

## **AIA MINNESOTA MATRIX NEWSLETTER**

**August 2024**

### **Capital Stacks of Connection**

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



When I was first hired by AIA Minnesota nine years ago, I excitedly picked up the Fifth Edition of Penguin’s *Dictionary of Architecture and Landscape Architecture*. I did my best to take in the thousands of terms related to architecture and the built environment.

One term that wasn’t in that dictionary is one of the most consequential that I’ve needed to learn about: “capital stack.”

As you all know (because your learning has extended well beyond dictionaries to real life in architecture), a capital stack is the set of financing instruments pulled together to fund a real estate project. Each layer of the stack has its own potential risks and returns. The particularities of a capital stack shape the architectural solutions supported by financiers and owners, and influences the success of the project in both the short and long term.

A different sort of capital – the “social capital” Jane Jacobs championed; the network of relationships that further mutual trust, shared effort toward common purposes, and resilience in times of challenge – also matters to the work architecture, and the work of simply being a citizen. Specifically, the social capital layers of “bonding capital” and “bridging capital.”

The time we invest in others who are most like us – who think like us, live like us, share our tastes and affinities, share our political affiliations – is the *bonding* capital that feels easy; comfortable; low-risk. For the many people in today’s society who are experiencing loneliness, focusing on bonding connections is a great place to start. The returns of bonding capital are reinforcing, making us feel confident, solid, and seen.

The time we invest in connecting with others who are less like us – where one or more key dimensions of who they are, how they live their lives, how they think about

politics differs from ourselves – is the *bridging* capital that keeps associations, neighborhoods, and nations going strong over decades and centuries. [Read more »](#)

## CALL TO ACTION

### Seeking Minnesota Representative to Serve on the Strategic Council

The AIA Minnesota Board of Directors has the opportunity to appoint a Minnesota member to serve as the Minnesota representative on AIA's Strategic Council. Much of the Council's work throughout the year is forward thinking and the representative will serve as a communications link between the Strategic Council and their respective state to improve and increase the flow of information throughout the AIA. The Strategic Councilor will serve a three-year term, serving on the Strategic Council beginning on January 1, 2025. **Application deadline is August 16, 2024.** [Learn more and apply »](#)

### Call for Leaders

AIA Minnesota is seeking applications for officer and board leadership positions that will begin January 1, 2025. This is an opportunity to grow your leadership skills, expand the circle of professionals you work with, or raise your profile in the community. By joining an AIA Minnesota leadership team you will be engaged in key decisions as we continue to implement change and address AIA's priorities of climate action and advancing racial justice and equity in our organization, our profession, and our communities. Application deadline is September 18. [Learn more and apply online »](#)

#### Open AIA Minnesota Officer/ Board Leadership Positions for 2025:

- **President-Elect** (three-year commitment as President-Elect, President, and Past President; AIA and Assoc. AIA members eligible)
- **Secretary** (one-year term, renewable; AIA and Assoc. AIA members eligible)
- **Treasurer** (one-year term, renewable; AIA and Assoc. AIA members eligible)
- **Associate Director** (one-year term, renewable; only Assoc. AIA members eligible)

### Gold Medal Submissions Due August 30

The AIA Minnesota Gold Medal is one of the highest honors bestowed by the association, recognizing an individual or two individuals (living or deceased) who have made lasting contributions to the field of architecture.

The Gold Medal program will accept entries until **Friday, August 30, at 12:00 pm (noon) CST.** [Learn more »](#)

### Honor Awards Submissions Due September 27

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 2024 Honor Award or Commendation

for Excellence.

Submissions for the 2024 Honor Awards close at **12:00 pm (noon) CST on Friday, September 27**. [Learn more »](#)

## Honor Awards Open House

**Thursday, August 1, 3:00 pm**

[Register »](#)

Is your firm planning to submit a project or two to the 2024 AIA Minnesota Honor Awards program? If so, please join us for this virtual informational open house. Patrick Lynch will share MSR Design's approach to creating the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library entry, which won a 2023 Honor Award, and **Benjamin Olsen, Assoc. AIA**, will walk attendees through Office Hughes Olsen's Infill House entry, which won a 2023 Commendation for Excellence.



