President’s Message:

Shane Jacobs, AIA, President- of AIA Montana

Happy Spring to all of our AIA Montana members! As the snow starts to melt, AIA Montana has been hard at it again. As this year’s president, I look forward to serving our membership and the profession in 2018. Please let me know if you have any concerns or topics that you think AIA Montana should have a hand in. Please don’t hesitate to call or email: shane@ctagroup.com or 406.257.8172

Meeting in the Mountains is just around the corner in Billings on April 12-13 at the Northern Hotel. BAA always plans a great event. I look forward to attending and hope to see you there. Of course, Sophia has a great jump start on planning a high-quality Fall Conference on September 27-28; I look forward to that and celebrating design awards with all of you in Great Falls. (See article by Sophia Sparklin.)

Aside from the continuing education opportunities, AIA MT continues to support MSU School of Architecture students through scholarships and contributions to AIA Montana to support their event travel. We continue to have a strong relationship with the school of architecture and look forward to working together with them to continue to strengthen the future of the profession.

I’m writing this article on the return flight from Grassroots in San Diego. This year’s conference theme was Leading through Influence. The year that I was to attend Grassroots for the first time in our nation’s capital was the year that the format was flipped and D.C. played host to the first AIA Speak Up in 2016 instead. Having just attended Grassroots, two years removed from Speak Up, I finally have a basis for comparison to report to all of you. While Speak Up was rooted in strategic advocacy for the profession, which is one component of what AIA Montana strives to do for our members, Grassroots has been inspiring by way of examples that spotlight the architect in leadership roles beyond the obvious one. We must not forget that we are in a unique position with distinct training to problem solve and communicate in a variety of ways. It’s easy to forget that many professions aren’t structured in that way.

William Bates, FAIA, First Vice President and Grassroots 2018 Conference Chair spoke of Change and Power. Architects often find themselves in the position of envisioning and then stimulating change, but tend to shy from positions of power outside of their own firm. Discussion panels of architects in political and policy making positions proved that when architects make a leap to volunteer or civic positions, our skillsets and ability to think broadly and create a vision can be applicable to our cities and advantageous to the public and our communities.

Cities are ripe battle grounds for change. While our population centers are seeing an influx of growth, it is key to remember that policy change tends to be more prevalent at the local level.

Furthermore, there also seems to be a recent shift in the political scales. In the recent past, cities looked to the state and federal governments for assistance and direction but it now appears that cities may be in charge, de facto and state and federal governments, rather, are looking to cities to solve some of the big issues facing our country today. Cities and towns are an easy insertion point for architecture because they are at a scale in which we are familiar working. As architects, our clients and buildings make up the people and spaces that shape our cities and town; they are the very fabric of our community and network of places.

Carl Elefante, FAIA, and 2018 AIA President spoke to a Relevance Revolution in architecture. Not only is the economy strong, making the demand for architecture high, but in these times of deep discourse about social issues, immigration, affordable housing, resiliency of our cities when it comes to natural disasters, climate change, equity, social media, and 24/7 news cycles, architects are poised to seize this moment of strength in the profession as an institute and remind our communities that our media is pivotal to solving many of these topics. We should be advocating for the power of design and architecture; sharing examples that benefit the public and community with our clients and political representatives alike.
2018 AIA Montana Annual Fall Conference: Design, Work, Live 2018

Sophia Sparklin, AIA, President-Elect and Conference Chair

Save the date: 9/26-9/28 2018.

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.

Pre-Conference Workshop: 9/26: A pre-conference workshop around the business of architecture and best practices to make our practices thrive.

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: Please submit your (informal to me) nominations of Montana AIA members by April 20th. This session will be Pecha Kucha style presentation of diverse architectural careers to both celebrate and inspire own members, followed by a panel discussion. Please submit your nominations (informal to me) of Montana AIA members by April 20th. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sophia’s Email: Sophia@spark-architecture.com

Vendor and Presentation Opportunities are now open and being excepted at www.aiamtregistration.org. Sophia has included several slots for commercial/industry type sessions that she will review and accept by July 1st. These sessions must be 50 minutes in length and qualify for HSW learning units which AIA Montana will submit and report attendance on your behalf. Submissions that most support Sophia’s theme will be most valued. You will find more information at the website.

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After all, architecture is a social practice; concerned with both the aesthetic and those who we are creating it for.

