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"How to Citizen"

by Jennifer Christiaansen, AIA, AIA Minnesota President



Hello AIA Minnesota members.

Moving through our year of Connection, Advocacy & Value, I offer a hopeful reminder on the power of our collective voices, in the spirit of spring and rebirth.

As many of you are aware, the American Institute of Architects has a rich history of engaging with federal, state, and local legislators, advocating for the issues that matter to you. Advocacy at AIA Minnesota takes many forms: through the Government Affairs Committee, our AIA Minnesota staff Sheri Hansen and lobbyist Sarah Strong, your connections with local policymakers, your expert voice in legislation at our State Capitol, and – what I will touch on today - the annual delegation visit to Washington, D.C.

This D.C. trip occurs each February, when your AIA Minnesota delegation participates in the Annual Leadership Forum. This year, we were called to action by AIA National President **Evelyn Lee, FAIA**, and Emmy-nominated host, writer, and podcaster Baratunde Thurston. Baratunde explored with us the four pillars of "How to Citizen"—participation, relationship-building, understanding power, and valuing the collective for the common good. (If you haven't seen his PBS series *America Outdoors*, I highly recommend it—it's delightful!)

Baratunde's talk was an inspiring and an incredibly funny call to action, his wit was enviable. He reminded us that as architects, we must stay optimistic and use our collective voices, leaning into our differences. Our ability to make change is real; leadership in design shapes our communities and, ultimately, defines the future. We must be citizens and step up to participate and ensure those who can, daylight power structures. We must all believe that design is really, design...for the greater good.

Baratunde reminded me of the Abraham Lincoln quote, “The best way to predict your future is to create it.” By seeing and embracing trends, by listening to and raising up others, by imagining new realities, and by embracing our responsibility as citizens we can create the future we hope for. I left this session reminded of something we all need to remember from time to time, being an architect is an incredible privilege.

Here is a [link](#) for more information on Baratunde’s session at the AIA National Leadership Forum.

It is an honor to represent AIA Minnesota in 2025—thank you.

A’25 MN: THE MINNESOTA CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE



**Conference on Architecture
November 3-5, 2025**

Call for proposals
now open!

Call for Proposals for A'25 MN: The Minnesota Conference on Architecture

AIA Minnesota is seeking proposals for the A'25 MN Conference on Architecture scheduled for November 3, 4, 5 at The Renaissance Minneapolis Hotel | The Depot.

The application process is now open!

[View a pdf of the application](#) (for review purposes only).

[Submit a proposal.](#)

The deadline for proposals is Friday, May 16, 2025.

Things to note:

- The CE Conference Committee seeks proposals on a wide variety of topics related to all building types, practice management skills, and of interest to architecture professionals in firms/organizations of all sizes.
- Additionally, the Conference hopes to have tracks of programs that focus on Management and Leadership; Adapting to Change; and Equity in the Built Environment.
- Presentations must be non-proprietary.
- Panels will ideally include a diverse array of voices and perspectives, in

particular regarding gender and race/ethnicity.

- In an effort to minimize the climate impact of this conference, we aim for at least 80 percent of our speakers to be within driving distance of the Twin Cities.
- Presenters highlighting a project are asked to share the historical context of the land and built environment related to the project in a manner that takes a long view of history and the people who have called that place home.

Questions? Contact [Deanna Christiansen](#) or [Ann Mayhew](#).

What topics and speakers would you like to see at the A'25 MN Conference?

Use this [link](#) to access a two-question survey where you can share your suggestions.

CALL TO ACTION

Open Discussion on AIA Fellowship: Who, What, Why, & How

You have made significant contributions to the architectural profession through design, practice, invention, or community leadership. Consider applying for Fellowship!

AIA Fellows are recognized with the AIA's highest membership honor for their exceptional work and contributions to architecture, design, and society. The honor of FAIA designation is earned through a rigorous submission process and reviewed by a national jury.

