Learn more</u> »

#### AIA RACIAL EQUITY INITIATIVE

AIA has compiled a centralized set of resources for members on understanding racism, firm culture, opportunities for members, and ways to take action. <u>Learn more</u> »

#### **MEMBER PROFILE**

Update your contact preferences, education, licenses, career, and contact information online. Visit myprofile.aia.org.

#### AIA MINNEAPOLIS

Due to the A'20 MN Conference in October, **AIA Minneapolis will not hold a monthly luncheon meeting this month**. Watch for details about our November luncheon coming soon!

#### **CALL FOR LEADERS: 2021 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

If you are interested in exploring leadership opportunities with the AIA Minneapolis chapter level, please express interest by October 15, 2020. Learn more and apply »

#### AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA

#### **CALL FOR LEADERS: 2021 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

If you are interested in exploring leadership opportunities with the AIA Northern Minnesota chapter level, please <u>express interest</u> by October 15, 2020. <u>Learn more and apply »</u>

#### AIA ST. PAUL

#### ST. PAUL PRIZE COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, this year's St. Paul Prize Competition has been postponed until November 2020. This annual competition is open to interns and architects within seven years of receiving an architectural degree. First prize is a cash award of \$1,500.

The St. Paul Prize Competition will open to applicants on November 2, 2020 with additional information provided in the coming weeks on the AIA St. Paul Events page of AIA Minnesota's

website and in the November Matrix. Questions? Feel free to contact **Angle McKinley**.

#### CALL FOR LEADERS: 2021 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

If you are interested in exploring leadership opportunities with the AIA St. Paul chapter level, please <u>express interest</u> by October 15, 2020. <u>Learn more and apply »</u>

#### COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES

#### ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**There will be no meeting in October.** Plan to attend "The Future of Practice, Now and Later," co-sponsored by the Architects Licensing Advisory Committee and the Emerging Professionals Committee on October 27.

#### **VIRTUAL ARE REVIEWS**

ARE reviews covering content from the Project Planning & Design and Project Development & Documentation exams have been scheduled to take place in November and December.

#### **Structural Systems**

Wednesdays, November 4 and 11 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm Learn more »

#### **Mechanical Systems and Electrical Systems**

Tuesdays, December 1 and 8 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm Learn more »

#### ARE ONLINE TESTING LAUNCHES MID-NOVEMBER

NCARB is excited to announce that Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) candidates will be able to schedule online-proctored appointments in mid-November 2020. As test center closures and limited availability continue to impact candidates' licensure progress, this new option will provide flexibility to take the exam in a location of your choice. Below are a few details:

- Expected Monday, November 16, 2020, candidates can schedule online-proctored appointments through their NCARB Record.
- Candidates can still test in-person at Prometric test centers.
- The ARE's content and division structure will not change.
- Aspects of the exam's delivery are being updated for both in-person and online administrations to increase exam security and provide a more efficient experience.
- More information about exam delivery changes was released in mid-September.

#### **Learn more** »

#### ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 8, 8:30 am Virtual Meeting

#### ARCHITECTURE MN COMMITTEE

### Wednesday, October 21, 12:00 pm

**Virtual Meeting** 

#### **BUILDING CODES COMMITTEE**

#### Wednesday, October 14, 12:00 pm

**Virtual Meeting** 

Open forum: please bring your code questions, experiences, and updates to share.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE FOR UPDATED CHAPTER 1307, ELEVATORS AND RELATED DEVICES

The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry has adopted rules governing elevators and related devices effective Sept. 28, 2020. On or after that date all permits, installations, maintenance and inspections must be issued and performed under the updated editions. View all codes and their specific status »

#### COMMITTEE ON DESIGN

#### Thursday, October 8, 12:00 pm

**Virtual Meeting** 

**A'20 MN:** The Committee on Design is sponsoring four programs, all on Tuesday, October 27.

D3-52 - Local Lessons from the COTE Top Ten

D3-60 - 2+2: Achieving Outstanding Design - Engaging Communities to Shape the Future of Design

D3-68 Honor Awards Jurors Show and Tell

D3-74 - Architectural Competitions: Finding Your Voice

#### COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

### Friday, October 23, 12:00 pm

**Virtual Meeting** 

**A'20 MN**: The Committee on the Environment spent hours developing programs and reviewing and selecting proposals for presentation on Day 1, October 13. With this, COTE endorses and supports this whole day. Attend as many sessions as you can. You can't make a bad choice!

#### COMMITTEE ON EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

#### The Committee will not meet in October.

#### COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

The Council of Firms will not be meeting in October and encourages all to attend A'20: The Minnesota Conference on Architecture October 13, 20, and 27.

**A'20 MN**: Don't miss program D2-28 titled, "Pragmatism, Hope, and Personal Well-Being:

Business and Personal Resiliency," sponsored by our Council of Firms Knowledge Community.

#### **EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE**

#### **VIRTUAL SOCIAL HOURS**

Monday, October 19 and Monday, October 26, 6:00 pm

Connect virtually with other young professionals and expand your professional network! Register in advance »

### COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, October 6, 8:00 am

**Virtual Meeting** 

**A'20 MN:** In addition to the co-sponsored program with the ALA Committee, program D3-53, "The Future of Practice, Now and Later," the Emerging Professionals Committee is also sponsoring program D2-32, "Resilient Culture: Weather the Storm," on Tuesday, October 20.

