

Second Quarter, 2018



AIA Montana

Special points of interest:

- **2018 AIA Montana Annual Fall Conference - September 27-28 Great Falls**
- **2018 NW+P AIA Regional Leadership Summit November 13, 2018 Honolulu**
- **AIA Honolulu Design Symposium 2018 November 14-15, 2018 Honolulu**

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President's Message:

Shane Jacobs, AIA, President of AIA Montana

I cannot believe we are half way through the year. Fresh off the heels of the 2018 AIA Convention, I'm easily reminded that Montana is a wonderful place to be; especially in the summer. I hope all of you are enjoying it amongst your no doubt busy schedules at the office.

Several from AIA Montana's board recently made the journey to New York for the A'18 Conference on Architecture. Having the opportunity to live the life of a New Yorker for a couple days; experiencing *real* traffic, mass transit, and while running 20 blocks in dress shoes in order to make it to my scheduled tour of the High Line, I was reminded of this year's conference theme: *Blueprint for Better Cities*.

Cities are an engine of commerce, but coincide with many social, economic, and environmental challenges that architects are uniquely trained to address. In this time of population growth in our urban areas, it underscores our obligation to pay careful

attention to the fabric of our communities. Pedestrians, multi-modal transportation, history, art, sustainability, resilience, civic space, and of course our buildings and how we interact with them contribute to that fabric and create a place.

In between tours, vendors, and speakers, delegates from the AIA Northwest Pacific Region met to exchange updates and share our recent efforts. The pieces of the conversation that stood out most in my mind related to the aging experienced professionals currently in the profession and how we download their decades of knowledge into the emerging professionals that will one day fill their shoes. It's no easy take, but it's something that we're going to struggle with as a profession and individual firms if we don't start addressing it now. Hopefully it's something that you've been considering for the health of your firm, our profession, and the work that we do.

As part of my Montana representation, I also attended the AIA business meeting and

delegate voting. Not unlike many of the headlines today, the business meeting largely revolved around by-law amendments and proposed resolutions that related to titling, helping the under-privileged, and focusing on equity, diversity, and inclusion within the profession. One resolution that will impact every day practice and directly relates to the conference theme was resolution 18-5, which calls for AIA to commit to and fund a new brand of resources relating to the New Urban Agenda as drafted by UN Habitat III. If you haven't heard of the New Urban Agenda yet, please search it out. And as for the results of the delegate voting, please see the following link: <https://www.aia.org/articles/201451-three-new-leaders-elected-at-aia-conference>

This was my first AIA national convention and if you haven't yet attended one, I urge you to consider it. The event will be in Las Vegas in 2019. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and AIA Montana. The Fall Conference is three months away now- looking forward to seeing you there!

2018 AIA Montana Annual Fall Conference: Design, Work, Live 2018

Sophia Sparklin, AIA, President-Elect and Conference Chair

You are all invited to downtown Great Falls, for the very first time! Enjoy all of our historic Downtown, and 60+ Miles of Rivers Edge Trail. The conference will be at the Mansfield Convention Center.

Design, Work, Live 2018. Insights from Medical Research, Psychology, and Sociology are increasingly shaping our profession and designs. This year's Conference highlights architects inspired by some of these insights. Our speakers will share how these findings affect their practice and designs reaching from social space at different scales, to innovative work and learning environments, and homes that truly recharge us.

Speaker Line-Up:

Keynotes by James Cutler, FAIA with [Cutler Anderson Architects](#),

Julie Eizenberg, FAIA [@Kearch](#),

Scott Erdy, FAIA with [Erdy McHenry Architecture](#), and

Joseph Tanney, AIA with [Resolution: 4 Architecture](#).

Optional Pre-Conference Seminar: 9/26: This session will be presented by Nancy Kleppel and Kacey Clagett

titled: "You Made the Short List—Now Win the Job!"

If you are tired of getting shortlisted but not winning at interview, this session might be for you: This interactive workshop will hone your interview skills, so you focus on what the client needs to hear in order to select you. Using group exercises, expert presenters will walk participants through the steps of researching, strategizing and preparing presentations that center on what clients are looking for and that communicate the strategic benefits of your team.

