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Time to Share Stories and Knowledge!

by Sam Olbekson, AIA, AICAE, NOMA, AIA Minnesota President



The start of autumn brings a season of gatherings and celebrations of many types. From the beginning of the school year, to fall harvest ceremonies and feasts, to diverse traditional holidays celebrated by the many cultures that make up our communities. These cultural and social traditions are an important way for our communities to stay connected, share stories and knowledge, and to create experiences that give us a sense of identity and belonging.

As members of AIA Minnesota, we belong to a committed community of professionals that value lifelong learning and professional growth. Coming together to share experiences, to learn, and to connect with each other is one of these valuable fall traditions we share every year. With registration now open for the AIA MN Conference on Architecture, I invite each of you to join our community in our most important gathering of the year.

This year's conference, being held November 13-15, brings us to a new space – The Renaissance Minneapolis Depot Hotel & Event Center – and new exciting opportunities to connect as community members and to grow as professionals. What will stay the same is the high quality and motivational presentations our members always offer. We will continue to have important discussions about our impact on the profession, our communities, and the environment. We each have unique reasons for attending and we each bring unique experiences and valuable perspectives to share and I look forward to inspiring, meaningful, and reflective discourse.

We will also have fun! Connecting during the many planned and informal social events is an important aspect of building a strong design community and I look forward to hearing the laughter, stories, successes, and challenges of the past year.

We are a stronger profession when we stay connected.

I encourage everyone to consider staying at the conference center hotel if possible, to enjoy a more immersive and connected experience. The Depot located near Owámniyomni (“turbulent waters” in the Dakota language, or Saint Anthony Falls in English), the Stone Arch Bridge, and many great dining opportunities and other cultural institutions along Haha Wakpá (Mississippi River).

We are grateful for new conference attendees and for those that continue to return to this important gathering. I am thankful to the generous sponsors and vendors that support our work. I look forward to an energizing experience and am excited to see our amazing Keynote speakers, presenters, new products and especially to connect with old friends, colleagues, and to make new long-lasting connections.

A'23 MN: THE MINNESOTA CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE



A'23 MN Early Discounted Registration Deadline Oct. 13

Registration for A'23 MN: The Minnesota Conference on Architecture is now open! Register by Friday, October 13 to take advantage of early discount pricing. [Register](#) »

Make A'23 MN Your Fall Staycation Destination

Be sure to book a hotel room at the Depot for A'23 MN! Conference programming will continue into the evenings, and several key receptions are already planned for both nights, including:

- MSP NOMA reception
- Reception for the new dean of the UMN College of Design
- Exhibitor events and celebrations

In addition to programming, events, and receptions that are part of the Conference,

you can take advantage of all Minneapolis and St. Paul have to offer, including:

- A Minnesota Vikings home game Sunday, November 12
- A Minnesota Wild home game Sunday, November 12
- A premier play at the Guthrie Theater, or a presentation of A Christmas Carol, both on Sunday, November 12
- Live music at First Avenue, the Fine Line, the Cedar Cultural Center, and more venues
- Restaurants, walking tours, museums, and more!

Rooms at the AIA Minnesota discounted rate are limited; book your room by **October 13** to claim your spot! [Book a hotel room »](#)

Exhibit and Sponsor Opportunities

Showcase your product or service at our in-person conference this fall. Reserve your exhibit booth now. We also have a variety of advertising and sponsorship opportunities to put your brand in front of our attendees. [Click here](#) for more information on exhibit and sponsorship opportunities.

Awards Celebration Sponsorship Opportunity

Celebrate with us as we recognize the AIA Minnesota Honor Awards and Commendations, the 25 Year Award, and the 2023 Firm Award, as well as all of our 2023 award recipients. This event will take place on the final day of the A'23 MN Conference on Wed, November 15. Sponsorships available at various levels. Deadline November 3. [Click here to register as a sponsor »](#)

CALL TO ACTION

Leadership Forum 2024

“Such a diverse variety of people, perspectives, and lessons, from core facilitators to guests to the quality of the cohort. Really surpassed my expectations.” -- 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 for 2024 will be available soon and will be posted [here](#). Questions? Contact [Deanna Christiansen](#).

