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AIA Montana

President's Message:

Ben Tintinger, AIA, President of AIA Montana

Is anyone listening out there? Are you reading these newsletters? Because, I would like to know if anyone is reading the newsletters. Send me an email and let me know: ben@mosaicarch.com

As I fly back from Orlando, returning from the AIA national conference, A'17, I am considering the message/take away from the conference. The overwhelming highlight of the conference was the discussion with former first lady Michelle Obama. Now it doesn't matter what political leanings you have, most would have to agree that Michelle Obama is one of the most inspiring people of our time. She took the stage in front of 16000 architects in a non-political question/answer session and that was light, real, authentic, and humbling. She spoke about everything from raising a family in the Whitehouse to Barrack's secret ambition to have become an architect. Michelle ended with an energizing and inspiring call for architects to get out into the community and work with young people. What started as a question on diversity in the profession, led to an important observation

that if kids from disadvantaged communities and neighborhoods don't even know what an architect is, then how they are even going to consider pursuing that dream.

This sentiment was echoed in the presentation of the AIA's highest honor, the Gold Medal for a lifetime of work, given to Paul Revere, the first black recipient. Accepting for the late Mr. Revere, his grand daughter, Karen Hudson, she expressed the challenges of her grandfather's practice from a racial point of view. Ms. Hudson also called on architects to start mentoring our youth at an early age. Get those kids, all kids, interested in the profession by being in the community.

Architecture is there in front of everyone, but how much awareness is there, on the part of the public, in understanding what architects do and the impact the built environment has on their lives. It starts early. As a profession, we need to get out there and let people know. Particularly in Montana right now, we have a huge opportunity to get the public

involved in architecture. Nearly every community is either in the process of replacing schools or contemplating their next bond. With aging facilities across the state, these new school projects are key to getting folks involved, especially our kids from all neighborhoods. Take the time and effort to get those kids involved and show that what architecture can do for their neighborhoods and communities.

It's time to make a concerted effort to raise the awareness that 'design matters'! Over the next couple months, AIA Montana will be soliciting articles from the membership with this theme in mind. We want to hear what you think and we want to get our collective voice heard. Through publication as Op Ed's, blog submissions, news articles, and Facebook postings, let's get the word out.

So again, are you listening? Let me know!

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Special points of interest:

- **2017 AIA Montana Design Awards submittals are due August 4, 2017**
- **AIA Montana Annual Fall Conference—September 21-22, 2017 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Missoula, Montana**
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Call for Entries: 2017 AIA Montana Design Awards

Justin Tollefson, AIA, Senior Director and Chair of the 2017 Design Awards Program

Happy summer AIA Montana! While fall may seem a distant dream, the time has come again to submit your projects for this year's AIA Montana Design Awards Program. As last year, we are using an online submission process that is accessed through our website; www.aia-mt.org. It is under the AWARDS tab and you just follow the prompts to submit.

This year's Jury chair is John Dwyer, AIA from Minneapolis based D/O Architects. He is the co-founder of this multidisciplinary firm, head of Architecture at Dunwoody College of Technology, and active member in his community and AIA Minnesota. In addition to jurying the awards, John will be speaking at the fall conference where the awards will also be presented.

Please note that the Guidelines for the awards program will be

posted at the AIA Montana website and are included as an attachment to this newsletter as well.

Key Dates:

June 1, 2017 - Opening for submissions

August 4, 2017 at 3:00pm - Submittal Deadline

September 21, 2017 - Awards Presented at 2017 Fall Conference in Missoula

Thank you in advance for submitting your work and good luck!

2017 Legislative Wrap Up & Next Steps!

Jennifer James, Lobbyist for AIA Montana

It is hard not to start this update on a sour note... The Session did not end as many of us would have hoped. Once again, the Bonding Bill was stalled until the end of the session and failed to pass. This is a clear case of throwing the baby out with the bathwater, and a lot of good projects were lost. Some legislators will argue that projects like the museum in Helena, or Romney Hall at MSU should not be in the "infrastructure bill." Maybe so, but they are still public buildings that need to be addressed in some fashion. Supporters of the museum came up with a creative alternative to use a small increase in the bed tax to fund the museum. To augment the funding ask of the legislature, we need to find either public-private partnership opportunities or other creative matching funds to address

university system needs. Beyond that, as organization and individuals, we need to become more engaged in the legislature. It starts with being more aware of our area legislators and how we can help elect people who intend to serve our state by finding creative solutions rather than kicking the can down the road.

