

## **AIA MINNESOTA MATRIX NEWSLETTER**

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### **Community**

**by Mary-Margaret Zindren, EVP/Executive Director**



The term “community” first entered the English language meaning people living in the same geography. But the Latin roots and derivation of “community” speak more to what it feels like to be in community.

Communitas: Fellowship. Communis: Shared by all.

From both news reports and what I know from family friends, the Annunciation Catholic Church community embodies all of these meanings. Annunciation has been like a village within the bigger city, a sort of geography of its own with the church as its spiritual, architectural, and communal hub. Generations of families have gathered at Annunciation for services throughout the school year, weekend services, and celebrations of religious holidays and life milestones. The people of the Annunciation community have described a feeling of connection and care that has long surrounded them and made them feel at home.

The mass shooting on August 27th has forever changed what it will feel like to be a member of the Annunciation community and to be in the sacred space of Annunciation Church. The feelings of grief and loss that now bind this community even closer together have also deepened the connection and care they feel for each other.

Members of the local and state chapters and of the AIA in Minnesota could simply be thought of as people living in the same geography who share the same profession. But I've seen and experienced a deeper community here, too. The connection and care I have witnessed over my decade of service to you all has often been profound. You gather to share knowledge and experiences related to architecture, but you also connect around the human experience – joy and celebration, sickness and setbacks, and dealing with professional and personal loss.

There are members of this Minnesota architecture community who were directly impacted by the tragedy at Annunciation Church. And there are many more members who were indirectly impacted, in various ways. As you deal with a range of emotions in the days to come, I expect that your firms and colleagues will support you. Know that our staff team and the broader architecture community are here for

you, too, holding you in fellowship. Know that your aspirations for healing and hope are shared by all.

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## CALL TO ACTION



### Honor Awards Submissions Now Open

Since 1954, AIA Minnesota has celebrated outstanding architecture and urban design through its annual Honor Awards program. We invite you to submit your firm's best, recent work to be considered for a 2025 Honor Award. Serving on this year's jury are **Brandon Dake, FAIA**, of Dake Wells Architecture in Springfield, Missouri, **Katie Faulkner, FAIA**, of West Work in Boston, and **Helen Pierce, AIA**, of LPA Design Studios in San Jose, California.

In alignment with AIA National Architecture Awards, AIA Minnesota Honor Awards submissions are evaluated using the AIA Framework for Design Excellence. Entries judged to have demonstrated excellence in two or more Framework measures may be awarded an Honor Award. **Note: The award formerly given for achievement in a single Framework measure—the Commendation for Design Excellence—will no longer be given.** Jurors will instead be encouraged (though not required) to recognize work in each of these five categories: Architecture, Interiors, Renovation & Restoration, Urban Design & Master Planning, and Small Projects.

Submissions for the 2025 Honor Awards will close on **Friday, September 26, at 12:00 pm noon CST.** [Learn more »](#)

### Celebrate the Affordable Housing Design Award

**Tuesday, September 30, 4:30 pm**

**Renaissance Minneapolis Hotel | The Depot, Zephyr Room**

[Register »](#)

The Affordable Housing Design Award highlights the importance of high-quality design for affordable housing in the Midwest. AIA Minnesota is pleased to have the support of The McKnight Foundation for this important award.

AIA Minnesota and The McKnight Foundation will present the 2025 Affordable Housing Design Award at the Affordable Housing Design Award celebration.

During the event, the award jurors will participate in a presentation highlighting innovative, community oriented projects. AIA Minnesota is honored to have a nationally-recognized jury for this award, including:

- **Catherine Baker, FAIA**, nowhere collaborative, Chicago
- **Fiona Mathew, AIA**, Shapiro & Company Architects, Memphis/Dallas
- **Wendi Shafran, AIA**, FXCollaborative Architects, New York

[Learn more about the Affordable Housing Design Award »](#)

### New Community of Practice on Affordable Housing Design – Organizing meeting on September 30th

AIA Minnesota is holding an organizing meeting for a new Community of Practice for Excellence in Design of Affordable Housing (COPEDAH), featuring a new research

study to be held immediately in advance of the Affordable Housing Design Awards celebration on **Tuesday, September 30th, 2:00-4:15 pm** at **Renaissance Minneapolis Hotel | The Depot**.