On that note, we’ll have a busy “off year” in the Montana legislative cycle as we prepare for spending the spring of 2018 defending AIA’s position in Helena on the public building issue and unlicensed practice; two issues that I have been most concerned with over my board tenure. AIA Montana Board members have been attending IBC 2018 adoption listening sessions across the state and laying the ground work for our position and concerns. We plan to continue to build our coalition when it comes to funding infrastructure and promoting a successful passing of the general fund that supports our local public buildings, schools, and bridges.

In sticking with the 2018 Grassroots theme, I would be remiss before close this note without thanking Ben Tintinger for his influence and leadership over the past six years on the board. I look forward to hearing his insights and ideas for another year as past president.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and AIA Montana. I hope to see you in Billings at the Meeting in the Mountains on April 12-14!
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To register:
www.aiabillings.org

Thursday, April 12th - Northern Hotel - Hart Albin Room
8:00am - 5:00pm: Continuing Education Credits

Friday, April 13th - Main Event - Northern Hotel
9:00am - 9:00am: Registration & Vendor Visits
9:00am - 10:00am: NCARB—Nick Respecki
10:00am - 11:00am: Vendor Visits
11:30am - 12:30pm: Vendor Lunch and Lunch
1:00pm - 2:30pm: MASS
2:30pm - 4:00pm: Vendor Visits
4:30pm - 5:00pm: Cocktails
6:00pm - 8:30pm: Dinner & Awards
Friday Door Prize: 50L Yeti Tundra, Bosch GLM 40, Bosch GLM 20, Amazon Gift Cards

Saturday, April 14th - Northern Hotel - Hart Albin Room
9:00am - 2:00pm: Continuing Education Credits
Grassroots 2018: Reflections

Justin Tollefson AIA, Secretary/Treasurer

After five hours of plane travel, and a day and a half back in my Bozeman office, I still find my mind buzzing from the experience of three days attending this year’s Grassroots conference in San Diego. As a conference focused on inspiring and teaching leadership, there was a lot to take in. It’s “agenda emphasizes component leadership and workshops designed to help component officers become more effective chapter and civic leaders.”

And now as I return to the realities of the projects on my desk, the slushy brown snow in my driveway, and hit the grocery store so the kids have good lunches in their backpacks next week, I realize more than ever I have a lot to process. The conference laid out so many of the critical and pressing issues of our time and rightfully challenged architects to rise up, do better, and do more.

I realize the buzzing between my ears isn’t from being challenged and inspired. It is coming from the smack of reality and the responsibilities of daily life that continue and still wait for us in our firms, in our neighborhoods, and in our homes. Buzz, buzz, buzz... what to do? However, upon further reflection I’m realizing the conference did a wonderful job of illustrating how certain things that can on one hand seem like forces pushing against us and our ability to do more, are actually the reminders of why we need to do it. And in many ways, they are also the actual vehicles we have to provide needed influence and strong leadership. So, as I reflect on the message of the conference and try to pass on the inspiration, please consider...

1) Our projects and practice are more than commissions. They are an opportunity to build better. Understand The New Urban Agenda and the principals within it...

2) Our communities need us, thoughtful approaches, and strategic planning. Here are a few inspiring and interesting examples...

- Midtown, A Blueprint for Better, Documentary Film

3) Our children are undoubtedly the most significant vehicle we have. With proper influence and opportunity, they will all lead us well in time. Information and ideas from the AIA are here...

How YOU can become involved in youth initiative with AIA

More than anything, what I’ve taken away from this year’s conference is that to be an effective leader, one needs to be influential. And to be influential, one needs to pay attention and get themselves into positions which they can affect. As architects, we have the opportunity to be in such positions every day and can really make an impact. I encourage you all to tap a few of the links above, uncover some information the AIA has to offer, and find your own opportunities to positively influence the people and situations around us all.
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
- 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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NCARB Update: ARE 4.0 Retirement—Six Months to Go

ARE 4.0 Retires on June 30, 2018
The retirement of ARE 4.0 is less than six months away. To prepare candidates, NCARB has several ongoing communications initiatives in progress, including emails, postcards, social media, and more.

How You Can Help Spread the Word
We would like your help reminding candidates about the upcoming retirement of ARE 4.0. If you plan on sending communications pieces to candidates in your jurisdiction, please feel free to share any of the information you receive from NCARB. We want to make sure everyone with active eligibilities in ARE 4.0 is ready and in the best position possible for the change come July 1, 2018.

Important Messages for ARE 4.0 Candidates
Anyone currently testing in ARE 4.0 should be aware of the following key points:

The last day to take an ARE 4.0 division in a test center is June 30, 2018. Candidates who have not completed ARE 4.0 by this date will need to complete any remaining divisions in ARE 5.0 to satisfy the examination requirement for licensure.