As you know, HB 473 did pass the legislature and has been signed by the Governor. The original bill would have increase the tax by \$.08 per gallon and the legislation that passed puts the increase at \$.045 and increases to \$.06 over two years. HB 650 was passed to increase vehicle registration fees and make up the needed revenue to fully fund Highway Patrol and the DMV.

SB 335 was the Public/Private Partnership bill and which failed in the House. While AIA did not take an official position on this

legislation, it is one that we watched carefully. There will likely be ongoing discussion throughout the interim, and we should participate.

There were two bills that would have allowed for a local option sales tax, much like the resort tax currently utilized in about a dozen communities in Montana. This would be a great tool for investing in infrastructure with new, out-of-state money. I expect this concept will be further developed during the interim and introduced again in the 2019 Session.

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SB 365 that would have eliminated the Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors was abruptly introduced and quickly disposed of.

HB 141 was a bill that was brought by the Department of Labor & Industry with the intent to protect board members on a number of different licensing boards. There was fear from some as to the intent of the bill, but examples from other states indicated that this structure provides necessary legal protection to individuals serving on volunteer boards.

As always it was an honor to work for you during this legislative session and it is my hope we can do some good work during the Interim and make some more progress on infrastructure funding in the 2019 Session.

Montana Infrastructure Coalition – one year in, and charging ahead!

With one year down and the 2017 legislative session behind us, the Montana Infrastructure Coalition has only just begun its effort to champion long-term solutions for the ongoing deterioration of Montana's critical infrastructure.

While significant infrastructure packages were left on the table this legislative session, the Coalition board and membership are extremely pleased with the progress the Coalition made on behalf of Montana's critical infrastructure in the past year – most notably the passage of the fuel tax bill.

Before this legislative session, it had been almost 25 years since Montana had adjusted the fuel tax and the revenues were no longer keeping up with the wear and tear on highways, roads and bridges. With the modest increase contained in HB 473, the state will be able to match available federal funds and fully fund the Montana Highway patrol, and local governments will receive a significant increase in funding for city and county roads and bridges. The Coalition recognizes the engaged constituents and the courageous legislators who made this happen.

Now it's important for us to continue with our public education campaign and begin to frame up our platform for the 2019 legislative session. Our leadership team will be taking the opportunity to get out into Montana communities to learn more about local infrastructure priorities and explore new and unique solutions to the increasing funding shortfall.

Efforts to pass bills on local infrastructure option taxes and private/public partnerships did not get much traction with legislators this past session, but they did serve to increase awareness of those funding mechanisms and potentially tee up conversations for future sessions. The Coalition also anticipates more detailed discussions regarding the coal tax trust fund and the topic of a state-wide sales tax. With tourism continuing to grow as a significant but untaxed industry in Montana, the Coalition believes creative measures can be developed to tap those

tourism dollars to help pay for the infrastructure they use and enjoy across our state. With cost-of-compliance continually increasing on water/waste-water projects, the Coalition also wants to investigate regulatory reforms that may alleviate unnecessary financial burdens on Montana's smaller communities.

It was announced at the May annual meeting that the Coalition will continue to operate for another year under the guidance of Darryl James as executive director, along with the re-elected board of directors which includes Webb Brown (Montana Chamber of Commerce), chair; Tim Burton (Montana League of Cities and Towns), vice chair; Jason Rittal (Montana Economic Developers Association), vice chair; secretary, Jon Metropoulos (Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Counties); and at-large members Cary Hegreberg (Montana Contractors' Association), Jay Skoog (American Council of Engineering Companies of Montana), and Chris Cavazos (Montana AFL-CIO).

The Coalition will be reaching out this summer to request membership renewal, and hopes that you and your organizations will continue to participate in educating and advocating for investment in our most critical infrastructure needs. Let's build on our recent success and leave a positive and lasting legacy for the next generation!

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State of Montana: Public Sector Sole-source Limit Raised for A/E

Russel Katherman. Administrator,
Architecture & Engineering Division

“If your firm has interest in State projects but has never provided a statement of qualifications to the A&E Division, or if the one on file hasn’t been updated in the last couple of years, please go to architecture.mt.gov for the essential information required.”

If your firm is interested in providing architectural or engineering services on public sector projects, Senate Bill 278 may be of interest to you. Passed during the recently concluded 65th Legislature, this legislation raised the limit where any public entity from state to municipality to county to school district and others can directly negotiate a contract for professional services without pursuing a competitive selection process.

