

First Quarter, 2017



AIA Montana

President's Message:

*Ben Tintinger, AIA, President of
AIA Montana*

AIA Montana is in full swing again this year as we ramp up for another great year of serving Montana architects. As your president this year, I am excited to build on the momentum of the past couple of years of increased membership and attendance of our state conference. Please feel free to contact me or other board members about any concerns or questions you might have about how AIA Montana is serving you.

Our focus every year is the planning and execution of the AIA Montana Fall Conference. In order to assure a high-quality program, the preparation for this event starts over a year in advance. Our objective is to provide you with the opportunity to achieve the 12 CEU credits necessary for continued licensure in Montana. With nationally renown speakers and quality learning workshops, our conference is growing and tabbed one of the best conferences in the west. We are looking forward to this year's conference in Missoula. (See article by Shane Jacobs.)

Although, The Fall Conference is not the only effort of AIA Montana. We continue to provide support

of students of the Montana State School of Architecture through scholarships and student travel to AIAS events, provide a conduit for connection to other professionals, provide the state design awards program, market to the public through web, Facebook, and The Montana Architect magazine, conduct periodic salary surveys, and lobby the legislature on concerns of Montana Architects. Montana will also be represented on the national level at Grassroots (last week), The National AIA Conference in Orlando in April (please join me if you can!), and the Northwest Regional Leadership Summit in Seattle next Fall.

Of particular note, please congratulate Shannon Christensen of CTA as she accepts the AIA National 2017 Young Architects Award in Orlando! It is well deserved as she has put in endless volunteer hours serving AIA Montana, AIA Young Architects Forum, women in architecture, and MSU SOA Advisory Council.

By the time you receive this newsletter, our Montana legislature will be about three quarters through their session. Be assured that Montana AIA, through its lobbyists, Jennifer and Daryl James, have been keeping abreast to all is happening on the hill that affects architects. Bills of interest include infrastructure funding, professional services contract limits for local government, school funding, tax increment financing, and a host of other concerns. Please let us know if you have specific legislative concerns.

Lastly, I want to thank our Immediate Past President, Tad Tsukamoto, AIA for his years of service and leadership for AIA Montana. As many of you know, the commitment to AIA Montana is seven years through each position on the board. Tad has made a great impact on the AIA Montana and we will be forever grateful for his commitment. Thank you Tad!

Thank you for this opportunity to serve AIA Montana. I hope to see you at the Meeting in the Mountains!

Special points of interest:

- Meeting in the Mountains April 6-7, 2017 at the Northern Hotel in Billings, Montana
- AIA National Convention April 26-29, 2017 Orlando, Florida
- AIA Montana Annual Fall Conference—September 21-22, 2017 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Missoula, Montana

Inside this issue:

Meeting in the Mountains	2
AIA National: 2017 Young Architect Award Shannon Christensen	3
2017 AIA Montana Annual Fall Conference: Modern Maker	4
2017 AIA Montana Executive Board	5
From the AIA Montana	5

Meeting in the Mountains

Northern Hotel
Billings, Montana
April 6-8

To register, visit

<https://aiabillings.org/meeting-in-the-mountains/>



AIA
Montana

NORTHERN HOTEL
BILLINGS MONTANA
APRIL 6TH - 8TH 2017

MEETING IN THE MOUNTAINS
WWW.AIABILLINGS.ORG/MEETING-IN-THE-MOUNTAINS

RICK JOY
RICK JOY FAIA

**ASSEMBLE
STUDIO**
LONDON

**ENSAMBLE
STUDIO**
BOSTON & MADRID

**CHARRETTE
VENTURE GROUP**
TODD REDING

Thursday, April 6th - Northern Hotel - Hart Albin Room
8:00am - 5:00pm. Continuing Education Credits

Friday, April 7th - Main Event - Northern Hotel
7:30am - 8:30am: Registration & Vendor Visits
8:30am - 10:00am: Assemble
10:00am - 12:30pm: Vendor Visits and Lunch
12:30pm - 2:00pm: Ensemble
2:00pm - 3:30pm: Vendor Visits
3:30pm - 5:00pm: Rick Joy
5:00pm - 6:00pm: Cocktails
6:15pm - 8:00pm: Dinner & Awards

Saturday, April 8th - Northern Hotel - Hart Albin Room
8:00am - 9:00am: Todd Reding
9:00am - 2:00pm: Continuing Education Credits

AIA National 2017 Young Architect Award Shannon Christensen, AIA

As published at http://www.architectmagazine.com/awards/the-winners-of-the-2017-aia-young-architects-awards_o

A natural mentor and driven volunteer, Shannon Christensen, AIA, leads by example. Her guidance and encouragement of her colleagues has been spread across 13 different outlets at the local, state, and national levels. Her efforts to grow and advance the profession are tenacious, and she's worked ceaselessly to increase the number of women who choose architecture as a career.