The Community of Practice is intended to be interdisciplinary, with participation from architects, owners, developers, construction, and policy influencers, and from public, private, and nonprofit sectors. The topics of focus will be surfaced by the full group and facilitated to bring forward the perspectives of each role and sector, learning from each other. It is not an advocacy group but a learning community. This program is supported through funding from the McKnight Foundation.

We anticipate the group meeting primarily virtually, for 60 minutes, every other month or quarterly (the group will decide for itself). The in-person organizing meeting on September 30 at The Depot will:

- Be a time to **co-create how this Community of Practice can be of value** to you and to others.
- Include, as a launch point for discussion, **new research out of the University of Minnesota** focused on involving residents in post-occupancy evaluations of affordable housing projects.
- Be held **immediately before AIA Minnesota's Affordable Housing Design Awards reception**, at the same location, 4:30-6:00 pm.

*If you've not been part of a Community of Practice before, here are the key elements:*

- *Purpose: A common area of interest or shared goal.*
- *Community: Regular connection, building relationships of trust and mutual support in the pursuit of shared interests/goals;*
- *Practice: Active engagement in joint discussions, experimentation, and solution development.*

**If you are interested in attending the September 30 event – or if you are interested in the Community of Practice but cannot attend this first organizing meeting – email AIA Minnesota EVP Mary-Margaret Zindren at [zindren@aia-mn.org](mailto:zindren@aia-mn.org).**

## Call for Leaders in 2026

AIA Minnesota is seeking applications for officer and board leadership positions that will begin January 1, 2026. This is an opportunity to shape the ways AIA Minnesota connects, advocates, and promotes the value of architects and architecture. Your board service can grow your leadership experience, expand your network, and raise your profile in the broader community. Application deadline is **September 15**. [Learn more and apply online »](#)

Open AIA Minnesota Officer/ Board Leadership Positions for 2026:

- **President-Elect.** A three-year commitment as President-elect, President, and Past President. Position open to AIA, Associate, or FAIA members in good standing.
- **Treasurer.** A one-year term, with the possibility of re-election for a second year. Position open to AIA, Associate, or FAIA members in good standing.
- **Secretary.** A one-year term, with the possibility of re-election for a second year. Position open to AIA, Associate, or FAIA members in good standing.
- **Associate Director.** A one-year term, with the possibility of re-election for a second year. Position exclusively open to Associate AIA members in good standing. If an individual in this role becomes a licensed architect during their



tenure, they are permitted to retain their seat on the Board for the remainder of their term.

- **Minnesota State/Territory Associate Representative.** A two-year term, with the possibility of re-election for a second term, serving as the National Associates Committee representative from Minnesota. Candidates must be an Associate AIA Minnesota member not licensed at the time of submission (may become licensed during the two-year term).



## Homes by Architects Tour

Support your peers in residential architecture and explore the best of home design on this year's [Homes by Architects Tour](#), in person on September 27 & 28 and virtual on September 27–October 12. [Tickets are on sale now!](#)

This year's tour features 17 homes, representing 16 architecture firms. [Check out this year's homes and participating firms »](#)

Volunteer for the tour and get free admission! [Learn more and sign up »](#)

## Unlock Your Next Opportunity with the AIA Minnesota Job Bank

Whether you're seeking a job or looking to hire new employees, the AIA Minnesota Job Bank is your FREE connection to talent and opportunities in Minnesota's architecture and design community.