Prior to SB 278, Montana Code allowed public entities to utilize sole-source, direct hiring when the total fees for all services on a project would remain at or under \$20,000. The new limit is \$50,000. Here’s the relevant statute: “18-8-212. Exception. (1) All agencies securing architectural, engineering, and land surveying services for projects for which the fees are estimated not to exceed \$50,000 may contract for those professional services by direct negotiation. (2) An agency may not separate service contracts or split or break projects for the purpose of circumventing the provisions of this part.”

Increases in this statutory limitation have occurred in the past:

- In 1993, the limit was increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000; and,
- In 2003, the limit was raised from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

For state buildings, this requirement also has to be melded with the process managed on behalf of all state agencies by the Architecture & Engineering Division and is outlined in 18-2-112 MCA: “Appointment of architects and consulting engineers. The department of administration shall appoint any architect or consulting engineer retained for work on any building to be constructed, remodeled, or renovated by the state of Montana, its boards, institutions, and agencies from a list of three architects or consulting engineers proposed by the state board, institution, or agency where the work is to be done. The department need not appoint an architect or consulting engineer for repair or maintenance projects.” State A&E is also responsible to manage all agency building projects with a total budget greater than \$150,000, per 18-2-103 MCA.

State A&E maintains statements of qualifications on file as provided in 18-8-204 in order to develop a list of three interested firms for projects in the nominal range of \$500,000 to balance the prior sole-source limit and to meet the requirement of 18-2-112 while also striving to keep costs down for firms competing for projects of this size and budget. Projects greater than this budget size are announced quarterly through a request for project-specific qualifications. With the change provided in SB 278 for sole-sourcing of services, a corresponding increase in this nominal range may also be in order.

Additionally, if your firm has interest in State projects but has never provided a statement of qualifications to the A&E Division, or if the one on file hasn’t been updated in the last couple of years, please go to architecture.mt.gov for the essential information required.

If you have questions or comments regarding the selection process at the state level, you may contact the Architecture & Engineering Division at (406) 444-3104 or DOAAEDivision@mt.gov.

More 2017 National Convention News!

Sophia Sparklin, AIA, AIA MT Secretary/Treasurer

Chocolate dipped bacon, Bloody Marys, followed by a triple shot of fresh espresso? Allow me to share a few moments from this year's Conference on Architecture in Orlando. Let's celebrate a few of the Montanans' honored, and I'll highlight some content that caught my attention.

Back to that Bacon: Vendors like Oldcastle stepped up the game and offered much appreciated lounge areas. Getting up every day at 4 AM Montana time to catch lectures and events, I spent four intense long days in Orlando. While Ben (our president) was busy with official business and voting, and Connie caught up on component centered subjects, I attended over twenty sessions, met with several AIA groups and representatives, and explored the expo.

Let's start with **Montanans to celebrate**: Montanans, including students were represented in posters, competitions, and awards. I was able to attend two in person: Cheers to Shannon Christianson, [this year's Young Architect Award recipient](#), who attended with her husband and baby, and to Robin Wilder for [COTE Student Award](#) for his design for a tiny home prefabrication facility on a brownfield site on the edge of Bozeman.

Side note: Remember to send AIA Montana information about your honors, and submit for this year's Design Awards, so we can help shout out your good news.

Dozens of parallel tracks present the constant dilemma of picking the best sessions. I alternated between practice management and all things housing related. A couple excerpts from my notes – *beware that none of this is actual legal advice!*

Risk management (Andrew Mendelson FAIA and others)

- A strong team (talent, experience etc) is your best bet.
- **Legal:** Don't overstate qualifications in marketing materials. Stay away from guarantees and superlatives, promising the very best may take you from typical standard of care to a much higher delivery expectation.
- **Marketing:** trend towards the "self-educated," client, does your website help them do that and
- **Contracts:** great for communication and expectation management. Have a meeting to go over it with client and explain it.

Mini MBA (Carole Wedge and others):

- Strategically get to know potential future clients and build relationships long before any RFPs or non-contact clauses are out. Become familiar with their world, read their publications and attend their events.
- Make sure every person in your organization can share the latest and greatest firm news in their circles.

AIA Knowledge Communities:

I'm one of those folks that signed up for a few of those years ago, but never actively engaged. In Orlando I was able to meet with active members and moderators of these groups, and discovered that some people use these communities as valuable resources to answer tricky questions, or to give back from their wealth of experience. A principle of an Oregon firm mentioned how her firm was wrestling with a specific code interpretation question, and how her community promptly provided a good answer, backed by the moderator who happened to be one of the individuals that wrote that code.