## Celebrate with AIA Minnesota on August 15

We'll celebrate new AIA Minnesota Fellows, the winners of AIA National design awards, and the recipients of AIA Minnesota Young Architects, Next Gen, Louis Lundgren, Residential Architect of Distinction, and Residential Emerging Architect awards, as well as the recipients of Minnesota Architectural Foundation honors and the 16 members of the 2024 Leadership Forum, on **Thursday, August 15, 4:30 – 6:30 pm**. Join us on the patio of the Crown Roller Mill in Minneapolis to uplift members of our community for their contributions! Enjoy refreshments and connect with colleagues. [Register »](#)

Limited sponsorship opportunities are available to showcase your company at this event. Contact [Pam Nelson](#) for more details.



## Homes by Architects Tour 2024

**September 28 & 29 (in person)**

**September 28–October 13 (virtual)**

This year's tour features 14 homes: 12 to tour in person (including three that are part of our new Small Project Showcase pilot program) and two available to explore virtually. Tickets will be available tomorrow, Friday, August 2! [Click here](#) to purchase beginning tomorrow.

Architecture firms on this year's tour include [Christopher Strom Architects](#), [CityDeskStudio](#), [Craft Design Build](#), [E.J. Hansen, AIA](#), [Grayspace Architecture](#), [Imprint Architecture and Design](#), [Kell Architects](#), [PAF Architecture](#), [PKA Architecture](#), and [SALA Architects](#). [See the homes »](#)

**Volunteer for the tour** and get free admission! Help make the Homes by Architects Tour possible by volunteering your time at one of the homes. [Learn more and sign up here »](#)

### **SPONSORSHIP AND ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES**

Sponsorship opportunities and program advertising are now available. Align your company with these architect-designed homes to reach a targeted audience who seek out the best in good design! Contact [Pam Nelson](#) for more information.

## North Star Story Map

Join us for two [North Star Story Map](#) activities, hosted by our Architecture in the Schools (AIS) Committee, this month: The [Little Africa Festival](#) on Sunday, August 4, and the [Minnesota State Fair](#) on Thursday, August 22.

The [North Star Story Map](#) will come to life with guests being invited to either draw places that are meaningful to them to place on a large map of Minnesota, or participate in a new "city planning" activity with 3D modules. We hope to see you there!

## Participate in the 2025 Minnesota Joint Disparity Study

The State of Minnesota and 15 cities, counties and other public agencies announced



a study to analyze whether there are disparities in the utilization of minority- and woman-owned businesses and other diverse firms in state and local government contracts and in the local marketplace. The study will review statewide procurement for the University of Minnesota and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities as well as for state agencies such as the Minnesota Department of Transportation. Other study participants are Metropolitan Airports Commission; Metropolitan Council; Mosquito Control District; the cities of Minneapolis, Saint Paul, Bloomington, Brooklyn Park and Rochester; Hennepin and Ramsey counties, Hennepin Healthcare System and Saint Paul Public Schools.

There are many ways to participate in the study; visit the website to learn about listening sessions, surveys, and more. [Learn more »](#)

## Apply for the ULI Minnesota Real Estate Diversity Initiative 2025 Cohort

The Real Estate Diversity Initiative (REDI) program is a 12-session curriculum and cohort experience designed for professionals identifying as Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and women working in various real estate industries. [Learn more and apply »](#)



The Minnesota Conference on Architecture

November 11-13, 2024

Renaissance Minneapolis Depot Hotel

## A'24 MN: The Minnesota Conference on Architecture

Join us in November at The Depot where we will host 1600+ attendees who come to see new products and services, get continuing education, and inspiration from keynote addresses, tours, social events and more! We are taking reservations for exhibit booths and sponsorship opportunities.

[Click here](#) for exhibit and sponsorship information. Reserve your booth now!

# Lake Superior Design Retreat

March 7 & 8, 2025 • Zeitgeist Arts



## Lake Superior Design Retreat

Mark your calendar for the Lake Superior Design Retreat (LSDR) on March 7 & 8, 2025, at Zeitgeist Arts in Duluth! Registration will open this fall. [Sign up here for our mailing](#) list to be the first to hear updates and when registration is open.

Meet our first confirmed speaker!

- [Ray Mattison](#) is the lead designer at Duluth-based [Design Eye Q](#), a creative industrial design studio.

Interested in sponsoring LSDR? Reach out to [Ann Mayhew](#) to learn more.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



## 25 Year Award

The Hennepin County Public Works Facility, designed by Alliance, is the winner of the 2024 25 Year Award. The Alliance project team for the Hennepin County Public Works Facility included **John Lackens, AIA**, **Peter Vesterholt, AIA**, **Tom DeAngelo, FAIA**, Scott Sorenson, **Julie MacLeod, AIA**, **Ellen Olson, AIA**, **Greg Maxam, AIA**, **Peter Schroeder, AIA**, **Ken Sheehan, AIA**, and Sharry Cooper. Project consultants and contractors included Dunham Associates, Barton-Aschman, S-P Testing, Enebak Construction Company, and Knutson Construction.