Call for State/Territory Associate Representative

The AIA Minnesota Board of Directors is seeking to appoint a Minnesota member to serve as the AIA State/Territory Associate Representative (STAR). The STAR will be appointed to a two-year term, serving on the National Associates Committee (NAC) and AIA Minnesota Board of Directors beginning on January 1, 2024. Associate AIA Minnesota members engaged or interested with the issues unique to Associate AIA members and desiring to build a robust network should apply. Application materials are due to AIA Minnesota, by **Friday, October 20, 2023**. [Learn more and apply »](#)

AIA Strategic Council Seeks At-Large Representatives

The AIA Strategic Council (“Council”) invites nominations of individuals for the position of At-large Representative. Each year, the Council elects At-large Representatives to the Council, who will serve three (3)-year terms. These At-large Representative positions bring diverse viewpoints to the Council that might not be otherwise represented. This includes individuals from allied professions, futurists, educators, and others who would not typically be elected to the Council through the state component nomination and election process.

In particular, the Council is seeking nominees with a strong understanding of Equity, Climate Change, Business, Design, and Strategic Planning. To be the most effective Council possible, AIA fully embraces this opportunity to bring other viewpoints, experiences, and talents, especially those that have historically been underrepresented in the profession. [Learn more »](#)



WILLIAM B
Storyteller

NORTH STAR STORY MAP

Story Feature:

William Beyer, FAIA, on the
Chateau Co-op Dining Club

North Star Story Map Story Feature: William Beyer, FAIA, on the Chateau Co-op Dining Club in Dinkytown

“I was a student at the University of Minnesota School of Architecture in January 1970 when we occupied the Chateau as a design studio. The building’s exterior screamed ‘MODERN’ at the top of its lungs. Its interior was more packed with light and air than any building in town. A perfect exemplar of what we were being taught at Ralph’s school, the building was a unicorn.” [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 »](#)



Three 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

Equivalent Path to Licensure Process Update

In keeping with our mission to advance a vital profession and our strategic priority of building and mentoring the profession, the AIA Minnesota Board of Directors created a special task force in the spring of 2023. Prompted by recent expansion of options to promote licensure from NAAB for architects and the Minnesota licensing board for landscape architects, the task force was asked to explore potential licensure paths that do not require a NAAB-accredited degree, and creating recommendations to share with the Board, AIA Minnesota members, and the Minnesota Board of AELSAGID (the licensing board).

The task force, made up of members from several key stakeholder groups, reviewed the pathways in the 17 states that allow a licensure path without a NAAB-accredited degree, as well as resources from NCARB related to licensure options, and developed a recommendation that has been approved in draft form by the AIA Minnesota Board of Directors.

A member town hall meeting took place in September to gather feedback on the draft proposal. These comments will be reviewed by the Task Force, and the board will take a final action on the proposal before the end of 2023.

You can view materials and the recording of the town hall meeting [here](#). This page will be updated with progress on this topic throughout the process.



ENTER Advertising Opportunities

Align your company or product with our digital site and the high quality features on the built environment. Limited ad blocks available on November 16 and Dec 21 issues. Rates start at \$495 for a month of exposure. Contact [Pam Nelson](#) for details or to reserve your ad.

MINNESOTA ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION

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 »](#)

Raffle Prize Preview

The highly anticipated Minnesota Architectural Foundation (MAF) annual raffle is returning this year 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 preview many of this year's raffle items:

