

AIA MINNESOTA MATRIX NEWSLETTER

November 2024

What Matters Most?

by Mary-Margaret Zindren, EVP/Executive Director



We each have a human need to be valued and to add value – the two core aspects of the psychological term “mattering.”

As organizations, we need the many people involved in our work to feel valued. For AIA Minnesota, this means members, volunteers, and the staff we employ feeling appreciated, respected, and recognized. The recognitions and awards we give out, and the ways we engage with each other every day, make all the difference here.

Last week’s events really drove this home. We surprised **Ann Voda, AIA**, with the announcement that she had been nominated for and will receive the 2025 AIA Minnesota Gold Medal, recognizing the many extraordinary ways she has served the people of Minnesota and this architecture community. We also shared the difficult news that we had to lay off PaviElle French, a highly-valued member of our staff team, due to financial reasons. It says a great deal about our members and our team, and most especially about PaviElle, that her overwhelming emotion during her final days with us was one of gratitude – feeling appreciated, respected and recognized.

The second aspect of mattering – the human need to *add* value – is about feelings of self-efficacy and self-determination.

For a while now, AIA Minnesota has been whipsawed by multiple factors and forces over which we’ve had little control. Financially, we have been hit by reduced funding from AIA national, astronomically higher costs related to putting on events, and shifting sands when it comes to funding from grants. We tried to exert control where we could for the past three years, chasing grant revenue and taking on increasing amounts of consulting work under the AIA Minnesota umbrella to bring in non-dues revenue. Doing so stretched our team and also stretched us away from our core mission. The 2025 budget moves us back from these practices and toward a more

sustainable and focused future.

Now a staff team of eight – two people down from where we were in September of last year – we have no choice but to revisit what we do and how we do it. We have no choice but to pare down our efforts and focus on what matters most to you.

This is YOUR organization. It is of and for the membership. Members have built every one of the programs, services, and initiatives we have undertaken. Only members can tell us what can be reduced or sunset, and what is most important to be built and sustained for the future.

Yes, we've been here before. Over the past decade, we have reviewed and analyzed every program and service, multiple times. We've sunset several small programs, reduced frequency of offerings, and changed our structures and ways of working to be more efficient. Everything we currently do has membership constituencies who've built it; who love it; who receive and add great value through it.

Together, we can and we must reshape AIA Minnesota to focus on the efforts that the membership believes matter most. We truly need your feedback to so do! During and in the weeks following the A'24 MN Conference on Architecture there will be multiple ways for you to share your opinions, ideas, and aspirations. Know that when you do so, you will be heard because you are appreciated. Because you are respected. Because you matter as an individual person, as an individual member, and as the collective that is AIA Minnesota.

AIA MINNESOTA GOLD MEDAL



Ann Voda, AIA, Receives AIA Minnesota Gold Medal

AIA Minnesota is pleased to announce that **Ann Voda, AIA**, is the 2024 AIA Minnesota Gold Medal recipient. Given biennially, this prestigious award is among the highest honors bestowed by the American Institute of Architects Minnesota; it recognizes an individual or two individuals (living or deceased) who have made lasting contributions to the field of architecture.

Voda is the president and principal owner of [BTR Architects](#), a Minneapolis firm

with a 50-year legacy of high-quality and award-winning architectural planning and design. Since joining Bentz/Thompson/Rietow in 1994, Voda has led the planning and design of libraries, education facilities, community and performance spaces, and interiors projects. Her work almost exclusively serves the public, community, and nonprofit sectors with the mission to support positive life experiences for those who work, play, and learn in these spaces.

The 2024 Gold Medal jury lauded Voda for her achievements as an architect and a firm leader, her decades of service to AIA Minnesota in a range of leadership roles, and her enormous impact as an advocate on issues relating to the practice of architecture and the protection of public health, safety, and welfare.

[Read the press release.](#) Voda will be honored at an awards celebration at the AIA Minnesota Conference on Architecture on November 13, 2024.

CALL TO ACTION



A'24 MN: Registration closes Monday!

Don't miss the chance to hear from local, national, and international experts about the latest in design and business trends to improve your practice. This is also the best time to reconnect with and expand your network! More than 100 AIA Minnesota members will be contributing content to the conference, making this a unique opportunity for local, national, and international perspectives to enhance your practice.