Housing big and small: Projects that go far beyond the (very good) looks, solving old problems with new approaches. [Scadpad](#) infilling the underutilized top

floors of parking garages with small residential units, and using some of the latest technologies along the way. James Cutler, FAIA was honored for his [Pennsylvania Farmhouse](#).

Side note: I found out that he did a house near Highwood, and would love to bring his family back to Montana. We haven't confirmed anything yet, but he may be a candidate for our 2018 state conference.



Shannon Christensen receives "Young Architect of the Year Award"

Moving up in scale, I loved a session with the clunky title "Social Space as Amenity in Contemporary Housing Developments". Scott Erdy FAIA shared innovative solutions to various development and design challenges, including [Millennium Hall](#) at Drexel University. Last, as you saw in your last issue of Architect magazine, our keynotes included a variety of impactful design, including MASS, Kere, and Aravana, who collectively called our profession to action with their beautiful, work within constraints that would seem impossible from the outset.



Robin Wilder receives "COTE Student Award"

I'll finish with Michelle Obama's keynote plead to all of us: Look for opportunities to mentor kids in your local most disadvantaged populations. She explained that many of these kids cannot even start to imagine that they could become professionals themselves, and "getting to them early" may be a powerful antidote to the general sense that "no one cares".

Tom O'Connell, State A & E Office Retiring After 46-Years of Public Service

*Russel Katherman, Administrator,
Architecture & Engineering Division*

If you've not heard by now, a big change is taking place at the State's Architecture & Engineering Division as Tom O'Connell is calling it a career on June 30, 2017, with over 46 years of public service.

Tom was born and raised in Bozeman and graduated from Montana State University with a degree in Architecture. In Bozeman, he worked for the MSU Office of Facilities Services for a short time before moving to Helena to join the Montana Department of Administration's Architecture & Engineering Division (A&E). At A&E, Tom made an immediate impact where he helped develop the management and structure of Montana's Long-Range Building Program (LRBP) for state-owned facilities and personally developed the first Capitol Complex Master Plan in 1972.

A&E was formed in 1963 and Tom became part of the organization just seven years later where he has served with tremendous integrity while administering thousands of projects completed during his tenure.

To provide a sense of the span of his remarkable career, of the 65 legislative sessions held since Montana achieved statehood in 1889, Tom has been involved in 23 of them,

along with numerous special sessions.

He became the State Architect and Administrator of the Division in 1986 where he was responsible for the planning and construction of State



facilities throughout Montana. This includes buildings on university campuses, correctional facilities, mental health treatment facilities, job service buildings, Fish, Wildlife & Parks hatcheries and parks, facilities for Military Affairs and the Department of Transportation and, of course, buildings on the Capitol Complex.

The true gem among all the projects was the Restoration of the State Capitol, which Tom describes as the single most difficult and yet rewarding project in his tenure at the State. The project spanned

three legislative sessions that all appropriated funds for the work. Many of the historic features including stained glass, floor tile, chandeliers, and decorative sconces, were removed from the Capitol in the mid-sixties construction effort and taken to Virginia City and Nevada City. These items were brought back to Helena when the State purchased the historic properties and were utilized in the restoration effort. Thanks in large part to Tom's leadership, vision sharing, and guidance, our Capitol has been almost completely restored to its original character and grandeur for current and future Montanans to enjoy.

We all owe Tom a huge debt of thanks and gratitude for his many years of honorable and dedicated public service. He truly is one-of-kind and we wish him well in his future endeavors.

If you would like share any well-wishes, thoughts, or remembrances with him, they may be sent:

Tom O'Connell
c/o A&E Division
PO Box 200103
Helena, MT 59620-0103

Other Awards:
Tom O'Connell received Honorary AIA Montana Membership in 2010.

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

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

Planning of this year's Fall Conference is moving right along! In some ways, it's like planning any other life event like a wedding or graduation; challenging to find the time to do it, but the pay-off will be worth it come September.

Connie and my passion for the topic are keeping me afloat while fitting something else into an architect's schedule. As a reminder, our conference theme is *Modern Maker*. The theme has developed from the observation that 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 bridges design AND building 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.

Our speaker lineup is coming together nicely and will cover the spectrum of architects, furniture makers, innovators, builders, and artists from each corner of the

country; all with a different take on the design-experiment-refine-build-design continuum. Be on the lookout for promotional posters soon!

Don't forget to book your room from our reserved block at the Hilton Garden Inn on North Reserve Street in Missoula.

