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**AIA MINNESOTA MATRIX NEWSLETTER**

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## Space Exploration

By Meredith Hayes Gordon, AIA, AIA Minnesota President



As we dive into another great Minnesota summer, AIA Minnesota is also diving into an exciting research project. Our lease at IMS expires in January 2019 prompting us to explore options for continuing to occupy that space, moving to another location, or rethinking the format of our space entirely.

As we are evaluating and reallocating our resources this year to align with our new strategic direction, it is perfect timing for this exploration. [Read more >>](#)

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**CALL TO ACTION**

## Regional Associate Director Opportunity

AIA Minnesota is seeking candidates for the National Associates Committee Regional Associate Director position to represent the North Central States region (Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, and South Dakota). Candidates should have time to devote to this opportunity and an interest in serving the entire region at the national level. [Learn more](#), or [contact Amber Allardyce](#).



# 2018 Lake Superior Design Retreat

February 23-24, 2018 in Duluth. Join us for our thirtieth retreat! More information to come about speakers and activities planned.

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## AIA MINNESOTA CONVENTION & EXPO

### 2017 AIA Minnesota Convention & Product Exposition

**November 14-17, 2017**  
**Minneapolis Convention Center,**  
**1301 Second Avenue S., Minneapolis**

Exhibit Hall booth reservations & sponsorship opportunities now available. [Reserve your booth & view sponsorship information >>](#)



#### **NEW OPPORTUNITY: Expo Education Program**

Exhibitors, you can now provide continuing education right from your booth! Provide a 15-minute program during Expo Hall hours as a way to showcase the latest technologies and/or applications. Attendees can visit four booths for a total of 1.0 learning units. [View more details >>](#)

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## CONTINUING EDUCATION

### **T3 OFFICE BUILDING TOUR**

**Thursday, July 20, 3:30-5:30 pm**

Tour this recently completed seven-story Heavy Timber (HT) building, the largest in North America.

[Register now >>](#)

### **RESIDENTIAL ENVELOPE BARRIERS: CODE REQUIREMENTS, BUILDING SCIENCES AND FORENSICS**

**Tuesday, August 8, 7:30-9:00 am**

Code requirements, building science and forensics. [Register now >>](#)

### **MODERN FIREPLACE SAFETY AND DESIGN**

**Thursday, August 17, 5:00-8:00 pm**

Seminar and refreshments at All Seasons Fireplace showroom. [Contact Bonnie Hancock](#) for more information.

### **MINNESOTA ENERGY CODE**

**Wednesday, September 20, 8:30-11:30 am**

Presented in St. Paul and broadcast live via WebEx. [Register now >>](#)

### **ACCESSIBILITY: THE 20% RULE AND SITE ELEMENTS**

**Tuesday, October 10, 8:30-10:30 am**

Presented in St. Paul and broadcast live via WebEx. A review of the 20% rule scoping requirement and the technical requirements for the elements triggered by the rule. [More details available soon >>](#)

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## PEOPLE & FIRMS

Rehkamp Larson Architects is proud to announce the promotion of four associates in our studio. **Ryan Bicek, AIA**, and **Ryan Lawinger, AIA**, have been named senior associates, and **Sarah Nymo, AIA**, and **Amanda Kay** are now associates.



**LHB** has been named on the of the Top 150 Workplaces in Minnesota by the Star Tribune. Over 2,000 companies were invited to participate and final rankings were determined by employee responses. [Read more >>](#)

**Marc Swackhamer, Assoc. AIA**, and **Blaine Brownell, AIA**'s Hypematural Studio competed in the [Biodesign Challenge Summit](#) at MOMA this past weekend, and three students presented their project entitled "HHabitat: multi-scalar façade system that filters aggregates & waste into a vertical habitat."

### A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

Kyle Burr, Assoc. AIA

Elizabeth Cohen, Allied

Lindsey Evenson, AIA

Joshua Highley, Assoc. AIA

Aishwarya Karunanidhi, Assoc. AIA

Petro Megits, AIA

Kristin Melbostad, Allied

Lance Premeau, Allied

Michael Turvin, Assoc. AIA

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## NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

### AIA NATIONAL

#### 2017 SMALL FIRMS BUSINESS MODELS SURVEY

The Small Firm Exchange (SFx) has created a survey to identify and measure the variety and commonalities in existing small firm models, with the goal of providing meaningful insight and analysis. If you are a sole practitioner or firm with 10 or fewer employees, you are invited to [complete the survey](#).

#### KEEP YOUR MEMBER PROFILE UP TO DATE

Update your contact preferences, education, licenses, career and contact information online. [Log in >>](#)

### AIA MINNEAPOLIS

## MONTHLY LUNCHEON: "ENGAGING WITH THE FUTURE OF OUR PROFESSION" --

Thursday, July 20, 11:45 am

Hear from leaders of AIA Minnesota's Architecture in the Schools Committee about efforts to engage with and introduce students to the value of architecture and the profession. [Register to attend](#) by Friday, July 14.