Now is the time to make a plan to finish the exam if you are currently testing in ARE 4.0. There are several resources available on NCARB.org to help candidates make their plan. NCARB’s Customer Relations team is also available to help candidates understand their individual testing options.

Your rolling clock will not change if you transition to ARE 5.0. Candidates must still complete the test within five years of their first pass—whether through ARE 4.0, ARE 5.0, or a combination of both. Expiring ARE 4.0 divisions could impact the credits received in ARE 5.0 when transitioning.

Prometric test centers fill up fast, so candidates will need to plan ahead when scheduling their remaining divisions in ARE 4.0. When the exam transitioned from ARE 3.1 to ARE 4.0, candidates encountered difficulty finding test appointments in the final months before the exam retired. If candidates plan on testing in May and June, they should book these appointments as soon as possible.

The ARE retake policy will remain the same. Candidates must wait 60 days before they can retake a division of the ARE, and can only take a division three times within 12 months. This means if a candidate has taken a division of ARE 4.0 since the end of June this year, they will only have two more opportunities to take that division between now and the retirement of ARE 4.0. They will also need to take their second attempt before April 30, 2018, to have the option of one more retake before ARE 4.0 retires.
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TITLE 18, CHAPTER 2 MCA

Energy performance, design-build, and 20-25-309 MCA contracts are exempt from this selection process. This process does not include investigation or construction-related services that do not constitute the practice of architecture, engineering, or land surveying.

1. Agency requests that A&E Division initiate a project and may request delegation as appropriate. A&E will review the proposed project for funding, spending authority, and programmatic needs.

2. 18-8-204 MCA minimum criteria to be considered when selecting firms:
   - Qualifications of professional personnel
   - Location of firm
   - Capability to meet time and budget
   - Present and projected workload
   - Related experience on similar projects
   - Recent and current work for the agency

3. 18-8-212 MCA Sole-source selection for projects in which the design fee is estimated not to exceed $50,000: Firms may be selected directly on an individual project basis without submission of 3 names to the DOA Director.

4. 18-2-112 MCA Projects with an estimated design fee above $50,000 but project cost equal to or less than $1,500,000: A&E will provide to the Agency a list of firms on file and will participate in the short-listing effort. After discussions of the project with potential firms, the agency will select three firms based on project requirements and the minimum criteria above, and then shall submit those 3 firms to A&E for an appointment of one firm to be made by the Director of the Department of Administration.

5. 18-2-112 MCA Projects with a budget more than $1,500,000*: To firms who have expressed interest in state work, A&E will publicly announce a Request for Qualifications at least quarterly. Responding firms will submit to A&E their qualifications on an Architect/Engineer Statement of Qualifications for Specific Projects form along with other appropriate supplemental information.
   a) A&E and the agency's selection committee will select the most qualified firms to be interviewed for the project. A&E will schedule interviews with those firms and send initial project information, scope of anticipated services, and interview format.
   b) After the interviews, the agency shall submit 3 firms to A&E for an appointment of one firm to be made by the Director of the Department of Administration.

6. After a firm has been selected or appointed, the agency and A&E project manager will review the initial project information and anticipated scope of services with the selected consultant, request a fee for agreed services, and negotiate a contract. If an agreement cannot be reached, negotiations will be terminated, and the Director may appoint one of the remaining two recommended firms.

7. Delegated projects will follow the same selection processes above and delegation will be granted after a firm is appointed. The agency will then negotiate a contract with the selected firm.

* This amount is slightly flexible. Straightforward projects marginally above this amount may receive consideration to revert to the process described in paragraph 4 while more complex smaller projects may follow the interview process.
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From the AIA Montana Office

AIA paper contract documents are going the way of the dinosaurs and slowly but surely going extinct. If your office uses any paper documents, please email the AIA Montana Office and I will share the latest list of available paper documents with HUGE discounts on price. And as you make plans for the future, please note that in another few years, electronic will be the only format available for AIA contract documents.

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 Meeting in the Mountains (April 12-14–Billings) and the 2018 Fall Conference (September 26-28). Between these two events you will have more than enough HSW units to satisfy licensing and AIA.

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.

Anyone currently taking the 4.0 ARE: Remember it expires on June 30, 2018.

It has been a long winter and I hope all of you are eagerly awaiting the thaw and the construction season. It promises to be a busy one!

Thank you,
Connie Dempster,
Hon AIA MT