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AIA MINNESOTA MATRIX NEWSLETTER

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Updated Policy on In-Person Meetings

At the September 10 meeting of the AIA Minnesota Board of Directors they approved a continuation of a virtual approach for meetings, events, and large gatherings through the first quarter of 2022.

Questions? Please contact [Amber Allardyce](#).

The Most Wonderful Time of the Year – For AIA Minnesota

By Mary-Margaret Zindren, EVP/Executive Director



I was born on Christmas Day. Growing up with a church-going Catholic mother and an Agnostic father who loved classical music and sang baritone, Christmastime was a happy convergence of myriad sources of joy. The family calendar was filled with concerts, get-togethers, inspiration, reflection, gift giving, and birthday parties. People of all cultures and various faith traditions have similar times of celebration and renewal, with long-held traditions and

opportunities to grow and sustain relationships.

Why I am I talking about this in October? Because for AIA Minnesota, the stretch from mid-October through early December is “the most wonderful time of the year” for our architecture community.

We’re getting a jump on the season this year with **local chapter Annual Meetings** being held on **October 14, 3:30 - 5:00 pm**. This virtual event will include Town Hall conversations focused on growing and mentoring the profession, making architecture accessible and highly valued, climate action through the work of architecture, and equity in the profession and the built environment. We’ll celebrate the progress of the year past, and elect local chapter leaders for the year ahead.

There will also be time to simply connect with each other – and a lucky few will go home with gifts!

Then, October 27 kicks off the **AIA Minnesota Annual Conference**. For four days – **October 27, November 3, November 10, and November 11** – we will come together virtually around shared interests and the opportunity to be inspired. Out of 60 substantive sessions, more than half are focused on sustainability or equity, with several at the nexus of these priorities. We also have program tracks focused on Practice, Health Design, Residential Design, Ethics, Codes, Preservation/Restoration, and Technology.

You'll hear from many Minnesota-based architects and designers, as well as session speakers from California to Calgary; Honor Award jurors from Boston, Los Angeles, and Columbus; and keynote speakers with work rooted in the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, the South Bronx of New York, and Minneapolis, Missoula, Seattle, and Nairobi. And our partners who we had hoped to see in person in the Exhibit Hall will be joining us virtually, too – dozens of booths with hundreds of new ideas and products to discover, and prizes hidden within them each day. We'll close out the conference with the **AIA Minnesota Member Congress** – where we'll celebrate collective accomplishments in member and community service and elect new representatives to the AIA Minnesota Board of Directors – as the last session on **November 11** with a social to follow.

And mark your calendars for the annual (and virtual again this year) **Awards Celebration** on **December 3** where we will honor excellence in architecture, leadership, and service; where we will celebrate our peers and their contributions to this community and to the broader community.

Please make these events of the coming weeks a priority for yourself and for your colleagues. We need each other. We are better together. It's important to take time to celebrate, to be inspired, and to give each other the gift of our presence.

CALL TO ACTION

CONVERSATIONS
IN EQUITY
& DESIGN



A VIRTUAL SPEAKER SERIES

The Walker Art Center, AIA Minnesota, Dunwoody College of Technology, NOMA MSP, and Minneapolis College are sponsoring a fall speaker series on equity and design. Hear from nationally renowned architects and designers who will present their work and engage in critical conversations around the integration of ethics, equity, justice, and culture in relationship to design practices and education.

All sessions are virtual. CE credits applied for.

[Learn more about the topics, and register for each event »](#)

October 15, 12:00 pm

Sarah Zewde, in conversation with Jessica Holmes, Assoc. AIA

November 3, 12:45 pm

Majora Carter, in conversation with Aarón Regla Bretón, AIA, NOMA
(This session is part of A'21 MN: The Minnesota Conference on Architecture)

Visit the Say It Loud Exhibition

Exhibit Open Through January 30, 2022

HGA Gallery, UMN College of Design

Curated by New York-based architect **Pascale Sablan FAIA, NOMA**, SAY IT LOUD elevates the work of BIPOC and women designers working in built environment fields.