Getting shortlisted is an exercise in (a) demonstrating expertise, (b) telling a great story, and (c) making the case that your firm has what it takes to deliver excellent project results. Winning the job requires something more: communicating your fit with the client's team. In this half-day interactive workshop, seasoned experts in architecture business development will help participants put effective interview strategies into practice by using five clear directives:

1. Research the client
2. Enlist and empower your team
3. Develop the Big Value Message (BVM)

4. Deliver the evidence
5. Stagecraft: The Do's and Don'ts for engaging the client at the presentation

Through these exercises, participants learn how the interview committee will decide whom to select, to craft teams that respond to their organizational drivers, and to make a compelling client-centered case for "Why Us?" that will make you the right choice for the job.

Design Awards: 9/27: Hosted at the Country Club overlooking the Missouri, James Cutler, FAIA will be our jury chair.

Montana Panel Session – Architects Through the Generations: 9/27: This roundtable format will explore the evolving and changing roles of the professional architect as the ones career develops. This discussion will be guided by Randy Hafer, FAIA, Chere LeClair, AIA and Shannon Christensen, AIA.

Vendors: 2/28: Will share the latest in products and services – including CASH drawings. Industry/commercial sessions will be sprinkled throughout the conference schedule.

Registration for the Conference will open on August 1.

Save the DATE . . .

September 26-28, 2018

2018 AIA Montana Annual Fall Conference: Design, Work, Live 2018

Mansfield Convention Center—Great Falls, Montana



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Vendor and Sponsor Opportunities are now open and being accepted at www.aiamregistration.org. You will find more information at the website or contact Connie at the AIA Montana Office: 406-259-7300.

AIA NWPR Honors and Awards

Intent to Enter due August 6, 2018
Entries due August 20, 2018

2018 Design Awards

Intent to Enter due August 6
Jury PDF's due August 20



Key Dates

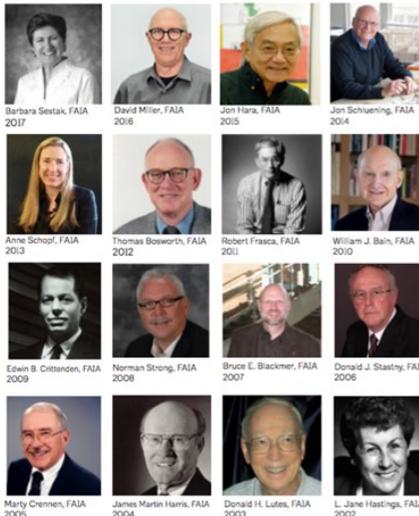
Intent to Submit due August 6, 2018
Projects Submissions due August 20, 2018
Honors and Awards Reception November 15, 2018

[Download design awards packet here](#)

Honors & Awards to be Presented:
November 15, 2018
Honolulu, Hawaii

AIA NWPR Leadership Summit
(by Invitation)
November 13, 2018
Honolulu, Hawaii

[AIA Honolulu Design Symposium 2018](#)
(Open to All)
November 14-15, 2018
Honolulu, HI



Medal of Honor for Lifetime Achievement

Nominations due August 20, 2018

2018 Region Firm Awards

Intent to Enter due August 6
Submissions due August 20



2018 Emerging Firm Awards

Intent to Enter August 6
Submissions due August 20

Call for Entries: 2018 AIA Montana Design Awards

Dennie Stephenson, AIA,
Senior Director and Chair of
the 2018 Design Awards
Program

This is the official call for entries for the 2018 Montana Design Awards program. It's been a great year, and now it's time to show off a little! So, put down that pencil and pick up the camera and let's see some awesomeness!

All entries are to be submitted using the online submission process that is accessed through our website - www.aia-mt.org. Under the AWARDS tab, click on submissions and follow the prompts to submit. The guidelines for each awards program is posted on the website and sent out as an attachment to this newsletter. The entry fee for each submittal is still \$150, payable by credit card online. Any and all built projects by AIA MT firms

and individuals, completed since January 2014 are eligible, whether located inside or outside of Montana.

We have a great jury lined up for this year. Our lead Juror is James Cutler, FAIA with Cutler Anderson

"All architecture is shelter, all great architecture is the design of space that contains, cuddles, exalts, or stimulates the persons in that space."