All preregistration closes November 4. [Register »](#)

On-site registration will be available during the Conference.

Sessions are filling quickly, but space remains in many great sessions throughout the Conference! Visit the registration page for a [list of fully registered sessions](#).

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, November 12 | 1:30-3pm

Don't miss this opportunity to hear the latest on how AIA Minnesota and AIA National are evolving to serve your needs. Hear from state and national AIA leaders and learn how the organization is working with renewed focus on what is most mission impactful. Celebrate the accomplishments of our members and elect new officers for 2025.

If you are attending the Conference, be sure you select event T38. Annual Meeting during your registration. All others can register to attend the Annual Meeting [via this registration link](#).

AIA MINNESOTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SLATE OF NOMINEES

- **Phillip Koski, AIA** – President-Elect
- **Isaac Karley, AIA** - Treasurer
- **Justin Wang, AIA** - Secretary
- **Nathan Davies, Assoc. AIA** – Associate Director

The above slate will be voted upon at the Annual Meeting on November 12. The 2025 President will be **Jennifer Christiaansen, AIA**

Tuesday Exhibit Hall Reception

The opening night reception is back; be sure to visit both the Great Hall and the Pavilion on **Tuesday from 4:30 - 6:00 pm** for complimentary light bites and a cash bar. And make sure you have your punch card as you make your way through the halls; full punch cards can be entered into a drawing for a \$300 American Express gift card. Two lucky winners will be awarded!



Don't Miss the Awards Celebration!

Close out the conference with the AIA Minnesota Awards Celebration! Start the party with light bites and drinks, then gather for the presentation of the AIA Minnesota 25 Year Award, Honor Awards and Commendations (with comments from the three jurors), and Gold Medal. We'll also look back at the many award winners from the past year. This year's program will be emceed by Minnesota architects **Derek McCallum, AIA**, and **Rachael Spires, AIA**, who will bring even more fun to the festivities.

Not attending A'24 MN? You can still attend the awards celebration! Tickets are \$45 per person. [Register today »](#)

Apply to Serve on the Architect Licensing Board

Board members are appointed by the Governor of Minnesota to four-year terms and may serve a maximum of two terms. Board members must be a resident of Minnesota at the time of and throughout their appointment. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please complete the [Open Appointments Application](#) from the Secretary of State's website and submit. You may contact the Board office with general questions.

The following positions are up for appointment in 2025: Architect (1); Professional Engineer (1); Professional Soil Scientist (1); Certified Interior Designer (1); Public Member (3). [Learn more »](#)

CAAPB Seeks Consultants for Comprehensive Plan Rule Making and Area Management

Minnesota's Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board (CAAPB) is seeking proposals from qualified consultant teams to develop and update the [Minnesota Rules Chapter 2400, Capitol Area Zoning and Design rules](#) ("Rules") for the Capitol Area in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

The update to the Rules will build upon the 2040 Comprehensive Plan for the Minnesota State Capitol Area and the existing Rules to regulate and manage the Capitol Area environment and its physical form. [Click here for the Request for Proposal »](#)

Responses must be received not later than 5:00 pm, Central Time, November 8, 2024.

Architect Licensing Board Seeks Feedback

In late September, the [AELSLAGID board](#) (which licenses architects in Minnesota) published notice in the [state register](#) of a request for comments on several proposed changes to their rules.

Among those listed was a broad call for interested parties to share their thoughts on "experience options for licensure as an architect for those who completed the Architect Registration Exam in another jurisdiction."

Licensing board staff noted that this is not in reference to a fully-developed rule change proposal, but is rather an opportunity to provide direct feedback to them on issues of licensure to potentially inform a future rule-making process.

All of you, as individuals, are welcome to provide comments directly to the licensing board; you can do so by emailing [Kay Weiss](#) with your comments. The window to provide comments will remain open until November 6, 2024.

The AIA Minnesota board of directors established a [task force](#) to create recommendations to the licensing board. That task force has begun its work, and may choose to comment on behalf of the organization during this comment period as well.

Please reach out to [Sheri Hansen](#) if you have any further questions about either the AELSLAGID board process or the AIA Minnesota task force.