**Firms & Companies:** [Start posting your open positions today »](#)

**Job Seekers:** [Begin your search for your next job now »](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



## 25 Year Award Recipient Announced

**FAIR School for Arts** in downtown Minneapolis, designed by Cuningham, is the winner of the 2025 25 Year Award. The original project team included John Pfluger, FAIA, John Cuningham, FAIA, Daryll Pratt, AIA, Janet Dray, Kathy Wallace, AIA, and Jeff Mandyck, AIA. The 2014 third- and fourth-floor renovation team included John Pfluger, FAIA, Bridget Hale, and Tunde Olusanya. Project consultants and contractors included Clark Engineering Corporation, Knutson Construction Services Inc., Michaud Cooley Erickson & Associates, and Rippe Associates Inc. [Read the press release »](#)

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### A'25 MN: THE MINNESOTA CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE



# A'25 MN

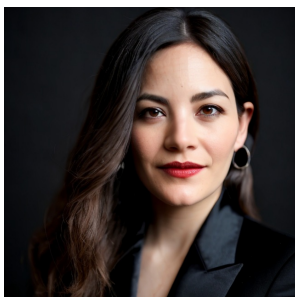
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- Exhibit Hall
- Marketing
- Continuing Education
- Keynotes

## Registration Is Coming Soon!

Get ready to ignite your passion for architecture! We're thrilled to announce the **A'25 MN Conference on Architecture** is returning to The Depot, and we can't wait to host you. Save the dates for an unforgettable Conference packed with inspiration, innovation, and connection. You'll have the chance to explore the latest trends, discover cutting-edge products from our exhibitors, and network with the best minds in the industry. We're also excited to introduce a new conference package this year, designed to make an immersive conference experience of greater value.

**Registration for the conference will open in mid-September.** Stay tuned for more details on our dynamic lineup of speakers, continuing education opportunities, and everything else we have in store. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Molly Kawahata, Closing Keynote Speaker

The Conference Keynote Address for Wednesday, November 5 will be presented by Molly Kawahata, an award-winning speaker, strategist, and former Climate Advisor to the Obama White House. She is the founder of Systemic Impact Strategies, a consultancy that leverages evidence-based strategies in organizational development and corporate strategy, combined with a unique focus on the science of

hope, to help organizations increase performance and empower transformative change. Her life story, depicted in the Patagonia film, [THE SCALE OF HOPE](#) (2022), intimately explores her pursuit of climbing steep ice faces in Alaska, her personal journey with mental health, and her work to transform societal narratives by infusing them with hope and empowerment.



## Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsor opportunities include CE programs, tours, keynote speakers, chapter lunches, coffee hours, and our annual Awards Event! Click here for details and to register for a sponsorship. [View sponsorship opportunities »](#)

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### MINNESOTA ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION



#### Call for Leadership

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation (MAF) is seeking applicants for board leadership positions that will begin January 1, 2026. 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 **Monday, September 15, 2025** to [MAF@MinnesotaArchitecturalFoundation.org](mailto:MAF@MinnesotaArchitecturalFoundation.org).

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### CONTINUING EDUCATION



#### AIA MINNESOTA ON-DEMAND WEBINARS NOW AVAILABLE

Make use of [AIA Minnesota on-demand webinars](#) to gain new knowledge and apply the credits to meet your CE requirements.

- [Demystifying Decarbonization](#) 1.25 HSW LUs
- [What Would You Do? Navigating the Intersection of Building Codes and Ethics](#) 1.5 HSW LUs and Ethics
- [Ethics in Public Interest Design](#) 2.0 LUs and Ethics
- [Means of Egress: A General Introduction](#) 1.5 HSW LUs
- [Do Designers Know Best? Fighting for the Design Solutions We Believe In](#) 1.25 LUs and Ethics
- [Local Lessons from the COTE Top Ten](#) 1.5 HSW LUs
- [\(Sustainable\) Design is in the Details](#) 1.5 HSW LUs
- [The Ethics of Ableism](#) 2.0 HSW LUs and Ethics
- [Ethics: Designing/Constructing Public Projects through an Equity Lens](#) 2.0 LUs and Ethics
- [Code Provisions for Mixed Occupancies](#) 1.5 HSW LU
- [Ethical Design in the Era of Climate Change](#) 2.0 HSW LUs and Ethics

Questions? Contact [Deanna Christiansen](#).

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### LEADERSHIP FORUM



## PLANNING FOR 2026

We are now planning and looking forward to year 17 of the AIA Minnesota Leadership Forum! The Leadership Forum develops and fosters leadership skills of mid-career members of AIA Minnesota and MSP NOMA. The content of the curriculum provides insight and tools for growth in the areas of leadership styles, values, self-awareness, intercultural leadership, communication, motivation, and engagement.