## ANNUAL GOLF OUTING -- Monday, July 24

Register now for the 2017 event at Majestic Oaks. This is a great day of golf along with a dinner reception with awards and prizes. [Learn more and register >>](#)

## AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA

### AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA AND CSI ANNUAL SUMMER OUTING --

Tuesday, July 11, 5:15 pm

Join AIA Northern Minnesota and CSI Twin Ports Chapter for a joint family summer outing voyage on the former US Coast Guard Cutter, Sundew. [View the details >>](#)

### TOUR OF KENWOOD VILLAGE -- Thursday, July 20, 5:30 pm

Tour the newly completed mixed-use project designed by LHB, and stick around for a post-tour gathering at Crooked Pint. [RSVP to attend >>](#)

### STARRY SKIES LAKE SUPERIOR EVENT -- Sunday, September 17, 7:00 pm

Save the date for an event with Starry Skies Lake Superior, a local chapter of the Dark-Sky International Association focused on preventing light pollution in the night skies. [Learn more >>](#)

## AIA ST. PAUL

### 2017 ST. PAUL HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARDS -- Tuesday, July 18, 6:00

pm

Celebrate historic preservation as the 2017 award winners are revealed at this reception and awards program. [Register to attend >>](#)

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## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### AIA MINNESOTA BLACK SPECTACLES SURVEY

AIA Minnesota and the Architect Licensing Advisory Committee are surveying associate members to determine how to best support those taking the ARE 5.0 exams. One option is to use the Black Spectacles tutorials and online practice exams. [Take the survey >>](#)

### COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

#### BEYOND THE SCIENCE: CLIMATE SOLUTIONS & STORYTELLING --

July 13, 7:30 am

Join leaders of [Climate Generation: A Will Steger Legacy](#) as they lead a solutions-focused discussion to explore how climate dialogues have shifted, and the role that you can play in them.

[Learn more >>](#)

## EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE (EPC)

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DRAUGHTING CLUB WITH URBAN SKETCHERS --

July 12, 5:30 pm

Join AIA Minnesota's emerging professionals and the Urban Sketchers for a very special Draughting Club at Norseman Distillery. Bring your own sketching supplies or use those provided. Check out the [2017 dates and locations >>](#)

## MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM (MDT)

### WHAT IS YOUR DESIGN STORY?

*As we work to transform our committee, we've reached out to architects who have been a part of the "team" over the last thirty-five years and asked them to share their stories.*

By Adam Ferrari, AIA, Architect, 9.SQUARE Community Design:



"The single most impactful moment in my professional life was my first MDT visit to St. Charles in 2005. This organization so profoundly affected my perspective of a designer's role in shaping and influencing the direction of a community that I have been an advocate for grassroots, public design efforts to assist in community scale planning ever since. I passionately argue that MDT allows architects, landscape architects, planners, and other designers to play pivotal roles in the design of our cities and that we need more voices in the chorus to design the public realm in a way that can achieve a shared vision that is contextual and consensus-based."

## WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

### 2017 WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SUMMIT: CREATING TAILWINDS --

September 14-16, 2017 in Washington DC

Registration is now open for this two-day event focusing on supporting women architects, creating new paths to leadership, and providing a forum to recognize and champion their work. [Learn more and register >>](#)

### WOMEN RUN THE CITIES 2017 -- Sunday, September 24

Join the Women in Architecture team when you register and save \$2 on your entry fee. Race offerings include a girls run, 5K, 10-mile and 10K. [Learn more >>](#)

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## AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS

[EDWIN LUNDIE TOUR](#) -- July 8, 2017

[SDA JULY MEETING/STATE CAPITOL TOUR](#) -- July 20, 2017

[COLLEGE OF DESIGN DUTCH AND AMERICAN HOUSING SYMPOSIUM](#) -- October 6-8

[Check out additional events at our online calendar >>](#)

[AIA Public Awareness Campaign: Blueprint for Better »](#)

[Six Projects Recognized at 2017 AIA Minneapolis Merit Awards »](#)



## CHECK OUT THE LATEST ISSUE OF [ARCHITECTURE MN](#).

The latest issue of *Architecture MN* features Downtown Duluth, Hibbing High School and Mayor Coleman, as well as the AIA Minnesota Renovation, Remodeling and Restoration Directory. [See a preview.](#)

### ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

The September/October issue of *Architecture MN* magazine will feature the Homes by Architects Tour and Washington Avenue Commercial Projects, plus the Directories of Interior Architecture & Interior Design. Final deadline to reserve directory listing or ad space is July 10. [Click here](#) for directory form. We will also have a special Residential Firm Showcase advertising section in this issue! [Download the form here.](#) Contact [Pam Nelson](#) to reserve your ad.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Matrix has been redesigned in an effort to provide greater accessibility, readability on multiple platforms, and direct connections to our website. [Let us know what you think.](#)



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Please submit content to [AIA Minnesota](#).