AIA Minnesota's Fellowship Advisory Group was established to guide you through the nomination process, help you find a sponsor, share feedback from those who have successfully received Fellowship, and provide peer reviews. If you want to learn more about the submittal process and receive advice throughout, lean into the AIA Minnesota Fellows Advisory Group. If such contributions are part of your career and you have been an active, registered AIA member for a minimum of 10 years, you could become a member of the [AIA College of Fellows](#).

JLG Architects is hosting a gathering and welcome all interested in learning more about AIA Fellowship to attend. Join us on **Tuesday, April 29, 4:00-6:00pm** at JLG Architects in Minneapolis. [Register to attend the information session and learn more »](#)

Submit for the Affordable Housing Design Award

Supported by the McKnight Foundation, the Affordable Housing Design Award aspires to:

- Improve the visibility and stature of affordable housing design to increase public support of affordable housing
- Recognize design and development teams and affordable housing organizations that have designed high-quality, affordable housing projects

- Encourage a broad understanding of how financing mechanisms, cost, diverse client populations, and community-based design processes contribute to a completed work of architecture
- Elevate affordable housing that advances environmental justice and equity

The program is open to all affordable housing design projects, ranging from single-family homes to transitional housing to affordable apartment buildings. Projects must be completed in the last seven years (January 1, 2018, and after). Design work must be completed in Minnesota by AIA Minnesota members and should incorporate the Framework for Design Excellence and advance healthy, resilient, climate-responsive design solutions.

Submissions for the Affordable Housing Design Award are now open. The entry deadline is **Friday, May 30, at 12:00 pm** (noon) CST. [Learn more and submit »](#)

Young Architects Award Open for Submissions

The AIA Minnesota Young Architects Award is given to individuals who, in an early stage of their architecture career, have shown exceptional leadership and made significant contributions to the profession and the community at large. AIA Minnesota members who have been licensed to practice architecture for less than 10 years and are currently licensed in Minnesota are eligible for this award. (NOTE: The term “young architect” does not reference the candidate’s age; it references years of professional experience.)

Submissions should demonstrate outstanding architecture accomplishments, leadership qualities, and significant contributions to the community at large with selection criteria including but not limited to:

- Design excellence demonstrated through the creation of buildings and environments that enhance our built communities;
- Practice excellence demonstrated through leadership, management, and/or specialized technical expertise;
- Contributions to education through teaching, publications, and/or research; and
- Service demonstrated through exemplary contributions to the profession and society.

Submissions are due **Friday, May 30, at 12:00 pm** (noon) CST. [Learn more and submit »](#)

Next Gen Award Open for Submissions

The Next Gen Award is given to recent graduates of an accredited NAAB architecture program who have demonstrated early leadership potential or exceptional service to the AIA, the architecture profession, or the community at large. AIA Minnesota members and Associate members who have graduated with an architecture degree from an NAAB-accredited program in the last five years (2020 or more recent) are eligible for this award. Licensure is not required to be eligible for this award.

Candidate submissions should demonstrate:

- Early leadership potential and exceptional service;
- Substantial involvement in a committee, knowledge community, or initiative of AIA Minnesota;
- Contributions to the profession through academic, professional, or volunteer efforts; and
- Significant contributions to the community through volunteering, activism, or leadership activities.

Submissions are due **Friday, May 30, at 12:00 pm** (noon) CST. [Learn more and submit »](#)

Young Architects Award and Next Gen Award Open House

Thursday, April 3, 4:00 pm

[Register for This Virtual Event »](#)

The submission window for the 2025 AIA Minnesota [Young Architects Award](#) and [Next Gen Award](#) opens April 1. Join us on April 3 for a virtual open house with the recipients of the 2024 awards, who will share their approaches to creating a successful entry.