Eligibility requirements are:

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

Visit the [Leadership Forum website](#):

- An overview of the Leadership Forum program
- Feedback from the 2025 cohort
- Application for 2026 Leadership Forum - available soon

Questions? Contact [Deanna Christiansen](#).

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## NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

### AIA NATIONAL

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#### AIA TRUST WEEK 2025-BUILDING RESILIENCE: EMPOWERING ARCHITECTS FOR THE FUTURE

Five days, ten free courses, AIA CE credits (including 2.5 HSWs), and timely sessions to support architects, firms, and communities. Topics range from climate resilience and liability risk to innovation, leadership, and practice management. **AIA Trust Week is September 15–19** with sessions from 12–1:30pm ET and 3–4pm ET. [Learn more >](#)



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#### AIA26 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

AIA26 kicks off in San Diego next June—and the call for proposals is your first opportunity to shape the conversation that will happen there. Session formats include seminars, panels, workshops, micro presentations, and tours. Submissions are due **September 25**. [Learn more »](#)

### AIA MINNEAPOLIS

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## LITTLE AFRICA FESTIVAL

Our second year at Little Africa Festival was a great experience. A steady stream of kids stopped by the booth, including several repeat visitors who were excited to see us back again. Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers who made this event possible! AIA Minneapolis President **Rebecca Muchow, AIA** and her family; **Nicole Bauknight, Assoc. AIA**; and **Nathan Davies, Assoc. AIA**.

## TENTATIVE MINNEAPOLIS MAYORAL CANDIDATE FORUM OCTOBER 1 - SAVE THE DATE!

Candidates Dr. Dewayne Davis, Sen. Omar Fateh, and Mayor Jacob Frey have been invited to participate in a Minneapolis Mayoral Candidate Forum. If they agree, it will be held **October 1, 5:00-6:00 pm**. The location is being finalized; we will follow up with the membership by email with details as soon as possible.

The focus of the prepared questions will be on key concerns of the built environment and spatial justice – housing affordability; equitable access to homeownership, job opportunities, and transportation; environmental justice and sustainability; the public realm and parks; development in the areas affected in the civil unrest; and vision and plan for thriving Minneapolis neighborhoods, including the downtown business district, Longfellow, North Minneapolis, and specific areas of the city where community-driven development has not received investment or priority.

This 2025 Minneapolis Mayoral Candidate Forum is being jointly organized by the Center for Transformative Urban Development (CTUD); AIA Minneapolis; the local chapters of the American Planning Association (APA), the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), and the Urban Land Institute (ULI); and Reimagining the Civic Commons (RCC). Members of these organizations are encouraged to be in attendance, and the event will also be promoted to the general public of Minneapolis residents.

## OPEN BOARD POSITIONS IN 2026

Seeking AIA members interested in leadership opportunities at the local chapter! Members are encouraged to express interest by September 15, 2025. A follow-up call or meeting with a current leader will be set up to talk about the various opportunities available and your interest in serving. [Share your interest in leadership »](#)

## AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA

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## OPEN BOARD POSITIONS IN 2026

There are two positions open on the AIA Northern Minnesota board for the upcoming year: a Director position (Assoc. AIA, AIA, or FAIA members are eligible) and an AIAS representative position (open to a student who is an AIAS member enrolled at a NAAB-accredited program in Minnesota or the surrounding region). [Please express interest by September 15th »](#)

## AIA ST. PAUL

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## **FOOD FOR THOUGHT: ARE TRIVIA NIGHT!**

**Wednesday, September 19, 2025, 7:00 pm**

**MetroNOME Brewery, Fingal's Cave**

[Register »](#)

Sharpen your knowledge and join us for a fun night of AIA St. Paul Food for Thought: ARE Trivia Night! Whether you're studying for the Architect Registration Examination (ARE) or are already licensed, this is your chance to test your skills and connect with your peers. Come in teams of 1-4 people to compete, or join one when you get there! Admission is free, and we'll even give you a complimentary drink ticket. We'll also have snacks, including vegan and gluten-free options.