- Restaurant Certificates, *donated by RJM Construction and Adolphson & Peterson Construction and more* (\$1,000+ value)
- St. Croix River Cruise for 6 to 8 people, *donated by Leah and Shawn Smith* (priceless value)
- Three Day Winter Weekend at a Cabinologist's cabin, *donated by Dale Mulfinger, FAIA* (priceless value)
- Lake Superior Design Retreat (LSDR) 2024 Registration and Lodging (\$800 value)
- 3D Printer, *donated by Craig Twombly* (\$300 value)
- Motorized Lighthouse LEGO Set, *donated by IMEG* (\$300 value)
- Restoration Tree Planting in Your Name, *donated by Barb and Jim Thomson* (\$300 value)
- Books about Minnesota Architects, *donated by Dale Mulfinger, FAIA* (\$250 value)
- FAIA Signature Wine Collection, *donated by Minnesota FAIA members* (\$200 estimated value)
- Minnesota Twins Dugout Tickets, *donated by Barb and Jim Thomson* (\$162 value)

Raffle tickets will be \$20 each and can be purchased from any MAF board member and during the A'23 MN Conference on Architecture.

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. The Conference will be November 13-15, where over 50 credited programs will be offered. Programming will include LU and HSW LU credits for AIA; PDH and Ethics credits for license renewals; and GBCI credits for Green Building Certification. [View the registration booklet »](#)

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 »](#)

A'24 CALL FOR PROPOSALS OPEN

The A'24 Call for Proposals is open until October 5, 2023. This year's event includes a Call for Educational Sessions and a brand-new Call for Tours. Why submit a proposal? It's your opportunity to inspire others, share your knowledge, network, and connect on a global stage. Lead the dialogue at one of the most anticipated events in architecture and design, and be part of a diverse, collaborative community shaping the future. [Learn more »](#)

AIA REGIONAL AND URBAN DESIGN (RUDC) SYMPOSIUM 2023

October 18-19

Washington, DC

This two-day symposium will delve into emerging trends, theories, and technologies that are shaping the future of regional and urban design. Help shape tomorrow's landscapes. [Learn more »](#)

2023 ACSA INTERSECTIONS RESEARCH CONFERENCE: MATERIAL ECONOMIES

October 19-21

Amherst, MA

Registration is open for AIA/ACSA's fourth annual Intersections Research Conference: Material Economies. The conference will be on the campus of the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and will bring together researchers, architects, policy-makers, and more from practice and academia to share innovations in material science, high-performance design, healthy materials

and circular building. [Learn more »](#)

YAF NOW YA KNOW

The September edition of the Young Architects Forum newsletter includes information on the AIA Compensation Report, mentorship opportunities, and presentation opportunities. [Read the newsletter »](#)

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 COTE Top 10, Small Project, and Housing 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

2023 ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 25, 4:00 - 6:30 pm

[Minneapolis Institute of Art](#)

Join fellow chapter members at Mia for a viewing of [Tia Keobounpheng: Revealing Threads](#) exhibit, hear a presentation from Tia, followed by the chapter annual meeting, and social time. Light bites and beverages provided. [Register »](#)

AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA

DRAUGHTING CLUB

Wednesday, October 4, 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

[Osborn 370](#)

Earn continuing education, enjoy socializing with fellow chapter members and participate in the business meeting of the AIA St. Paul Chapter. Light bites and beverages provided. [Register »](#)

AIA ST. PAUL 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS SLATE OF NOMINEES

Alan Howell, AIA - President-elect

Jennifer Ukura, AIA - Secretary

Tu-Anh Bui Johnson, Assoc. AIA - Treasurer

Philip Bussey, AIA - Chapter Director

Skyler Moon, Assoc. AIA - Chapter Director

Tyler Bares, AIA - AIA Minnesota Director
Devyn Smoter, Assoc. AIA - Associate Director
Continuing Board Members:
Dantes Ha, Assoc. AIA - President
Ryan Rademacher, AIA - Past President

The above slate will be voted upon at the Annual Meeting on November 2, 2023.

2023 ST. PAUL PRIZE DESIGN COMPETITION BEGINS IN NOVEMBER

Calling all designers! Get ready for the highly anticipated annual St. Paul Prize design competition, returning from November 12th to the 26th. 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.

For further details, contact [Amber Allardyce](#) or keep an eye out for additional information at this year's AIA Minnesota Conference on Architecture.