[Read](#) the press release.

The Hennepin County Public Works Facility and its architectural team will be honored at an awards event at the A'24 MN Conference on Architecture on Wednesday, November 13.



## The 2024 *ENTER* Print Annual Is Out

The [2024 \*ENTER\* print annual](#) features an array of in-depth articles on the challenges and opportunities of shaping a better built environment for Minnesota. It also includes photo-rich profiles of notable new buildings, a special section on the recipients of 2023 AIA Minnesota design awards, and directories of Minnesota architecture firms and other building-project consultants.

All AIA Minnesota members received a copy in the mail. The publication can be [purchased](#) online for \$18 plus shipping and handling. For a discount on bulk orders, email editor [Chris Hudson](#).

## [ENTERMN.COM](#): THE BEST PLACE TO FIND INSIGHTFUL CONTENT ON THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Do you want to reach community leaders and influencers? Your ad on [entermn.com](#) will put your message and brand in front of our captive audience. Determine your preferred schedule from monthly, quarterly, or just for select events or announcements. Reach 3,700+ subscribers for only \$495 per issue. Contact [Pam Nelson](#) to reserve your space.

## MINNESOTA ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION

**CLARENCE WIGINGTON ARCHITECTURAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
*Advancing Equity and Inclusion within Architecture*

## Double Your Impact!

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation (MAF) has received an unexpected and deeply generous commitment from an anonymous donor to provide a \$50,000



donation to the Clarence Wigington Fund, if fundraising of new dollars from others can match this amount. You can help us reach this goal by:

- **[Donate any amount!](#)**
- Recruit donors within your circle
- Share this message with your networks



## Clarence Wigington Scholars Announced

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation (MAF) awards Clarence Wigington Architectural tuition scholarships to individuals who identify as Black, Indigenous, or person of color who wish to pursue a professional education in architecture and who hold a promise for succeeding in such a career pursuit. After reviewing this year's applications, the Clarence Wigington Architectural Scholarship committee selected three scholarship recipients who upon success will continue to receive \$2,500 each semester.

- **Allemu Slattery**, a Dunwoody College of Technology architecture student headed into his third year of the Architecture program.
- **Zavien Neal**, a student at Dunwoody College of Technology with one year remaining in his Bachelor of Architecture program.
- **Nangnee Xiong**, a first-year Master of Architecture student at the University of Minnesota.

CONTINUING EDUCATION



# Continuing Education



## AIA Continuing Education Requirement FAQ

*Please note that the following FAQ addresses the AIA CE requirement for AIA members. For licensure requirements visit this [website](#).*

### **What are the AIA membership requirements for continuing education?**

- AIA Architect and International Associate members are required to complete 18 learning units (LUs) of continuing education every year. Of those 18 LUs, at least 12 must be for approved health, safety, and welfare (HSW) courses.
- Architect Emeritus members are required to complete one (1) LU each membership year.
- Associate and Allied members do not have a continuing education requirement.
- New members are not required to complete the AIA continuing education requirement until their first full year as a member. For example, someone who joins in June will not be required to complete 18 LUs until the following year.

### **Can I retake the same course for credit?**

No, you cannot repeat the same program for credit. Members may repeat a course, but no additional credit will be awarded.

### **How do I access my AIA transcript?**

Access your AIA transcript [here](#).

### **Does AIA have a roll-over policy?**

If a member does not meet the annual continuing education requirement but exceeded the requirement the prior year, a limited number of credits may be applied to fill any shortfall. Credits are applied at the end of the following year to address any shortfall and do not appear on the transcript. Only the number of hours needed to meet any deficiency will be applied.

### **Does AIA Minnesota provide continuing education opportunities?**

Our primary source for CE is at the AIA Minnesota annual state conference. A variety of other opportunities take place throughout the year. Additionally, there are on-demand webinars to help you meet your continuing education needs at your convenience. Visit [Current Opportunities](#).

Questions? Contact [Deanna Christiansen](#).

## LEADERSHIP FORUM



The final two sessions of the 2024 Leadership Forum took place in July. The first of the two sessions was a presentation and discussion on the concepts of rethinking, adapting, and reflecting as it relates to leadership. The cohort then took individual time to review their key learnings from their participation in Leadership Forum, and begin to chart the next steps of their leadership journey.