Last year Christensen was named an associate principal at her firm, the Montana-based CTA Architects Engineers, becoming one of the youngest professionals to be named to the principal's team in the firm's 78-year history. Her talents have been integral to CTA's growth, and her ability to deliver high-performing designs has made her one of the most sought-after architects in the region.

When the Altana Federal Credit Union approached CTA to design its new location in Billings, Mont., Christensen responded with a design concept that acknowledged the credit union's existing Prairie School-style branches but integrated cutting-edge concepts that present a professional and secure environment for its members. Christensen assumed direct oversight of the client relationship, which the firm first

established in the late 1990s, and recently marked her 10th project with the credit union.

Since her graduation from Montana State University, Christensen has remained a guide for the future of profession as a member of the university's School of Architecture Advisory Council. She is a regular critical presence at



in the school's studios and participates in speed interviews with students developing their presentation skills. As chair of the school's Graduate Council, she led the efforts to pen its bylaws and formalize its expectations. As a bridge between students and the profession, the council hosted panel discussions with architects to explore topics such as firm culture, resume and portfolio workshops, and networking events.

Christensen just completed a three-year term as an AIA Young Architects Forum Northwest and Pacific Region director. As the

voice of the region during its repositioning, she served on the Community, Knowledge, and Regional Engagement Focus Groups, and helped develop YAF walking tours for the 2014 AIA Convention in Chicago. To facilitate better communication, Christensen embraced social media and started the region's YAF Twitter account, which has grown an audience of nearly 600 followers and regularly provides updates on issues of concern to emerging professionals.

From associate director to state government network representative, Christensen has held a number of leadership roles with AIA Montana. When the Chapter was supporting legislation to improve the state's practice laws, she attended strategy meetings with the Chapter's lobbyist and presented its case in person to legislators at the capitol. She's a regular contributor to AIA Montana's quarterly newsletter, for which she pens pieces on licensure, as well as to the Chapter's magazine, *The Montana Architect*.

In little more than a decade of practice, Christensen has exhibited a high level of leadership and professional engagement. As one of Montana's young architectural paragons, she espouses all of the positive qualities the profession champions.

Congratulations to Shannon! Well deserved.

“Emerging talent deserves recognition:

The AIA Young Architects Award honors individuals who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and made significant contributions to the architecture profession early in their careers.”

2017 AIA Montana Annual Fall Conference: September 21-22 Hilton Garden Inn—Missoula, Montana

Shane Jacobs, AIA, President-Elect and 2017 Fall Conference Chair

As President Elect of our board, I am currently engaged in the planning of our Fall Conference.

I'm happy to announce the theme of 2017's Fall Conference: Modern Maker. The selection of this topic stems from my fascination with how our industry has evolved so much in recent centuries. A skilled modern-day maker's understanding of specific

materials evokes simple, honest design which embody characteristics that respond to the properties of the material itself. Material-driven inspiration, experiment, exploration, and refinement affords an intimate knowledge which gives the creator the freedom to show restraint and push the limits of their media.

Our industry has evolved from a master builder concept to one that is so fractured by liability, licensure, specialties, codes,

materials, management, construction methods, trades, and time that discovering someone that truly designs AND builds is a rarity that affords something beautiful. We should all appreciate that concept of practice and the whimsy of study, discovery, and a construction-informed design process.

I look forward discussing this topic more deeply and seeing you at the Hilton Garden Inn in Missoula on September 21-22, 2017.

DATE SAVER

**Hilton Garden Inn
Missoula, Montana
September 21-22**

**OPPORTUNITIES:
Vendor/Exhibitor Booth
Industry/Vendor
Presentations
Event Sponsorships**

Opportunities:

- ⇒ Vendor/Exhibitor Booth
- ⇒ Industry/Vendor Presentation
- ⇒ Event Sponsorships

Vendor/Exhibitor Booth:

To purchase space, visit www.aiamtregistration.org - login as new Vendor - you are new for the 2017 Fall Conference.

Booth Spaces: Spaces are on a first come - first served - see attached map for booth sizes. Cost is \$750/space.

Setup: Hilton Garden Inn - Missoula - as reserved on Thursday - September 21, 2017 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm with K & J Convention Services will provide pipe and drape.

Show: All day Friday beginning at 7:30 am.

Breakdown: Immediately following the last afternoon break.

Other Values: Each vendor space includes a conference registration for two representatives, 6' skirted table, 2 chairs and electrical - hotel has free WIFI. Additional representatives for your space will cost \$100 each. Upon receipt of payment, your company will be listed as an exhibitor on all materials advertising the Fall Conference to members and others, listed in program (provided space is purchased prior to program publishing date of September 8, 2017 and listing in AIA Montana Newsletter when timely.