- Philip Johnson

Architects based in Seattle. James is founder and principal of this firm that has earned many AIA awards, including several AIA National Honor Awards. We are also honored to have James as one of our keynote speakers for this year's Fall Conference. James' partner Bruce Anderson, AIA will be another Juror. Bruce started working with James

in 1982 and became a partner in 2001. The other two Jurors are Susan Jones, FAIA of atelierjones and Grace H. Kim of schemata workshop.

All winning entries will be recognized at the Awards Banquet in Great Falls, MT on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at the 2018 AIA Montana Fall Conference. Winning entries will be

promoted through the AIA Montana website and Montana Architect Magazine. Other efforts will be made to promote as well.

We look forward to seeing all the great submittals and wish each of you the best of luck!

**Design Awards
submissions can be
made at**

[https://
www.conferenceabstracts.com/cfp2/login.asp?
EventKey=OMWNVCWG](https://www.conferenceabstracts.com/cfp2/login.asp?EventKey=OMWNVCWG)

**Submissions are due by
3:00 pm on Tuesday—
August 14, 2018**

State of Montana: Code Adoption

Darryl James, Lobbyist for AIA Montana

The Montana Department of Labor and Industry is currently in the process of reviewing and recommending adoption a series of updated codes. Over the next several months, the DLI will be taking input on the latest updates to the following codes:

- International Building Code, 2018 Edition
- International Residential Code, 2018 Edition
- International Existing Building Code, 2018 Edition
- Uniform Plumbing Code, 2018 Edition OR International Plumbing Code, 2018 Edition
- International Mechanical Code, 2018 Edition
- International Fuel Gas Code, 2018 Edition
- National Electrical Code, 2017 Edition
- International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, 2018 Edition
- International Wildland Urban Interface Code, 2018 Edition

DLI kicked off their review process in February and March with a state-wide listening tour

during which they offered an overview of the various codes and provided an opportunity for interested parties to provide their perspective on the code updates.

The Department will offer additional opportunities for public and stakeholder input before the code updates are formally adopted.

Before taking a recommendation to the Building Codes Council, DLI will be seeking input from industry groups, stakeholders and the general public to assess the implications of new codes on safety, design and fire prevention, economic considerations, and modern practices methods and materials. DLI currently anticipates that their findings will be presented to the Building Codes Advisory Council in the Summer of 2018.

As you are aware, the Building Codes Council consists of both a Montana-registered architect and engineer, a contractor, building inspector,

representative for manufactured housing, electrician, plumber, elevator mechanic, home builder, state Fire Marshall, the Director of DPHHS, and a public member. This Council will take action on the DLI recommendation which will then provide additional opportunity for public input in a formal rules hearing process. It is currently anticipated that the rules hearing process would occur in the Winter of 2018.