Their assignment for the final session was to create a “touchpoint” to serve as a reminder going forward of key learnings, their core values, core purpose, goals, and/or next steps. Each member of the cohort shared their touchpoint with the group which was then

followed by enthusiastic and encouraging words from the others. The afternoon concluded with a reception to celebrate their accomplishment.

Congratulations to this year’s cohort!

**Becky Alexander, AIA, LHB**

**Stefan Balaz, AIA, Alliance**

**Jennifer Books, AIA, Miller Dunwiddie**

**Jason Dannenbring, AIA, Snow Kreilich Architects**

**Shida Du, AIA, NOMA, Perkins&Will**

**Angela Enroth, AIA, Metropolitan Airports Commission**

**Kat Hughes, Assoc. AIA, Snow Kreilich Architects**

**Craig Hutchison, AIA, HGA**

**Nick Kineke, AIA, RoehrSchmitt Architecture**

**Jackie Miller, AIA, RSP Architects**

**Joseph Miller, AIA, RSP Architects**

**Casie Radford, AIA, MacDonald & Mack Architects**

**Jonathan Rozenbergs, AIA, Alliance**

**Christina Stark, AIA, Snow Kreilich Architects**

**Kyle Tornow, AIA, RSP Architects**

**Brandon Weis, AIA, Alliance**

And thank you to all the content experts who led one or more sessions and helped facilitate discussions.

**Trevor Bullen, AIA, NOMA, Dunwoody College of Technology**

Nancy Fischer, The Good Life Revolution

**James Garrett, Jr., FAIA, NOMA, 4RM+ULA**

Sheri Hansen, AIA Minnesota

Donna Harris, Minnehaha Academy

**Amy Kalar, AIA, NOMA, BWBR**

MariAn Klein, Organization and Talent Development Professional  
Heather Polivka, Heather P Solutions  
Mary Eisele Slack, Eisele & Associates  
**Sarah St. Louis, Assoc. AIA** and ADAC, MG2  
Anthony Taylor, Equity Outdoors  
**Elizabeth Turner, AIA**, Precipitate  
**Angela Wolf Scott, AIA**, MacDonald & Mack Architects  
Mary-Margaret Zindren, CAE, AIA Minnesota

Many thanks to **Steven Wolf, AIA**, who served as the advisor for the 2023 and 2024 Forums. And to **Stephanie Howe, AIA**, who co-advised with Steven this year and will continue as advisor in 2025.

Last but not least, much appreciation to Cuningham for the use of their space, and assistance from Elizabeth Foster, CDFA, who provided support for catering, audiovisual, and meeting space.

## NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

### AIA NATIONAL

#### **NEXT TO LEAD APPLICATIONS OPEN**

Next to Lead is an AIA volunteer leadership development program for racially and ethnically diverse women in architecture who aspire to be AIA leaders. Up to 18 participants will engage in a ten-month journey, featuring monthly virtual training sessions and two in-person retreats at the Women's Leadership Summit and AIA Leadership Summit. The program is free, and participants receive complimentary registration and a travel stipend for both summits. Preference is given to those with 5–20 years of career experience and active AIA engagement. Learn more about eligibility and application requirements. **The deadline to apply is August 13.** Notifications will be sent to applicants by August 30. The 2024 program runs from September 2024 to June 2025. [Learn more »](#)

#### **AIA CRAN SYMPOSIUM**

[Registration is now open](#) for the AIA CRAN Symposium, September 18–22 in Seattle, the premier conference focused on residential architecture.

#### **SUBMISSIONS FOR FELLOWSHIP OPEN**

The submission period for AIA Fellowship will be open until October 9, 2024. The AIA College of Fellows seeks to stimulate a sharing of interests among Fellows, promote the purposes of AIA, advance the profession of architecture, mentor young architects, and be of ever-increasing service to society. Nomination criteria, timeline, and resources are available [online](#).

#### **SAVE THE DATE: WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2024**

Mark your calendars! AIA Women's Leadership Summit 2024 will be held in Chicago on October 8–10, 2024. The premier event brings together the industry's largest network of women offering an array of opportunities for networking, leadership training, business development, gender equity, and personal empowerment.

#### **YAF NOW YA KNOW**

The July edition of the Young Architects Forum newsletter includes several upcoming events and opportunities. [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

### OPEN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS FOR 2025

Seeking AIA members interested in leadership opportunities at the local chapter! Members are encouraged to [express interest](#) by September 13, 2024. 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.



