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 looking forward to seeing you there!
2018 AIA MontanaAnnual 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.
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

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

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
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 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 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.

"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

We look forward to seeing all the great submittals and wish each of you the best of luck!
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 of 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
- International Mechanical Code, 2018 Edition
- International Fuel Gas Code, 2018 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.
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From the AIA Montana Office
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,
Hon AIA MT