SB 2030 Program Updates and Educational Opportunities

Starting January 1, 2025, the SB 2030 Program will require participating buildings to achieve a 90% better-than-baseline requirements. Key program updates will also modify how cost-effectiveness is considered, how off-site renewable energy is treated, and which carbon emissions rates are used for electricity.

SB 2030 program staff are holding two opportunities for discussion of these updates:

Monday, November 4, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

[Register here »](#)

Thursday, November 21, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

[Register here »](#)

Additionally, there will be a session at the A'24 MN Conference on Architecture that provides a general overview of the program updates and a deep dive into this topic at the annual SB 2030 educational symposium:

- November 11 M04. Transforming Building Energy Impacts: Navigating SB 2030 and Beyond
- December 10 1:00 - 4:30 pm (SB 2030 educational symposium at the Science Museum of Minnesota), additional details coming soon

[Sign up for the B3 email list »](#)



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 in late November. [Sign up here for our mailing list](#) to be the first to hear updates and when registration is open.

Four out of six speakers are lined up! Meet:

- [Bradley Greenwald](#) has performed opera, theater, music-theater, concert and recital repertoire with several Twin Cities' arts organizations. Bradley is the recipient of a Minnesota State Arts Board Fellowship in music, the McKnight Fellowship for Theater Artists, and a 2006 Ivey Award.
- [Ali Heshmati, AIA](#), is a senior architect at [Henning Larsen](#) and a founding partner at **Laboratory for Environments, Architecture, and Design**, a collaborative interdisciplinary firm with studios in USA and Norway. [LEADinc](#) is a progressive design laboratory whose guiding principle is the idea that creative architecture is rooted in the process of research, discovery and critique of existing conventions.
- [Ray Mattison](#) is the lead designer at Duluth-based [Design Eye Q](#), a creative industrial design studio. Design Eye Q has an exceptional product implementation record leveraging foundations in aesthetics, functionality, technology, and ergonomics.
- [Gianni Royer](#) is a professor of solids and structural mechanics and director of graduate studies in industrial engineering at University of Parma in Italy, a licensed professional engineer and industrial consultant, and inventor of two patents. He has been named in Stanford/Elsevier list of [the World's Top 2% Scientists](#).

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 Honor Awards and Commendations Announced

In late October, the following six projects were selected to receive either a 2024 Honor Award or Commendation:

- **Autism Discovery Center** in St. Cloud, by VJAA
- **CITYPARK Stadium** in St. Louis, by Snow Kreilich Architects and HOK
- **825 Arts** in St. Paul, by VJAA
- **Lakewood Welcome Center** in Minneapolis, by Snow Kreilich Architects and Miller Dunwiddie
- **Mills Hall and the Gibbons Center for Arctic Studies** at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, by HGA
- **Upper Canada College Rowing Facility** in Toronto, by VJAA and RDHA

Which projects won which awards—and the AIA Framework for Design Excellence measures they were cited for—will be revealed at the conference-closing Awards Celebration, as the three jurors share comments on their selections.

Constance Chen, AIA Representing



Minnesota on Young Architects Forum

Constance Chen, AIA was selected by the AIA Minnesota Board of Directors to serve as the Minnesota Young Architects Representative (YAR). Chen will be a communications link between the AIA Young Architects Forum and Minnesota as the YAF addresses issues of particular importance to recently licensed architects (within 10 years or less of first licensure).

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2025 Advertising Sponsorship Opportunities

As you plan and finalize your ad budget for 2025, please consider the variety of advertising and sponsorship opportunities available through AIA Minnesota. See the attached [menu](#) for a general list of events and contact [Pam Nelson](#) for details.

Upcoming is the **ENTER print annual** publication. This once-a-year, high-quality publication should be a part of your annual plan. More details to come by mid-January. For ongoing exposure, consider the digital ads on our [ENTER digital site](#). With new content each month, this is a great vehicle to reach architects, related project partners, and community leaders. Ad rates are \$995 per month for Presenting Sponsor and \$495 for an ad block. Contact [Pam Nelson](#) for details.

MINNESOTA ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION



Purchase Your Chance for Prizes!