### GOLF OUTING

The annual AIA Minneapolis Golf Outing took place on July 29. We had a full event with 50 sponsors and 290 golfers who enjoyed a beautiful day of golf. Thank you to all of our [sponsors](#) who made this event a lot of fun and a successful fundraiser for the Minnesota Architectural Foundation!

## AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA

### OPEN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS FOR 2025

Seeking AIA members interested in leadership opportunities at the local chapter! Members are encouraged to [express interest](#) by September 13, 2024. 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.





## **GOLF TOURNAMENT SUCCESS**

A Lunch & Learn CEU by Buechel Stone kicked off the event with a topic of “Natural Full & Thin Stone Veneers: Best Practices on Sustainability.” Congratulations to the champions, Northland Consulting Engineers who shot a 59 (11 under par). The tournament raised \$16,000 this year that will go toward architectural degree scholarships for students from Northern Minnesota! We appreciate everyone's support in making this a successful event, and we look forward to next year!

Thank you to our sponsors: Architecture Advantage, CMTA, Boldt, BP Builders, DSGW, Dunham, Gardner Builders, Hunt Electric, Jamar, LHB, MJB, McGough, Metro Brick, Northland Consulting Engineers, TKDA, White Cap, Wells, Adolfson & Peterson Construction, Meyer Group, and Kraus-Anderson.

## **AIA ST. PAUL**

### **OPEN BOARD POSITIONS FOR 2025**

Seeking AIA members interested in leadership opportunities at the local chapter! Members are encouraged to [express interest](#) by September 13, 2024. 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.

## **COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES**

### **ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **NO COMMITTEE MEETING IN AUGUST**

**Join us for an Awesome Summer Happy Hour!**

**Wednesday, August 7, 5:00 - 7:00 pm**

[Bang Brewing Company](#), 2320 Capp Road, St. Paul 55114

### **SAVE THE DATE! ALL THINGS AXP & ARE**

**Wednesday, September 11, 12:00 - 1:00 pm**

This is an invitation to all who are interested: those in the process of licensure, students, mentors, advisors, firm principals. Members of the Architect Licensing Advisory Committee will review Education required; Experience required and resources for tracking AXP hours; and Exams including what to expect and how to prepare. Plan to attend this free, virtual presentation

with time for your questions. [Sign up here »](#)

## ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

**Thursday, August 8, 8:30 am**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

The AIS Committee is still open to new members joining us as we have reconvened and are in the planning stages for our second quarter in 2024! Please reach out to [PaviElle French](#) if you are interested, or feel free to register for the meeting.

## BUILDING CODES KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

**Wednesday, August 14, 12:00 pm**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

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

## COMMITTEE ON DESIGN

**Thursday, August 8, 12:00 pm**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

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

**Tuesday, August 20, 3:30 pm**

[Virtual meeting](#)

The EBE Committee is still open to new members joining us and helping actualize our plans to engage in community-based equity events in 2024! Please reach out to [PaviElle French](#) if you are interested, or feel free to register for the meeting.

## COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COTE)

**Friday, August 9, 12:00 pm**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Habitable will present their [Informed](#) platform that uses a materials modeling approach for choosing better building products. The product guidance is based on rigorous science and data quantifying human health, environmental health and environmental justice impacts throughout the product life cycle; and is translated into an easy to use, intuitive ranking system - red to green across several product categories and types. Join to learn more about Informed, the pilot projects where the guidance is being implemented, and ways to get involved.

## COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

**Monday, August 12, 12:00 pm**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

## EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

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

[Virtual Meeting](#)

### EPC FIRM TOUR: ESG ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

Thursday, August 22, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

[350 N 5th St Suite 400, Minneapolis](#)

Come tour ESG's new office space in North Loop Green with the Emerging Professionals Committee. As a recipient of the AIA Minnesota Emerging Friendly Firm Award, ESG believes in creating a culture that encourages personal growth, strengthens relationships, and fosters creativity. With diversity, equity, and inclusion at the core of their culture, they take pride in putting people first. ESG's notable local projects include: North Loop Green, the Hewing Hotel, the Lora Hotel in Stillwater, and Delta Dental HQ. [Register »](#)

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### EMERGING PROFESSIONAL FRIENDLY FIRM PROGRAM

Does your firm provide support to emerging professionals? This award program recognizes firms in the Upper Midwest that are committed to supporting early career professionals.