#### **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

#### Wednesday, October 28, 12:00 pm

**Virtual Meeting** 

Please note the date change, which accommodates attendance at A'20 MN: The Minnesota Conference on Architecture.

#### HEALTH DESIGN KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

### Thursday, October 29, 4:00 pm

**Virtual Meeting** 

#### HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

#### Wednesday, October 7, 12:00 pm

**Virtual Meeting** 

Join us for discussion about Search for Shelter 2021 and the 2020 Affordable Housing Design Awards.

#### LAKE SUPERIOR DESIGN RETREAT COMMITTEE

#### Monday, October 19, 11:30 am

**Virtual Meeting** 

### MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM (MDT) COMMITTEE

#### Wednesday, October 21, 4:30 pm

**Virtual Meeting** 

This month's committee meeting will include a second Workbook workshop.

MDT is exploring digital tools that can be adapted to providing virtual community engagement.

Anyone with experience and/or interest can contact <u>Steve Roos, AIA Minnesota Allied Member</u>.

**A'20 MN:** The MDT Committee is sponsoring D3-69 "D4CR Design for Community Regeneration" on Tuesday, October 27.

#### RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 6, 12:00 pm Virtual Meeting

### TECHNOLOGY IN PRACTICE (TAP) KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

The Technology in Practice (TAP) Knowledge Community is building a virtual community on <u>Slack</u>. Firm leaders are encouraged to direct their AIA and non-AIA technical staff as well as tech-enthusiasts to join the TAP community as our practice moves into an increasingly digital marketplace. If you have questions or would like to be a part of this group, please contact cochair <u>Adam Wilbrecht</u>, <u>AIA</u>, or AIA Minnesota staff liaison <u>Deanna Christiansen</u>.

#### WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 14, 8:00 am Virtual Meeting

**A'20 MN**: The WIA Committee is once again sponsoring a "Networking Breakfast with Women in Architecture," on Tuesday, October 20. Program D2-26 will have limited attendance. Sign up early.

#### **PEOPLE & FIRMS**

**Sara Guyette, AIA**, has been appointed principal at DLR Group.

**Wagner Zaun Architecture**, of Duluth, Minnesota, joined **LHB**, **Inc.** in September. <u>Learn</u> more »

#### **WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!**

Alex Chin, AIA
Aubrey Harrold, Assoc. AIA
Jesse Klankowski, Assoc. AIA

Justine Kray, AIA Minnesota Allied Member Yong Ye, Assoc. AIA Zheyang Yuan, Assoc. AIA



#### THE FINAL EDITION OF ARCHITECTURE MN

The Sep/Oct 2020 issue brings *Architecture MN* to a celebratory close with a wide selection of articles from past issues that takes readers around the state for stories, interviews, spotlights, and insights with timeless appeal. We hope our readers enjoy this special Look Back issue as much as we enjoyed assembling it.

A digital preview of the **full issue** can be viewed **here**.

#### **AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS**

**UMN BUILT ENVIRONMENT CAREER FAIR OCTOBER 2 »** 

ARCHITECTURE LECTURE SERIES: JEROME HAFERD OCTOBER 5 »

AIASF COTE SUSTAINABILITY SYMPOSIUM OCTOBER 7-9 »

NATIONAL NOMA CONFERENCE AND EXPO OCTOBER 14-18 »

ARCHITECTURE LECTURE SERIES: THERESA HWANG OCTOBER 19 »

<u>LEADING GREEN LEED ASSOCIATE TRAINING (OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER SESSIONS AVAILABLE) »</u>

#### MINNESOTA CLIMATE ADAPTATION PARTNERSHIP AWARDS

If you, your organization, business or partnership have implemented exceptional projects or strategies related to climate adaptation, mitigation or social resilience, please consider this great opportunity to showcase the work. If you know of others who are working on climate adaptation in Minnesota, please consider a nomination to elevate, support and celebrate these efforts. The deadline for nominations is October 16, 2020. Learn more »

#### **MENTOR A DESIGN STUDENT**

The College of Design is seeking mentors for junior and senior architecture students. <u>Learn</u> more and sign up »

#### **ONLINE RESOURCES**

Visit the College of Design's online calendar for regular updates on activities.

#### **COVID-19 Environmental Interventions & Best Practices**

Led by Professor Tasoulla Hadjiyanni (Interior Design), the Culturally Enriched Communities (CEC) research initiative gathers best practices for creating healthy and connected communities. In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, CEC has begun collecting a <u>repository of environmental interventions</u> to help inform stay-at-home responses and recovery efforts.

#### **Career & Internship Resources**

Employers with jobs, internships or smaller, project-based micro-internships are encouraged to post opportunities for students and recent grads at <u>careerhelp.umn.edu</u>.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Visit the <u>AIA Minnesota Events Calendar</u> for more information about upcoming events. For events not sponsored by AIA Minnesota, please check directly with sponsors for up-to-date information about cancelations, postponements, or virtual meetings.



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Please submit content to AIA Minnesota.

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







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