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Pictured above: 2015 AIA Minnesota Awards Dinner. See all of the paparazzi photos at  
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KEEPING YOU CONNECTED



## Search for Shelter Design Charrette

February 19 - 21  
University of Minnesota  
College of Design, Rapson Hall

**SFS is celebrating its 30th year!**

**Volunteer** to participate in the charrette at <http://www.aia-mn.org/get-involved/committees/housing-advocacy/search-for-shelter-design-charrette/>.

**Watch** the Search for Shelter video at <http://www.aia-mn.org/search-shelter-charrette/>.

## AIA Minnesota President's Message

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU.



A very happy new year to all of you! For the past twelve months, I have worked alongside our Past-Presidents, our new Executive Vice President, and an amazing group of member-volunteers on our AIA MN Board of Directors, and am immensely grateful for the mentorship that has prepared me so well for the year ahead.

If you attended the annual meeting in November, you learned a little bit about me. Among other things, you learned that I grew up in a small town in North Dakota - as I like to say, 19 miles west of the middle of nowhere - and that, for this and other reasons, I really had no business finding my way to architecture. But it was in my DNA, and the fateful day I walked into an Architecture History humanities prerequisite as part of my NDSU engineering curriculum, everything finally made sense. I got lucky; and I do consider myself incredibly lucky.

But to sustain our firms, our industry, and our communities, we can't just hope that we get lucky. We need to actively seek out those who are born with this same DNA and give some context to their natural intuitions so they understand that a love of Legos, pillow forts, and re-arranging rooms, can signal a vocation; an amazing, fulfilling, and important vocation. We need to make sure that this profession is an accessible and viable career option to the best and brightest talent, wherever they're from - the suburbs, the hearts of our cities, or 19 miles from the middle of nowhere - and that it remains accessible and viable throughout their careers - our own futures depend on it.

I look forward to hearing your stories in the year ahead; to learning about the challenges and obstacles you faced, to understanding where you were inspired by others, and to brainstorming ideas for engaging the next generation of architects. These will be important considerations as we work together to determine our strategic direction, and I invite each of you to contribute mightily to that dialogue in the coming year.

I thank all of you who have already reached out to me with kindness and confidence, and couldn't be more excited to serve as your President in 2016.

*Michelle Mongeon Allen*

Michelle Mongeon Allen, AIA  
AIA Minnesota President

## 2016 AIA Minnesota Awards Deadlines

### Affordable Housing Design Award

Submissions due by Friday, March 25  
**NEW!** Now pay your entry fee online!



Watch the 2015 Affordable Housing Design Award video at [http://www.aia-mn.org/2015-ahda\\_video/](http://www.aia-mn.org/2015-ahda_video/)

### Young Architect Award

Nomination letters due Friday, April 15  
Submissions due Friday, April 29

### 25 Year Award

Submissions due Friday, April 29

### Louis Lundgren Award

Submissions due Friday, June 24

### Special Award

Submissions due Friday, June 24

### Honor Award

Fall (date TBD)

### Gold Medal

If you know an outstanding AIA Minnesota member that you wish to nominate for consideration for the 2016 Gold Medal, please send a letter to Mary-Margaret Zindren at [zindren@aia-mn.org](mailto:zindren@aia-mn.org).

Learn more about AIA Minnesota Awards at <http://www.aia-mn.org/get-involved/aia-minnesota-awards/>.

Award entry forms will be available at least six weeks prior to these deadlines at <http://www.aia-mn.org/get-involved/aia-minnesota-awards/>.

Questions? Contact Mary Larkin at [larkin@aia-mn.org](mailto:larkin@aia-mn.org).

## Firm Assessments

### ATTENTION FIRM PRINCIPALS AND MARKETING STAFF

Firm Assessments have been mailed and are **due by January 29**. Firm Directory Profile Questionnaires will be mailed out in mid-January. Firms must pay 2016 Firm Assessments and return the Firm Directory Profile Questionnaire in order to be listed in the 2016 AIA Minnesota Firm Directory that will be published in the May/June issue of *Architecture MN* magazine and on the AIA Minnesota website.