Visit Making Room: Women's Histories from the Northwest Architectural Archives

For more than 100 years, women have trained and worked as architects in Minnesota, yet their achievements remain largely unknown. Drawn from the collections of the Northwest Architectural

Archives, this exhibit shines a light on the talented and determined women who made room for themselves in a field once reserved exclusively for men. The exhibit was curated by Cheryll Fong, Jane King Hession, and Kimberly Long Loken, AIA.

[Visit the exhibit weekdays through May 30 »](#)

[Read the Minnesota Public Radio Story About the Exhibit »](#)



Home of the Month Event

[Join us](#) on **Wednesday, April 30, 6:30–8:00 pm** at [Glass House](#) to hear from three pairs of local architects and homeowners on their experiences creating their dream homes! Plus, the next 12 homes to be featured in the Home of the Month article series will be announced. The evening starts with a social hour from 5:30–6:30 pm with appetizers, a cash bar, and glassblowing demos from event sponsor [Hennepin Made](#). [Get your tickets now »](#)

HOME OF THE MONTH “LOOK BOOK” ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY:

Align your firm with this popular residential architecture event, showcasing our residential firms and their projects. 12 projects will be selected to be featured in the Star Tribune’s monthly feature. We publish a beautiful printed program featuring all home submissions with details on the project and architecture firm information. It will be distributed at the April 30th event to all event attendees as well as past attendees of the Home of the Month event and the Homes by Architects Tour. [Click here to reserve your ad »](#)

Deadline to reserve is Friday, April 4. Contact [Pam Nelson](#) for more information.

North Star Story Map

History Harvest events in Clay County

In partnership with the [North Star Story Map](#), developed by AIA Minnesota, the [Historical & Cultural Society of Clay County](#) is hosting History Harvest events to collect people’s stories about places that are meaningful to them in the county.

- April 2, 1:00–4:00 pm @ Ulen Senior Center
- April 23, 1:00–4:00 pm @ Moorhead Public Library

Do you have a story, anecdote, or memory of a built space in Minnesota that is meaningful to you? [Share the story](#) on the North Star Story Map—and [read other people’s stories!](#)

Met Council Livable Communities Grant Program Funding

The Metropolitan Council recently approved \$29.4M for 2025 Livable Communities

Act (LCA) Grant Programs. There are several different grant programs within the Livable Communities Act, and each program supports different kinds of projects. All the programs share the goals of creating more housing choice, supporting living wage jobs, improving connections, and achieving more equitable development outcomes. [Learn more about programs »](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 Legislative Session: Wheels are Turning in the House

The Minnesota House and Senate are working toward their April committee deadlines, by which bills need to have been heard in committee for continued consideration. Committees now have their respective budget targets, and will begin narrowing down the group of proposals they will include in their omnibus bills.

The ongoing budget picture continues to be pointing toward a deficit in future years, and many proposals are geared toward cuts, creating efficiencies, and protecting investments in current programs. Several legislative proposals have also included revenue increases to help keep the budget sound in the future. Discussions about a bonding bill continue, as have discussions related to a package of housing bills that is developing in the Senate.

A special election for the Senate seat vacated by Justin Eichorn will take place in late April, but that vacancy does not impact the DFL majority that body or its operations.

AIA Minnesota and its lobbying team are following session activities closely and will continue to advocate on the issues most important to the profession. Stay tuned for more updates! If you have questions, please contact [Sheri Hansen](#).



Lake Superior Design Retreat

Thank you to everyone who made this year's Lake Superior Design Retreat a success: our speakers, attendees, planning committee, and [sponsors](#)! Over 80 people gathered at Zeitgeist Arts in Duluth on March 7 & 8 to hear from six design

professionals, ranging in disciplines from architecture to abstract painting to vehicle design to medieval musical instrument creation. The event included two receptions, a film screening, a tour of the Natural Resources Research Institute, and more.

