



New AIA National Leadership

June 24, 2021

Emily A. Grandstaff-Rice, FAIA, elected 2023 President-elect

Last week, three new leaders were elected to the American Institute of Architects' Board of Directors:

- Treasurer - Timothy C. Hawk, FAIA
- At-large Director - Kevin M. Holland, FAIA
- First Vice President - Emily Grandstaff-Rice, FAIA

[Learn More about the New Board Members](#)

Other Highlights of the Annual Meeting

The AIA 2021 annual meeting was held June 10, 2021. Review remarks from leadership as well as the 2021 Treasurer's report and new business:

"We adapted and therefore we evolved" - Peter J. Exley, FAIA, 2021 President (video)

"AIA remains committed to doing what's right" - Robert A. Ivy, FAIA, AIA EVP/Chief Executive Officer (video)

2021 Treasurer's report - Evelyn M. Lee, FAIA, 2020-21 Treasurer (video)

Resolutions passed and Bylaw amendments

Message From



Heather Wilson
AIAO Executive Vice
President/CEO

"Breathe and Begin"

AIA Northwest + Pacific Region Design and Honors Awards Open

Design Awards: Intent to Submit due: June 28, 2021

The 2021 AIA Northwest and Pacific Region (NW+PR) Design Awards celebrate the best architectural designs available from AIA members in the



NW+PR and those AIA members who have worked on projects in the NW+PR. These projects represent the finest standards in sustainability, innovation, building performance, and overall integration with client and surrounding community.

Also open - AIA NW+PR Honor Awards:

2021 Medal of Honor for Lifetime Achievement Award
Nominations due: August 2, 2021

2021 Emerging Firm Award
Intent to Submit Due: June 28, 2021

2021 Firm Award
Intent to Submit Due: June 28, 2021

NEW - 2021 EP Friendly Firm Award
Submissions due: August 2, 2021

The Honors and Awards Program will be September 24, 2021.

[Learn More](#)

Did you know?

One benefit of Firm Membership is inclusion in our new Firm Finder

Firm Finder, our new Find an Architect feature, is nearly ready to go live! Inclusion in the Firm Finder is one of the Benefits of AIA Oregon Firm membership, an additional voluntary membership program that is available to all AIA member-led firms in Oregon. Another way to support our local chapter, Firm Membership provides additional benefits, services and opportunities for firms in Oregon, which now includes the Firm Finder!

[Learn How to Become an AIAO Firm Member](#)

Reminder - If you are an AIA Oregon Firm Member, we ask that help us with our final adjustments by going in and checking over your firm page in the **Firm Finder** and making sure that everything looks correct. We ask that you please send your corrections and additions to Kathy Wendland by Friday, June 25th, so that we can go live by July 1st.

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July 6 | [Details](#)

AIA Southern Oregon



“UrbanForm - making building regulations more accessible”

June 30 | 5-6pm | 1 AIA LU|HSW Available

Quang Truong, AIA will discuss the development of UrbanForm, an online platform for zoning and building information. Quang will discuss how

UrbanForm's technology can improve access to regulatory information, identify development opportunities, focus architectural design and value propositions, generate urban analytic models for policy and planning purposes, and improve equity and participation in the built environment.

[Learn More and Register](#)

6/23/21 DDS - A Presentation by Hussein Al-Baiaty - is now available to view on our [Vimeo Page](#). [See the Video Here»](#)

Upcoming Digital Design Series Presentation

July 14 | CEU Pending | **Living Buildings - Energy Petal Dynamics**. Join the net positive design team as they discuss their experience through 90% design for their 61,000 SF living building. [Learn More and Register»](#)

News & Events



Social Justice Action Plan - Year in Review

If you haven't checked it out yet, the SJAP Steering Committee has put together a summary of the work that has been done this past year on our long-range plan towards promoting social justice: not only creating a framework of six goals highlighting impact areas and strategic actions but also working Chapter-wide to implement change at all levels - from the Board, to committees, to individual membership commitment. Read the Year in Review summary at our [Social Justice Action Plan page»](#)



AIA Conference on Architecture Online - Day 2

July 8 | 10am

The second online event in the AIA Conference on Architecture will be on July 8, with a topic of Sustainable Practice: "Buildings are responsible for about 40% of the world's carbon emissions. Learn how to painlessly, profitably, and equitably add sustainable design to

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ATTN: AIA Oregon Member Firms

AIA Oregon Firm Membership is available to all AIA member-led firms in Oregon. This is an additional voluntary membership program that provides additional benefits, services and opportunities geared to Oregon firms. [Learn more here.](#)

your firm's portfolio of services and strategies to convince clients of its value." The two upcoming days are July 29th and Aug 19. [Learn More»](#)



Thursday Roundtable - Upcoming Events

The Thursday Roundtable is a discussion-based venue, with a somewhat regular schedule, focused on topics of interest to our members.