Local participants include **Kristine Anderson, Assoc. AIA; Tammy Angaran, AIA; Abimbola Asojo, AIA; Alicia Belton, AIA, NOMA; Tu-Anh Bui Johnson, Assoc. AIA; Trevor Bullen, AIA; Nina Ebbighausen, AIA; James Garrett Jr., AIA, NOMA; Damaris Hollingsworth, AIA, NOMA; Karen Lu, AIA, NOMA; Joy Martin, AIA; Jody McGuire, AIA; Celina Nelson, Assoc. AIA; Jennifer Newsom, AIA; Mary Springer, AIA; and Lyssa Washington, AIA, NOMA.** [Learn more »](#)

A'21 MN

AIA Minnesota

The Minnesota Conference on Architecture

Virtual Programming
October 27 & November 3, 10, & 11

Register for A'21 MN Today!

Four Days of Online Programming: Wednesdays, October 27, November 3, and November 10; Thursday, November 11

Registration is now open for the 2021 Minnesota Conference on Architecture, taking place virtually over four days. [Register today!](#)

The Conference features an exciting slate of speakers covering topics that impact your practice. 2021 **programming tracks** include:

- Practice
- Health Design
- Residential Design
- Codes
- Restoration/Preservation
- Technology

Register online by October 13 and receive the Early Bird discount. Online registration is simple, easy, and secure. There are several pricing options available to meet your needs, including our regular \$25 student rate. [Register today »](#)

Due to the impact of the economic downturn on our profession, registration for the A'21 MN Conference will be free to AIA members who have been laid off or furloughed, and to recent graduates who have not been able to secure paid work within the field. [Learn more about this option »](#)

For Exhibitors and Sponsors:

Join us for our virtual conference! Sponsor a program. Host a virtual exhibit hall booth. Entertain us during a break time! Lots of opportunities to connect with our attendees! [Click here](#) to see all opportunities to participate. For more information, contact [Pam Nelson](#).

[Learn more about A'21 MN »](#)

****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 email 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Louis Lundgren Award

Sara Rothholz Weiner, AIA, Receives 2021 Louis Lundgren Award for Service

Congratulations to Sara Rothholz Weiner, AIA, 2021 recipient of the Louis Lundgren Award for Service. Sarah has led service activities within her firm and on her own for decades. [Learn more »](#)



Thank You to Homes by Architects Tour Volunteers

Thank you to all of the volunteers, sponsors, architects and designers, and tour goers for making this year's hybrid Homes by Architects Tour a success!

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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.

MINNESOTA ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION (MAF)

MAF Seeks Board Leadership

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation (MAF) is seeking board leadership positions that will begin January 1, 2022. 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.

Open MAF Officer/ Board Leadership Positions for 2022:

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

- Board Member, two positions open (three-year term, renewable; AIA, Assoc. AIA members, and non-members eligible)

Anyone interested in being considered for a MAF position should [submit](#) a **letter of interest** no later than Friday, November 5, 2021

COMMITTEE/KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Conference Continuing Education Committee

A special thanks to our 2021 committee:

Co-chairs

Jim Butler, AIA, LEED AP

Rachel Usher, AIA, LEED AP, Mead & Hunt

Committee Members

Catherine Britt, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, Cuningham

James Gaspar, Assoc. AIA, Best Buy

Daniel Green, AIA, Miller Dunwiddie

Michael Kisch, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, Mortenson

Sarah St. Louis, Assoc. AIA, Best Buy

Jonathan Strand, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, BTR

Madelyn Sundberg, AIA, MacDonald & Mack Architects

Nicole Washburn, AIA, LEED AP, JLG Architects

This group of ten AIA members have met every Friday morning from March through August to plan programming for the A'21 MN Conference on Architecture. They spend their weekly 90 minutes reviewing feedback from previous years, brainstorming topics, speakers and keynote speakers, and selecting the best proposals submitted in order to offer everyone who attends a quality continuing education experience. Best of all, they laugh and have fun as they do it! We appreciate their dedication and enthusiasm for working together as a team to make this happen.

We're always looking for new committee members with different points of view. If you would like to join this committee and be a part of the planning for 2022, email [Deanna Christiansen](#).

LEADERSHIP FORUM



(pictured above: 2021 Leadership Forum Graduates--missing: Thea Rozenbergs and Susan Morgan)

2021 Leadership Forum Closing Meeting

2021 was an entirely virtual Leadership Forum. Not once did the full group meet in person – until this past week when they met to celebrate their “graduation.” All but two were able to attend to spend time talking and sharing and realizing how different we all look on Zoom and how much more fun it is to be together in-person!