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation (MAF) will once again be selling Raffle tickets with fantastic prizes. Your purchase of raffle tickets helps MAF invest in **Excellence, Leadership, Discovery, and Equity** in the profession of architecture!

We are excited to announce this year's raffle items:

Larsmont Cottage Winter Stay, February 7-10, 2025 (\$1,200 value)

- Enjoy three nights in a cottage with spectacular views on the shore of Lake Superior! Common spaces, 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, and sleeps 6-8.
- *Donated by Mary & Bob Shaffer*

Restaurant Certificates – Minneapolis & West Metro (\$1,000 value)

- Discover a variety of dining experiences around Minneapolis and the West Metro from cozy and vibrant to elegant fine dining establishments.
- *donated by Adolfson & Peterson, Mortenson, McGough, and RJM Construction*

Restaurant Certificates – St. Paul & East Metro (\$1,000 value)

- Enjoy a variety of eating establishments around St. Paul and the East Metro from casual to fine dining and lots more.
- *donated by Adolfson & Peterson, Mortenson, McGough, and RJM Construction*

Wine Collection: A Taste of Italy (\$400-600 value)

- A unique collection of Italian inspired wines hand-selected by MAF board members.
- *donated by MAF board members*

Learn to Cook Like a Pro with Barb Thomson (\$400 value)

- Soon to be published cookbook author will lead and host a cooking class at her home for four people. Participants will prepare and enjoy a meal.
- *donated by Barb Thomson*

Whiskey Tasting Kit (\$350 value)

- A collection of five whiskies from around the world, accompanied by tasting glasses, and complemented by the pairing of crackers and dark chocolate.
- *donated by Steven Wolf, AIA*

Wigington Water Tower Framed Sketch (\$350 value)

- A hand-drawn sketch, framed to perfection in a 11x17 format, this piece offers a unique and personalized glimpse into a beloved landmark.
- *donated by Mark Swenson, FAIA*

Twins Dugout Tickets (\$184 value)

- Experience the thrill of Major League Baseball with two dugout tickets to a Minnesota Twins home game during the 2025 season.
- *donated by Barb and Jim Thomson*

Raffle tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased from any MAF board member or

at the table outside the Grand Pavilion.

Double Your Impact!

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation (MAF) has received a generous \$50,000 donation commitment to the Clarence Wigington Fund from an anonymous donor contingent on matching this amount with new fundraising efforts, and we need your help to match this goal. [Donate today »](#)

CONTINUING EDUCATION



Upcoming CE Opportunities

Start assessing now how many additional credits you still need to renew your AIA membership due December 31, 2024. The requirement is for licensed architects only and is 18 Learning Units (hours), 12 of which must be Health Safety Welfare. [Check your AIA transcript »](#)

A'24 MN Conference on Architecture

Make sure to [register](#) and attend the A'24 MN Conference on November 10, 11, 12. Up to 18.25 LUs can be earned over the three-day conference including Ethics, HSW, and GBCI credits. Choose from 51 different programs, keynotes, and tours. Program subjects include building codes, design, equity, diversity & inclusion, equity in the built environment, healthcare, materials and systems, practice management, sustainable design, technology and more. Take advantage of this economical and efficient way to meet your continuing education goals.

AIA Minnesota on-demand webinars are also available, recorded from the best of the best programs from past Conferences. [On demand »](#)

Questions? Contact [Deanna Christiansen](#).

LEADERSHIP FORUM

Leadership Forum 2025

Comments from a couple members of the 2024 cohort:

- “I thought the content was amazing. There was excellent engagement, and I really valued the time to sit and learn.”
- “It was great to have so many opportunities for group exercises and personal reflection.”

We are now planning and looking forward to our 16th year of the AIA Minnesota Leadership Forum!

Eligibility requirements are:

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

Nine sessions will begin in January and continue through July. All but two will be full-day sessions. Areas of focus on content include: Defining Leadership & Cultivating Change; Knowing and Using Your Strengths to Lead; Building Trust and Engagement; Foundations of Intercultural Development; Leadership and Communication; Leadership Stories: Knowing When and How to Lead; Leadership Advocacy – What is Your Story? And, Rethinking, Adapting, Reflecting & Charting Your Path Forward.