## Membership Dues

### REMINDER

2016 AIA membership dues are **due on January 15**. Renew at: <https://ams.aia.org/eWeb/DynamicPage.aspx?WebCode=LoginRequired&expires=yes&Site=aia>

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Renew your 2016 AIA membership today >

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## Architecture MN

### ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

We are currently working on the Mar/Apr issue of *Architecture MN* magazine that will feature the 2015 AIA Minnesota Honor Awards and Landscape Architecture. **Ad deadline is January 8.**

The directory will feature landscape architecture firms. **Directory listing forms will be accepted until January 8.**

For information or to reserve space, contact Pam Nelson at [nelson@aia-mn.org](mailto:nelson@aia-mn.org).

# RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE

## 2016 Residential Architecture Awards

Nominate a professional colleague or peer, or submit an entry for yourself, for the 2016 Architect of Distinction Award or the 2016 Emerging Talent of the Year Award. Download the Call for Entries form for each award using the links below:

### ARCHITECT OF DISTINCTION AWARD

<http://www.aia-mn.org/get-involved/aia-minnesota-awards/architect-distinction-award/>

### EMERGING TALENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

<http://www.aia-mn.org/get-involved/aia-minnesota-awards/residential-architecture-awards-3/>

### Deadlines for both awards:

Letters of Nomination are due by Monday, January 18.  
Submissions are due by Wednesday, February 3.

## Architecture in the Schools

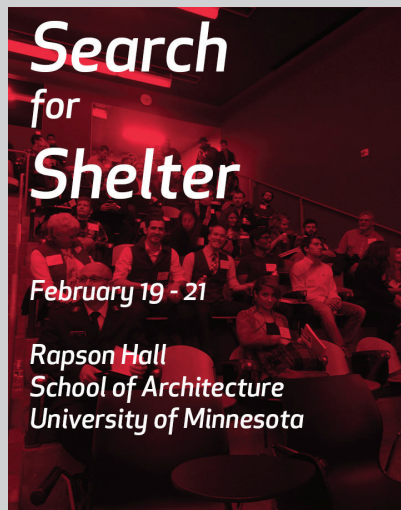
### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CAREER FAIRS:**

Speak with high school students in the Minneapolis public school system about preparing for a career in architecture.

Volunteer commitment would be 1 to 2 hours. View the current list of opportunities, dates, and locations at <http://www.aia-mn.org/get-involved/committees/architecture-in-the-schools/volunteer-opportunities/>.

Contact Angie McKinley at [mckinley@aia-mn.org](mailto:mckinley@aia-mn.org) if you are interested in this public engagement opportunity.

## Housing Advocacy



Learn more about Search for Shelter at <http://www.aia-mn.org/get-involved/committees/housing-advocacy/search-for-shelter-design-charrette/>

## Emerging Professionals (EPC)

### **DRAUGHTING CLUB**

**Wednesday, January 13, at 5:00 pm**

**The Iron Door Pub, 3001 Lyndale Ave. S., Minneapolis**

Join us for a pint and some good conversation!

Draughting Club is offered on the second Wednesday of

each month by the AIA Minnesota Emerging Professionals Committee (EPC). Check out the 2016 dates and locations at <http://www.aia-mn.org/get-involved/committees/emerging-professionals/emerging-professionals-epc-draughting-club/>.



## Membership

### **A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!**

John C. Andrus, Assoc. AIA

Aaron J. Brown, Assoc. AIA

Jose Escalante Sr., Intl. Assoc. AIA

Kathryn E. Myhre, Assoc. AIA

Matthew M. Tierney, Assoc. AIA

Robert Wohlforth, Assoc. AIA

### **ONLINE MEMBER PROFILE**

Members can update their contact preferences, education, licenses, career, and contact information online. Visit [www.aia.org/MyProfile](http://www.aia.org/MyProfile) to make sure we have the most up-to-date information.

## Minnesota Design Team

### **MDT ANNUAL RETREAT**

**Saturday, January 23, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**International Market Square, 275 Market Street, Ste. 185, Minneapolis**  
**Climate Change: Seizing the Huge Economic Opportunity**

All are welcome to hear presenters **Jesse Turck, AIA**, an architect with BWBR, and **J. Drake Hamilton**, Science Policy Director at Fresh Energy.

Learn more and register at <http://www.aia-mn.org/get-involved/committees/minnesota-design-team/mdt-membership-programs/>. A free box-lunch will be provided to those registered for the Retreat by January 15.