## **FOOD FOR THOUGHT: SAGEGLASS TOUR!**

**Friday, September 26, 2025, 8:30 am**

**SageGlass, bus departs from Minneapolis Airport Commission**

[Register »](#)

Join AIA St. Paul on an exclusive tour of SageGlass, the global pioneer in smart window technology, headquartered in Faribault, MN. This is your chance to go behind the scenes and witness the advanced manufacturing process of electrochromic smart windows at their state-of-the-art facility. We'll be meeting in the morning for departure via a bus supplied by SageGlass, returning by early afternoon. As a special bonus, attendees traveling by bus from Minneapolis will earn 1 LU/HSW CE credit for attending the "AIA CES 622: Introduction to Dynamic Glass" presentation. You'll also be among the first to experience SageGlass RealTone™, the latest evolution in smart windows! We have a limited capacity of 25 attendees, reserve your spot!

## **GET INVOLVED: SAINT PAUL MAYORAL RACE**

The St. Paul mayoral election is just around the corner on November 4, 2025, and we want to ensure the voice of AIA St. Paul members is heard. As candidates begin to host town halls and public forums, we invite you to actively participate.

We're asking for your help in two key ways:

1. **Watch for Town Halls:** Keep an eye out for any upcoming St. Paul mayoral town halls or candidate forums. When you spot one, [please share the details—date, time, and location](#)—so we can inform our members.
2. **Submit Your Questions:** What issues are most important to you as an architect in St. Paul? We want to gather the most pressing topics to inform our advocacy efforts and share with candidates. If you could ask one question of the mayoral candidates, what would it be? [Please submit your questions »](#)

Your participation is crucial to shaping the future of our city's built environment. Let's make our presence known!

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## **COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES**

### **ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**NO COMMITTEE MEETING in September. Note other September activities listed below.**

#### **LICENSURE + LATTES**

**Wednesday, September 10, 8:00 am**

**Silver Fern, 114 E Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55414**

Have questions about licensure, the AXP and AREs? Stuck on an exam/experience category? Don't know where to start? Join us for Lattes + Licensure, an informal study, support, and resource group for architecture licensure candidates. Lattes + Licensure aims to create a safe space for candidates to share their experiences, exchange knowledge, and celebrate all the wins--big and small! Contact [Olivia Sprosty, AIA](#), for questions or to recommend a location for the next Lattes + Licensure! No RSVP needed.

#### **NCARB PRESENTATION TO MINNESOTA LICENSURE CANDIDATES AND ARCHITECTS**

Wednesday, September 24, 4:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Join AIA Minnesota and NCARB and representatives from the AELSLAGID licensing board at this upcoming event to learn more about the tools and resources that can help you earn a license, get NCARB-certified, and advance your career. NCARB Assistant Vice President of Programs: Outreach & Operations, **Patricia Ramallo, AIA, NCARB**, will cover paths to licensure, certification, and recent program updates, and answer any questions you have.

## ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

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Thursday, September 18, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)



### STEM DAY AT THE FAIR

A huge turnout of volunteers and young people made 2025 a great year at our STEM Day booth! Many thanks to our core volunteer organizer and past AIS Committee chair, **Kelly Martinez, AIA**, and volunteers **Lina Ahmed, AIA**; **Philip Briggs, AIA**; **Gretchen Camp, AIA**; **Noah Fjerstad, Assoc. AIA**; **Catherine Groth, Assoc. AIA**; **Heather Kvanbeck, AIA**; **Rebecca Muchow, AIA**; **Makayla Natrop, AIA**; **Brent Nelson, AIA**; **Jena Quast, Assoc. AIA**; **Ashley Vanden Bosch, AIA**; **Travis Wiegand, AIA**; **Angela Wolf Scott, AIA**; and **Ellie Ziaie, AIA**.

## BUILDING CODES KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

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Wednesday, September 10, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Topics for discussion: Code Development and Open Forum: Bring your code questions, experiences, and updates to share.