Firms with an office in Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, or South Dakota are eligible to apply. [Visit the website »](#)

## ENTER COMMITTEE

THE ENTER COMMITTEE IS ON SUMMER BREAK IN AUGUST.

## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, August 20, 12:00 pm**

[Virtual Meeting](#)

## HEALTH DESIGN KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

### MEETING AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER

Watch for a brief survey that will inform us of your interests for weekday, time, and frequency of meetings. Other questions will relate to discussion topics, speakers, tours, and more. Questions? Contact KC chair [Scott Davidson, AIA](#), or staff liaison [Deanna Christiansen](#).

## HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

### SUMMER SOCIAL

**Wednesday, August 7, 12:00 pm**

[Crown Roller Mill](#), second floor

## LAKE SUPERIOR DESIGN RETREAT COMMITTEE

**Monday, August 19, 11:30 am**  
[Virtual Meeting](#)

### **SAVE THE DATES**

The 37<sup>th</sup> annual LSDR will be on March 7-8, 2025 at Zeitgeist Arts in Duluth!

## **MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM COMMITTEE (MDT)**

**Wednesday, August 21, 4:30 pm**  
[Virtual Meeting](#)

## **RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, August 6, 12:00 pm**  
[Virtual Meeting](#)

Mary-Margaret Zindren, CAE, EVP of AIA Minnesota, will be joining us to give guidance on how AIA residential architects can effectively speak about fees/overall project cost at public events.

### **HOMES BY ARCHITECTS TOUR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Volunteer for the Homes by Architects Tour on September 28 & 29! We have two opportunities for Residential Architecture Committee members to help out. All volunteers get free admission to the tour!

- **Greeter Volunteer** — Greet tour attendees at a single home. (Open to the public; sign up with your friend or spouse!) [Sign up here »](#)
- **Committee Ambassador** — Be assigned to multiple homes that you will be required to check in on at least once per shift to replenish supplies, check sponsors, answer questions, and escalate unexpected situations to AIA Minnesota staff as needed. (Residential Committee members only). [Sign up here »](#)

### **PARTNERS IN POSSIBILITY EVENT**

**Thursday, August 22, 4:00 - 6:00 pm**

#### [Gai Noi](#)

Please join us at the Minneapolis Partners in Possibility event to enjoy the delicious creations of Gai Noi, signature drinks, networking, and a timely panel discussion focused on smart home technology and teamwork. CE Credits Available: AIA 1 LU/HSW | CEDIA 1 LU

Space is limited! Attendees will be registered on a first-come, first-serve basis. [RSVP here by August 14 »](#)

### **AIA CRAN SYMPOSIUM**

[Registration is now open](#) for the AIA CRAN Symposium, September 18–22 in Seattle, the premier conference focused on residential architecture.

## **WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, August 21, 12:00 pm**  
[Virtual Meeting](#)

## **PEOPLE & FIRMS**



2024 marks 50 years for the Minnesota [State Designer Selection Board \(SDSB\)](#). SDSB chair **William Beyer, FAIA, Emeritus**, wrote a [history of SDSB](#) and qualifications-based selection in Minnesota to commemorate the anniversary.

## WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Kelly Beltran, Assoc. AIA  
Jono Decipeda, Assoc. AIA  
Elly Hall, Assoc. AIA  
Luis Hernandez, Assoc. AIA  
Trevor Kirschenmann, AIA

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Dakota Santillan, Assoc. AIA  
Connor Shanahan, Assoc. AIA  
Courtney Skare, Assoc. AIA

## AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS

[AFFORDABLE HOUSING ESSENTIALS: HOW TO DESIGN, DEVELOP & FINANCE PROPERTIES GROWING CITIES NEED SEPTEMBER 25-26 »](#)

[HEALTH DESIGN CONFERENCE OCTOBER 5-8 »](#)

## UMN ONLINE RESOURCES

Visit the College of Design's [online calendar](#) for regular updates on activities.

## UMN CAREER AND INTERNSHIP RESOURCES

Employers with jobs, internships, or smaller, project-based micro-internships are encouraged to post opportunities for students and recent grads at [careerhelp.umn.edu](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit the [AIA Minnesota Events Calendar](#) for more information about upcoming events. For events not sponsored by AIA Minnesota, please check directly with sponsors for up-to-date information about cancellations, postponements, or virtual meetings.



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**OCTOBER** Matrix editorial deadline is Friday, September 20.

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