Welcome Allied Members

We're thrilled to extend a warm welcome to all our new Allied members! In 2025 we launched an exciting update to our Allied membership, transitioning to a company-based format. We've also enhanced the benefits to provide our partners with more ways to connect, grow, and succeed. Allied members are a diverse community of professionals supporting architecture and design. We're proud to have you as part of the AIA Minnesota community. Please join us in welcoming our current Allied members:

Anderson Reda	Minnesota Builders Exchange
Archetype	MJ Lorenz Concrete, Inc.
Bongard Corporation	MSR Design
BWBR	Nemer Fieger
City of Thief River Falls	NOMINN
Contegrity Group, Inc.	Pate Bonding
Dark Light Design	Plaisted Companies, Inc.
Daylight Specialists	Res-Tek
Ebert Companies	Sandwo Design Group
ERH Consulting & Specifying	Schuler Shook
Garland Company	Shaw/Stewart Lumber Co.
Gordon James	Sierra Pacific Windows
Heather West Public Relations, Inc.	Sightline Commercial Solutions
Holmes Murphy	Snow Kreilich Architects
Intectural	Stoneworks Architectural Precast
Kline-Johnson & Associates, Inc.	TCC Materials
Kolbe Gallery Twin Cities	Barb Thomson
MBJ	Total Synergy
McGough	Willdan
The McKnight Foundation	Winco Window

If you have colleagues within your architecture firm or whom you partner with who are not eligible to be AIA or Assoc. AIA members, please share the opportunity for Allied membership with them. [Learn more about Allied membership »](#)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Continuing Education

A photograph showing three people in a meeting. A man in a white shirt is on the left, looking towards the right. A woman in a white top is in the middle, looking towards the right. A woman in a dark top is on the right, looking towards the middle. They appear to be in a professional setting, possibly a conference or a workshop.

New On-Demand Webinars Now Available

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

Two new ETHICS webinars now available from the 2024 Conference!

[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

Also new this year!

[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

- Click on the links above to see a description for each.
- Use the registration form at the bottom of each page to sign up for the webinar.
- Watch for an email with a link and password to access the webinar.
- The ten-question quiz must be completed and passed in order to receive credit.
- Please note – if you attended these programs when they were presented at the Conference, you are not able to receive credit again for the webinar.

Coming soon from the 2024 Conference

Demystifying Decarbonization – 1.25 HSW LUs

Questions? Contact [Deanna Christiansen](#), Hon. AIAMN

CSI TOUR OF ANDERSEN WINDOWS RESEARCH FACILITY

Tuesday, April 8, 8:00 am - 12:30 pm

[Andersen Windows Research Facility](#)

1LU [Register »](#)

This course provides information about window installation from the perspective of

the architect and design professional. Rather than a "how-to" installation training course, information is presented in a format that begins with specifications and detail drawings and ends with job site observation. The slides follow through the stages in an order that a typical project would progress; highlighting key areas where the architect and design professional can take more of a lead role in the successful design, and installation of this critical element in the building envelope.

MINNESOTA ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION



Rapson Award Finalists and Recipient

The 2025 Minnesota Architectural Foundation (MAF) Ralph Rapson Traveling Study Award (RRTSA) competition was held February 20 to March 4. Competitors were challenged to design a space for a personal curated collection and place of refuge that harmoniously blends the tranquility of nature with the serenity of a curated collection. Site selection was determined by each individual competitor. During the initial process, jurors identified five finalists from among 42 submissions – **Timothy Shortreed, AIA, Michael Meer, AIA, Nick Kineke, AIA, Sarah Hill, AIA, and Jared Kaesmeyer, AIA.**

In the final jury round, **Timothy Shortreed, AIA** was named recipient of the 2025 Ralph Rapson Traveling Study award. They will receive \$15,000 to advance their education in architecture through international or domestic travel study. [Learn more about the design competition and view the submissions »](#)



Ellerbe Scholarship Recipients: Julia Gerloff, Bradyn Gratton, Isaac Guenther, Jack Weiler, and Heather Willy