7/15 Rescheduled EP Licensing Discussion. This week will feature two guests to help answer questions

about Architecture licensing:

Chris Lewis – State of Oregon License Advisor for the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB)

Lisa Howard – Executive Director, Oregon State Board of Architect Examiners (OSBAE)

AIA Oregon invites all Emerging Professionals, and anyone interested in a refresher about the licensing process. We will discuss various topics, including: reporting experience and current testing procedures.

[Learn More and Register»](#)



FEMA RFI on Climate Change and Equity for Underserved Populations

Feedback is open through July 21.

FEMA

FEMA is seeking public comments on how the agency can further advance equity in underserved communities and strengthen resilience from the impacts of climate change. On April 22, FEMA posted a Request for Information to help identify areas where the agency's programs can be modified to better align with President Biden's Executive Orders 13985, 13990, and 14008.

The public notice contains [a list of 16 questions](#) (see general questions at the end of the document) to assist in identifying agency programs, regulations, and/or policies that may benefit from modification, streamlining, expansion, or repeal to further advance equity in underserved communities and strengthen resilience from the impacts of climate change. FEMA encourages public comment on these questions and seeks any other data that commenters believe are relevant to the agency's review efforts. After reviewing the document linked above, [Leave Comments Here»](#)

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AIA Film Challenge 2021 Now Open Submission Deadline August 16

The AIA Film Challenge 2021 invites you to share stories of architects, civic leaders, and their communities working together to achieve a zero-carbon, resilient, healthy, just, and equitable built environment. They're asking for 1:30 to 3 minute short documentary films that you can produce from any device. [Learn More»](#)

Related News & Events



NOMA West - Project Pipeline Regional Camp - Registration is Open!

Two Day Virtual Architectural Camp
Aug 6-7 | 9am-3pm | Registration Deadline is July 17

Project Pipeline Architecture Camp was created to serve as NOMA's solution to increasing the number of underrepresented minorities, pursuing careers in architecture. This year's camp is a 2-day virtual summer camp for middle school students (completed 6th grade) interested in architecture and design.

Registration Deadline is July 17, 2021 - REGISTER NOW! [Learn More and Register»](#)



Upcoming Trainings on the new Oregon and Washington Energy Codes

Live and On-Demand Trainings

Earth Advantage has provided us information on trainings on the latest updates on the new OR Residential Energy Code and the new WA State Energy Code as well as energy efficient building/design best practices in general. Stay up to date on best practices to meet and/or exceed the OR and WA energy codes with these training opportunities. [Learn More and Register»](#)

They have also recently developed a '[2021 Oregon Residential Energy Code Summary](#)' fact sheet that describes significant changes to this year's energy code.



Green Schools Conference and Expo

June 28-29

The Green Schools Conference (GSC) is an event that brings together all the players involved in making green schools a reality: people who lead, operate, build and teach in schools. This year the Green Schools Conference will convene virtually over two half-days of programming, featuring inspiring keynotes, interactive education sessions and engaging peer group networking opportunities.

The conference will address topics such as design for sustainability education and social equity, healthy schools and COVID-19 response, empowering student leadership, achieving climate commitments, and much more. Whether you are a teacher, school or district staff, educational leader, parent, student, building industry professional or nonprofit partner, the Green Schools Conference is the premier opportunity to learn and engage. [Learn More and Register»](#)



Explore the Architects in Schools Virtual Exhibit!

Help celebrate the hard work of the Architecture Foundation of Oregon's 2020-2021 **Architects in Schools** (AiS) Student Designers by exploring their work in a Virtual Exhibit!

Over 140 teachers and design/building professional volunteers navigated the challenges of this year to bring AiS design education to thousands of elementary schools across Oregon. For the first time in AiS history, most residencies were completed through distance learning, with students designing and building from home. [View the Exhibit»](#)

Architects in Schools Virtual Summer Camp Registration is Open Deadline July 12 at 5pm

This year's virtual camp theme is They All Saw a Building: Designing for Everyone's Needs. The camp will center on equity focused architecture and challenge students to think about how people of different backgrounds, abilities and cultures may experience the same space in different ways. Students will be introduced to technical architecture practices such as drawing, planning and model making, while exploring the social and cultural implications that architecture has on the world - because architecture impacts everybody! [Learn More and Register»](#)

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