Applications are due December 9, 2024. [Apply for Leadership Forum »](#)

Click here for a [PDF of the Application](#) to review only.

Questions? Contact [Deanna Christiansen](#).

NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

AIA NATIONAL

12 AIA AWARDS PROGRAMS ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS

AIA Awards are your opportunity to enhance your visibility, gain prestigious industry recognition, and establish your work as a benchmark of excellence and innovation. Currently [accepting submissions](#): COTE Top Ten Award, AIA/ALA Library Building Award, Architecture Award, Collaborative Achievement Award, Design for Aging Review Award, Education Facility Design Award, Healthcare Design Award, Housing Award, Interior Architecture Award, Justice Facilities Review Award, Regional & Urban Design Award, and the Small Project Award. New this year, you can submit the [common application](#) to save time and money when submitting a project in multiple award categories.

AIA 2030 BY THE NUMBERS (RY23) PUBLISHES KEY REPORTED FINDINGS ON THE INDUSTRY'S PATH TO NET ZERO

The AIA 2030 Commitment has released its latest edition of the [2030 By the Numbers \(RY23\)](#). This report highlights major improvements in reported embodied carbon data, increases in net zero projects and projects with renewable energy projects, and two firm case studies that show firm culture is at the heart of improving practice and design outcomes.

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

ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCH

Monday, November 11, 11:45am-1pm

Join fellow AIA Minneapolis members for a lively and engaging session at the A'24 MN Conference! Connect with fellow members. Cast your vote for new chapter leadership and shape the future of AIA Minneapolis. Learn about the chapter's accomplishments and plans for the upcoming year. Test your knowledge of architecture, design, and local landmarks in a friendly trivia competition. Don't miss this opportunity for fun, networking, and professional development.

If you are registering for [A'24 MN Conference](#), be sure to add Event M12 to your selections or register for the [AIA Minneapolis Annual Meeting as a stand-alone event](#).

AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA

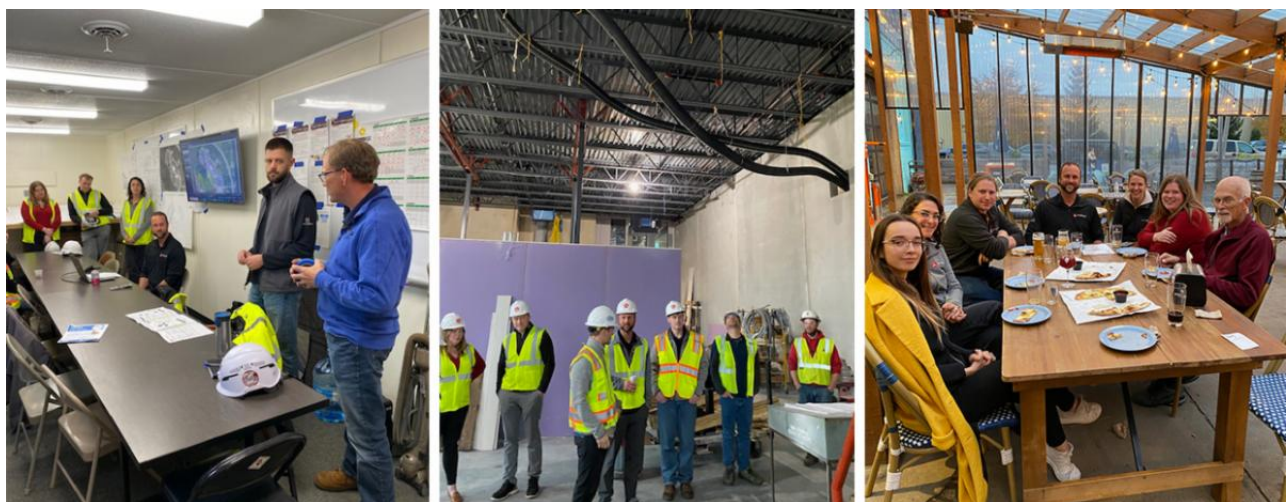
MEMBER LUNCH

Monday, November 11, 11:45am-1pm

The Crooked Pint

AIA Northern Chapter members are invited to gather for a casual and fun networking lunch during the A'24 MN Conference! An opportunity to connect with fellow members, socialize, and enjoy some delicious food. There is a nominal cost of \$10 for this event and AIA Northern Minnesota chapter will cover the remaining cost of lunch.