Thomas Ellerbe Award Recipients

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation (MAF) awards Thomas F. Ellerbe scholarships to exemplary architectural and engineering students in the final year of their master's program at the University of Minnesota. Congratulations to **Bradyn Gratton, Isaac Guenther, Jack Weiler, and Heather Willy!** An honorable mention scholarship was awarded to **Julia Gerloff.** [Learn about the MAF Thomas F. Ellerbe Scholarship »](#)

Clarence Wigington Architectural Scholarship Opportunity

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation (MAF) is now accepting applications for the Clarence Wigington Architectural Scholarship! MAF will provide up to two (2) scholarships to students who identify as Black, Indigenous, or person of color who wish to pursue a professional education in architecture and who hold promise for succeeding in such a career pursuit.

The scholarship amount provided to each recipient is \$3,000 per semester (\$6,000 per academic year) and is an ongoing scholarship for up to five years (if a full course load of classes is successfully completed each semester). Application deadline is May 23, 2025. [Learn more »](#)



CLARENCE WIGINGTON ARCHITECTURAL SCHOLARSHIP
Advancing Equity and Inclusion within Architecture

Let's Celebrate! Wigington Scholarship Celebration

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation's "Bridge the Gap" campaign was a success because of the generous donations, member support, and this amazing community. We'd love for you to join us as we celebrate Cap Wigington, current and past MAF Wigington scholars, all the generous donors, and this spectacular community. **Join us to celebrate on Thursday, May 15, 6:00pm at Harriet Island Pavilion!** [Share your intentions to attend »](#)

LEADERSHIP

F O R U M

The March Leadership Forum session was a full day focused on the Foundations of Intercultural Development. In the weeks leading up to the session, the members of the cohort took an evaluative assessment to measure their current skills and received one-on-one guidance on next steps.

During the session they dug deeper into how to apply what they've learned in order to engage effectively with colleagues, project partners, clients, and community members across lines of difference such as gender, race, ethnicity, and other "differences that make a difference." Additionally, the participants took an assessment to build awareness of conflict styles, then met in small groups to discuss.

The session concluded with a scenario-based activity related to interrupting bias. Thanks goes to Mary-Margaret Zindren, a Qualified Administrator of the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI); and to our 2024 advisors, **Stephanie Howe, AIA**, and **Anna Pravinata, AIA, NOMA**; and to Cuningham for the use of their office space.

NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

AIA NATIONAL



AIA25 CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

June 4-7, 2025

Boston, MA

AIA25 is a conference where imagination drives solutions and collaboration redefines what's possible in architecture and design—all anchored by inspiring keynotes, industry-best continuing education, dynamic networking, immersive tours, unforgettable events, and the industry's largest expo. [Learn more about AIA25 »](#)

CALL FOR LOCAL CHAPTER DELEGATES

If you plan to attend AIA25 in Boston, please consider becoming a delegate. Delegates are official representatives of their chapter and participate in the AIA Annual Meeting and election of officers and at-large director. Duties include reviewing summaries of candidates' experience and qualifications, listening to pre-recorded candidate speeches, virtual attendance at the AIA Townhall, review the information session, and in-person attendance at the AIA Annual Meeting and Candidate Caucus during AIA25, and voting. We need delegates from AIA Northern Minnesota, AIA St. Paul, and AIA Minneapolis. If you are interested, please email [Amber Allardyce](#) by **May 12, 2025**.

Delegates should expect to attend the following:

- May 16, 2:00 pm - AIA Townhall (virtual)
- May 29, 12:00 pm – AIA Minnesota delegate information session (virtual)
- June 4, 1:00 pm - AIA Annual Meeting (Boston, MA)
- June 4, 4:30 pm - Candidate Caucus (Boston, MA)

MEMBER RESOURCE: WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP EDGE

In partnership with the University of California-Hastings' Center for Worklife Law, AIA provides members with access to Women's Leadership Edge, a resource that will help in advancing tomorrow's leaders to the next level. WLE is a membership program providing practical evidence-based tools to enable organizations to effectively retain, support, and advance women from within. If interested in accessing this resource, please [fill out this form](#). Reach out to womeninarch@aia.org with questions.