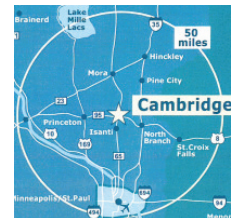


### **MDT CAMBRIDGE VISIT**

**March 31 - April 3**

**Cambridge Minnesota**

How does a small town transition from a nineteenth century farming community to a twenty-first century city? That is the question that Cambridge has asked the Minnesota Design Team to help answer as the city starts work on its comprehensive plan. MDT is looking to put together a strong multi-disciplinary team to explore these issues and offer guidance to Cambridge. Learn more and **sign up to participate** at <http://www.aia-mn.org/get-involved/committees/minnesota-design-team/mdt-volunteers/>.



### **MDT EYOTA VISIT**

**April 14-16**

**Eyota Minnesota**

Eyota has funding available for projects and has a very motivated leadership who sees the value in bringing the community together in a coordinated effort to chart their future long range plan. Specific challenges they hope to tackle are: 1) Main Street revitalization (*design and economic development*); 2) Connecting local and regional bicycle networks; 3) How to better activate open space; and 4) How they might best coordinate city-owned land in the development of a community center. Learn more and **sign up to participate** at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1I79iaF1XbZ5OroMFTeeUNgUUX-139XyRUoNA0cLVdVU/viewform>.



## The Lake Superior Design Retreat



**March 4 - 5**  
**Historic Fitger's Inn**  
600 East Superior Street  
Duluth

### FIVE REASONS YOU SHOULD ATTEND!

**1. Getaway weekend!**

It's a winter, weekend getaway on the beautiful shore of Lake Superior.

**2. Become inspired!**

Six creative professionals share their stories about what inspires them and how they approach their creative process.

**3. Talk to the speakers!**

Speakers participate in the retreat themselves, so there are many opportunities to speak with them.

**4. Mix and mingle!**

130 architects, and others interested in design, attend the retreat each year.

**5. Have fun!**

Choose to go on a tour, participate in a design workshop, or relax and watch a film (*Helvetica and Minka*) to earn up to 5.5 continuing education credits. Then return home and back to work feeling rested and re-energized!

Check out the speakers at <https://www.aia-mn.org/events/lsdr/speakers-2016/>



Make your **hotel reservation** at Fitger's Inn (888) 348-4377. Identify yourself as attending the Design Retreat or you might be turned away!

Register now!

<https://www.aia-mn.org/misc-event/lake-superior-design-retreat-registration/>

# CONTINUING EDUCATION

## License Renewals Due June 30, 2016

- The window for online renewal opens in April 2016.
- You must report a minimum of 24 Professional Development Hours earned on or after July 1, 2014.
- Two of the 24 PDH must be ethics credits.
- If you reported more than 24 PDH with your 2014 renewal, you may carryover up to 12 PDH for your 2016 renewal.
- If your original license in Minnesota was issued on or after July 2014, you are exempt from reporting continuing education for this renewal period.
- **Renewal forms will not be mailed.** You will receive a postcard reminder.



For more details visit the AELSLAGID web site at <http://mn.gov/aelslagid/renewals.html>.

### 2012 IBC MEANS OF EGRESS

This seminar will be presented in St. Paul and broadcast live as a webinar for those who are not able to attend the live presentation.

Date: Wednesday, January 27

Time: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Credits: 6.0 HSW LU hours

Location: U of M, CECC and via webinar

For details and to register online visit <http://www.aia-mn.org/event/means-egress/>.

### ETHICS FOR DESIGN PROFESSIONALS

This seminar will be presented in St. Paul and broadcast live as a webinar for those who are not able to attend the live presentation. Based on our review, this program should also qualify for the ethics credits now required for Minnesota licensed architects.

Date: Wednesday, February 17

Time: 8:30 am to 11:30 am

Credits: 2.0 Ethics credits

Location: U of M, CECC and via webinar

For details and to register online visit <http://www.aia-mn.org/event/ethics-design-professionals/>.