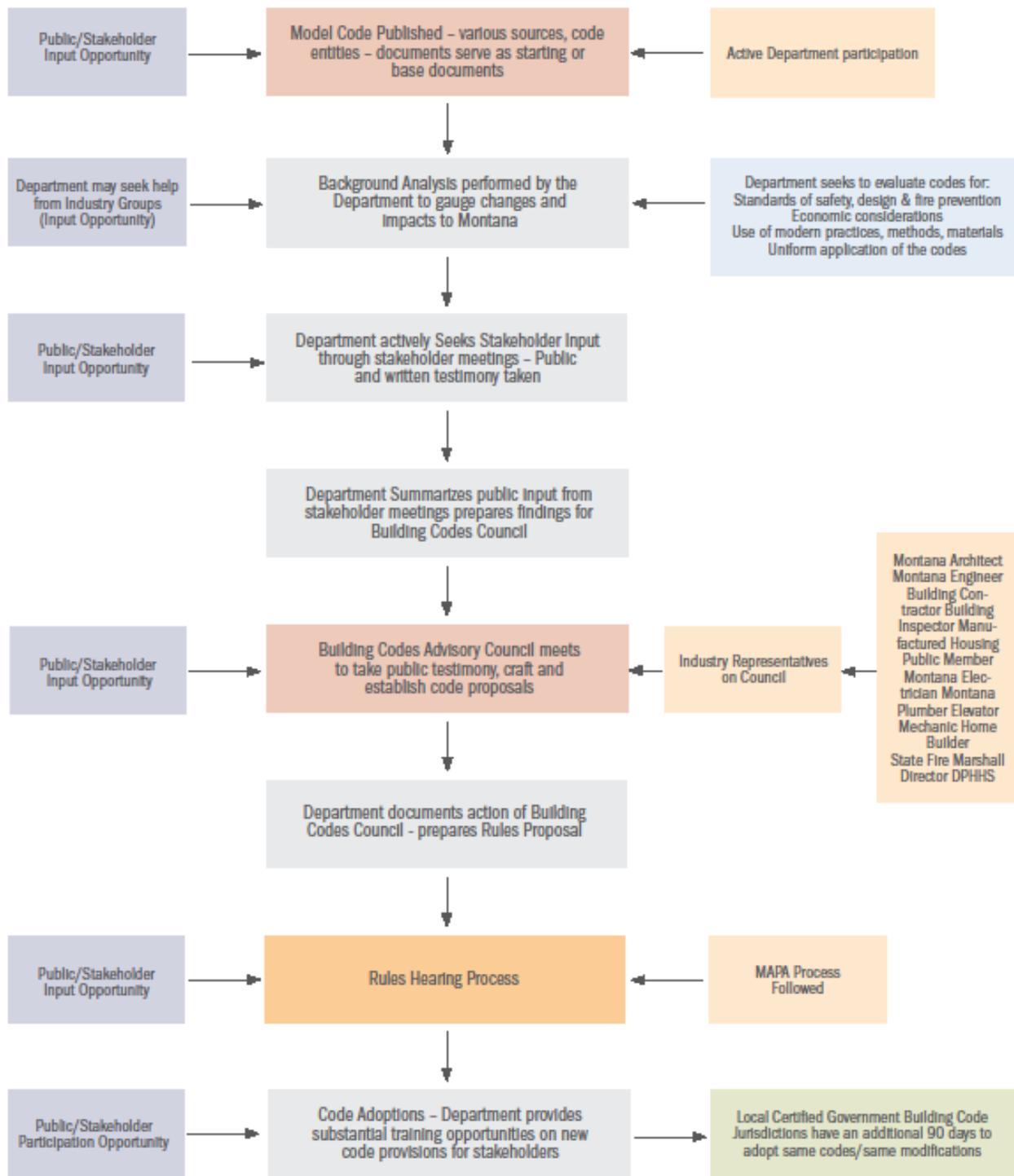
DLI is taking a very proactive approach with this code adoption process and encourages your participation as professionals in building industry. Your engagement in this process can ensure that the new codes are consistent and applicable in Montana, and the process may afford opportunity to iron out inconsistencies between Code and Rule.

AIA will keep you updated on this process, and notify you of specific opportunities to provide input.

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See Page 6 for a flow chart of the adoption process.

CODE ADOPTION PROCESS IN MONTANA – AT A GLANCE





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From the AIA Montana Office

**3rd Quarter Newsletter
Articles Due
August 24, 2018**

**2018 Fall Conference
Registration will open on
August 1, 2018**

**Submissions for the 2018
AIA Montana Design Awards
Program are due by
August 14, 2018!**

This is that time of year when each of you need to take a moment to review your projects over the last few years to consider submitting one, two or three to the 2018 AIA Montana Design Awards Program. Even if you have submitted a project in the past—this is a new jury and each jury is very different when making their selections for awards. The process of making a submission is all on-line and will take a bit of time. Time well spent on projects that promote good design and deserve to be recognized and celebrated!

Remember that panicked

feeling just before renewing your license last time and you were short HSW continuing education credits? To avoid that sinking feeling, make plans to attend the 2018 Fall Conference at the Mansfield Convention Center in Great Falls on September 26-28. This year's conference chair, Sophia Sparklin, has packed this event full with great speakers and many CEUs.

Leadership and advocacy go hand-in-hand and are very necessary to maintain and propel the profession of architecture forward into the future. Stay in touch over the coming months and take the

time to attend and share your views during the many 'Code Adoption' hearings that will be held throughout the state. Note that not only does the State Building Codes Division adopt but they also 'exempt' parts of the codes. These exemptions are as important or more important to the practice of architecture. Why certain International Codes are ignored by the State of Montana needs to be questioned and reviewed during this process. Take the time to get involved.

Thank you,
Connie Dempster,
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