AIA COLLEGE OF FELLOWS LATROBE PRIZE SUBMISSIONS ARE NOW OPEN

With Architecture's Contributions to Human Health as the focus of the 2025 Latrobe Prize, the prize is awarded to a research proposal that has the long-range potential to advance solutions to one or more significant architectural and built environment challenges. The recipient(s) receive \$150,000 to support a two-year program of research. The College of Fellows invites individuals and teams to submit proposals for the 2025 Latrobe Prize. [Learn more »](#)

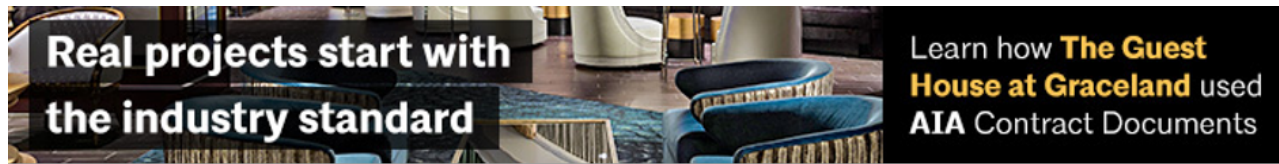
2025 SMALL PROJECT DESIGN KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

The purpose of this grant is to provide financial support for nonprofit organizations working with

architects on community-based projects. Along with supporting the work of nonprofit organizations, we want to demonstrate the value of hiring an architecture firm (and AIA member) for community projects, by helping cover some of the costs associated with hiring the design team. Submissions are due April 18. [Learn more »](#)

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

MERIT AWARD CALL FOR ENTRIES

AIA Minneapolis Merit Awards recognize projects by AIA Minneapolis architects that tell a story of:

- Excellence beyond design;
- Public interest design;
- The variety of forces that shape a building.

Submissions are due Friday, May 16. [Learn more and apply online »](#)



GOLF OUTING: REGISTER TODAY!

Monday, July 28

Majestic Oaks Golf Club

[Registration for golfers »](#)

[Registration for sponsors »](#)

Golf Committee: We are seeking golf outing committee members to help arrange this event. If you want to be a part of this committee which runs from April-July, please contact [Pam Nelson](#) for more information.

AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA

SPECIAL MEETING

Friday, April 25, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Join us for a special meeting of the membership to vote on president-elect candidate **Tiersa Wodash, AIA**. [Register »](#)

SAVE THE DATE FOR SUMMER EVENTS:

- Thursday, July 17 — Annual golf outing
- Thursday, August 21 — CSI Twin Harbors Expo & Boat Cruise

COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES

ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NO MEETING IN APRIL

Join us for a happy hour in May! Watch for details soon.

ANNOUNCING THE 2025 ARE SCHOLARSHIP

The AIA Minnesota Architect Licensing Advisory Committee coordinates awarding one scholarship per year to cover the costs of all sections of the Architect Registration Exam. Test fees currently total \$1,410 for all six divisions of the 5.0 exam. *Eligibility has been expanded to include both AIA Minnesota and MSP NOMA licensing candidates.* Visit [2025 ARE Scholarship](#) for details. Deadline is May 28, 2025. Questions? Contact [Deanna Christiansen](#).

ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 10, 12:00 pm (note new time)

[Virtual Meeting](#)

BUILDING CODES KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Wednesday, April 9, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Open Forum: Bring your code questions, experiences, and updates to share.

COMMITTEE ON DESIGN

Thursday, April 10, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

COMMITTEE ON EQUITY IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT (EBE)

Tuesday, April 15, 3:30 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COTE)

Friday, April 11, 12:00 pm

[The Market at Malcolm Yards](#)

The COTE April meeting will be an in-person lunch (each attendee must cover the cost of lunch on their own). Come ready to discuss Earth Day plans and purchase a tasty lunch from the range of vendors. The Market is readily accessible by bus, bike, or car. Let's see who can get there with lowest carbon footprint!

COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Monday, April 14, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Data & AI Initiatives: What are firms' structured data and AI strategies? And differences between what small firms and large firms can do.

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 8, 12:00 pm (meetings are held quarterly)

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Please join us for our quarterly meeting where we will be discussing the final draft for the Emerging Professionals Committee Charter.

Emerging Professionals
**Friendly Firm
Program**



Does your firm support
young professionals?
Let us know about it!

Consider applying for
the **2025-2026 Award!**

The deadline to apply is **September 1st, 2025**

EMERGING PROFESSIONAL FRIENDLY FIRM PROGRAM

Applications are now open for the 2025-2026 Emerging Professional Friendly Firm Award. This program is a collaboration of four states of AIA emerging professionals: North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. The deadline to apply is September 1.

Encourage your firm to apply to show how your firm's EPs are supported. [Apply today »](#)

ENTER COMMITTEE

Friday, April 25, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 15, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 2, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

LAKE SUPERIOR DESIGN RETREAT COMMITTEE

Monday, April 21, 11:30 am
[Virtual Meeting](#)

MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM COMMITTEE (MDT)

Wednesday, April 16, 4:30 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 1, 12:00 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS: HOMES BY ARCHITECTS TOUR

Submit your project to be considered for Home of the Month! **Due April 18.** [Learn more and submit »](#)

HOME OF THE MONTH ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers needed for Home Design Consultations! Offered in conjunction with the Home of the Month program, AIA Minnesota's annual home design consultations provide an opportunity for the public to connect with a residential design professional for a 45-minute, one-on-one discussion. We are looking for volunteers (AIA or Associate AIA members) to be consultants, in person on Wednesday, April 30 and Saturday, May 3, or virtual on Tuesday, May 13. [Learn more & sign up »](#)

Tickets for the Home of the Month event are now available! [Learn more & register »](#) *Firms receive one free ticket to this event per project submitted to Home of the Month. Contact [Ann Mayhew](#) if you did not receive your promo code.*

Advertise in the Home of the Month Look Book! The Look Book features all program submittals (36 homes) and reaches an audience of approximately 2,000 past Home of the Month and Homes by Architects Tour attendees. Secure your spot by **Friday, April 4!** [Learn more »](#)

OTHER RESIDENTIAL UPDATES

Thank you to everyone who attended the Passive House in Residential Practice session on Friday, March 21, and thank you to [DWELL44](#) for hosting and Tim Eian, Assoc. AIA and Marcy Conrad Nutt, AIA, for sharing their knowledge! The committee hopes to do more programming like this in the future. Do you have an idea for a presentation or roundtable topic, or a project you'd like to have a tour of? Or, are you an Allied member who would be interested in hosting an event in your space with lunch? [Let us know!](#)

Support your peers participating in the [MSP Home Tour](#) on April 26 & 27! This year's MSP Home Tour features six homes AIA Minnesota members at the AIA or Associate AIA level helped design: [Anchor Builders](#), [David Heide Design Studio](#), [OA Design + Build + Architecture](#), [SALA Architects](#), [Shelter Architecture](#), and [UrbanWorks Architecture](#).

WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 16, 12:00 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

PEOPLE & FIRMS

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Matthew Axtmann, AIA
Zach Cierzan, Assoc. AIA
Alison Ferrell, Assoc. AIA

Bruce Hellier, Assoc. AIA
Perri Kinsman, AIA
Luz Rodriguez, Assoc. AIA

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS

[Kline-Johnson Building Products University April 1 »](#)

[Circularity: Accelerating the Circular Economy Conference April 29-May 1 »](#)

[Living Future Conference May 6-8 »](#)

Preserve Minneapolis is seeking a coordinator for its summer walking tour program. This is a paid seasonal position. [Learn more »](#)

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.



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