A special thanks to the 16 who kept conversations lively and relevant and personal, in spite of the need to have all 17 sessions virtual from March to August.

And, thanks to our speakers and panelists who did an amazing job making virtual sessions as interactive as possible and sharing personal leadership stories.

A special thanks to **Ann Voda, AIA**, who was the advisor for the last two years. With the assistance of the advisory committee, she stayed committed to working through new curriculum and new speakers (and of course, the whole virtual-thing)!

Details for 2022 are still being worked out, but we’ll have the applications ready by the end of November.

MSP NOMA



NOMA Black Spectacles 50 x 50 Program

NOMA is partnering with Black Spectacles in 2021! Licensure candidates who have paid 2021 NOMA dues will have the opportunity to access the ARE 5.0 Prep Expert Package at a deeply discounted rate. [Learn more »](#)

NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

AIA NATIONAL

LAST CHANCE TO VOTE IN 2021 AIA FILM CHALLENGE!

Public voting for the AIA FilmChallenge is still open! The film with the most votes by **October 3** wins the People's Choice Award. [Watch the films and vote for your favorites »](#)

TRANSFORM & REFORM: AIA ACADEMY OF ARCHITECTURE FOR JUSTICE FALL CONFERENCE

Wednesday, October 13

Take part in AAJ's 2021 virtual conference, which presents an unique opportunity to reach out nationally and internationally to architecture colleagues in parallel fields, such as health, mental health, and education. Also connect with professionals in disciplines that intersect with the justice system, such as criminology, psychology, and social work. Earn up to 17.25 LU/11 HSW. [Learn more »](#)

TAKING THE LEAD TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE

Monday, October 18, 12:00 pm

Extreme climate variability means design firms must respond with solutions and take the lead in adapting the built world to climate change while mitigating worsening impacts. With power and responsibility comes risk. The pace of developments, the changing regulatory/policy landscape, the costs for integrating new systems, materials, and technologies— all require significant time and due diligence. This program will discuss the challenges that professionals face, strategies for managing risks, and the support professional liability insurance provides while they provide innovative solutions to address the changing climate. [Learn more »](#)

NEW AIAU COURSES FOR NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Living through a pandemic is already challenging. Frequent natural disasters like hurricanes, flooding, wildfires, and earthquakes are raising the stakes. AIAU can help you prepare for any storm. Get actionable, innovative solutions to protect your business and the communities you work with in this curated list of new and popular courses by leading architects, firms, and experts.

- [Business Continuity Planning for Architects »](#)
- [A Frank Consideration of Your Post-Pandemic Workplace »](#)
- [Building for Resilience: Challenges, Advantages, and Strategies »](#)
- [The Resilience Factor: Commercial Interiors, Climate Change, and Occupant Well-Being »](#)

SALARY DATA AND HIRING TRENDS IN ARCHITECTURE

How has architect compensation held up during the pandemic? How have benefits shifted? Find out in AIA Compensation Report 2021, the industry's most comprehensive report on salary and compensation trends. [Learn more »](#)

2022-2023 OPENING FOR AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE STRATEGIC COUNCIL

The Strategic Council is accepting submissions for the position of At-large Representative. Up to five candidates may be elected. If you know of someone (member or non-member) who is innovative, open-minded and forward thinking, is a strong communicator/connector, and embodies a collaborative, partnering spirit, encourage them to submit! [Learn more »](#)

SUBMIT NOW TO THE 2022 HOUSING AWARDS

AIA Housing Awards show the world how beauty, safety, sustainability, and comfort can come together. New for 2022, the awards offer opportunities in eight categories, with the jury evaluating entries relative to the AIA Framework for Design Excellence. Submit by October 13 at 5 pm ET. [Learn more »](#)

ON-DEMAND WEBINAR: CYBER SECURITY PRACTICES

This webinar covers effective cyber and data security measures, including protection of data, accounts and controls, processes and policies to ensure regulatory, as well as legal and privacy compliance to reduce cyber threats. Watch this recording and learn from AIA national staff and Cameron Smith, PhD, Research Director, Security, Privacy, Risk & Compliance, Info-Tech. [Watch »](#)

LATEST RESIDENTIAL FIRM TRENDS

The AIA's Home Design Trends Survey is a recognized source of emerging trends in residential design and business conditions at residential firms. The latest release shows home offices and outdoor living spaces remained popular. Billings also remained strong and project backlogs increased, reaching a record high. [Learn more »](#)

FREE RESUME REVIEW

To help you navigate the current job market, we're offering free expert résumé review services through the [AIA Career Center](#). Simply visit your account overview page and scroll to the TopResume section at the bottom to submit.