## COMMITTEE ON DESIGN

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Thursday, September 11, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

## COMMITTEE ON EQUITY IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT (EBE)

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Tuesday, September 16, 3:30 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

## COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COTE)

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Friday, September 12, 12:00 pm

### [Virtual Meeting](#)

[Building Circularity MN](#) supports the building community's use of reclaimed materials. Please join the September 12 COTE meeting to get a sneak peek into their A'25 AIA MN Conference presentation.

## COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

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**Monday, September 8, 12:00 pm**

### [Virtual Meeting](#)

Join us to discuss your firm's summer internship program, insights on the next generation of architects, and proposed licensure changes.

## EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

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**Tuesday, October 14, 12:00 pm (meetings are held quarterly)**

### [Virtual Meeting](#)

## ENTER COMMITTEE

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This committee meets at noon on the fourth Friday of even-numbered months. The next meeting is on October 24.

## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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**Tuesday, September 16, 12:00 pm**

### [Virtual Meeting](#)

## HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

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**Wednesday, September 3, 12:00 pm**

### [Virtual Meeting](#)

## LAKE SUPERIOR DESIGN RETREAT COMMITTEE

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**Monday, September 15, 11:30 am**

### [Virtual Meeting](#)

Mark your calendars! The 2026 Lake Superior Design Retreat will be on March 6-7.

## MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM COMMITTEE (MDT)

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**Wednesday, September 17, 4:30 pm**

### [Virtual Meeting](#)

## RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

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**Tuesday, September 2, 12:00 pm**

### [Virtual Meeting](#)

Did you know our Residential Architecture Committee is a chapter of AIA CRAN, the Custom Residential Architects Network? [Learn more about CRAN and access its forums and](#)



[resources »](#)

## VOLUNTEER FOR THE HOMES BY ARCHITECTS TOUR

With more homes on the tour than we've had in years, we especially need your help in making the [Homes by Architects Tour](#) a success! Residential Architecture Committee members are eligible for two volunteer opportunities:

- **Greeter** — The greeter is the first face of a tour home! Welcome tour goers, check online purchases & issue wristbands, sell tickets, and share the tour rules. This role is open to the public; volunteer with a friend or family member! [Learn more & sign up »](#)
- **Committee Ambassador** — Open only to members of the Residential Architecture Committee, ambassadors are assigned a group of tour homes to check in on during their shift to thank our volunteers, replenish supplies, sit in for a greeter if they need a break or don't show, and help address any situations that arise and escalate to AIA Minnesota staff as needed. [Learn more & sign up »](#)

## CRAN BEHIND THE BUILD TOURS

Save the date for two upcoming tours on September 12 and October 17.

## WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, September 17, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

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## PEOPLE & FIRMS

## NEWS

## WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Vedhagiri Ashok, Assoc. AIA  
Carissa Friendshuh, Assoc. AIA  
Jason Jirele, AIA  
Olivia Mantsch, Assoc. AIA

Carson Mennen, Assoc. AIA  
Lauren Peckham, Assoc. AIA  
Brittney Riley, Assoc. AIA  
Valeria Sassi, Assoc. AIA  
Dylan Sullivan, AIA

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## IN MEMORIAM

Jeffrey C. Anderson, AIA, passed away in June 2025. [View the obituary »](#)

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## AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS

[URBAN DESIGN FORUM STUDY TRIP TO TOKYO SEPTEMBER 8-12 »](#)

[13th INTERNATIONAL HEMP BUILDING SYMPOSIUM OCTOBER 3-5 »](#)

[CONSTRUCTION TALENT ACQUISITION CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 11-12 »](#)

Hosted by Project Build MN, this event is designed for people who are passionate about recruiting and retaining skilled talent.

## NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF PRESERVATION COMMISSIONS (NAPC) CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Minneapolis is hosting the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) FORUM Conference on July 22-26, 2026. The theme is Preservation Currents. This conference focuses on the needs and challenges of local historic preservation commissions (HPCs). It also gives the city and its residents a chance to share our history. Have a preservation success story or lesson learned you think others could benefit from? [Submit your session proposal by October 6, 2025 »](#)

## 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](https://careerhelp.umn.edu).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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### Design Assist in Action: Real-World Benefits for Your Next Project

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1 CEU / HSW / PDH



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