If you are registering for [A'24 MN Conference](#), be sure to add Event M14 to your selections or register for the [AIA Northern Minnesota Annual Meeting as a stand-alone event](#).



On October 24, AIA Northern Minnesota hosted their hard hat tour at Lake Superior College, followed by a social at Ursa Minor. **Shane Nies, AIA**, led the tour with updates and experiences of the project, which included hiring on carpentry students at the college during the summer to work on demo for the project, giving those students on-site experience! The 9,000 sf addition is

tracking to be completed end of January 2025 and the 20,000 sf interior renovation is tracking to be completed end of November 2024.

AIA ST. PAUL

ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCH

Monday, November 11, 11:45am-1pm

AIA St. Paul members are invited to attend our annual meeting and lunch! Join members for an engaging session at the A'24 MN Conference! In addition to connecting with fellow members, hear from special guest, Joe Spencer, president of the Saint Paul Downtown Alliance as he shares their work to create and maintain a vibrant, economically successful, safe, and attractive downtown that benefits the entire city of St. Paul and the region. Cast your vote for new chapter leadership and shape the future of AIA St. Paul. Learn about the chapter's accomplishments, financial status, and plans for the upcoming year. Celebrate the success of the AIA St. Paul chapter and look forward to the year ahead.

AIA ST. PAUL PRIZE

Calling all designers! Get ready for the highly anticipated annual St. Paul Prize design competition to open November 11 – December 10, 2024. Compete alongside fellow emerging designers for a chance to win \$3,000. As an added honor, the winner(s) will receive an exclusive invitation to present at AIA St. Paul's Food for Thought seminar, set for the first quarter of 2025.

[Learn more and apply »](#)

COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES

ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NO MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER

Plan to attend the A'24 MN Conference, which includes:
M24. ARE 101: Personal Experiences from Start to Finish

ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 12 8:30 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

The November meeting is canceled to accommodate A'24 MN.

BUILDING CODES KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

NO MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER

Plan to attend the A'24 MN Conference, which includes:
M16. What Would You Do? Navigating the Intersection of Building Codes and Ethics

COMMITTEE ON DESIGN

NO MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER

Next Meeting:
Thursday, December 12, 12:00 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

Sign up for these A'24 MN Conference programs!
W51. Realizing Design Excellence Through the Common App
W53. Keynote: Honor Award Jurors Show Their Work
W60. 2+2: Design for Discovery

COMMITTEE ON EQUITY IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT (EBE)

Tuesday, November 19, 3:30 pm
[Virtual meeting](#)

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COTE)

Friday, November 8, 12:00 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

Starting in 2025, buildings participating in the SB 2030 program will need to meet more stringent 90% better-than-baseline requirements. In addition, the SB 2030 program is providing several program updates which will modify how cost-effectiveness is considered, how off-site renewable energy is treated, and which carbon emissions rates are used for electricity. Join us to learn more about how the state is pushing sustainability further in 2025. Pat Smith, Maureen Colburn and Diba Malekpour Koupaei, on the management team for SB 2030, will provide an update.

Sign up for this A'24 MN Conference program!
W60. 2+2: Design for Discovery

COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

NO MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER

Plan to attend the A'24 MN Conference, which includes:
W60. Leadership Transition

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 14, 12:00 pm (meetings are held quarterly)
[Virtual Meeting](#)

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 »](#)

Plan to attend the A'24 MN Conference, which includes:
W48: Empowering the Next Generation of Professionals

ENTER COMMITTEE

NO MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER

Watch for details about a specially scheduled meeting in December.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 19, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Join us for a post-election strategy session to get on track for the 2025 legislative session.

Sign up for this A'24 MN Conference program!