MEMBER PROFILE

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

AIA MINNEAPOLIS

VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, October 14, 12:00 pm

No matter which local chapter you belong to, join in this virtual meeting to vote on the 2022 board nominees, hear what's on tap for next year, and make your voice heard in a town hall-style forum. Prize giveaways will wrap up the event, but you must participate to be eligible!

[Register today »](#)

MAYORAL FORUM RECORDING

[View](#) the recording of AIA Minneapolis' Mayoral Forum, hosted on September 23 and featuring the top candidates in the 2021 Minneapolis Mayoral Election.

AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA

VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday October 14, 12:00 pm

No matter which local chapter you belong to, join in this virtual meeting to vote on the 2022 board nominees, hear what's on tap for next year, and make your voice heard in a town hall-style forum. Prize giveaways will wrap up the event, but you must participate to be eligible!

[Register today »](#)

DRAUGHTING CLUB

Wednesday, October 6, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

[Ursa Minor Brewing](#)

Socialize with experienced and emerging connections in our northern AEC Community.

AIA ST. PAUL

VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday October 14, 12:00 pm

No matter which local chapter you belong to, join in this virtual meeting to vote on the 2022 board nominees, hear what's on tap for next year, and make your voice heard in a town hall-style forum. Prize giveaways will wrap up the event, but you must participate to be eligible!

[Register today »](#)

ST. PAUL PRIZE DESIGN COMPETITION UPDATE

The AIA St. Paul Board of Directors has decided to pause hosting the annual design competition for this year in order to thoughtfully consider how the program can be more accessible to entrants, and to find ways to center and include community voices and perspectives in the design brief and requirements. The board expects that the program will continue in 2022 in its new, more relevant and equitable format!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT RECORDING

[View](#) the recording of AIA St. Paul's most recent Food for Thought event from September 22, titled "Catholic Charities and the Twin Cities Housing Crisis."

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Minnesota license renewals are due June 30, 2022. Architects must have 24 Professional Development Hours (PDH) accrued between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2022. Two of these PDH credits must be Ethics credits.

Check [here](#) to see if you have carryover credits from the last license renewal (ethics credits do not qualify for carryover).

Check [here](#) under Continuing Education for the link to view your AIA transcript.

Attend the A'21 MN Conference on Architecture in October and November for an economical and efficient way to get the continuing education credits you need to renew your Minnesota license. Renewal is due **June 30, 2022**.

Take advantage of four days of quality programming that you won't want to miss!

- Programming will include LU and HSW LU credits, PDH credits, ethics credits, and GBCI credits.
- Look for program tracks addressing Practice, Health Design, Residential Design, Building Codes, Preservation/Restoration, and Technology.
- Scattered throughout the four days you'll find programs on equity, diversity and inclusion; climate action; design; resilience, and more!

[Register »](#)

COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES

ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 7, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

UPCOMING ARE REVIEWS

NAVIGATING ARCHITECT LICENSURE: NCARB, THE ARE, AND YOU

Thursday, November 11, 8:30 - 10:00 am

A'21 MN Conference, Event D4-63

Join NCARB vice president of examination, Jared Zurn, for an in-depth presentation that will cover several licensure-related topics. Attend this virtual Conference program and reduce your anxiety by knowing what to expect and how to best prepare. [Register »](#)

NOTE: Navigating Architect Licensure is also available at no charge without conference registration. [Learn more »](#)

PP&D and PD&D Exams

Mechanical and Electrical - The recordings from the 2020 ARE Review presentations that focused on mechanical and electrical systems will be available on demand soon.

Structural Systems

Thursdays, December 2 and 9, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

A two-session virtual, but live-streamed, review class presented by Andrew Atkins, PE, SE, PIE Global. Registration will be available later this month.