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

NEW MONTHLY MEETING DATE: first Wednesday of the month from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Wednesday, October 4, 12:00 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 12, 8:30 am
[Virtual Meeting](#)

BUILDING CODES KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Wednesday, October 11, 12:00 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

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

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

COMMITTEE ON DESIGN

Thursday, October 12, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

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

M18. Honor Award Jurors Show and Tell

W56. 2+2: Design for Well-Being

COMMITTEE ON EQUITY IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT (EBE)

Wednesday, October 18, 8:30 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COTE)

NO REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER

Happy Hour with USGBC (Discussion of Key Learnings from Greenbuild)

Friday, October 26, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

[Urban Growler](#)

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

T41. Sketching Sustainability

W63. Local Lessons from the COTE Top Ten

COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Monday, October 9, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

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

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

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 10, 12:00 pm (meetings are held quarterly)

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Site Tour and Happy Hour

Wednesday, October 4, 5:00 pm

[Hamm's Brewery Complex](#)

[St. Paul Brewing](#)

Join members of Pope Design Group as they lead a site tour of the Hamm's Brewery Complex. Following the tour, we'll head to St. Paul Brewing for a happy hour. [Register to attend »](#)

ENTER COMMITTEE

Friday, October 27, 12:00 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 17, 12:00 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

HEALTH DESIGN KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Thursday, October 28, 4:00 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 4, 12:00 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

LAKE SUPERIOR DESIGN RETREAT COMMITTEE

Monday, October 16, 11:30 am
[Virtual Meeting](#)

MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM COMMITTEE (MDT)

Wednesday, October 18, 4:30 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

A'23 MN sessions sponsored by the Minnesota Design Team Committee:
M5. Collective Visioning Through Community Engagement: MDT Visits to Silver Bay and Henderson



HANOVER VISIT
Thank you to all the volunteers who held a successful visit to the City of Hanover, on Sept. 15 & 16! A special thank you to visit co-leads, Katie Kangas, AIA, Richard Baker, and Austin Autrey, AIA.

RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 3, 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

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR THE HOMES BY ARCHITECTS TOUR!

Thank you to the volunteers, sponsors, architecture firms, and tour goers who all made this year's Homes by Architects Tour a success! With the help of over 60 volunteers, we were able to share 10 homes designed by nine different architecture firms with nearly 1,900 members of the public on September 23 & 24.

The virtual tour, featuring four homes, is available to explore through October 8. The virtual tour includes Matterports, photo galleries, and interviews with architect, designers, and homeowners.

[Learn more »](#)

TECHNOLOGY IN ARCHITECTURE PRACTICE KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

NO COMMITTEE MEETING IN OCTOBER

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

Wednesday, October 18, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

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

PEOPLE & FIRMS

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Harshini Kesireddy, Assoc. AIA
Francis Killen, Assoc. AIA

Bennett Scheib, Assoc. AIA
Cody Vershelde Assoc. AIA

Ben Ricker, Assoc. AIA
Jensen Ruesch, Assoc. AIA
Nicholas Sakes, Assoc. AIA

Shawn Walsh, AIA
Jason Willis, Assoc. AIA

IN MEMORIAM

John Bulov, AIA, has passed away. [Read more »](#)

Robert L. Morgan, FAIA, passed away in early September. During his career in Minnesota, he served on the AIA Minneapolis board of directors and the state licensing board, and he is recognized for his work designing Mariucci Arena. He was featured in the "SAY IT LOUD: Beyond the Built Environment" exhibition. [Read more »](#)

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS

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

[UMN BUILT ENVIRONMENT CAREER FAIR OCTOBER 6 »](#)



Join us in Minneapolis at the [ASLA 2023 Conference on Landscape Architecture](#). Network with 6,000+ landscape architecture professionals and over 250 industry partners in our EXPO hall. This year's conference offers 133 education sessions divided into 7 learning tracks. [Learn more and register »](#)

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 cancellations, postponements, or virtual meetings.



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DECEMBER Matrix editorial deadline is Friday, November 17.

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