Hotel Room Reservations: A block of rooms have been reserved at the Missoula Hilton Garden Inn. Vendors and presenters are welcome to take advantage of these rooms. Rates range from \$139 plus tax. Group ID: AIAMT; Phone: 406-532-5300 or use the direct link provided on the AIA Montana Fall Conference registration website. The room block expires on Monday - August 30, 2017.

Industry/Vendor Presentation:

A limited number of slots for industry/vendor presentations have been created within the 2017 AIA Montana Fall Conference schedule. 1) Each of these slots are 60 minutes in length; 2) will not run concurrently with any other speakers or conference events; and 3) will be scheduled sometime on Thursday - September 21 beginning at 1:00 pm through Friday - September 22 ending at 4:30 pm.

To be eligible to present, a short presentation proposal will be need to be submitted by June 15, 2017 at www.aiamtregistration.org. Proposals will be reviewed by the Conference Chair and all will be notified on July 1 as to the outcome: Declined or Approved to Present with a presentation date and time.

Presentation will be evaluated on the following criteria:
Support of Conference Theme
Educational Value - cannot be commercial.

Approved AIA providers will be given preference but not required.

Presentation must be approved or be able to be approved for 1 - Health/Safety/Welfare AIA Learning Unit.

Agree to the following pricing: 1) With paid vendor booth space - cost is an additional \$100.00 or 2) Without an approved vendor space - cost is \$300 (no conference registration will be extended to Industry/Vendor presenter without a Vendor Booth Space). No travel or presentation expenses will be paid by AIA Montana.

Other Values: Opportunity to present to all delegates attending the conference, a list of attendees, listing as a presenter on all materials, website and in program for the conference.

Event Sponsorships:

There are a few events at the conference that are available for sponsorship. This include in-part underwriting 1) the General Membership Lunch on Thursday, 2) a Thursday evening awards banquet reception (The Wilma); 3) the coach services to and from Hilton to The Wilma on Thursday evening; the and/or 4) ARE Prep Seminar for those on the road to licensing.

Please contact Connie at AIA Montana if you are interested in exploring any of these opportunities: 406-259-7300 or aia@assoc-mgt.com



AIA Montana

MONTANA CHAPTER OF THE
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF
ARCHITECTS

1629 Avenue D, Suite B6 (59102)
PO Box 20996
Billings, MT 59104-0996

Phone: 406-259-7300
E-mail: aia@assoc-mgt.com



The AIA Mission Statement:

The American Institute of Architects is the voice of the architecture profession dedicated to serving its members, advancing their values and improving the quality of the built environment.

Through a culture of innovation, the American Institute of Architects empowers its members and inspires creation of a better built environment.

2017 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bennet P. Tintinger, President
ben@mosaicarch.com

Dennie Stephenson, Junior Director
dennie@architectonis.com

Shane Jacobs, President Elect
shanej@ctagroup.com

Vincent D. Gavin, Incoming Director
vince@gavin-hanks.com

Sophia A. Sparklin, Secretary/Treasurer
sophia@spark-architecture.com

Ali Martin, Assoc AIA Director
alim@architects-sma.com

Justin Tollefson, Senior Director
justin@pearsondesigngroup.com

Tad Tsukamoto, Immediate Past President
tsukamoto@intrinsicarchitecture.com

Montana Chapter of the American Institute of Architects was founded on June 4, 1921.

From the AIA Montana Office

2nd Quarter Newsletter

Articles Due
June 10, 2017

The Salary Survey will be distributed to all those that participated the first part of April – watch for your email notification!

It has been exciting to hear that firms throughout the state are 'too busy' and searching for employees to help with the work load. What a great time to be a graduate in an industry that will be welcoming the new graduates with open arms!

The results of the AIA Montana Salary Survey have just about aged (required by law to age 90 days before being distributed) and will be distributed electronically to all those that participated the first part of April. Hopefully this information will help keep firms competitive as the employee pool continues to shrink.

AIA National is advertising this year's AIA National Convention as the Event of the Year! The lineup of events, speakers and exhibitors can be found at www.aia.org. It will be April 26-28 in Orlando, Florida. Early registration rates end at the end of March.

If Orlando is a bit too far, consider attending the Meeting in the Mountains on April 6-8 at the Northern Hotel in Billings, Montana. The Billings Architectural Association always delivers all that attend a great event with plenty of CEUs. Visit <https://aiabillings.org/meeting-in-the-mountains/>

to get registered. Hope to see you there.

The 2017 AIA Montana Design Award Program will begin accepting submissions on June 1st. We will be using the same on-line submission process as last year. You will be notified when the site goes live. When you have a few minutes, give some thought as to what project you would like to share – toot your own horn – Montana architects have great projects!

Thank You!
Connie