Watch for more details to be announced [here](#).

For more information and resources to guide your licensure, visit the AIA Minnesota website pages for [AXP](#) and [ARE](#).

ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 14, 8:30 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

BUILDING CODES KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Wednesday, October 13, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Topics for the meeting:

- Brainstorm ideas for the A'21 MN Code Analysis program presented by Gerhard Guth and C. Scott Anderson.
- Open forum. Bring your code questions, experiences, and updates to share.

Use this [link](#) to view all current codes and their specific status.

"Creating a Well-Crafted Building Code Analysis (from Both Sides of the Aisle)" will be presented by the Building Codes KC chairs, Gerhard Guth and Scott Anderson at the A'21 MN Conference - Event D4-59.

COMMITTEE ON DESIGN

Thursday, October 14, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

"Local Lessons from the COTE Top 10," co-sponsored by the Committee on Design and the Committee on the Environment, will be presented at A'21 MN - Event D2-22.

"Honor Award Jurors Show Their Work," sponsored by the Committee on Design, will be presented at A'21 MN - Event D2-28.

"2 + 2: Empathy in Design," sponsored by the Committee on Design, will be presented at A'21 MN - Event D3-54.

COMMITTEE ON EQUITY IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT (EBE)

Wednesday, October 20, 8:30 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COTE)

Friday, October 15, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

"Local Lessons from the COTE Top 10," co-sponsored by the Committee on Design and the Committee on the Environment, will be presented at A'21 MN - Event D2-22.

COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

HAPPY HOUR

Monday, October 11, 4:30 - 6:00 pm

[HDR, Inc.](#)

Watch for an email with details about this event.

"Mentoring Reimagined", sponsored by the Council of Firms KC, will be presented at A'21 MN - Event D1-2.

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 5, 8:00 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

"Mentoring Reimagined," sponsored by the Emerging Professionals Committee, will be presented at A'21 MN - Event D1-2.

ENTER COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 20, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 19, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

The October meeting will be a continuation of the discussion of the 2022 legislative platform. Join us to help shape our agenda for the upcoming session!

HEALTH DESIGN KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Thursday, October 28, 4:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Look for the track of health design programs being presented at A'21 MN:

- Event D1-3, "Student-Centered Health Sciences Education Facility Design"
- Event D1-9, "The Pandemic's Impact on the Future of Healthcare Design"
- Event D1-16, "Community Co-Design: A Collaboration Structure for Equitable Design"

HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 6, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

LAKE SUPERIOR DESIGN RETREAT COMMITTEE

Monday, October 18, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

SAVE THE DATE

34th Annual Lake Superior Design Retreat (Virtual)

February 25-26, 2022

MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM COMMITTEE (MDT)

Wednesday, October 20, 4:30 - 6:30 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Ever wonder what it takes to run a Minnesota Design Team (MDT) visit? Join the Leadership Training at the October Committee meeting. We will have an in-depth overview of the roles and responsibilities of Team Co-Leads before, during, and after an MDT visit. If you have ever led an MDT visit, please tune in and share your words of wisdom.

RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 5, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

"Toward a Mass Timber Agenda: House in a Garden," sponsored by the Residential Architecture Committee, will be presented at A'21 MN - Event D2-25.

"Keys to a Net-Zero Energy Home," sponsored by the Residential Architecture Committee, will be presented at A'21 MN - Event D2-31.

TECHNOLOGY IN ARCHITECTURE PRACTICE (TAP) KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Look for the track of technology programs being presented at A'21 MN:

- Event D4-62, "Lifecycle Data Solutions for Architects: Transforming the Norm"
- Event D4-68, "Business Intelligence for Data-Driven Design, Construction, and Operations"
- Event D4-72, "The Augmented Reality of Chickens"

WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 13, 8:00 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

"Women in Architecture Networking Breakfast: Combating Racism in the Built Environment," sponsored by the Women in Architecture Committee, will be presented at A'21 MN - Event D2-24.