### FUTURE PROGRAMS

- Mastering the Future Business of Architecture to return in March, April, and May
- LEDs
- Free-standing clinics
- NFPA 285
- Minnesota State Fire Code

*Intern Development Program (IDP)/ Architect Registration Examination (ARE)*

## IDP/ARE COMMITTEE

### 2016 ARE Scholarship Applications

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS NOON ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 29**



The AIA Minnesota IDP/ARE Committee coordinates awarding a scholarship to an AIA Minnesota Associate member to cover the costs of taking all sections of the Architectural Registration Exam. Test fees currently total \$1,470 for all seven sections of the 4.0 exam.

#### Eligibility

- By the time of application, the applicant must be an AIA Minnesota Associate member.
- Eligible applicants may have started the test-taking process, but will be asked to note their current status of taking the exam.
- The applicant's employer does not reimburse employees for test fees.

Learn more at <http://www.aia-mn.org/events/continuing-education/are/scholarship/>.



## 2016 Minneapolis Skyway Open Golf Tournament

Friday, February 26 - Sunday, February 28

The Minneapolis Downtown Council is pleased to bring the 10th Annual Skyway Open Golf Tournament back to Downtown Minneapolis. The event, featuring one-of-a-kind miniature golf holes, benefits the *Intersections: Downtown 2025 Plan's Committee to End Street Homelessness*.

This mini-golf tournament will feature golf holes professionally designed by leading Minneapolis-based architects and contractors that will be set up throughout the Minneapolis downtown skyway system.

For hole procurement opportunities, contact Wynona Jane Schewe at Sheba Productions, call (952) 406-1237 or e-mail [jane@shebaproductions.com](mailto:jane@shebaproductions.com).

The course will be open to the public the following dates/times:

Friday, February 26 Noon to 9:00 pm  
 Saturday, February 27 10:00 am to 6:00 pm  
 Sunday, February 28 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Learn more at [www.skywayopen.org](http://www.skywayopen.org).

## AIA Minneapolis

AIA Minneapolis President, **Mike Schellin**, AIA

[mschellin@kodet.com](mailto:mschellin@kodet.com)

### AIA MINNEAPOLIS HONOR AWARDS LUNCHEON

Thursday, January 21, starting at 11:45 am

International Market Square, 275 Market St., Minneapolis

Hear the untold stories of the 2015 Honor Award winning projects from the architects involved in the designs. Register online to attend by Friday, January 15 at <http://www.aia-mn.org/event/aia-minneapolis-chapter-luncheon-jan2016/>.

### AIA MINNEAPOLIS BOWLING EVENT

Get your team together for the annual bowling event coming soon! Spots fill up quickly, so watch for details at <http://www.aia-mn.org/about/chapters/aia-minneapolis/minneapolis-events/>.

## AIA Northern Minnesota

AIA Northern Minnesota President, **Tari Rayala**, AIA

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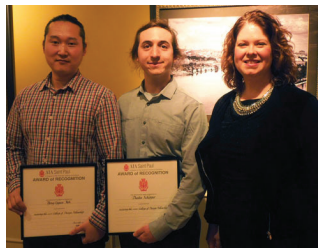
### AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA DRAUGHTING CLUB

Watch for January date and location at <http://www.aia-mn.org/about/chapters/aia-northern-minnesota/northern-minnesota-events/>.

## AIA Saint Paul

AIA St. Paul President, **Brian Larson**, AIA

[brian@larsonarchitectsllc.com](mailto:brian@larsonarchitectsllc.com)



### 2015 AIA ST. PAUL CDES FELLOWSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

Join the AIA St. Paul Chapter in congratulating **Yong Gyun Noh** and **Dustin Schipper** (pictured to the left) each of whom received a \$1,500 CDES Fellowship scholarship from the AIA St. Paul Chapter.

Scholarship recipients: *Yong Gyun Noh with Dustin Schipper and AIA St. Paul President, Sara Guyette, AIA*

### 2015 ST. PAUL PRIZE WINNERS

AIA St. Paul is pleased to announce that **Michael Hara, Assoc. AIA**, of HGA, was awarded first place and \$1,500 for the 2015 St. Paul Prize design competition.

Honorable mentions were awarded to **Nate Steuerwald, AIA**, of VJAA and **Ryan Fugleberg, Assoc. AIA**, of Pope Architects. These winning entrants will have the opportunity to present their projects in February at the AIA St. Paul "Food for Thought" lunchtime program.

Learn more at <http://www.aia-mn.org/2015-st-paul-prize-design-competition/>.