Key dates:

September 21-22, 2017- Speakers and Vendors at the Missoula Hilton Garden Inn
September 21- Evening Design Award Ceremony and Dinner in Downtown Missoula

Opportunities:

- ⇒ Vendor/Exhibitor Booth
- ⇒ 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.

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) Thursday afternoon break 3)

Cakes to celebrate 100-year birthday of licensing for architects 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

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.

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Special thanks to the following event sponsors:

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Nugget: The first person to identify the page and place of this blurb will receive a FREE 2017 Fall Conference Registration. To collect this 'nugget', contact Connie by phone 406-259-7300 or email: aia@assoc-mgt.com. (Offer expires at 5 pm 6/14/17.)



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From the AIA Montana Office

**3rd Quarter Newsletter
Articles Due
September 10, 2017**

The mission of AIA is to promote the profession of architecture. Most people outside of the profession do not understand why architecture is important. Architecture matters! Can you state why in under 50 words? Give this some thought while the AIA MT Board thinks of ways to motivate you to share!

(That paragraph is 50 words—the attention span of most readers scanning items on social media and the internet.)

**Date Saver:
2017 AIA Montana Annual
Fall Conference—September
21-22 at the Hilton Garden
Inn in Missoula, Montana**

**Reminder:
2017 Design Award
Submission are Due on
August 4, 2017 at 3:00 pm**

Shane Jacobs is busy pulling details together for this year's annual fall conference. Registration will open on August 1 and remain open till September 15 – save the date and make plans to visit Missoula on September 21-22!

Design Awards submissions will be made on-line again this year. Submissions are due on August 4 at 3:00 pm. Take a moment to consider what projects completed in the last 5 years that would best represent your efforts and get them ready for submission.

Work on this year's Montana Architect Magazine is well underway. Dani Gordon of The News Link Group will be reaching out for advertisements and copy for "Firm Profiles." All AIA Montana Members listed with AIA National will be published – with the information on file at the AIA National membership on November 1 – will be listed in the membership directory portion of the magazine for FREE. Firm profiles cost extra – \$75.00 each. Be sure your firm is included. Dani's contact information is

dani@thenewslinkgroup.com
or 801-676-9722.

In Jennifer James' article about the 2017 State Legislature, she references a funding method called 'private/public'. This is a method of funding that has been adopted in many states—some successfully and others not so good. As governments continue to want to do more and more, this will be a funding option that will get adopted. It might be a good idea for AIA Montana to be a key player in how this option is proposed and adopted – proactive rather than reactive. If you would be interested, please contact any member of the Board or the AIA Montana Office.

Thank You!
Connie

AIA Montana 2017 Design Awards Program

Schedule:

All entries will be received no later than 3:00 p.m. August 4, 2017, via an online submittal system.

Awards will be presented to award recipients on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at the 2017 AIA Montana Fall Conference in Missoula, Montana.

Eligibility and Authorship:

To be eligible for an Award, an entry must be a building or a complex completed since January 1, 2012. "Completion" is synonymous with "substantial completion" as defined in the standard AIA Documents governing construction. Non-built projects are not eligible for this competition.

Submittals will be accepted from individual AIA Montana Chapter members and member firms only, and must be submitted by the designing Architect. Submitted projects do not necessarily have to be from within Montana. You may submit multiple projects. Entry fee for each project is \$150.00. No refunds will be made.

When one architect is not the sole author, all other participants substantially contributing to the design of the project must be given credit as part of the submission, regardless of professional discipline.

Publicity:

The AIA Montana Chapter will provide notification of Awards to regional and national publications.

The digital drawings, digital materials, and photographs of each winning entry will be used for unrestricted publicity. All digital photographs, digital materials, and drawings included in the submission must be cleared for reproduction for publicity and for use in articles related to not only this program, but also similar regional, national, and international programs. Entrants are responsible for any royalties, copyright, or photographic fees.

Awards:

A professional jury will evaluate the entries on their own merit. Entries will be judged individually, not in competition with each other.

The primary resources for the jury will be the brief written material and photographs, as described herein, which are submitted by all entrants. The Awards Jury shall solely determine the number of awards. A representative of the professional jury will present the awards at the 2017 AIA Montana Fall Conference in Missoula, Montana. A copy of the Award Certificate will be made available at the award ceremony or shortly thereafter.

KEY DATES:

All entries must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 4, 2017, online:

<https://www.conferenceabstracts.com/cfp2/login.asp?EventKey=PCHZUTRV>

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