

**Thursdays @ Three**

eNewsletter

Duty to Defend Bill Passed

Our Duty to Defend Bill has passed and is headed to Governor Kotek's office for signature. THANK YOU ALL for your efforts, responses to our calls to action, and showing up for activities like Oregon Leadership Summit and to the legislature for testimony (Please thank Kathy Austin when you see her / talk to her!).

Our partners in NOMA PDX were also instrumental - thank Jean Root, Karina Ruiz, and Octavio Gutierrez when you have the chance as well for offering their support. Erica Rife and AFO were also participants in our Leadership Summit; the bill was carried by Marshall Coba (lobbyist) and Tonya Finley (President) of ACEC Oregon, and of course, our own Cindy Robert for AIAO.

It was truly an all-hands-on-deck effort, especially with last minute opposition from the League of Cities and Towns, Trimet and Oregon Counties! With our collaborative and persistent effort, this measure is now headed to the Governor's desk for signature; we see no opposition as of this time to that signature. When signed, the law will become effective January 1, 2025. It will not affect contracts executed before this time.

Click below to read the full text of the bill.

[Read the Duty to Defend Bill - Senate Bill 1575](#)

AIAO Virtual Mentorship Program



Calling all Emerging Professionals and Fellows!

Apply now for this inaugural mentorship program, offering wisdom and perspectives from AIA Oregon Fellows and other experienced professionals. Thank you to the **AIA College of Fellows**, whose grant funding made this event possible.

What is it:

A fast-paced 4-week mentor program offering group and 1:1 mentoring opportunities. Group sessions to include a presentation followed by small group discussions to debrief and hear perspectives from our mentors.

Who it's for:

Mentees – emerging professionals and/or those new to the Oregon architecture community
Mentors – experienced professionals looking to share their wisdom and guide the next generation of designers.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

Info Session March 20

If you would like to know more about this mentorship program, we will be conducting an info session via zoom on March 20 from 5-6pm.

[Register for the Info Session Here](#)

AIAO SFx Representative Update

Our Small Firms Exchange Representative, Jennifer Wright, AIA gives us this AIA SFx resource update:

How to leverage your small firm's technology and creativity using AI for renderings & presentations to clients.

The February AIA National SFx meeting hosted two architects from New Jersey, William Martin & Brian Penschow, discussing how AI can help small firm architects by using this technology to create preliminary images quickly to progress the design process at a lower cost. The value of this presentation is the ability of these designers to demystify the technology by breaking down intricate concepts into more digestible terms. Their overarching aim is to dispel apprehensions about AI potentially replacing architects and instead empower the profession to wield AI confidently and ethically.

Visit the AIA SFx Knowledge Net for key takeaways and a summary.

[Visit the SFx Knowledge Net](#)

To watch a similar presentation hosted by AIA New Jersey, here is the YouTube video [link](#).

AIAO Virtual Lunch + Learn - Azek



Mar 26 | 12-1pm | Virtual

Presented by John Hamilton, Market Development Manager
1 AIA LU/HSW Available

Exterior building products should be easy to work with and offer design flexibility, durability, and low maintenance.

Polymer trim and moulding providing a finished look, playing a key role in tying together building elements such as eaves, windows, doors, corners, and columns.

Mar 14, 2024

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AIAO Virtual Mentorship Program

Member Firm Spotlight: LRS Architects



Senior Principal
Steve Mileham
Retires After Nearly
Four Decades

AIA24

JUNE 5-8

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UPCOMING EVENTS

AIA Salem Tour of Kinsey Shop
Mar 14 | [Details](#)

AIA Oregon Board Meeting
Mar 15 | [Details](#)

Urban Design Panel March - The Center for Tribal Nations
Mar 19 | [Details](#)

AIAO SFx Coffee Break
Mar 20 | [Details](#)

AIA Portland Steering Committee Meeting - Rescheduled
Mar 20 | [Details](#)

Mentoring Program Info Session
Mar 20 | [Details](#)

AIA Eugene March Section Meeting
Mar 20 | [Details](#)

RELATED NEWS & EVENTS

Energy Trust of Oregon - Net Zero Fellowship Grants
Application open through May 3
[Details](#)

Read more related news below.

News from National



This course will cover the safety, durability, and performance benefits of cellular polymer trim and moulding, as well as best practices for meeting code and safety standards.

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Did you miss a program?
Check out the [AIA Oregon Vimeo Page](#) for recordings of many of our past programs and events.

AIA Eugene Section Meeting

AIA Eugene Mar 20 | 5:30-7:30pm
Ninkasi Better Living Room Atrium

The AIA recognizes a Citizen Architect as an AIA member that applies their design insights, talents and training to advance leadership, advocacy, and civic engagement, and within their community strives to be the voice of the profession to other members in the general public.

Plan to join us at our March Section Meeting to learn how local section members are putting the idea of Citizen Architect into practice and how you can engage with the AIAO structure to become more active as well.

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[Meet our Directors here!](#)

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Enter to Win Moda Center Tickets

**AIA Members Win Tickets to Moda Center Events!
Enter by 5pm Friday**

Enter for the empty spaces in upcoming Moda Center events! All you need to do is follow the link below to fill out a quick form and you could win 2 free tickets to the suite for an upcoming game or event! Enter today and start getting back together safely! Don't miss out!

Members - please be aware that you are responsible for the behavior of your guests.