*Pete Keely, AIA, Nate Steuerwald, AIA, Michael Hara, Assoc. AIA, Ryan Fugleberg, Assoc. AIA, and Sara Guyette, AIA*

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## Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience, and Interior Design

### SEEKING AN ARCHITECT BOARD MEMBER

Board members are appointed by the Governor to four year terms and may serve a maximum of two terms. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please complete the Open Appointments Application from the Secretary of State's website. Apply for the position online at <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?recordid=41&page=19>.

Learn more about the AELSLAGID at <http://mn.gov/aelslagid/about.html>.

Applications are accepted at any time. Contact the Board office with questions at (651) 556-0643 or <http://mn.gov/aelslagid/board.html#apply>.

**BWBR**-designed Early Childhood Family Center, operated by Stillwater Area Public Schools, recently earned LEED Gold certification in the LEED for the School category by the U.S. Green Building Council.



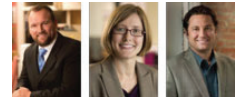
**CNH Architects** has hired Scott Jensen as a Design Manager, Jill Deiss as an Interior Designer, and Allen Tsai as a Project Manager.

**HGA Architects and Engineers (HGA)**, in its Minneapolis office, has promoted both Jennifer Klund, AIA, and David Loehr, AIA, to Vice President, and Robert Good, AIA, to Associate Vice President.



**LEO A DALY** has hired Irena Savakova, AIA, as Director of Design in their Washington office to lead their design team in completing complex architectural projects for a variety of clients.

**LHB, Inc.** announced that Aaron Kelly, AIA, Sara G. Phillips, AIA, and Philip Waugh, Assoc. AIA, have been elected as LHB Shareholders.



In Memory: **Dennis William Grebner, FAIA**, was born on December 19, 1932, in Faribault, Minn. and died on December 16, 2015. He earned a Bachelor of Design in Architecture in 1955 from the University of Minnesota and a Master of Architecture from Harvard Graduate School of Design in 1956. In 1961, he began his 32 year teaching career at the University of Minnesota, School of Architecture. He worked as an architect at Harry Weese, in Chicago, and for I.M. Pei, in New York City. He founded Community Planning and Design Associates, Inc. in 1959; and in 1978, he started Grebner Associates. He received various awards, including MSA/AIA Design Award and the National Schools Design Award, for his progressive architecture on projects such as the original Control Data building in Bloomington, and Adams Elementary School in St. Paul. After his retirement from the University, he moved to a farm in Maiden Rock, Wisc. He found joy in many things: classical music, reading, traveling, gardening, mowing his lawn, woodworking, drawing, watercoloring, and volunteering for Habitat for Humanity in both St. Paul and Guatemala. He is survived by his wife, Mary Jane; sons, Kurt, Erich, and Peter; daughters, Michelle and Karyn; and five grandchildren, Bryan, Greg, Jeffrey, Wil, and Britta.



In Memory: **Delbert J. Hall, AIA**, age 72, of Bloomington and Aurora, Minn., died on December 20, 2015. Born on June 20, 1943, to Angeline and Rex Hall, his widowed mother raised him and two younger sisters in Aurora, Minn., where he became a state champion swimmer and graduated from high school in 1961. Del put himself through college, earning a Bachelor of Design in Architecture from the University of Minnesota. He married Jean Deighton in 1966 and they had two children whom he raised after their divorce in 1974. In the 1980s, he met Billie Jean Serson, with whom he lived for many years in Bloomington. He was an active member of the American Institute of Architects. In his 40s, he developed Multiple Sclerosis, yet refused to let it compromise his life or his sense of humor, even until the end. Preceded in death by his mother, Angeline D. Matts. Survived by his life-partner, Billie Jean Serson; former wife, Jean Deighton (Darrell Breider); sisters, Rexanne Lepisto and Vicki Hall; daughter, Becky Oesch (Christian); son, Jeffrey Hall-Flavin (Daniel); loving grandchildren, Bettina and Chase Oesch; and many lifelong friends.

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## Make Matrix Your Own

Items for the February issue of Matrix are due Friday, January 22.  
Items for the March issue of Matrix are due Friday, February 19.

Please submit content to Mary Larkin at [larkin@aia-mn.org](mailto:larkin@aia-mn.org)