VIRTUAL MENTORING EVENT

Thursday, October 14, 6:00 pm

Women and women-identifying architects, designers, and architecture students of all training and career levels are invited to participate in a virtual mentoring event. [Register »](#)

QUARTERLY NETWORKING SOCIAL EVENT

Thursday, October 21, 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Catch up with old colleagues and make new connections at this informal social hosted at [O'Shaughnessy Distilling Co.](#) in Minneapolis. A tour of the building will be offered at 5:00 pm. Stop in anytime; no RSVP necessary.

SAY IT LOUD! MINNEAPOLIS

Don't miss experiencing this [visual exhibition](#) created by Pascale Sablan, FAIA, NOMA, showcasing diverse designers and architects from our local community, on view at the HGA Gallery in Rapson Hall. On view through January 30, 2022.

PEOPLE & FIRMS

Kodet Architecture joined the AIA 2030 Commitment.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Teon Anderson, Assoc. AIA
Brett Biwer, Assoc. AIA
Kendra Fjerstad, Assoc. AIA

Derek Gallagher, AIA
Eden Garton, Assoc. AIA
Derek Hansen, AIA

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS

[Construction Codes and Licensing Division Fall Seminars October »](#)

[Design Forward Restoration Service Project: Hidden Falls Regional Park Planting October 2 »](#)

[Minneapolis Parks Foundation: Race, Place, and Representation: The Next Generation of Parks October 9 »](#)

[Duluth Design Expo 2021 October 14 »](#)

[Design in a Post-Pandemic World: Flexible Work Spaces October 19 »](#)

[Rethos Deconstruction & Reuse Virtual Conference October 19 - 21 »](#)

[Totally Radical: Designing in the 1980s Exhibition October 22 - January 9 »](#)

[Retail Connect Space Evolution: E-Commerce & in-Store Innovation October 26 »](#)

[LeadingGREEN Online LEED Training and Exam Prep \(On-Demand in 2021\) »](#)

COMCAST RISE INVESTMENT FUND OFFERING GRANTS

The ComcastRISE Investment Fund offers monetary grants to help small businesses owned by people of color grow as they navigate the challenges of the pandemic. Businesses can receive \$10,000 grants, be established for 3 or more years, and have 25 or less employees. Application period is October 1-14. [Learn more »](#)

MENTOR A UMN DESIGN STUDENT

Applications are now open for mentors to work one-on-one with architecture and design students for the 2021-2022 academic year. [Learn more and apply »](#)

OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE: MN DEPT OF COMMERCE VARIABLE REFRIGERANT FLOW (VRF) FIELD STUDY

We are in need of buildings to participate in energy efficiency research. Your project

may be a good candidate if it is:

- Located in MN
- Multifamily, office, hotel, education, or similar type
- New construction in a design phase considering VRF system OR
- Existing building slated to have a HVAC retrofit considering VRF system OR
- Existing building with VRF system installed in last 3 years

What's involved? Allowing non-intrusive energy monitoring equipment to be installed in building with VRF system for approximately 1 year.

Benefits: Potential financial incentives for VRF system install; advancing the body of knowledge around the energy and comfort benefits of VRF systems.

Interested? Contact: [Maureen Colburn, AIA](#), at LHB or [Greg Marsicek](#) at Slipstream
[More info »](#)

OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY COMMERCIAL ENERGY CODE FIELD STUDY

We are in need of buildings to participate in energy efficiency research. Your project may be a good candidate if it is:

- Located in MN, WI, northern IL
- Office or multifamily over 70,000 SF
- HVAC controlled by a Building Automation System
- Occupancy date of Jan 2020 - 2022

What's involved? A review of the permit set of drawings/specifications and 1-2 site visits by the research team.

Benefits: Advancing the body of knowledge around complex elements of the energy code.

Interested? Contact: [Prachi Sharma](#) at Slipstream
[More info »](#)

UMN ONLINE RESOURCES

Visit the College of Design's [online calendar](#) for regular updates on activities.

UMN CAREER AND INTERNSHIP RESOURCES

Employers with jobs, internships or smaller, project-based micro-internships are encouraged to post opportunities for students and recent grads at [careerhelp.umn.edu](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit the [AIA Minnesota Events Calendar](#) for more information about upcoming events. For events not sponsored by AIA Minnesota, please check directly with sponsors for up-to-date information about cancelations, postponements, or virtual meetings.



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DECEMBER Matrix editorial deadline is Friday, November 19.

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