T31. Architectural Statehouse Rock

HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 6, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

[Search for Shelter 2025](#)

February 1-8, 2025

Join us for our annual design charette! In-person opening and closing events will bookend a week of virtual or hybrid team work. All levels of experience are welcome! [Volunteer »](#)

Know an agency that works in housing and needs free design service? Encourage them to apply! Applications are due January 11. [Apply »](#)

LAKE SUPERIOR DESIGN RETREAT COMMITTEE

Monday, November 18, 11:30 am

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Plan to attend the 37th Annual Lake Superior Design Retreat

March 7-8, 2025 at Zeitgeist Arts in Duluth

Visit [LSDR](#) for more info

MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM COMMITTEE (MDT)

Wednesday, November 20, 4:30 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 5, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 20, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

Don't miss the "[Converging of Times](#)" exhibit in the Coffman Art Gallery, featuring the work of committee member **Debanjana Chatterjee, AIA**! Through mixed media illustration — photography, digital sketch, and lithography — her work depicts the dilemmas of a woman living within different layers of society; the notion that women go unnoticed, are overworked, and underpaid. She reflects on how women are psychologically struggling every day. **The exhibit runs October 1 - February 2, 2025.** And watch for a WIA social that includes a trip to view this exhibit!

Sign up for these A'24 MN Conference programs!

M11. WIA Networking | 10 Years Looking Back to Look Forward

M25. The FAIA Legacy Project: New Documentaries

T40. Establishing the Business Case for Women in Architecture — 10 Years Later

PEOPLE & FIRMS

Baker Associates has merged with **Foundation Architects**.

Hennepin County's "Building the Foundation for Commercial Building Material Reuse" was selected to receive an [MPCA Statewide Sustainable Building and Materials grant](#). The project, a collaboration of the University of Minnesota's Center for Sustainable Building Research, **MSR Design**, and Doors Unhinged, will address key barriers to commercial building material reuse through focused education and outreach, project-level technical assistance, and business development workshops.

The International Federation of Library Organizations and Institutions (IFLA), through its Environment Sustainability and Libraries Special Interest Group (ENSULIB), has honored Missoula Public Library's Downtown Flagship Library, designed by **MSR Design**, with the 2024 IFLA Green Library Grand Scale Project Award. [Learn more »](#)

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Narges Adelian, Assoc. AIA
Lamia Tasnim Ankon, Assoc. AIA
Justin Berg, AIA
Anakin Chalin, Assoc. AIA
Francesco Di Caprio, Assoc. AIA
Noah Fjerstad, Assoc. AIA
Collin Johnson, Assoc. AIA
Kristopher Kohlgraf, AIA
Peyton Larson, Assoc. AIA

Dawn Loraas, Assoc. AIA
Emily Mammenga, Assoc. AIA
Aaron McMurry, AIA
Noah Meier, AIA
Abbigail Miner, Assoc. AIA
Minchie Pavico, Assoc. AIA
Kaitlyn Roberts, Assoc. AIA
Jessica Spaulding, AIA
Celia Studenski, Assoc. AIA

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS

[UMN CONVERGING OF TIMES EXHIBIT OCTOBER 1 - FEBRUARY 2 »](#)

[MASS TIMBER ACCELERATORS: INCENTIVES FOR HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPING IN OUR CITIES NOVEMBER 6 »](#)

[BLOOD DRIVE IN MEMORY OF ERIN RUSS, AIA, NOVEMBER 7 »](#)

[NCARB: RE-EVALUATING COMPETENCIES FOR LICENSURE WEBINAR NOVEMBER 7 »](#)

[ASID DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES: COREY DAMEN JENKINS NOVEMBER 14 »](#)

[ASLA-MN TRIVIA NIGHT NOVEMBER 14 »](#)

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UMN IP CLINIC: the IP Clinic provides members of the local community an opportunity to obtain legal assistance in matters involving intellectual property, such as copyrightable works, trademarks, patents, and confidentiality obligations. Legal assistance is provided by second- and third-year law school students under the supervision of a licensed attorney. There is no charge for participating in the IP Clinic, though clients are responsible for out-of-pocket costs (such as copyright registration and trademark application fees).

If you have any members that might be interested in obtaining legal assistance regarding their Intellectual Property, please have them complete the application available [at this link on the Clinic's webpage](#) and return it to lawclinic@umn.edu.

UMN ONLINE RESOURCES

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

UMN CAREER AND INTERNSHIP RESOURCES

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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