Upcoming *available* games/events next week:

- TB v Clippers - 3/20 - 7pm
- TB v Clippers - 3/22 - 7pm
- TB v Nuggets - 3/23 - 7pm

You must be an AIA Member to enter.

[Enter Here](#)

Upcoming Events

Are you looking for events with Continuing Education? You can go to the [Continuing Education Events](#) page on our website and see all of the AIA Oregon upcoming events that include AIA LUs!



AIA Salem Tour of Kinsey Shop
Mar 14 | 5-6pm | Silverton, OR

Join your local colleagues at J.W. Kinsey's custom design and fabrication shop in Silverton, Oregon for a facility tour followed by snacks and libations. [Learn More and RSVP](#)



March Urban Design Panel The Center for Tribal Nations
Mar 19 | 12-1pm | Virtual Event

In this month's Urban Design Panel, we will hear about the Center For Tribal Nations - a mixed-use development that aims to leverage the redevelopment of the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) masterplan to establish a collaborative partnership between Native and non-Native organizations, Tribal and non-tribal governments into an integrated project that will restore Native peoples' connection to the Willamette River and address challenges of sustainability, resilience and inclusion. [Learn More and Register](#)



AIA Bend Thirsty Third Thursday
Mar 21 | 4-6pm | Boss Rambler Beer Club

The AIA Bend Section Emerging Professionals Committee hosts a networking gathering on the third Thursday of each month except for November and December. The first drink is free to registered attendees of all design and construction disciplines! [Learn More and Register](#)



**AIAO Small Firms Exchange Program:
Pitching Projects to Media**
Mar 21 | 4:30-6:30pm | Opsis Architecture and Virtual Sponsored by [Portland Millwork](#)

Getting your design projects in front of the right audience can fuel your marketing strategy and get you more of the right kind of projects. But just how do you do that? Join Oregon Home magazine editor Emily Grosvenor, author of Find Yourself at Home, for a frank chat about how to start collaborating with media. [Learn More and Register](#)



AIA Portland Social Hour, hosted by the EPC
Mar 21 | 5:30-7:30pm | Holst Architecture

This month's Social Hour will be held at Holst Architecture at 123 NE 3rd Ave | Suite 310, Portland.

Our local Social Hours are hosted by our Emerging Professionals Committee, are open to all members of the AEC community, and are a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow professionals!

[Learn More and Register](#)



**Oregon Design Conference - Beyond Shelter
Confronting our housing crisis together**
May 8-10 | Bend, Oregon | Save the Date!

Mark your calendars now and get ready to participate in ODC 24! The conference theme of ODC 2024 "Beyond Shelter: Confronting Our Housing Crisis, Together" will address the housing crisis, sustainability, and resilience through the lens of what actions architects can take to have a positive impact. [Learn More](#)

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Register for AIA24! Jun 5-8 | Washington, D.C.

Registration just opened for the premier AEC industry event—the AIA Conference on Architecture & Design 2024—happening June 5–8 in Washington, D.C. AIA24 will bring together the often-silenced AEC industry to network, share knowledge, gain exposure, and find multidisciplinary solutions to today's most pressing issues.

[Learn More and Register](#)

Not a Member? Get two for the price of one!

Join AIA as a new member, then unlock your \$159 New Member Pass to AIA24.

Related News & Events



CSI Section Meeting Apr 9 | 4:30-6:30pm | Courtyard by Marriott 1 AIA LU/HSW

ADHERED MASONRY SEISMIC TESTING

Join Portland CSI for a deep dive into adhered masonry seismic testing. Review the importance and history of seismic testing, including a description of existing test methods. An explanation of the what, how, and why of seismic testing for adhered masonry systems, along with discussion about the criteria and applicability- filling in the when and where. [Learn More and Register](#)



HOPES 29 Apr 19-21 | University of Oregon Lawrence Hall AIA LU HSW and Elective Available

This year, the UO College of Design's HOPES Conference challenges designers to examine our own institutions, exploring how redefining our own modes of practice might better prepare us to do the difficult work of restructuring our institutions to better serve our sustainable goals. [Learn More and Register](#)

Grants, Scholarships, Competitions & Opportunities



AIA24 Emerging Professionals Grant: Call for Applications

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the Architects Foundation are thrilled to offer a grant opportunity for recipients to attend the 2024 AIA Conference on Architecture and Design. This grant provides emerging professionals an opportunity to attend the annual conference and gain access to career resources, the latest trends in the building industry, networking opportunities, and potential employment opportunities. [Learn More and Apply](#)



AIA Small Project Design (SPD) 2024 Grant Program - Call for Submissions

The SPD advisory committee is pleased to announce the 2024 Small Project Design Knowledge Community Grant. 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. [Learn More](#)

2023 SPD Sample Winner Applications

[These applications](#) from 2023 Small Project Award winners are available to be used as a resource for those submitting award applications for the current awards cycle.



Energy Trust of Oregon - Net Zero Fellowship Grants Applications open through May 3

The Net Zero Fellowship aims to address technological, financial, social, and other market barriers to net-zero energy buildings and to grow the community of practitioners advancing commercial net-zero energy development in **Oregon and Washington**.

Since 2017, Energy Trust has invited building industry professionals or companies to submit research proposals that advance net-zero commercial buildings. Individuals or firms in the fields of community development, urban planning, architecture, engineering, construction, facility management, public policy, or academia are encouraged to apply. [Learn More and Apply](#)



AIA Honors & Awards Currently Open

There are no Honors or Awards Open at this time

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